



AUTO-SERMON TRANSCRIPT

Have I given my all to God?

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"Jesus' redemption plan brings glory to Him and salvation to creation."

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Thank you so much to Mrs Ashley and her following the Lord in that way.

So we're going to continue our real talk series. This is session two and don't worry if you miss session one,

we'll do a quick recap to kind of set the stage for what that is. But I want to start off by telling you guys that we're going to do a quick recap of the I was a terrible student. Like, terrible student.

Who here raised your hand thinks you were a terrible student? - I don't know. - Okay, there's a couple. Okay, so now, not to do a like, let's have a contest kind of thing, but I think I would probably be in the top five in the room of most terrible students.

Robby's telling me no, but here's the thing. Okay, so when it came time to school, right, I was in-- engaged in class, I asked questions, I wanted to learn,

but if you expected me to do anything that didn't happen in that block in that class, it wasn't gonna happen. I couldn't spell homework, I didn't do any of that stuff. Was not in my bag, I didn't wanna do any extra work.

I was the kid who they'd do like the, what's the, when you had to write a paper? Yeah, I was the kid who did that like the night before. before. Real bad, okay? Now,

once I got into sixth grade, it became a bit of a problem. Because you can pull that off in elementary school, right? Some of you are not, because you had the same track I did, right? You get into sixth grade,

and then all of a sudden it matters a little bit more, and there's more homework, and you're expected to do more stuff, and you don't, and it doesn't get better. And then they handed out these progress reports,

right? When I say a progress report does anybody like feel like oh, you know, yeah So I got my first progress report in sixth grade and in that progress report my English grade was a 36 You can laugh it was that bad a 36 now I was born in 1984 so the technology wasn't quite as good as it is today So the what they would do so yeah,



so they would hand us this piece of paper, and it was a white piece of paper, a yellow piece of paper, and a gray piece of paper. Think like the old school checkbooks, like you would write and then it would perforate down to the other pages.

And I thought, I can't hand my parents a 36. Just can't do it, there's no way I can do that. So what am I gonna do? Well, I could change it.

So what I would do is I would take the paper, first page, some of you are not, 'cause y'all did this too, don't worry, we won't knock on anybody, but I would flip the first page, the white page up, and on that page,

a 36 became an 86, real easy. You just had to find the right pin. So I did that, and then pages two and three I wouldn't mess with, right? Because pages two or three, those were the ones that had to go back to school, right? The white one that went on the fridge said I had an 86 in English. Now,

that isn't good for the record. We're all on the same page, that is wrong. I did it for six years probably, okay? Now in doing so,

what I did was I bought myself like another four, four and a half weeks to get it figured out. To get my grade up to turn in some more of these assignments, to make it to where my parents didn't assassinate me,

right? And I was able to do that for the most part. I eked on by, I kind of did some things, and it went okay, but not right, if you know what I mean. Now,

what that did though, that compromise that I had done, and the decision that I had made, had created this kind of like synapses, this firing, whatever. in my brain that made this okay to do,

and then that compromise led to consequences. Now you're all nodding because maybe you went through the same consequences. I didn't go to college. I started it,

and then I did, they don't do the paper in college like that. Turns out they don't care what grades you get. They'll just take your money anyway. It didn't go.

well is what I'm trying to say. So my compromise led to consequences that I've paid for for my entire life. Not having a college degree has affected me in my own job and other things that I've wanted to do over the time,

I'm about to turn 40 this year, right? That choice and then all of the compromise that I did led to consequences that I've had to live with. Now, no show of hands.

but does anyone else feel like maybe that's your story too? It's just maybe not the greats. No show of hands. Come on, guys. (audience member mumbles) All right, we'll take it. We'll take it. So,

here's the big idea. I want to introduce the big idea before we jump into the passage. The big idea is that not taking Jesus seriously leads to compromise and consequence. Okay, so just have that in the back of your mind as we go to study the rest in Malachi.

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that, we'll begin as our custom to read the disciples prayer together. So we'll have it up on the screen. So I'll begin and let's read that out together. Our Father in

heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we pray. also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and then.

