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Speaker 1

No. Great. Good morning. Three trees. It's a pleasure to be with you on Memorial Day weekend. Time in which we set aside a period of rest. But to honor all the warriors and military persons who have sacrificed and who are now with God. And it's a time to, you know, pause and remember and see. God had worked in our nation, and we just be grateful.

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And it's good to do this. I really think this is sort of like a maxim to live by in the field of counseling. You always look back in order to move forward and see we're doing that today in a memorial day. We've all but lost a great generation. You know, the people we're talking about who lived with real deprivation.

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And I know we heard the stories from great Grandma, great grandpa about walking 12 miles in the snow barefoot to school and eating bark off trees and stuff like that. And I know that. But these are people who lived with real deprivation, pain, poverty, who survived with with very little and no government to bail them out. And these are our ancestors who made it through tough times.

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Speaker 1

They went through a depression, they went through two world wars, and millions of them served in the armed forces to defend our freedom. And we forget this way too quickly. We have a very short term, cultural memory. There's a reason that we have been called the United States of amnesia. There's a reason for it. We like the people of Israel who forgot what God has done.

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And because of that, they were short sighted when they were looking ahead to what God could do. They lost their faith perspective. And would you agree that there's a kind of a softness that is entered into the American soul spiritually, mentally, and certainly physically? The most recent data shows that 77% of the current 17 to 24 year old Americans are unable to physically qualify to enter the U.S. military and serve like their ancestors did.

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Speaker 1

That's three out of every four can't qualify to get in. And yet, at the same time, there's a great spiritual hunger among young adults. And when you look around, you see our church is flooded with them. And I've been wondering if they might just become the next great generation. God is still at work, and we have it so much better than our ancestors did.

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And I don't get it. Then why are we so anxious? Why do we fret so much? Why do we get so concerned? A therapist will tell you that the most common malady that will walk through their front doors are anxiety disorders. Now, most of us listening right now here and online are Christians. Not all, but most of you are Christians.

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Speaker 1

And yet many of you are professional warriors, right? You get easily anxious. You think that worry is your spiritual gift and it's not. There's no such thing. And so all of us need to hear this today in Memorial Day. That God wants to comfort us as his sons and daughters, as members of the forever family. But God doesn't want us to become too comfortable.

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Speaker 1

So Memorial Day is good for us, and God has a very definitive word from the Bible for us this morning. It's from a single verse in Jeremiah, the sixth chapter, verse 16. In Jeremiah is speaking for God, addressing many of the same issues that we face as a nation right now. It says, stand by the roads. Look, ask for the ancient paths where the good way is.

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Speaker 1

Walk in it and you'll find rest for your souls. And so let's see what it says. It says, stand by the roads and look. That is, look around. As for the ancient paths, look back and then walk in it. Look ahead. And God says, if you do this, you'll find rest for your souls. You'll find a freedom for your anxieties.

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Speaker 1

And it starts by standing by the road and taking a look around. What do we see on Memorial Day 2025? As we look at our nation and the world we are living in, what Peggy Noonan calls big history. Big history. The kind that they'll be writing about in history books years from now. We've been through hyperinflation, the highest in four decades.

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Speaker 1

I work out a lot so I can tell I'm getting stronger. Because now I can lift \$100 worth of groceries with one hand.

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Our federal government spends nearly \$2 trillion more than it takes in and revenue. There's no way in the world we can continue doing that without an impending financial disaster. And we live in the fear of another pandemic. Costco now sells a dinner kit called the Apocalypse Bucket, and it has ingredients in it that will last up to 25 years.

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Speaker 1

I'm not eating that stuff. We've had the most acrimonious elections in years, and people can't seem to get along with each other, whether it's in Frankfort or it's in Washington, to try to solve some of the problems that need to be done. We've had the worst attacks on the Jewish people, God's chosen people since the Holocaust. Had another incident that just happened this past week to actually Messianic Christians, Jewish people who were shot outside the Israeli embassy in some of the same kind of persecution continues in our elite universities, in the land.

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Speaker 1

We have the largest European conflict, the largest war since World War two in Russia and Ukraine. And now you've got India and Pakistan, two nuclear nations who are at each other's throats, and you've got saber rattling by China and North Korea in Iran. In the last Pentagon briefing I had before I retired, I was told that 84% of the armed conflict in the world is because of militant Islam.

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Speaker 1

I think of that every time. I have to get one of those long TSA lines at an airport. Why I'm having to go through that. And here in our nation, when we stand at the road and we look around, what do we see? We see a parade of poorly perversity, celebrating sexual confusion and that which our God calls shameful and deeply sinful.

