

Dr. Paul H. Dixon
Dandelion Day Chapel
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Good morning. This is a special day. It's a special day because it's Monday and it's a special day because darker days in the speaking. And let me give you an order of service. I think it's important for us to have that this morning immediately following prayer.

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Dr. Dixon will be sharing the 4.0 mug presentation immediately. Following that, there'll be a special presentation and then Dr. Dixon is going to be sharing a special little speech he has planned for us this morning. And a video closing that when he's done with that we have Dr. Coleman believes we are singing and then special music, and

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then Dr. Dixon will be preaching this morning. We want to give him the time to be able to do that. This one announcement this Wednesday evening in the Fellowship, it's our men's only service for spring quarter. Dr. Tom Hutcheson, assistant professor of Christian Education, will be speaking.

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We're looking forward to that. And just a reminder and a warning to you, ladies. I'm sorry, you're not welcome this Wednesday evening. one prayer requests if you listen carefully. Let's continue to pray for Faith Williams. Shortly after she was with us for the mission's conference, she was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer.

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She underwent radical surgery on Thursday. Let's be in prayer as she begins her recovery and prepares for chemotherapy treatments. This morning, be led in prayer by Mr. Jack Simonds, which as Simon serves as assistant professor of English societies.

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Was about four per. Heavenly Father, we pray for faith as she's recovering from this surgery, we pray that you'd be with her, that you would strengthen her, that you'd give her body healing and that your mercies would be upon her.

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We pray as we're gathered here together today that you would look deep into each of our hearts and see the need that exists there and answer the

needs of each student and each person here. And bless us today and be here and all that we do.

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We pray in Christ. Name Heyman. Well, thank the Lord for the day that he's given a special welcome to those visiting with us. I. Rejoice in the opportunities that I had just in the last few days and thank you for praying.

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Wednesday night I spoke to pick a high school and pick Ohio. And that high school, along with Catholic Layman High School, honored their 100 scholars and asked me to address them there at Pick Will High. I was privileged to meet many young people and parents, and I met one young lady who plans to be a part of

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our seat of all college family in the fall. Let me just briefly mentioned this one man came up to me and he said, Dr. Dixon. I travel Highway 42 and I love your students. He said, I go through your town about three times a week.

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But he said, I sure wish they'd watch it coming across that highway. He said some of us who are truck drivers, she said it's almost like they were oblivious to us and they just go across that road after classes and so forth, and it's hard for us to get through.

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He said I'm going to call the state of Ohio. I've been thinking about trying to get a hold of the state and see if they can't do something to try to control it. But I just wanted to share it with you, the student body.

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We have to do this periodically. We probably ought to do it more often and we don't stop to think about it. No, it's not intentional, but please don't just go across that highway back and forth after a class and not think about those who are out there.

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They're concerned about you. And it's really we need to have good testimony with them that we're concerned about them as well. On Thursday, I made my way into Michigan and had some good visits with friends of the college and then caught a plane Friday and flew into Charleston, West Virginia.

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And we drove up to Beckley on Saturday, and I had the opportunity to speak three times to pastors from throughout the state. I just love the state of West Virginia, and I met a number of your pastors and we're just grateful for our students who come from that great state.

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And then I spoke in Paden City, West Virginia, on yesterday morning with our graduate, Rich Chessie and his wife, also a graduate doing a wonderful work there. And then I was privileged to come back to the campus with three of our students, Anastasia and Erin and Carol, and what a neat time that was, and I'm just grateful

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for that opportunity. The offices of student services and academic programs would like to recognize the students who performed well in the classroom during the 1999 winter quarter. And first, we want to recognize the units that maintain the highest GPA for the women.