So going back and giving us a little bit of background, right? So for those of you that weren't here last week, don't worry, we're gonna do a quick recap. We're in the book of Malachi, okay? So Malachi is the last book.

before the Christian scriptures or the New Testament if you're flipping through your Bible. Now Malachi means my messenger. It was written about a hundred years after the Jewish people had come back from Assyria.

So they come back from the Babylon area. So now after they come back they rebuild the temple and when they rebuild the temple you think, "Okay, cool. Now they're going to listen." Turns out no.

they didn't listen they were just as corrupt they didn't follow God they weren't listening to God they were worshiping other idols and this book is written addressing some of those things now what we learned last week because the whole idea of this series is a real talk right how many times in your life if somebody had to sit you down and say listen it's not going well I love you let me tell you why it's not going

well and let's come up with a plan to fix this because this is not going well. Did I mention? It's not going well. Again, no show of hands.

How many of us have been on one end of that talk and then maybe we've been on the other end too, right? So this is God addressing his people, this real talk. So last week it was all about the love confrontation because when God does this with his people,

the first thing he says at the beginning... of Malachi is I have loved you and their response was how have you loved us? We don't feel very loved and we unpacked Jacob and Esau in that story.

If you guys didn't hear it that's okay it's available online you can catch up that way too because we covered like three chapters in ten minutes it was crazy. But let's jump in now to the rest of Malachi we're gonna go all the way through chapter 2,

but we're going to break it up into sections. We're going to begin by reading chapter 1 verse 6 through 14. God says,

"A son honors his father and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I'm a master,

where is my fear?" says the Lord of the hosts to you. O priests who despise my name. But you say, how have we despised your name? By offering polluted food upon my altar.

But you say, how have we polluted you? By saying that the Lord's table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick,



is that not evil? evil? Present that to your governor. Will he accept you or show you favor? Says the Lord of Hosts. And now entreat the favor of God that he may be gracious to us.

With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? Says the Lord of Hosts. Verse 10, "Oh, and that there were one among you who would shut the doors." that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain.

I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its setting, my name will be great among the nations.

And in every place, incense will be offered to my name. And a pure offering for my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted and that it's fruit,

that is, its food may be despised. But you say, "What a weariness this is, "and you snored at it," says the Lord of Hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or is sick,

and this is what you bring as your offering. Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord? Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock and vows it and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished.

For I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts and my name will be feared among the nations. So anyone else fired up that we're gonna be talking about sheep?

We'll get to that in a minute. Just crazy crazy what God does So he goes through and we're gonna see three indictments So if you guys are following along don't worry We'll get to the segment where you can kind of write in or go through the app for your answer But he's gonna have three specific indictments that he's gonna have to the people okay So part of this real talk conversation is like hey not only do I love

you? you, "but let me explain how you're getting it wrong. "Let me explain what the problem is "so that we can actually address it and move forward." And the first indictment is that you have despised by name by corrupting worship.

We get hung up in this whole idea of blemish, non -blemish, whatever all that means. We'll get to it in a second. But don't miss the fact that the issue is they were corrupting the very act of worship.

They were not being honest with the God who created them and could see through this chest plate into what was really going on in their heart. He led with love,

we studied that last week, but also noticed that three times in the section that we just covered, three different times, he said his name will be great among the nations. Why?

Why? Well think back because God picked the Israelites. He chose them as a chosen people that he would use to declare to the world who he was and his goodness.

He's telling his story through these people. And the people who he's choosing to tell his story through are not taking him seriously. They're doing the opposite.

opposite. They're corrupting worship. They're despising his name by offering blind, lame, sick animals for sacrifice. And don't you love that God gets really tangible with them?

