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Dear Heavenly Father, I am, I am humbled, Lord, to stand in this place and in this pulpit, Lord And Lord, I know that nothing catches you by surprise as we end this year and as we're going into, you know, another year, I did not, in a million years, think that I would be standing up here in 2025 closing out a year. And Lord, we're so thankful for Pastor Jim and the legacy that he left and the foundation that he built that we can build off of. And similar to my prayer for my dad on Friday, Lord, I pray he would know that we have kept it going, and Lord, we did not let it fall apart, and we're going to keep it going. And Lord we, we just We're thankful for the opportunity to do that. But Lord we thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, and He was buried and rose again three days later. And Lord that we get to celebrate this time of year, unashamedly, still in this country, even as far as being able to say the name of Jesus and having conversations with people. And so, Lord, I pray that we would take advantage of that. And what I pray just be at our service today as we continue to talk about prophecies and fulfillment, the different things that that are have happened, and maybe talking points that we can have when discussing this with people this year, Lord, we love you and praise you in Jesus name, Amen. So two weeks ago, we talked about the pre Incarnate Christ, and I know young Timothy board did a good job of tying in some of my points from the last couple of weeks in with the youth group this morning. So that was pretty awesome to to hear some of that. But we talked about how he wasn't just didn't just come out of nowhere, and just wasn't born, right? And that he's always been God, right? And so we talked about that, how important that was, understand he's 100% God and 100% man, when we're thinking about this time of year, specifically, but all throughout the year as believers, right? Then last week, we talked about prophecy and fulfillment, really the prophecy of Christ. And of course, we ended up kind of talking about the silver dollars in Texas, stack two feet high, and spread them out throughout the entire state, and then blindfold a man, and we're going to mark exactly one silver dollar, and he has to find that one silver dollar. And you would look at those odds, and you say, that is impossible, and that would be one person fulfilling one and 10th to the eighth power of prophecies fulfilled in Scripture. And so it was pretty remarkable, kind of to tie that together last week. And it was really the point is we can trust God, right, that what he says is true. And so then we brought that full circle for we can trust him, but what what he says for us today about who we are and what we need as a savior, because His Word has told us, and God cannot lie. So continuing off that a little bit, this will be last time, unless you're coming back Wednesday, which, if you can work it out and it doesn't mess up with your family plans, we'd love to see you. I told the group last week, because they were so sparse, because the weather, I said, the more people that come, the sooner I'll get done. So I hope we can pack it out on Wednesday. But anyway, so let's open up looking at another one of these prophecies. When you deal with some of the prophecies in the Old

Testament, and then the fulfillment, sometimes it was real stuff going on at that time, but it also had a different meaning. And then we got authors later in scripture that says, Oh, well, this happened, according to that this prophecy was fulfilled. And you're like, Well, okay, I'm glad they told me that, because I might not have known that was a prophecy. I might just thought something historically was going on right there. So keeping that in mind, we look at two different prophets today. We looked at a couple last week. The first was a prophet to the northern kingdom, and so he would have been a contemporary of both Micah and Isaiah that we looked at last week. His name was Hosea, and we know that he his wife, had the best name ever. So he married Gomer. So all you expecting mothers throw that in the hat. Maybe, maybe, maybe you'll pull that name out. It'll be good. So Hosea 11 one, though, says when Israel was a child, then I loved him and called my Son out of Egypt. Jose is very interesting book. Really deal with that first chapter, and you've got all these different names of of the like this. These people are not my people. And then his wife basically goes back to a life of prostitution. He goes and buys her out of her immorality. And it's really a picture of Israel and her spiritual adultery to the Lord. And so it's got a lot of symbolism in that book. But in chapter 11, verse one, he says, when Israel was a child, then I loved him and called my Son out of Egypt. Now Matthew, chapter two, starting verse 13, it says, when they were departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt and be thou there until I bring thee word for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, out of Egypt, have I called my son? See Matthew just says, this is the prophecy that was fulfilled. So we don't even have to guess. Fact, Matthew's really good about that. You know, he'll say something, and he'll say this fulfilled the prophecy of so and so. So that's helpful for somebody like me. I love to read, but sometimes I might miss something that's going on somewhere else, or realizing it has further meaning, but when the Word of God just says this fulfilled prophecy, I can trust it, and it's helpful to me. So we're going to look at another one of these prophecies, and we're going to camp here. The rest of day, we will pull back into what Hosea said. We've been talking about the fulfillment of prophecies, but there was a prophecy that almost wasn't fulfilled, and Satan tried really hard to make sure that this prophecy did not get fulfilled. And Jeremiah is going to talk about this now. Jeremiah, he was a prophet to the southern kingdom. So the northern kingdom went into captivity with Assyria around 722, and the southern kingdom a little bit more righteous kings, right? There's