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Speaker 1

King David wrote these words because he saw some of these things in his day. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The Bible also says, woe, woe to those persons who call evil good and good evil. So these are strange days. No wonder that fear abounds. There's lots of darkness. But you know what? The darker the room, the more powerful the light.

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Speaker 1

The darker the room, the more powerful the light of God will shine. And God has a word for you and me as we look around. And it's from Psalm 37, verse one. It says, don't fret because of the evildoers. Don't fret. Have faith. When you go ahead and say that right now. Don't fret. Have faith. See God. It's got it.

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God has got it. So God, give us more faith. C.S. Lewis wrote that the sign of a culture that has lost its faith, you will see moral collapse following the spiritual collapse. We look around and see the evidence of it in our lives. It's happened on our watch. It's happened in our time. All the shift and all the moral collapse has occurred almost imperceptibly, gradually over time.

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Speaker 1

It's kind of like the man that was losing his hair. And it was hair today and gone tomorrow. And each, each year he would lose more hair and more hair. And finally he just had one hair on top of his head. And so every day in the shower, he would shampoo and conditioner that single hair. And then when he come out, he'd blow dry that hair.

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Speaker 1

And then he would put some oil on it and he'd one day he would comb at this direction and for variety sake, the next day he'd come with the other direction. In one morning, he awakened to find that single hair lying on his pillow, and he cried out in anguish. Oh, no! I'm bald!

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Speaker 1

Well, I've been happening for a long time, hasn't it? When we take a look around, what's occurred to us in the moral shift has been happening in our spiritual nakedness. Before. God didn't happen in an instant. It occurred over a short period of time. Under our watch, we're told to look around. But don't stay there. Don't stay there.

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Speaker 1

There's great hope. Still. Because, friends, if you look for God, you're going to see God. If you look for God, you're going to see God. There's a thing called confirmation bias. Confirmation bias means that when you look, you'll see what you're intending to look for. If you if you're looking and you want to find an act of evil, you'll find it no trouble.

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Speaker 1

And you can miss 100 actions of generosity and kindness surrounding you. If you want to look with eyes of fear instead of eyes of faith, then you'll see injustice and chaos and sickness instead of health. But how about this? If you look for God, you're going to see God. What if you decide to stand up and say with the psalmist, this is the day the Lord has made?

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Speaker 1

I'm going to rejoice and I'm going to be glad in it. It is a decision. It's a statement of faith that you and I make. I'm going to do it. It's the Lord's day. It's not your day. It's not my day. So I'm not

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going to fret. I'm going to have faith because God's got it. I started to learn that lesson when I was a very young soldier, 19 years old, and I'd only been in the Army a few months, and I got orders that said LA on the front.

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Speaker 1

And I thought, Hallelujah, this is going to be a great assignment. LA, Hollywood girls, beaches, Southern California. And then I found out that LA stands for Louisiana. And they sent me down to a desolate base in the Louisiana swamps with 15,000 sweaty men all preparing to go to Vietnam. And it was easily the place in my life where I was most depressed, and I was worrying and I was fretting.

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Speaker 1

And if you've ever been in a place like that in your life, like, where is this taking me? What's going to happen? You don't know what's around the bend. And it was a tough time. And I realized even in my 19 year old mind that I needed to stop worrying so much that I needed to let the Word of God transform my mind, to help me to rise above my circumstances.

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Speaker 1

And I've told a part of this story several years ago before. But what I did is I would hop on my motorcycle and I would drive on my day off to a botanical gardens that was about 25 miles away. And it was called the Hodges Gardens. But it was like a kind of like the Garden of Eden to me.

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Speaker 1

And I just needed to be away from people and noise that just was staining my soul. And there was something about being close to God in nature that to some of you, get really close to God. When you get in nature. And I did, and I had that hymn in my head, this is my father's world. And as I would sit in nature and I would, I wouldn't eat all day long.

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Speaker 1

I would just fast. And I'd read my Bible and something happened. I started changing and I started seeing God everywhere. And I found that God began to replace my fears with faith. And I stopped worrying. And I understood then why. In the Gospels, you always see Jesus getting away from the crowds, and he would go to a mountain.

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He would go to the seaside. He would go to a garden and he would just talk to the father. That's all I was doing. And it changed me. That's that's why, to this day, to this day, including this day, I

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always start my day by having my time of prayer and Bible reading. I've read dozens of biographies of great Christians.

