



Saturday 15th November 2026 Evening Celebration

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(Chris Briggs):

Let's pray. Loving God. Thank you for Grace. Thank you for all that you want to say through her to bless your people and to challenge your people. Thank you for the ministry you've given her. Pray that you would bless her words now. You would speak by your Spirit through her to us, in the name of Jesus and your glory. Amen.

(Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman):

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Passion for your name, Spirit of God. Yes. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Speak into every heart and let your word come to life in us. In name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

1 Kings 18

The people of God had, they had enjoyed great and marvelous works. The Lord had rescued his people from Egypt, from the land of slavery. Not only did He rescue them, but they left laden, they left laden with treasure. They walked out by the power of His

hands. The waters rolled up for them. They were in the wilderness for years. And then finally by His mighty hand, He brought them into the promised land. Mind you a land, they did not deserve, they and their forefathers did not deserve the goodness of the Lord. I know a good methodists we should never say that anyone does not deserve the goodness of the Lord. But I'm saying so by their response. After all that the Lord had done for them.

Finally the promised land was before them. They enter, they take possession and mind you, they still weren't obedient. But yet still the Lord allowed them to take possession. They enjoyed blessing upon blessing, and yet generation, after generation, after generation, they turned their backs to the Lord. They got entangled in all kinds of things and the Lord rescued them time and time again. First Kings 18 we had the time of Ahab, such wickedness in the land and a drought is declared. And of course, everybody blames the man who declared the word of the Lord. And so there comes a moment of crisis and here we are on Mount Carmel, one Kings and 18, but we are not going to read all of 18. You will be pleased to hear it.

How long the prophet says, how long will you waiver between two opinions? Between two options? That is the verse we are going to settle on tonight. How long if God is God, then stick with Him, but if it is the other one.

I wonder if you have had moments in your life when you have suddenly been confronted with what we sometimes call Godly sorrow. Has your heart ever been broken for what you see in your own life, in the life of your church? In this nation, has the Lord not been good to us? We have heard this weekend of His marvellous love and grace. We are saved.

He gave himself. They've got a promised land. We've got the precious blood of the lamb. Hey, the blood is for them too. Don't get me wrong. But we are on the other side, we have seen the cross, we have seen the empty tomb, we have seen Pentecost, and yet we waver.

Jeremiah chapter two, has there ever been a thing like this? Has there ever been a people or a nation like this who have forsaken their own gods? They never, but My people have abandoned me. Two things, the Lord. I was hoping for a sweet and warm message. My people have forsaken me, says the Lord, and they have dug for themselves broken cisterns that can hold nothing.

Have you ever like Elijah had enough? How long are we going to wait to take a stand? Do you feel that Godly dissatisfaction that the Wesley Brothers had, there must be more than this? How many more generations need to come and go? Having a form of godliness. How long are we going to waver? Is He God or not?

See if you haven't had that experience of knowing yourself pulled out from the very pit of hell. Jonathan Edwards. We don't like him these days because we like a warm, sweet, fuzzy God; 'yeah. He loves you. He does.' Is He your God or not?

We play church. Oh, we are very good at playing church. Forgive me. I love church. I love everything about church. Especially the tea and biscuits. But the Lord has called us to more than this, how long? We were called for a purpose. To cry out. As we have heard today, that 'all can be saved'. They can, but we have forgotten. We have forgotten. But why have we forgotten? How did we forget?

So I sat there this afternoon, Leviticus, you said chapter six and verse 13. That fire must never go out. Never. What have we done with our fire? What have we done with our fire? Do we fear the fire? The children of Israel say, Hey, we can't stand this. All the smoke and fire. You go, Moses, we, we will hold back. Are we like them who holds back? Or are we willing to walk through that torn veil and behold His Glory? Stop wavering. The kingdom of darkness is not wavering, so we the children of light cannot be wavering.

Like the days of Ahab, wickedness, and darkness seems to grow every day, every moment. Too many strongholds in people's lives, right in our churches too. And we sit and smile. He loves you. Yes, He loves you, but He wants you to be free to know the fullness of His grace. How can you know of His love if you are bound? How? How can you cross over from the coffee morning into full blazing servant of the living God if you are bound?

You don't even have to break the chains yourself. Just keep that fire burning. Is it too much to ask? He lay down His own life. He gave you the fire, and He'll keep it burning. But you say, no, Lord, just hold on. We make God in our own images, we make disciples in our own images who reflect our fading light. You see fire. I did really try to come with a lovely, sweet, cuddly message, but I promise you, The Spirit of God will soothe you.

Revelation 3.

You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, strengthen what remains. All for Jesus. All for Jesus, we love to sing, my Lord and my Saviour, my King. But is He really? How much of your life is He Lord over? Wake up and strengthen what remains. For even what is left is almost dead.

Verse three, go back to what you have heard and believed at first, hold to it. Firmly repent and turn to me again. What remains is almost dead. If we are all for Jesus, we can't stand and watch what remains to die. A charge to keep I have; any Methodists in the house? A God to glorify, a never dying soul to save and what? fit it for the sky. All for

Jesus. Are you holding on to that challenge. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, what's the next line? My powers engage to do my Master's will. All for Jesus is not just about He's mine. All for Jesus means or may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will. You are either all in for Jesus or you are not.

See, he gives us his all. He doesn't hold back and has never held back. We've heard it today. The man is here. He can say it again, but we hold back. Not only do we hold back today, we are on fire tomorrow. How was the MET weekend? I hope that we will all open our mouths wide and declare, let the redeemer of the Lord say so.