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It was Matic's 29. For the men, it was Palmer. five Would you all please stand so we might congratulate you? And now we want to recognize the students who achieved a 4.0 during the winter quarter. If you'd please come to the platform as soon as your name is called, if you'll hold your applause until the end and

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if you would all just make your way across and stay on the platform until all are here with us. Listen carefully. If you're mumbling, you may miss your name. Danette Allen, Emily, all Jennifer, all Jennifer Emmett, Alan Anderson, Kara Anderson, Elizabeth Augustus, Benjamin Barrett, David Barasch, Singer, Rebecca Baxter, Robert Bailey, David Berry, Aaron Bowe, Jane Douglas, Bitzer

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, Christine Bourne STAT, Jessica Black, Kristen Lohmeier, Michelle Ball, Rebecca Border, Jenny Bradshaw, Jamie Brower, Steven Brule, Faith Buchanan, Kristi Birch, Ginger Butler, Shana Campbell, Robyn Cannon, Jessica Karl, Joy, Karl, Danielle Castellini, Beth Ann Clary, Naomi Cooper, Melissa Crawford, Dustin Crider, Justin Kromer, John Cropsey, Dana Cunningham, Aaron DA, Jennifer Davis, Jessie to Conto, Nancy Dela, John Diggle, Emily

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Dizer, Terri Dooley's Laura Adobe, Sarah Duda, Sarah Dunn, David Edwards, Kimberly Erdan, Kerry Fabian, Daniel Ferrell, Tim Fenton, Noel Fortman, Ted Fforest, Julie Fort Drum, David Thread's, Grace Frisby, Thomas Frye,

Matthew Garrett, Brian Gall, Timothy George, Aaron Goring, Heather Graff, Sarah Grabenstein, Sean Graves, Jennifer Griffith, Rebecca Grissom, Michael Grubbs, Aaron Hay, Bangor, Trenton Hamilton, Sarah Hastings, Jonathan

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Head, Andrew Hyde, Michelle Hi, Jason Hegemann, MacArthur Hill, Christopher Hill, Dalton Hawk Stetler, Christine Hofstetter, Adrian Hogue, Daniel Hudson, Daniel Johansen, Todd Jenkins, Allison Justice, Keri Kane, Natalie Keller, Robert Kirby, Korean Coy Vienna, Cruder Crowl, Stephanie Kurosaki, Lisa Laurenson, Samuel Logan, John Lucas, Jennifer Lutes, Dan Lyons, Sarah Martin, Seth Martin, Jennifer Mason, Ruby Maybury, Sarah Meyer, John

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McCall. I want you. Where was I? I mean, really, it was the last one I call. Oh, Dan, the line, is that really your name? No gay. I got to start back there, Sarah Martin, Seth Martin, Jennifer Mason, Ruby Mayberry, Sarah Meyer, John McCall, Aaron McDaniel, Aaron Mercer, Carrie Messner, Ross Myers, Jay McMichael, Joshua Michael Jace.

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Your first one, huh? Jason Jason Miller. Jeff, Amy Miller, Nicholas Miller, Jenna Moore, Alyssa Morrison, Kyle Marez, Jason Myers, Judd Near, Brad Neese, Edward Neha's, Benjamin Nelson, Matt Matthew Neubert, Emily Newton, Matt Palumbo, Jeffrey Parlare, Joel Peterson, Amanda Pilgrim, Debra Pittman, Matthew Powell, Jody Quent, Brian Rein, David Risin, Bigler, Kelly writes, Christian Rosner, Aaron Ross, Thomas Sanderson

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, Gretchen Savage, Graydon Schaefer, Connie Schwartz, Craig Shank, Melissa Shriver, Jared Skillings, William Stewart, Christopher Strait's Anne Marie Swartz, Marlana Taylor, Sarah Thomas, Aaron Teun, Sara Tracy, Val, Nick Kristof Van Hoser, Michelle Van Leer, Ryan Vogel, Brad Benard Maad, Jason Weber, Michael Winger, Jennifer West, Alicia Witt, Loring Walmer, Amanda Wolfe, Elizabeth Wolfe, Amber Sedwick, Jamie Zeller, Amy Zimmerman

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, Tiffany Zerkin Zaki. We're so thankful for these young people who work diligently during winter quarter to get the four point, Oh, this is certainly a significant accomplishment. We congratulate all of them and trust to continue to work hard all the rest in spring quarter.