He says, "Why don't you take that to your governor?" Because your governor, you have to stand face to face. And you have to say, "Hey, this is the best I got. I'm going to offer you my best." And he looks down at this sheep that's...

that's blind or lame And he says that really best you got Is that really that's what you're offering me? Now don't misunderstand because this can get really uncomfortable because then all of a sudden it becomes like is my offering good enough That's the the point here is your heart The point here is the act of worship that God provides in an offering He's literally bringing about about atonement for his people,

and part of that atonement was acknowledging that all of my whole flock, I have it because of who he is. I have all of these blessings because God has been good to me,

and I'm going to offer up my best back to him because I'm acknowledging that he is so good that I can trust that he's gonna continue to care for my needs. But when I don't offer him the best,

when I try to get sneaky, or I pretend I'm gonna offer him the best and I put up a sheep that's maybe blind, that could be a problem. They were showing their lack of respect and honor to God by giving him the scraps,

not the best. You feel it? It's hard. Now remember the sacrificial system system that they were under, right? They didn't have the relationship with Jesus that we have.

Jesus is our one size fits all sacrifice. He bled and died and rose again so that we could have eternal life. Jesus was our spotless lamb. Until that would come,

God would use a system where He would actually illustrate who Jesus was by having a pure and spotless lamb. So do you see how getting it wrong is a big deal?

You're actually defaming what God's gonna do in the future because Jesus is not blind. Jesus is not lame. Jesus is not sick. He's the pure and spotless lamb.

And he's telling a whole story here, not just to the Israelites, but to the people in Marion County this morning. Like, how cool is God? Authentic worship submits to Jesus' authority.

So remember, we're talking about God having this conversation with the nation, with the Jewish people, and he's talking to them now about how they're getting worship wrong.

The way that they were getting worship wrong, one of the ways, that indictment, is that they weren't taking the authority of God to be the authority of God. They were really just kind of doing what they wanted to do,

when they wanted to do it, and how they wanted to do it. It's home, right? As we get up and you know,

go to work tomorrow or maybe later on this afternoon and Jesus is the authority in my life for like an hour and ten minutes. He's either the authority of God or the authority of God.



our lives or he's not. An authentic worship submits to that authority. So, it's very interesting because God does crazy things.

My family are not ag people. We're not farmers. We don't do that stuff. We can't grow things. If we need to have some kind of plan.

in my yard, I call Pastor Michael, and Pastor Michael puts it in there, and then we figure out a way to kill it in six months. That's what we do. Our daughter, who's in seventh grade,

decides she's gonna be in FFA. Awesome, sweet, good for you, babe. Well, that's gonna cost us something, because she got a sheep. There's a sheep.

in my house. Why is there a sheep in my house? Because we love our daughter. Yeah, it's 100-- actually, we just weighed it-- 131 pounds.

This thing's a horse. It's not-- it's still crazy. The reason I'm sharing this with you, this is why I mean about God doing crazy stuff, right? Never in my life. I'm from-- I'm in Highlands County, OK?

In Highlands County, it's a big-- experience It's a thing you go to the auction. It's a whole deal never been there in my whole life Yesterday we were at the State Fair while our daughter was showing her lamb So we're watching this judge from Texas and I don't mean to put my face on but she didn't get number one So I was a little frustrated,

but we're watching this judge go through each of these like lambs and sheeps or whatever, and there's a ton of them. Like there's probably over a hundred that he judged. And we're watching this guy,

he's got his hand in his microphone, and he is dissecting the body of every one of these sheep to a weird level. He's talking about skeletal structure from their chest,

their chest caved all the way to the foot tensioner, and he's like, I've never seen anything like it in my life. It's nuts. And we're watching this and I'm going, God, I'm preaching on sheep tomorrow.

You serious right now? Like come on, never been anything like that in my whole life. And now we're preaching about putting lame sheep up there. And it didn't really occur to me until I realized that their bodies are different.

They're for a different purpose. And if I-- am going to submit myself in worship to God, giving him my best costs me something? Because the animal that I offer up in sacrifice to him,

I can't breed. I can't breed that animal again. That animal is going to be killed. It's gonna be bled for my sins. And I can't then breed it to produce more of the same animal.

The time, talent, and treasure that we offer up to God costs us something. But it's an acknowledgement that it's worth it because he is God. And he is in control.