You are either all for Jesus or you want to march with what is almost dead, is dying and will die. But in the Mighty name of Jesus, the one who rose from the dead. What is left will not die. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Ezekiel 22.

I looked, I'll read it just in case you think I'm making it all up. Good Methodists must know their Bible. Ezekiel 22 match with me. I hope you are awake. Verse 30. I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness I'm reading from the NLT, just in case you want to know. I look for someone who might rebuild. The wall of righteousness. We have been given this righteousness. What are we doing with it? In Ezekiel they found no one. I hope your heart is crying. Not in our day, not in our day.

All for Jesus. Are you willing to be there to stand in the gap? It's there in Ezekiel 22 as well. I'll read it. I know some of you think that strange girl is making it all up. I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall, so I wouldn't have to destroy the land.

Now, I hope you know that God doesn't owe us anything, so really he doesn't need us. He doesn't need the church as it is. He could just, but he won't, and we can't take that grace for granted. All for Jesus means it's about time we stopped wavering, we kept that light blazing. Rebuild that wall of righteousness and stand in the gap.

Are we ready? We've been singing all weekend about the fire. 'Fire, fire' we have been singing. *It's fire we want, for fire we plead.* Are we ready? Because I hope you know that the fire of God is all consuming. He doesn't want a quarter, the 25%, 50%. This is not a negotiation. He's sovereign. The offerings that are given to the Lord are totally to be consumed. Do we want that holy fire to set us totally and completely ablaze for His kingdom and for His Glory? Or do we just want to play?

We have heard about that inward ministry of the Spirit. Romans chapter eight. We heard about that, that inward witness? Many of you nodded and said, we have. Spirit Kindles, Kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart. Let the Spirit. See if you feel your fire's gone or you've gone a bit cold, this is not a message to make you

wriggle. It's just a call to say the Spirit waits. Gently knocking at your heart saying, 'will you let me kindle that flame of sacred love?' You can't be all for Jesus if you don't have that flame. Forgive me. I don't mean to be exclusive. It's the truth. All for Jesus requires that sacred flame. And it is that same flame that we will pass on to the generations to come. it's not just about us, for those to come this sacred flame, it's for the generation to come. We do not want it said about us as it was said after Joshua, that after Joshua and those who are with him had passed away. What happened? That is how you get a relapse. May it never be said of us that there is a generation right after us that is more wicked, more godless than ever. Arm me with jealous care, any methodists in the house to help me with that? Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give. We will have to give an account of what we have done with His grace and His love. And that flame, Wesley passed it on. He passed it on as best as he could. The next generation is looking to us. Maybe we should look at the last verse. He doesn't save us to die again, did he?

Who wrote that hymn? I'm here. Charles Wesley.

*Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.*

Strengthen what remains. Because what remains is even almost dead, but He stands waiting to hold our hands and live, and lead us into fullness of life, into power, not death. So choose you this day, may we no longer waver, but stand. Elijah says If he's God, then...

Forgive me, but I think we need a time of prayer. I hope it's okay. I hope it's okay to do so. Do I have your permission? Yes. Let us pray. Take somebody's hand. We are going to agree in prayer. I know these days it's good to ask permission. If you don't want you to hold it, you just, hold your seat, something.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before you. We come before Your throne of grace, knowing that we have open access by the blood of Christ Jesus. And we know that there's grace and mercy for us. And so when we lift our voices, you hear us. Father in the name of Jesus, we confess that we have wavered for too long. Father, we confess that we have allowed that holy fire. We've allowed it to burn low, and in some cases, O Lord it has gone cold. Lord, in your mercy, would you rekindle that flame? Lord, in your mercy, would you rekindle that flame? And Father, we pray tonight that let this weekend be oh God a monumental moment. Father God, may we never go backwards, but may we look forward in the power of your Spirit.

Father, we cry tonight for the pulling down of strongholds, Almighty God. We pray for the breaking down of anything that is coming between us and you. If we have built

those things ourselves, Lord, we pray by the power of Your Spirit. May they fall tonight in the name of Jesus. Father, we come against the Spiritual confusion of complacency, of laziness of spirit. Father, we pray in the name of Jesus that you awaken us by the power of your Spirit Almighty God, break our chains O Lord, break us free from our tombs O God, Mighty God, for the churches which are crippled. Oh Lord. Strengthen the weak knees. Help us to stand in faith, not looking back, not wavering, help us to put our hands in your hand. Mighty God.

We pull down the idols that we have made. Father God, we confess that we have made gods for ourselves. We have looked to other things and not to you. Lord we forsake those broken cisterns and we come to you The Fount of Living Water. Holy Spirit flow. Let that living water flow. We pray for your cleansing power.

We pray for your refreshing. Deep within our soul. May we learn to drink deeply from your Holy Spirit. In the mighty name of Jesus, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Lord, we are praying that in these days when visions are rare and your word is rare, Lord God.

Lord God. Will you in your mercy. In your mercy. In your mercy. Break us out of our tombs. May we experience the fullness of the power of the resurrection in the Mighty Name of Jesus. In the Mighty Name of Jesus. Arm us with jealous care. Lord, may we fix our gaze on you and not on any other. All for Your Kingdom and for Your Glory.

In the Mighty Name of Jesus. In the Mighty Name of Jesus. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Pray for a Spirit of boldness and courage in the name of Jesus. Grant us the courage to stand in the gap. In the Mighty Name of Jesus.

Spirit, awaken us from our slumber. Breathe New life.

*Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.*

The Spirit of the Lord is here and He comes to touch to heal, to strengthen. May you know His touch and His power; now and always, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.