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And as we have our 4.0 cup in the fall of 99 in the new academic year that we'll be able to recognize these and many, many more. Let's congratulate them, shall we? Dr. Dixon, illustrious board of trustees,

intellectual faculty, industrious staff, inspired students, important visitors and then completely irreverent Cedar Lake geese.

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It is my privilege to stand before you today as a representative of the many men and women who have ever occupied the rooms of Bethel Hall. I would like you to join me in honoring Dr. Dickson for being within weeks of realizing one of his most desired goals concerning this campus.

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It is true that after we leave for summer break and before we come back for fall quarter, this campus will undergo a major facelift. No, it is not the Palmer renovations, detoxing Cedar Lake or updating the master clock.

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Neither is it teaching. Neither is it teaching the geese how to migrate or fixing the horizontal rain. No, this goal is much more difficult to accomplish. Almost as hard as ridding the campus of those beautiful yellow flowers or keeping our cotton pickin feet off of the grass.

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Rather, Bethel Hall will be permanently removed from our college family. I'm not done yet, and Bethel will be burned down in fulfillment of biblical prophecy found in Amos 56. Listen carefully. Seek the Lord and live. Or he will sweep through the House of Joseph like a fire.

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It will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. four different fire companies will improve their firefighting skills at the expense of one of the older structures on this campus. Interestingly enough, Bethel Dorm is very much like the dandelion.

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Most important is that although you try and try year after year to rid the lawn of those pesky little weeds, they always come back and just like the dandelion. Our hearts will go on after the dorm is gone.

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The spirit of Bethel Hall is not found in the residence hall itself, but in the hearts of those who occupy it. And although the structure is destroyed, her legacy has just begun. In honor of reading this campus of the largest dandelion and the final stage in Red Brick, the entire campus, the residents of Bethel Hall want to

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present this sweatshirt to Dr. Dickson to forever remember the fruits of his most dedicated efforts. Bethel Hall The largest dandelion on campus, 1948 to 1999 New. Some low level. Nadia, I'll begin to understand. Why every year for 21 years, it has been my responsibility to come into this college family and to declare war on the dandelion.

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It's good to have all those former students and. Early today. I have received things from all over this campus, as evidenced at this very moment. Some of the students tell me that they have gone out and adhered to my admonition to get rid of the dandelions, and they made me to dandelion pies and they say there are

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literally 400 dandelions in here. God bless them from the admissions office. I received a dandelion corsage. And then I even have a dandelion tie that I've requested to wear. Yeah, sure. I will wear that to the rest of my life.

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It's really one of those expensive tires that you went to your closet to get to. I can tell I have received things from alumni I have received. Your parents have even gotten into the act after all these years.

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Parents send me things. I have a file folder gathered over the last twelve months since my last dandelion speech, but I just want to just share some of the pathetic things that come across my desk. Dr. Nixon This is a song by a popular Christian rock band called five Iron Frenzy.

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In a field of yellow flowers underneath the sun, bluest eyes that spark with lightning boy with shoes undone, he is young so full of hope, reveling in tiny dreams, filling up his arms with flowers, right? Forgiving any queen running to her beaming bride while cradling his prize of flickering of yellow light within his mother's eyes as she

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holds them to her heart, keeping where they'll be safe. Clasp with her very marrow dandelions in a race that you all understand why all these years I've preached again Christian rock music. You understand why you young people need to get some convictions in your life, just as surely as you need to be opposed to Christian music, there's

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nothing like rock of ages. There's nothing like standing on the promises. I mean, we don't need these drums up here on the platform. It's just the organ and the piano, if you all keep up, it'll be all acapella.

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I'm telling you. Just as surely you ought to have some convictions in your life about other things, you ought to have convictions about dandelions. Here I have a note from one of our, I think, a graduating senior. I'm not so sure about what this young lady has worked out at our house.

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I think she's one of my wife's prized people. She used to be. Her name is Kim Dr. Dickson. When you are, when are you ever going to give up and admit that dandelions are beautiful and worthwhile? Try eating one.