And it's not because he needs it. It's because I do. It's a completely different mindset. They didn't get it. The worship that they were doing at the time did not submit to Jesus' authority.

So for all of us here today, we want to thank you for being here today. think about that, not just giving, but the worship that we offer on a Sunday morning when we get together, are we submitting to Jesus' authority in our life?

Or are we making it look like it? Are we going through the Instagram filter to make the picture look better and that illustration is really just what we do on Sunday morning? It's tough.

It's really hard. hard passage. But it doesn't stop there. So let's continue in verses one through nine of chapter two. "And now, all priests,

this command is for you. If you will not listen and if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name," says the Lord of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings.

Indeed, I have already cursed them and I will curse your blessings. If you will not listen and if you will not take it to heart If you will not listen and if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name," says the Lord of hosts, do not lay it to heart. Let me read that again, because you do not lay it to heart. Behold,

I will rebuke your offspring and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. You shall, so shall you know that I have sent this command to you that my covenant with Levi may stand,

says the Lord of hosts. says the Lord of hosts. says the Lord of hosts. says the Lord of hosts. says the Lord of hosts. My covenant with Levi may stand, with him was one of life and peace and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name.

True instruction was in his mouth and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of the priest should guard knowledge and people should seek the instruction from his mouth." mouth,

for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,

says the Lord of hosts. And so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways and show partiality in your instruction.

Anyone else thinking that dumb things a bit much? You can laugh. That's crazy. The indictment here is your leaders have failed to turn my people back from iniquity.

So notice he's transitioning now. Before in the previous section he was talking to the people bringing the offering. Now he's talking to the people what? Accepting the offering.

Okay? okay? The priests are the ones are inspecting this. The priests are the ones who are doing the sacrifice. The priests are allowing this to happen. The priests are not correcting them. He's addressing them directly. Your leaders have failed to turn my people back from iniquity.

Authentic worship encourages repentance. That wasn't happening. So now he's talking to the spiritual authority of the day. Now, the dung thing,

don't, I wanna, we're gonna really kind of live here for like two minutes, but I promise it'll be worth it. Think about this for a second. The point God's making is they're coming with all of these animals to be sacrificed.

And these animals are the scrubs. They're not bringing their best. And then they're taking the scraps and they're being sacrificed and they were cooked and there was a festival and this food was eaten.

So this was literally brought up and it was cooked and it was part of the atonement process. So what God is saying there is I'm going to take the excess, the worthless leftovers from your worth. sacrifice and put it on your face. You feel it? He's getting real serious and real direct because they're real off.

They're missing it completely. And he's saying I'm gonna take that and I'm gonna put it right back to where you have to acknowledge it. You have to deal with it. Then what he does is,

this is really cool, is he transitions to the idea of the priest and how this was supposed to work. So when you hear Levi, think Levites, right, book of Leviticus, teaching them how to sacrifice,

how to, a lot of the passages in Leviticus, we actually think it'd be more fun if you called it like how to have a party, because they literally, there's celebrations in there too. Sometimes we don't think of it that way. But he's talking about how this was supposed to work.

And what does he say? So shall you know that I have sent this command that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the Lord of hosts. My covenant with him was one of life and peace,

and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness,

and he turned many away from an equanimity. He's pointing out to them this is not how I designed it. I designed this system so that you could offer your best that could bring about atonement right?

The shedding of blood would bring about atonement at one with God dealing with their sin and they could then walk in peace and life and they were perverting it and changing it.

for the lips of a priest should guard knowledge and people should seek instruction from his mouth for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts so this is where it could get a little rough we believe as part of our values that we collaborate rather than compete as a church body if another church is about to Jesus,

that's what we're about. Jesus is the number one thing. It's all about Jesus. Who Jesus is, what He did, and what's about to happen. We're all about Christ. If you're about Jesus,

we're on the same team. That being said, the way that we handle the Word is important. The way that we cover Scripture is important. The way that it is taught in our small groups on a Sunday morning.

understanding God's word and why it matters is so important. And the priests of the time were not taking God seriously. The worship that they were actually facilitating did not encourage repentance.