those two tribes below. So that's Judah and Benjamin and and they hung on for a little bit longer. They didn't go into captivity with Babylon until 586, so Jeremiah was a little bit later, prophesying right? He was dealing with the southern kingdom. Now, in 31:15 he says, Thus saith the LORD, a voice was heard in Rama, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rahel or Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted, for her children because they were not. Now, the next couple verses are going to be verses of deliverance past that point. And you might just read through that and think, Okay, well, that's interesting and but in 40 verse one, just nine chapters later, you hear a little bit more to kind of tell you the immediate context here. So in chapter 40 verse one, it says the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord after that nebuchadnezzar, the captain of the guard, had let him go from Rama when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon. So here's what we know when, when Jeremiah is writing this in Jeremiah chapter 31 he's specifically talking about Rama. That is where they would take the captives bound right before they would disperse them. So it would be weeping as they're getting ready to be scattered abroad. So it was something in real time Jeremiah was writing. However, we know Rachel wasn't alive at that point, and she was the mother of Benjamin and Joseph, which is interesting because she actually had then representation on both kingdoms, right? Joseph, you deal with Manasseh and Ephraim. That was the northern kingdom, and then Benjamin was the southern kingdom. So Rachel, then weeping, would represent both kingdoms, or a United Kingdom, if you will. Now in Matthew chapter two, verses 16 through 18, we're going to see a prophecy being fulfilled. Not just something that was happening in real time in Jeremiah 31 but there

was also something prophetic with this. It said Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men was exceeding wrath and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof from two years old and under according to the time which he had diligently acquired of the wise men, then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy, the prophet, saying in Rama, there was a voice heard lamentation and weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they are not, not only was there something going on in real time, but it was a prophecy when Herod would start slaughtering children. And so we're going to talk about Herod. And this is kind of a two parter, but the first one is, why the infanticide? Why the slaughter of children? And we're going to see, I think, as we pull this together today, that I think you're going to see that there was a theme, and it's probably a theme still being carried on today, but it really starts with Genesis 315, right? This says, I will put enmity between thee and the and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Satan knew of this prophecy early on. Wasn't hidden. It was going to have something to do. With seed. Now a little deep dive into history, if you will. Let's move into Exodus. Chapter one, verse 15 through 17. Seemed like Pharaoh had the same mind as Herod says, the king of Egypt in verse 15 of chapter one in Exodus, spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shipra and the other one was Pua. And he said, when you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, see them upon the stools, if it be a son, then you shall kill him. But if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God and did not, as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men's children alive. Few verses later and 21 it says it came to pass because the midwives feared God and that He made them houses, and Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive. So in the beginning of chapter two, we see, starting in verse two, a woman conceived and bear a son, and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not no longer hold hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child there in and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. Now this is, this is interesting, because when we remember what we were just looking with hosea's prophecy, when he was saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt and be there until I bring thee word. Now, in this case, Moses was a type of Christ. A deliverer was going to be born. He had to escape infanticide in order to be born, right? And then with this, he had to be hid for a while and then brought out. All of that was the same as Jesus. It's really interesting, but it's like, why Pharaoh? Now you read the other parts of Pharaoh, it's like, well, their numbers are getting larger. They're going to take us over. So we want to destroy all these children, right? Especially these men, children and the women. We can kind of keep them around. So that was Pharaoh as a human. His reasoning for destroying the children, this, though, was a pattern throughout Israel's history, right? We're going to do a quick dive into this, but if you're familiar with the word Molech, right? This is where people would sacrifice their children to the god Molech. Now, this is your pagans who would do this sort of thing, but literally sacrificing their children. But listen to some of what I'm about to read to you, and we'll say, was it just the pagans? Was it just the heathens who were doing this? Leviticus, 1821, this was strictly a command, right? It says, Thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech. Neither shall thou profane the name of thy God. I am the Lord. Now it may seem like that's a pretty easy request. Why would God even have to tell his people, don't burn your children alive? Believe me, there are moments. One of them is now Aidan's problem, so I don't have to, but I get it. There are moments, but it's like God having to come down say, Hey, be fruitful and multiply. However, when you multiply, you can't just toss them in the fire. I would that to me, seems like a no brainer, but I'm looking around today and I'm like, that's why we have to keep saying it even today, do not destroy your children while they're in the womb, right? Instead, we make tiktoks, we brag about it, and we say we celebrate like it's a birthday. I'm like, God had to warn his people not even talk about the lost people. He had to warn his people about that. And now we're seeing kind of the church embracing so much of that today. Second King 16, one through three. Now we're going to start going through, actually those who were in leadership, kings in Israel and Judah. Now listen to these in the 17th year of Pekah. Pekah, forgive me,