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I do have indigestion to my grave if I ever eat a Dan lie and make a wreath for Mrs. Nixon's head. Can't you believe me making a wreath for my beautiful wife Ted made out of those stupid looking flowers performed so that seeds will spread far and wide?

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Would you ever notice that you don't hear our faculty or our staff or our administrators supporting the dandelions? Oh no, they prize their jobs, and I do have one here that I think is possibly an adjunct faculty member.

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A little story about dandelions. This could be your grandchild, but she protected it herself down at the bottom. P.S. Not a dandelion advocate, and it's a good thing. And then I had some. This was really a picture that came out last May.

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My family was able to visit for parents weekend. Upon hearing of the recent dandelion speech in chapel, all four of my siblings eagerly joined the cause of the dandelion. And so they have. Here's four siblings out there on one of our yards, taking one of those white dudes and blowing it all over the yard.

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That's probably some of that that went into the pie, and I have already notified our admissions office. Those four siblings will never get in the seat of. And the list just goes on, I even have one here from China.

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This is Scott Wigglesworth from the Group of China teachers there wanting me to get a ticket and fly to China to join them, to listen to the concert by the Beijing Youth Symphony and the Dandelion Chorus. Now see if you're for Dandelion Joel, a bunch of communist.

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I mean, that's the logic of it. Here's a woman who has one of our students, I found this in my woman's devotional Bible. And this is the talking about how great the dandelions are and how we ought to love them as Christians and in the middle of it, she has typed in in large print.

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Shame, Dr Nixon. Now do you understand what? Paige Patterson preached this sermon? You understand that. No man would say no man would find this in a men's devotional Bible. All this bad stuff like that and women's emotional Bibles.

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I got so much stuff and they got them to me. They found dandelions on the front lawn of the White House. Considering the president, we have no telling what you'd find out there on the lawn of the White House.

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I had a student. This is good, don't it says dumb laws, I want you to know these are dumb laws, and in Colorado, car dealers may not show their cars on Sunday. And so here's a just to show you that this is not a dumb, dumb law in Pueblo, Colorado.

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It is illegal to let a dandelion grow within the city limits. Is that a great state or what? I want you to know I've had a lot of good stuff come to. Here is Paul, where is Paul, where here today?

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Paul, where the very last the very last row now is third from the last. This is our director of ground. This was sent to me within minutes after chapel last year. What a joyous day this is for Ground's department.

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It's music to our ears to hear you tell those students to keep their cut and pick and feed off the lawn and to hear war declared on dandelions as such a blessed battle cry. We're trying hard to kill all dandelions before they can poke their ugly little heads above the ground.

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And please make sure that the next president has the same conviction about dandelions that you do or all. Cedar Bill may be lost when the day comes that they have to find another president. I may not have anything to say about who that person is as far as their doctrine.

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I may not be able to have anything to say about whether they love students. I may not have anything to say about whether they can handle money, chapels or build any building. But one thing I will have something to say.

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We are not going to have anybody foreign in my train who loves dandelions. We're going to have another president. Who hates dandelions, and I want you to know this. The message of all of this is those sidewalks are out there for you to walk on.

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You don't ever walk on the grass at Cedar Real College. You said that out of all the Christian College Coalition schools out of 100 schools, you take pride in your campus. You were number one and taking pride in your campus.

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And that's because you only walk on that grass to get those dandelions. That's the only permission you have to ever put your feet on. The grass at CityVille College is to go out and to get a dandelion. So the message once a year is keep your cotton pickin the off of the lawn.

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You are. I'm not a smart man, but I know dandelions are good for anything. Chuck Todd. And that's what I'm talking about. Dandelions, check in. They don't check out. It remains. You must make sure that dandelions are dead.

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Which I have. Get off of my grass. And there is there are we ought to be there. Kill the dandelion, then I mean. Anybody want me to down? I had to spend some time in counseling with my drummer, Mark Weiss, because he was so upset by your speech, Dr. Dixon, and he has repented and is willing to

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play to support the death of dandelions this morning. So let's sing as we start to make a transition here. This is a hard one. So we just won't try and transition. We're just starting to singing. Ladies, would you sing key first and men will sing Jesus is the answer under that song?