It was checking a box. It was literally, well, this is what we do. I can offer up whatever. They're gonna sign off on it. I can go back to town and feel fine. It wasn't actually encouraging repentance a Sunday morning when we gather together We should not only acknowledge that Jesus is superior and he is the king of all But also we should be encouraged in repentance with one another We should be talking to each

other about our lives and what's going on and when someone is off We should be talking to them and like in love Correcting them and guiding them back towards repentance. That's part of what this is.

It's part of what worship is and they were getting it wrong. Repentance is turning away from, I'm walking towards sin, I turn the other direction.

I'm walking the other way. Far too often it's that. Let's just go left. Let's not quite turn around. Let's just not keep running towards the truth.

train wreck, that's not repentance. That's fake, and that's what was happening. Authentic worship encourages repentance,

and God is very serious about how he deals with spiritual authority. Now, something kinda cool, 1 Peter 2.9 says, "You are a royal priesthood called to proclaim to proclaim to excellence of Jesus who called us out of darkness into marvelous light." Actually, you're part of that. We are a part of that.

We are called by God to declare His excellence to the world and to share what He has done in our lives and how He has called us out of darkness into marvelous light.

Congratulations! Congratulations, you're on the crew. If you follow Jesus that's you. God takes that seriously. He wants us to encourage one another in repentance.

That's what we're talking about here. That has to be a part of who we are as a church and if it's ever not then we're off. We're very off.

Alright last section we're gonna be in verse 10 through through 16. Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?

Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem.

For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loves, and he has been faithless to one another. has married the daughter of a foreign God May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant of the man who does this who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts And this second thing you do you cover the Lord's altar with tears With weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or

accepts it with favor from your hand But you say why does he know? Because the Lord has witnessed between you and the wife of your youth to whom you have been faithless.

Though she is your companion and your wife by covenant, did he not make them one with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

For the man who does not love his wife, but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit and do not be faithless.

This last indictment is that you have broken relationships due to unfaithfulness. Now, we're talking about marriage, and we'll get there, but notice he begins by addressing the lot of them,

the group, the very first verse, verse 10. "Have we not all one Father has not one God created us then why are we faithless to one another?" So as a group they were not being faithful to each other and he's addressing that and he's saying you're getting it wrong,

you're in the household of God, you should treat each other with love and with unity, you should treat each other with love and with unity. with grace and mercy But they weren't doing that Not only were they treating each other poorly But they were complaining about it.

Did you catch that? Yeah, there's a lot of complaining in this book with weeping and groaning So he's like, okay, so not only are you not listening to me You're not treating each other well,

and then you're offering this offering and then you wonder why I don't listen to you, and then because you wonder why I don't listen to you, you boo-hoo a lot. As anyone else,

I'm not asking you to raise your hand, just really think about this for a second, has that been you in your life? I know it's been me. Offering up sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, and going, "God,

what are you doing?" And God going, "What are you doing?" You're so far off right now, what are you doing? your problem?" And sometimes it took years for me to even comprehend that.

One of the problems they were having, and you can read this in Nehemiah 13 and Ezra 9 and 10, is the guys of the day were leaving their wives and they were going and getting married to foreign women.

So not only were they divorcing their wives, which God is not for, And they were going to divorce their wives and get married to foreign women. And they were going to divorce their wives and get married to foreign women. And they were going to divorce their wives and get married to foreign women. And they were going to divorce their wives and get married to foreign women. And they were going to divorce their wives and

get married to foreign women. then after they were doing that, they were marrying these other women and then having kids with these other women and they were not following after God. So do you see how that compromise from before has now led into more compromise and more consequence and more compromise and more consequence?

And now we got kids involved. It's heavy. It's really heavy. And God is saying to them, "You're not even acknowledging the fact that you're not acknowledging God." family that I've created for you.

You're going outside of that family. You're wounding one of my daughters because I am a father worthy to be praised. Look at what you're doing. For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her says the Lord the God of Israel covers his garment with violence.