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Speaker 1

I mean, the ones that really made a difference in this life, and all of them to the person would get up early to have their devotions with God. You see where do you put your spiritual armor on? Because it says in Ephesians six, do you put it on at night? No. You put your armor on in the morning.

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Speaker 1

Where did the people of God go to get the man? And they went out in the morning, the early morning. If they waited too long, the manna was gone for them. Jesus said this about our spiritual sustenance. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. And so you start today with the Facebook instead of Facebook.

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Speaker 1

You read the good news before you Google News. And when you do that, it sets your spiritual temperature for the whole day. And all these fears you have, they just start to dissipate because of faith. And you start feeling joy because the Bible says, in the presence of God is the fullness of joy, and the joy of the Lord is your strength.

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Speaker 1

And you get a sense of marching orders for your day. Kind of a rightness about what you're doing. And you see everything in a different light all day long. Because Jesus is the light that lightens every man. Friends, wherever you're at, whatever you're dealing with right now, the circumstances in your life may not change outside, but you'll be changed on the inside and you'll be a conqueror.

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Speaker 1

So you start your day right. You don't start in neutral. You start and drive towards holiness and holiness. Confirmation bias. You're going to see what you're looking for out there. May God give us eyes to see. There's a wonderful story in Second Kings. The sixth chapter in Elisha is with his servant in a city, and that city is entirely surrounded by a great Syrian army, and there's no way out.

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You're all going to die. There's no escape. And the servant starts fretting and he says, alas, master, what? What can we do? And Elisha starts comforting him, saying, God's got it. Don't

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fret. And then he prays a prayer for his servant that his eyes will be opened. Here's his prayer in second Kings 6:17. Lord, I pray, open my eyes that he may see.

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Speaker 1

And the Lord open the eyes of the young man. And he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. And this young man was seeing the army of God and all the angels surrounding and protecting them. And the Syrian army was defeated without one person in the city having to lift their hand.

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Speaker 1

Now, friends, that that is the God that we serve. That's the God that watches over you. That's the God that watches over me. That's the God that watches over our nation. And so today, let's say God's got it. Well, you say out loud, don't fret. Have faith. Don't. Friends. Now they've got another point. Another point from Jeremiah 6:16.

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Speaker 1

It says to look back. Look back. This is what we do on Memorial Day. Ask for the ancient paths where the good way is. Now I want to place a second God. Saw it in your mind. That'll stay with you all week. All year. The first one is. Don't fret. Just have faith. But the second thought is this God's ways are always best.

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Speaker 1

How about saying that one out loud? Would you try it? God's ways are always best. I'm going to ask a leading question. Two leading question because I think I know the answer. Have you ever tried doing things your own way? How would that work out for you? You've done it. I have done it. Your plans, your desires, your life.

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Speaker 1

And some of you are doing it right now. I that. And you're Christians and you claim to be following God's ways, but you're really doing it your own way, trying to work out the trajectory of our lives without God's guidance outside of God's parameters. Without being God's commandments will always lead you to a false finish line. You'll always end up with a false finish line by doing that.

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The Bible says This is God speaking. God says, my thoughts aren't like your thoughts, and my ways aren't your ways. So we have to learn God's ways, and we have to regularly decide not

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just one time during salvation, but every day. Every week, every month. We have to decide. God's ways are always best, and I will obey them.

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Speaker 1

We're not. When I was a college student, I was in an early morning Bible study 630 in the morning. Not too many people got up to study the Bible there, but it was a great experience for me. And I remember a campus minister telling a story about a student from a previous year, a male student, and this student was tired of having to live in all these boundaries that Christians live with.

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Speaker 1

And he told the campus minister that he said, I don't want to do this anymore. I said, I quit. He said, I just want to have a normal college experience. I want to go to parties. I want to get drunk. I want to sleep around. I want to do all this stuff. This is my life and my choices.

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Speaker 1

And the campus minister said, you're right. God gives you free will and it is your life to make the choices. And you go ahead and make the choices you want. But let me just leave you with one Bible verse. And he quoted this verse to him, rejoice, oh man, in your youth, excuse me, and let your heart cheer you all the days of your youth.

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Speaker 1

Walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. See you. Three weeks later, that student showed up at the campus minister's office and said, I have been absolutely miserable. Where is that verse in the Bible? He said, every time I tried to do something wrong, that verse came into my head and it sucked all the fun out of it and I couldn't do it.

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Speaker 1

Isn't that interesting? God's ways. And this young man decided to live by God's ways again. Aren't you glad that God is a God of second chances and third chances and fourth chances?