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Now, when you take the first part and ladies you try, Jesus is the answer. This morning, special music comes to us from Joy Fagan. So often I can come into his presence with all my requests and all my petitions, sometimes quite rashly to speak to him.

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But during the times when I take the time to meditate and really think about who he is when I come before. I find myself to be absolutely incomplete. Speech that's overcome by Joy and the Reach. Into my own heart.

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So do. It's almost too good to be true. In this. Ms. Mean. I'm speechless. Surgeons, by how good are you to me? When he has big. So shattering. I could not give it. That's. There was comfort in the.

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You spirit you. But now we down. Ready to. I strongly. Go to. My amazement and your overwhelming love and faithfulness. Same speech. Overcome Major. Each. Into my heart. So do you. If we so. Too good to be true.

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I mean. You're. It's home sweet. And by how good you are to me. He. Age is. I'm amazed that instead. Justice. I'm speaking. You look. Finance, I'm speaking. Surgeons, by how good? To me. Her famous speech. Savings by how good you.

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To. Thank you, Joy, it's always a blessing to hear you sing and appreciate that ministry today. I'm sure that. Our visitors are taking back some by today's chapel. I was amazed. one of the young ladies on the trip said that she really had decided she wasn't coming to see the bill and the day that she visited was

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four years ago during the dandelion speech. And I said, you came anyway. And she said yes. So in spite of it, but it's always a spoof. I always I get email, I'll get all kinds of e-mail, all those who will take some things very seriously, I'm sure.

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But it's it's always a fun time and a spoof timed just to remind us how great grass is. I would direct your attention this morning to the gospel of Mark Chapter nine. And a reminder to our college family on what a

wonderful year we've had built around our theme of practicing the power of prayer.

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And one of the great prayer principles is found in this incident in the life of our Lord. In marked 9:14, when Jesus came to his disciples, you saw a great multitude about them and the scribes questioning with them and straight away all the people when they beheld him were greatly amazed and running to him saluted him.

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So he asked describes what question you with them? Well, the multitude answered and said, Master, I've brought in today, my son, the son, which is a has a dumb spirit. And worse, whatever you take with them, Tara, in that spirit, he he Falmouth any nations with his teeth.

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And my son is pining away and I spoke to your disciples that they should cast him out and they couldn't do it. And he answered him and said, faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer, you bring him to me.

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And they brought him under him, and when he saw him straight away, the spirit tear him and he fell on the ground and swallowed foaming and. Jesus asked his father, how long is it since this came under him and the sight of a child?

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Ofttimes it it cast him into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. If look up from your Bibles for a minute, I would comment. Just as surely as Satan and his demons. And all of US forces.

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We're destroying in the days of Jesus. That's their agenda today. When we think about all of those refugees and apparently the mass killings and the graves and all that's going on over there in Yugoslavia. Kosovo, all that's happening before our eyes, that takes us back more than 50 years to the Holocaust.

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You say, how can that be? Oh, that's depravity. That is what man is capable of doing, and that is the power of the enemy. I mean, there is God who is for good and there is Satan who is for evil.

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And but it's not just on that large scale. Here it is on a personal scale of what the devil is doing to a young life. And Satan. Destroys lives. Satan destroys families and Satan is destroying America and what's going on in our culture.

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We need to be counterculture and all the values that are eroding and everything else. But the devil is out to destroy your life and my life, whatever our age might be. And when we are around children, we need to understand that the devil is out to wreck the lives of those children and ruin the lives of teenagers

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and college students. And that's exactly what was happening here with this young man. But I want you to underscore in your thinking and in your Bible, this prayer. The prayer of the father was if thou can't do anything, have compassion on us and help us, that has to be the sorriest prayer in the Bible.

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Isn't it much like our praying, though, unfortunately, at least mine. Jesus, I have a request, if you could do it, would you do it? If thou canst. Jesus is so long suffering. It's a wonder he didn't give a speech in a sermon on what in the world.