the son of Amalia, Ahaz, the son of Jotham, king of Judah. Began to reign 20 years old. Was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reign 16 years in Jerusalem. And did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord, his God, like David, his father, but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his sons to pass through the fire according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel. Kings in Israel passing their kids through the fire Jeremiah, 19, three through five. And say, hear ye the Word of the Lord O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel. Behold, I will bring evil upon this place. The Witch, whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle because they have forsaken me and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in unto other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocence. They have built also the high places of Baal to burn their sons with fire. This is Israel, Ezekiel 2031, when ye offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, you pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day. And shall I inquired of you, oh, House of Israel, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you, the wisest man to ever live, I would argue maybe that was, that was Adam. However, Solomon, as a king after sin had entered in, was the wisest man to live and say in First Kings, 11, seven, then did Solomon build a high place for kamash, the abomination of Moab in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech. The abomination of the children of Ammon, even Solomon didn't stop it. So you're like, man, there's so much evil. Why do people kind of do this in the world today? And what is going on, and what was Herod's motivation behind all of this? Well, I mean, why did Herod really care? I mean, he he was going to come and then he was going to die, right? Why did this matter so much to Herod? And I would say that as we're looking at this, one thing I would say is that it all goes back to Genesis, chapter three, verse 15, and it was all a satanic attempt to stop the seed from coming. Now, did the Kings realize that when they were doing that? Probably not. They weren't like, hey, let's try to stop the Messiah from coming. But that's really what the plan was all along. And just like today, you may think, you may think like, are we really hurting anything? And intentions may not be bad, but I'm telling you, there is a Satanic power behind the murdering of the children today as well. You're like, great. Thank you for the Christmas message. It's, I'm going to go somewhere with it, I promise. It just makes me wonder, in the same way, that Satan wanted to do everything he could to stop the seed from being born. The Bible says the Rapture will take place when the fullness of the Gentile comes in. I wonder if there still is an attempt to stop that seed from being born so that Jesus doesn't come back, and we just go along with it. Now, we'll never outdo God's plan, but you just wonder from the other side that's gonna lead me into the second point. The first one is the killing of children, right? But the second part is the power behind Herod. Sometimes we just look at the people in the Bible, but there's so much more going on, and I believe that is the case with Herod. Remember Matthew two says Jesus was in Egypt until Herod died. He wasn't supposed to come back until Herod was off the scene. It may be like, Man, why Herod? Why that's the Son of God being born in and we're like trying to keep him hid from Herod. He's just a man. I'm going to challenge that idea today, not that Herod was a man, but that is was just Herod in his humanity that was going on there. First, Corinthians, two, six through eight says this. How be it, we speak wisdom among them that are perfect, yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world that come to not. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery. He says, Paul talking, he's like when you're you know, when you're a child of God, you can only understand certain things, but as you grow, you're starting to understand the mysteries of God, especially in this dispensation of grace. As a believer, he says, we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained when, before the world unto our glory, He says, Paul, saying, we can now talk about things now that we are saved and we understand what the Word of God is saying, hidden mysteries and wisdom that was kept hidden before the world began being made known unto us today through the word of God, specifically to the apostle Paul, the apostle of the uncircumcision, to the Gentiles. But listen to what he says in verse eight, which none of the princes of this world knew. They didn't know anything about this mystery, this thing that was hidden before the world began. And not only that, it says, for had they had known it. Now, listen to this part. They would not have crucified the Lord of