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Speaker 1

See, not only are God's ways always best, God's word is always true. God's word is always true. You ever tried to do a tap dance between God and the world for a while? It does not work. It does not work. Not for long. The psalmist wrote it this way. Psalm 119 he said, turn my eyes from looking at worthless things, and then revive me in the way.

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Speaker 1

For that should be the prayer of every one of us, right? Satan's strategy is to keep us preoccupied with empty and worthless things until time runs out on us, and we become a useless branch and unfruitful. Samuel called it going after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. You know what are those empty things in your life or mine, that fritter away our time and our energy?

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Speaker 1

And we found kind of a sluggishness that enters into our soul, kind of a deadness. And our prayer life begins to shrivel. Do we find God not feeling as close as he used to be? You know what we give our time and energy to eventually infiltrates our thoughts and it colors our perspective on the world. I've not been yet to the country of Austria.

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Speaker 1

I want to see this myself. But in Austria, there are two separate rivers that intersect in the valley. Now, that's not so unusual by itself, but one of the rivers goes slowly through an industrial district, and it becomes polluted and dirty and toxic and ugly. And the other river comes from the mountains and it's pure and it's cold and it's crystal clear.

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Speaker 1

And at the place that they intersect in the valley and form one bank, and there are two banks on either side. But when river, an unusual phenomenon, happens for several hundred yards, the two rivers run side by side within the same banks. One side is crystal clear, the other side is dirty and polluted. But you know what happens down the way, don't you?

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Speaker 1

In the larger river, it all becomes polluted. I hope the analogy is clear in our often polluted in our toxic culture. We don't just coexist with the ways of thinking of the ungodly. Eventually, we slowly begin thinking even Christian people, in ways that are unhealthy and unbiblical. With sacred, we're tied to unbiblical thought. I call it the unbiblical cord.

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Speaker 1

It's the unbiblical cord. Not us friends. Not us. We are the people of God. And we look back to an ancient book. In that ancient book, the Bible leads us to this ancient path. I know all of you have heard of this phrase. The straight and narrow. Maybe. Or maybe not. You may not know that it comes from the words of Jesus in Matthew, the seventh chapter in a parable of his.

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And Jesus said this. Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction. And there are many who will go by it. But narrow is the gate. And difficult is the way that leads to life. And there are few that find it. You see those last words of Jesus? Jesus said, if we get on that way, it's going to be a narrow way and a difficult way.

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Speaker 1

And yet it will lead to life. And then there's a part I just missed for a lot of years. It says if you find it, if you find it. I miss those words. If you find it. Some people apparently think they're on the path and they're not. Because if you find it, it's an ancient path. And those who do find it, though it is difficult, will find that God's yoke is easy and his burden is light.

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Speaker 1

And it's a good way. It's the right way. And you feel whole and you feel right, and you feel good inside. When you lay your head down on your pillow at night because your conscience is clear, because you're in God's way. So why do we decide to follow this ancient path? Why do we do it? Because God's ways are always best.

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Speaker 1

We go ahead and say it again. God's ways are always best. They are. Every time you're tempted to look at something you shouldn't on your laptop or on your cell phone, or to look at a person in a wrong manner, or to gossip, or to do it your own way. Just pause for a moment. Just stop and say.

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Speaker 1

God's ways are always best. This is how we get there. This is the portal to Christian maturity. It is a surrendered, crucified life. Now that leads us to just one more point from our text in Jeremiah six about the path that we choose. It says, walk in it and you'll find rest for your souls. Now we're looking ahead to where we're heading.

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Speaker 1

You want to live a great life, a wonderful life that's full of joy and meaning and purpose. We've got our third thought for the day. The first thought is, don't fret. Have faith. Because faith is what pleases God. And the second is God's ways are always best. Jesus said, if you love me, you'll keep my commandments. And the third thought is this it is the crucified life that always leads to the resurrected life.

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Will you say that out loud to yourself? The crucified life always leads to the resurrected life. Jesus had to endure the cross before he was resurrected. There's always a crucifixion before there's a resurrection. There's always a dying to self before you come to new life. So many of you beautiful persons are here at three Trees, have already learned this truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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Speaker 1

I thought about it watching that video just moments ago about our wonderful persons that went to London, Kentucky to help others in need in that moment. There is a spiritual dynamic that God has put in place that when you live to meet others needs, you'll find that your deepest needs are met. Instead of trying for self-fulfillment, you strive to please God.

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Speaker 1

You sacrifice, you serve and give. God says, and it'll be a struggle. It will be a struggle to be your best self. David Jeremiah put it this way. He said, two natures beat within my breast. The one is far. The one is blessed. The one I love. The one I hate. The one I feed will dominate. Paul knew that the way up is down.