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What's your comprehension of me? Don't you understand who I am? What's your comprehension of God? What do you mean if I can? There's nothing that I can't do except say in. But Jesus is so long suffering. Aren't you glad?

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That he understands our frailty and we are but dust and he hangs in there with us, and he's long suffering with this in spite of our lack of faith and lack of compassion and lack of understanding and all of our frailties and even the sin in our lives.

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He is so long suffering. If thou canst and Jesus said, that's not the issue. If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believe it. Jesus said the issue is not whether I can. The issue is whether you can.

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The issue is whether you can believe me to do everything that I am capable of doing. The issue is I choose to work in response to faith.

Please don't ask me to explain that. I can't. Perhaps a member of our Bible faculty could do that.

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Or some other our other esteemed faculty, I would suggest, go to Dr. McGoldrick and ask him to explain that or Dr. Monroe or Dr. Murdoch or Dr. Bartholomew where the list goes on and I'll go to them and ask them to explain it.

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Perhaps they can, but it is so difficult for us to comprehend that the sovereign god of the universe chooses to work. In response to our belief system. In response to our faith. And then in reality, if we have any facts to give us that too, if they can't believe all things are possible.

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To him that believe it and straight way, the father of the child cries out and says with tears, Lord, I believe help down mine unbelief, and when the people Jesus, all the people come running together, he rebuked the foul spirit and saying under him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit.

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I charge the command of him and I don't know more into him. In the spirit cried and ran him sore, and he came out of him and he was as one dead and so much that many said he is dead.

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And Jesus took him by the hand, lifted him up and he arose. And when he was coming to the house, his disciples asked him privately, I love this. It's almost like they were so embarrassed and they got him alone.

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And they said, Hey, why couldn't we do it? Why couldn't we cast him out and memorize Jesus response? He said unto his disciples. This kind can come forth, but nothing. But by prayer. And fasting. If you want to have this kind of power, you have to do this kind of praying.

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If you want to see this kind of results, if you want to see me work in such an obvious way that the only one could have rebuke the devil and freed the boy from the power of the spirit was God.

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Unknown

If you want that, if you want to be a part of that, then you're going to have to do this kind of praying. And he links it with fasting. This kind

of praying is desperate. I mean, you've heard me talk about it earlier this year, but I bring it into the context of this passage.

00:45:33:16 - 00:45:47:11

Unknown

If we want to see God work, we're going to have to get serious. We can't just mouthed the words, we can't just go through the routine. We're going to have to be so caught up in burden for individuals who need to be saved, especially.

00:45:49:05 - 00:46:12:00

Unknown

We're going to do that kind of program. I have in my hand. Yes, some things that have come across my desk in the last few days that I've held to share with you. A student. Who is concerned about someone who'd been witnessing to over the computer?

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Unknown

And how she was suicidal and he's had to stay on that computer, she had a knife right there with her and ready to cut her arm and all that went on. And then I just wanted to share with you how God had worked in her life and God had answered prayer.

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Unknown

And it's example, he said of the power of prayer. What God did for that young lady? Another one from John. I have a friend, Craig. He's been my friend since the seventh grade, he's truly my very best friend.

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Unknown

I've shared with him countless times. And then just a few days ago on a Monday morning, I received a call from Craig and he told me he went forward and made his salvation public in my church. And a week later, he was baptized.

00:47:02:25 - 00:47:21:06

Unknown

Prayer does work. This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting, and then I don't know whether you heard this or not, but Stephanie wrote, I just wanted to share prays with you. This was last Thursday.

00:47:22:10 - 00:47:40:19

Unknown

My step dad was saved on Easter Day, and I want to tell you how much this has taught me about prayer and that wonderful. We started the year praying for moms and dads and step moms and step dads and grandmas and granddad.

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Unknown

And you realize how many have come to Christ and answered a prayer. We will be praying for graduation in just a few weeks and all of those unsafe relatives and friends who will be here. And we have seen some come to know Christ during graduation, after graduation, when they get home, sometimes months later.

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Unknown

This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. He can. God, help us to believe him to do it. Have a great day.