Glory. And at surface level you're reading that, you're like, Well, sure, of course. I mean the Pharisees, if they in the Sanhedrin, if they would have known Jesus was the Messiah, of course, they wouldn't have killed him. However, I think there's something more going on in this verse than just that. Now look at the word princes of this world. That not this world, not the word, but the phrase princes of this world. Now Ephesians 6:12 says we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Now this is Paul getting ready to say, hey, we have to put on the whole armor of God because we are in a spiritual war. Now he's describing something spiritual, not physical, when he's talking about the princess of darkness in the world. Now, I think if you read First Corinthians, two, verse eight, with the assumption that this is spiritual princes of this world. Now read it again, which none of the princes I'm even going to use the exact phrasing from Ephesians, 6:12, the darkness of this world knew. For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. See, in that moment, Satan thought he won. He couldn't stop the seed, and he tried, but he thought he won, if he would have known the hidden mystery before the world began, he never would have crucified the Lord of Glory, because look what it has done. Who really won. It's the most ultimate plot twist in the entire Bible. And I'm one. I love a good plot twist. When I was younger, as like, the type of movies that I wanted to see are the ones where the director and the producers, they had me thinking one thing the entire time, and then at the very end, I see dead people, yeah, and I'm like, or Kaiser, so they his lip gets fixed, and you realize the whole time he's looking at mugs and posters and that he was tricking them. Sorry, don't crucify me for seeing that. It was a long time ago, right? Or it was Primal Fear. Is Edward Norton and all the all of a sudden, you're like, wait a second, he faked his whole witness Stan the entire time, right? Or it was Tyler Durden right from Fight Club. You know those movies when I was young, I was like, man, what an awesome job The director did. He kept the secret hidden the entire time, and at the very end, he sprung it on me. And I'm like, that was worth it. That was worth two hours of depravity. But I'm looking and I'm like, those fail in comparison to God saying I kept a secret. I kept this mystery hidden, not just from the beginning of the world, before the world began. Guess what, Satan, plot twist, you lost. You thought you won at Calvary. All I did was make a mockery of you. You thought you had the plan. You thought you were going to slaughter all the children, right? But I was always one step ahead. And when I look at that, I'm like, How do I make that connection in between Satan first, Corinthians, two, eight and Herod. It's pretty simple. I turn to Ezekiel, chapter 28 see it starts out in verse two, where Ezekiel is. Talking to the prince of Tyrus. And we won't read all 10 verses leading up to this, but we'll get started a little bit. Says, Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD, because thine heart is lifted up and thou hast said, I am a God. I sit in the seat of God in the midst of the seas, yet thou art a man. Who he's addressing is a man in verse two. So you read verses two all the way up through verse 10, clearly we're addressing, we are addressing someone who's in power, a real human being who is the prince of Tyrus. But then in verse 11, it says, Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus and say unto him, see if you can see the difference here, Thus saith the Lord God, thou sealest up the sum full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God. I think no man would qualify for that, somebody who was in the garden. Okay, every precious stone was the covering, the sardius, Topaz and the diamond, the barrel, the onyx, the Jasper, the Sapphire, the emerald and the Carbuncle and gold, the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes were prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. Thou art the anointed cherub. Now remember, he said, Thou art a man in verse two. Now he's saying you were in Eden. You're the anointed cherub. You have instruments built into your body. He says, Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth. I have set thee so thou wast upon the Holy Mountain of God. Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. What man has done that thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created till iniquity was found in thee. The verses after that are going to talk about the fall of Satan. You see what was done here? It was addressing the human in authority, but then looking past the human and addressing the evil power that was the puppeteer pulling the strings. Now go back and think about Herod. What would have motivated Herod

to kill all the children? What would have motivated Pharaoh? Besides, hey, I don't want these people to get too large, but we can keep the women around. There was always an evil power working behind trying to stop the seed from being born, and he failed. So the next step is, once the Messiah was revealed, it's we got to kill him, not knowing that that would just walk right into a plan that was kept secret before the world began. In fact, when you read Revelation 13 eight, it says all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. You're like, well, he wasn't slain till he was in human form and lived 33 years. No, it was a plan from the very beginning, before the world began, there was always a plan that God would come down in flesh and die on a cross for our sins, and we'd be buried and rose again. Now we may look at him and say, Yeah, well, it's because of Israel's fall and and this, that and the other. And I was like, Do you think God didn't know that was going to happen? Because this was kept secret before the world began that would be the riches of his glory to us today, it's amazing because Satan would have at least caught wind of Psalm 22 or Isaiah 53 but never was it revealed what the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ would bring not until the Apostle Paul. In fact, even when you read Acts chapter two, Peter is like saying you killed your Messiah, even Peter couldn't see it that there was something spiritual going on that was kept secret before the world began. He was just looking at a Jewish audience and saying, You stiff necked people, you've killed your Messiah. But it was Paul who said, had they had known they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory, not another author in Scripture says that because only one author in Scripture knew it. It because he had a direct revelation from Jesus Christ. Imagine that conversation, and one of these revelations, Jesus is sitting there. He goes, Hey, guess this. You thought you thought that was great. I'm