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Speaker 1

And it's the surrendered life that gives you victory. We don't get to straddle the fence. We're either all in or nothing else. There's. There's no other place in between. For people who follow Jesus. Jesus is not an additive to our lives. Jesus is an alternative. Paul knew that the crucified life will always lead to a joyful, resurrected life, and that my life is no longer my own.

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Speaker 1

Once I decided to follow Jesus. If we just think of it this way. Think of yourself as being a child who's just trying to learn how to walk in the way. Now imagine a parent with a little toddler trying to learn how to walk. And of course, the little toddler is going to fall and and stumble. Do you think a loving parents are going to say, you stupid kid?

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Speaker 1

Why aren't you walking yet? Never. Never in a million years would ever talk to their child that way. They'll help their child up. They're patient and loving and and applaud them and encourage them. And that is what God does with us. God is patient. His mercies endures forever. God is shaping you and me and helping us walk towards wholeness and holiness.

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Would you just say it again? The crucified life leads to the resurrected life. Go ahead and say. Four times in the book of the revelation, we're called overcomers. You know, every single one of us at some point. And maybe you're going through it right now. We'll go through what's called the Dark Room of development, the dark room of development.

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Speaker 1

There is no hall pass from struggle here. There's no get out of suffering free card. Jesus said, you deny yourself. You pick up a cross and follow him. In. And if you do that, you will have the most wonderful, joy filled life. I know it seems like a paradox, but if Jesus said that's how it works, then that's how it works.

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It is costly to follow Jesus, and if it doesn't cost you something, maybe it's time to recalculate and think, am I really on the way then? Memorial day itself is a reminder that our lives are meant to be a sacrifice. You know, I was in the military for over 30 years and you experienced some deprivation. You're gone a lot from family and friends.

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Speaker 1

You have some heartache and some loneliness and turmoil. And I've never, ever met a military person who is looking forward to risking their lives to protect our freedoms. But, you know, they went ahead and did it anyway because of honor and patriotism and bravery and, yes, sacrifice to preserve the freedoms that we have. See, Memorial Day is not just about three days of rest for a three day weekend.

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Speaker 1

Our Scripture verse in Jeremiah says that by living these truths, by walking them out, it says, you'll find rest for your souls. Not just three days. It's eternal rest, a healing, a holy, a wholeness, a rightness in your soul. Corrie ten boom put it so beautifully. She said, if you look at the world, you'll get distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed.

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Speaker 1

But if you look at God, you'll be at rest. I'm gonna invite our musicians to come up now. I'm wondering how God has been speaking to you this morning. Because believe me, he is. God has a word for every single person in this room. And those watching online. What is that word to you? Is it perhaps, to stop fretting and start trusting God more and say, God replaced my fears with faith to give me a smile not just on the outside, but on the inside and a freedom from worrying where to say, God, help me to overcome all these temptations and distractions.

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So I don't waste my one singular precious life to empty things, to worthless things. Because God, your ways are always best and I want to be more pleasing to you. Or maybe you need to dig deep and say, God, just help me to be obedient and not be selfish. Self-centered. Show me how to better give, because I know that if I live a crucified life, it'll lead me to the resurrected life.

00;28;27;02 - 00;28;47;24

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And I want to be holy like you are. What's God saying to you today? We're going to be having a time of prayer. Some of you will want to come use the altar. You know, really, the Christian life is not about one commitment. It's more like a series of commitments and commitments to God. And maybe this is your God moment.

00;28;47;26 - 00;29;07;26

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Maybe this is that moment where God spoke to you, and you think back to Memorial Day service and you say, I don't remember who was preaching, but I remember that God spoke to me in that moment and I made a decision. So let me say a prayer for you right now. If you bow your heads, please.

00;29;07;29 - 00;29;34;08

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Lord God, by the Holy Spirit, speak into the lives of all who are listening to you. You know the thoughts and intentions of our hearts, and somehow you love us anyway. Thank you that you're merciful to us, that you're forgiving, and that you'll empower us to walk better like children. And you accept us, and you encourage us to live a life that's more holy and pleasing to you.

00;29;34;11 - 00;29;52;24

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Give us the courage and faith to follow your commandments, because unless you come alongside and help us and guide us, Lord, we cannot do it. We cannot do it without your help. Lord Jesus, come and assist us. Answer the prayer of our hearts. We pray this now in your name. Amen.

00;29;52;26 - 00;29;53;16

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As you stand with.