Authentic worship encourages unity through faithfulness. Think about how that applies to us now. How are we faithful to one another?

What does it mean to be faithful to one another? What does it mean to have unity with one another? It means probably talking to each other more than a Sunday morning. Now cool thing that's happening a lot.

This is, it's really encouraging. God's doing some amazing stuff. If you're on the ladies group chat, that thing will go to like midnight. And I don't know, I'm not on it, but I just hear about it.

Okay? Seriously. By the way, guys, I think we're good. We don't need a midnight group chat. But it's awesome. The body is, is got a lot of unity.

going on. There's a lot of connectedness within this body and we want to defend that. We want to get excited about that. We want to acknowledge it and we don't ever want to lose it. Don't ever want to lose it.

Because the unity of the body is part of authentic worship. Faithfulness is so cool what could be happening and they didn't see it.

So close your eyes. this up, getting back to our main point, not taking Jesus seriously leads to compromise and consequence. So we've gone through all this.

We've covered congratulations. You've made it through two chapters of Malachi. That's not nothing. Okay? Yes, good. Okay? Now, a couple of things that we've learned. We've learned about how authentic worship works.

It's it submits to Jesus's authority, it encourages repentance, it encourages unity through faithfulness. We now understand the sacrificial system that was going on with them and how that applies to us and how we,

maybe you're getting it wrong in some areas, because only you know the heart that you bring. Jesus knows what's going on, but we don't know what's happening in your heart.

You a body, we can work through those things together. So let's unpack some application questions. What authority are you holding back from Jesus? What has He directed you to repent of recently and did you?

Are there relationships you're not being faithful in? What repentance needs to happen there? there. Remember that the Israelites were convinced that they had it right.

It's very scary. They thought they were doing what they're supposed to do. Because remember, with each one of these indictments, their answer is not guilty as charged.

Their answer is like, "What? How?" Let me get some evidence on this. I don't know if I buy that. And then God provides the evidence. So for us, God is doing a really cool thing,

and it's been so encouraging to see what He's doing at the same time, if the worship that we do, corporately, and then throughout the week becomes any one of these things,

we've got to fight it off. We've got to submit for repentance. We've got to apologize. We've got to talk to the Lord. We've got to acknowledge His Word. sovereignty his authority. We have to embrace unity through faithfulness We have to ask for forgiveness and repent turn around from sin and Be submitted enough to the Holy Spirit to know that God has called you to speak of the excellence of Jesus And to acknowledge the

marvelous light that he has on you now sometimes sometimes that looks like talking to a fellow believer who's maybe going through a tough time. A lot of times that's talking to someone who has no idea who Jesus is and why they should care.

Is the worship that God is doing something that you would want to invite others into? If it's not, as lovingly as I can say it, it's a you problem.

God is doing God's stuff. Are we submitting ourselves before Him? That's what we gotta deal with. So you can take Jesus seriously, and you can have a life of peace, and love, and acknowledgement that He is the God of the universe, and He paid for all your sins, and you can live a life eternally with Him. Or you can have a life of compromise and consequence.

consequence. It's really one or the other. So, are we gonna acknowledge Christ? Are we gonna follow Him? Are we gonna lock arms with one another and submit ourselves together? Or are we gonna try to do things on our own?

Are we gonna fight people off? Are we not gonna share our lives with one another? Are we going to present offerings as if this is the best we got when it's not? I know what the book says we should do.

Let's let's do that Father in heaven, Lord you're good Thank you for your word and thank you for the way that you worked in the lives of the Israelites then Lord not that they had it figured out because obviously they didn't God,

but you love them You love them so much that you were willing to have one of these real talks a free a frank conversation where you told them where they were off.

And you drew them into repentance. Lord, if there's someone in the sound of my voice that needs to be drawn into that, Lord, I pray that you would do that now. That you would reveal yourself and what you offer and the marvelous light that can shine on our faces that pushes away all darkness.

You're the God of all. You paid for it. our sin. We can trust you. Thank you that those things are true. In Jesus' name we pray.

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