going to give you this. I want you to tell the church this. I want to give you this here. Now, part of everything I've been told you now, check this out. Had they had known it, they would have never crucified me. And then Paul's eyes getting real big, and goes, oh my gosh, you're exactly right. Only the Apostle Paul says that because he was the one given this information that was kept secret before the world began. And in Romans, 16:25, he says, Now to him, there's power to establish you according to my gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery. What about this mystery? It was kept secret since the world began. Paul didn't learn it from Gamaliel. He didn't learn it from Peter in the 12. God chose to reveal what was kept secret before the world began, to the apostle Paul, and that is for us today, where we look at Ephesians, three, eight and nine. It says unto me, who am less than the least of all the saints, is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make all men see was the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ, or Colossians, 1:26 even, the mystery which had been hid from the ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints, and that is through the apostle Paul, the cross the fall of Israel. There's now no difference between Jew and Gentile. There's the body of Christ with Liberty instead of law. It's the gospel of grace instead of the gospel of the kingdom. It's us not being appointed unto wrath. All that revealed as part of the mystery through the Apostle Paul that was kept secret before the world began. So of course, Satan had he had known it would have never crucified the Lord of Glory, but could never out smart, out, think out plan, God's plan. That's the God we serve, and we can trust him for the plan he has laid out in our life. That if we will recognize that we are a sinner and that our sin has separated us from him, and that if we will realize that he has paid our sin debt for us in the form of Jesus Christ, who shed His precious sinless blood on the cross and died, and three days later, proving he's God, rose from the dead, and he says, Today, if you will place your faith in that alone, you will be with Me in Heaven for all eternity, and that my friends, was kept secret before the world began. And today, we just accept it by faith, and we're in even Satan, can't stop God's plan of salvation in your life today, no matter what your circumstances are, no matter what the consequences of the things that you've done, no matter the debris in your life, the destruction of trail that you've left, none of it, none of it, can thwart God's plan to save a sinner. So we celebrate that this Christmas season, that we can trust God's word, that He is God, he cannot lie, and that his plan cannot be thwarted by any demonic force, by any earthly king, by any judicial system or any law

passed, God's plan will go through. And my question as we wrap up is, are you a part of his eternal plan? Have you placed your faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ? If you have, then you have received the greatest gift a human being can receive. And if you haven't, this is the season to receive a gift. If there's ever a time, now's the time. Today is the day of salvation. Now is the appointed time. I would urge you, on behalf of Christ, to receive the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, accept that payment. You will be a child of God, and you will have your eternity set, and you'll be part of God's eternal plan for the body of Christ. So I'm gonna have everybody stand right now, and we're gonna pray in a moment. We'll sing a song of invitation after it's more of an invitation just to come forward if you want to join the church, or if you just have questions about things that you've heard. We want to be able to answer those, but we'll go ahead and pray now I might have everybody bow their heads and close their eyes and Lord, I just pray that you just be with the people now. Lord, I pray that if there is one soul. In here that is not sure where they are going to spend eternity, that they would not leave here today without realizing how much you love them and what you've done for them, that they can have full forgiveness of their sins in a right relationship with you, and it has nothing to do with them, joining a church, coming forward, saying a prayer that has everything to do with accepting what you have done, Lord, and I pray, Lord, that there would not be a soul leave this place if they're uncertain today, we won't embarrass or call them out, Lord. We just want them to be with you in heaven for all eternity. We don't want to see anybody perish and go to hell for all eternity. When you've made a way, you've offered a gift, we just have to accept that gift. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, shedding his precious sinless blood, and that was accepted as payment for every sin, even the stuff we have not done yet. And Lord Jesus conquered death the last enemy when he rose from the grave, proving he is God and that that sacrifice wasn't just of a man who want to do something nice for people, but it was you coming down in flesh and doing what only you could do, paying a price only you could pay, so that we wouldn't have to pay it in hell for all eternity. Lord, I pray everyone in here would leave this place accepting that gift today and placing their faith in that alone. Lord, just be with us now. I pray this holiday season, we've spoke the last three weeks about a lot of ways to have conversations with with people, whether it be about prophecy or your existence, always being an eternal being an everlasting. Lord, whether it be that, whether it be the prophecies being fulfilled, or whether it be today, when we talked about a little bit more prophecies, but we talked about the plan that was kept secret before the world began. Lord, just be with our people now, I pray they'd have an unbelievable next few days together with family, and that they'd be looking for opportunities to share this gift, this gospel, the only hope of salvation that we have, Lord and eternal life. Lord, just be with the people now in Jesus name amen.