

Friday Session

By Kim Battle-Waters

[Worship Music to 12:32]

Worship Leader:

All to You. I'm giving you my heart, and all that is within. I lay it all down for the sake of You, my King. I'm giving you my dreams and laying down my rights. I'm giving up my pride for the promise of new life. And I surrender, all to You, all to You. And I surrender, all to You, all to You

I'm singing You this song, I'm waiting at the cross. No one else holds dear, I count it all as loss for the sake of knowing You, the glory of Your name. To know the lasting joy, even sharing in Your pain. And I surrender, all to You, all to You. And I surrender, all to You, all to You. Jesus, I surrender all to You, all to You. I surrender, all to You, all to You. I surrender all to You, all to You. Yeah, I surrender, all to You, all to You.

And I surrender, all to You. And I surrender all to You, all to You. I surrender all to You, all to You. I surrender all to You, all to You.

Because I really think the core of what I can do here won't be because we had a very intense night last night or because we had since morning or any of that. I think it'll be because we actually really take advantage of what the Lord Jesus has done for us, maybe going to stand on the truth and not just on a feeling. I grew up Southern Baptist, so I went to probably more

summer Christian weeks than anyone here. I had so many deep, intense experiences of the Lord that would often fade after two or three weeks.

The thing is that that's not something that just happens because we're 13 or we're 14. Where we're kind of all emotional or whatever. The enemy would love nothing better than for us to have a really wonderful emotional experience and then put it aside at the end of the conference today and go back to our normal lot, enough money to have a little weekend off every now and then. And maybe one day our favorite sports team will win the World Cup or something. There must be something more than that. Must be something more than a career.

I'm not against careers. In fact, I think that revival that's coming will release more young missionaries into every area of society. It won't be traditional missions anymore. Missionaries in business, missionaries in the arts, missionaries, science, every area of society. But I think it will be, when we as a generation, decide to--just through the love. Kimberly spoke about last night that we will come because of the love, but then we will stand on the truth. And the song just says, "Though my feelings fade, though my healing waits, though my heart and my eyes grow dim, I will trust Your name."

What the enemy fears the most is a generation of people who get so in love with Jesus that the truth becomes so centered in their lives that nothing can shake them, that no circumstance can shake them. That a very emotional night just adds fuel to the fire, but also a very bad day simply drives them to the cross even more. That a boring day where nothing's going on drives them to

the cross again, because they know it's the place where their life ends and his begins. And that's the power that changed the world.

Even so, even now, I will worship. Even so, even now, I will worship. Though my feelings fade, though my healing waits. Though my heart and my eyes grow dim, I will trust Your name. I will trust Your name. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory.

Even so, even now, I will worship. Even so, even now, I will worship. And the light of grace. Jesus, I will wait. Till my hopes and my fears are gone. Only you remain. Only You remain. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. Till all my hopes and my fears are gone. Only You remain. Only You remain. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. Jesus, Your glory. I will worship. I will worship. I will worship. I will worship.

[Dramatic Skit 12:33-17:42]

Speaker 1

Jesus didn't come to bring peace but division. No one says missions is easy. [Inaudible]

Speaker 2:

It wouldn't be in the oven if you didn't miss dinner for the 10th time in a row.

Speaker 1:

Come on, dad. We talked about this. You know how hard college is.

Speaker 2:

It's not college, it's church. It's not church, it's bible study.

Speaker 1:

Dad, can we just not talk about this now, okay? I want to talk to you about this missions trip I want to go on.

Speaker 2:

Again? We've talked about this before.

Speaker 1:

No, don't cut me off.

Speaker 3:

Can we not argue about this right now? Honey, you've got work in the morning. He's got school.

Okay?

Speaker 1:

Sorry, dad. But I need to talk to you about this missions trip.

Speaker 2:

You heard what your mother said. This conversation is over.

Speaker 1:

Don't you want to know when I'm going?

Speaker 3:

Baby, I don't understand why you even want to go. [Inaudible]

Speaker 2:

Honey, it's obvious why he's going. He's rebellious and he wants attention.

Speaker 1:

That's not true. Dad, I'm going because I want to tell people about Jesus Christ. I want them to know how much he loves them. That he loved you too.

Speaker 2:

Oh no, here we go again.

Speaker 1:

Maybe they would just listen this time. Then you would understand that Jesus Christ died for your sins too. If you would just believe in Him, then maybe you would have a little--

Speaker 2:

Who are you to tell me what to believe in?

Speaker 3:

Let's not do this.

Speaker 2:

Fine. Fine. We're not doing this.

Speaker 4:

[Inaudible] Why did you have to do that again?

Speaker 1:

It is an important matter.

Speaker 4:

Why is it so important, Josh?

Speaker 1:

If you knew what it was like to know Jesus Christ, you would understand why He's so important to me.

Speaker 4:

Whatever.

Speaker 1:

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace [inaudible]. For I [inaudible] that a man against his father and a daughter in law against her mother in law, and a man's enemies would be the members of his house. He who loves father and mother more than me, [inaudible] who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy. And he who does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy. He who is found his life [inaudible] in my [inaudible].

God, I know I screw up with my family all the time. I know I don't always say the right things. Or in the right way, God. Just use me. Show them how much you love them. You love them more than I do. God, will you break their pride? Break mine too. [Inaudible]

Speaker 5:

Good morning. I wanted to welcome you to this morning session. Excuse me, my voice is fading, but we will be having two speakers this morning. We'll be hearing from Kimberly Battle-Walters as well. Trench Shepherd this morning with some more worship and another drama, just to let you know the agenda for this morning.

I have a couple of announcements. There was a leather jacket left on the bleachers. And if anyone knows where it is, if you could bring it to the back table, it was left last night or sometime yesterday. And then anyone who's willing to lend the band, the factory a car or van, they need to travel up to Northern California and they're in need of some vehicles. If you're willing to donate those, you can see Caroline Ham in the back. And then another announcement. Explorations for those who have signed up. The booklet says Sutherland Auditorium. That's

wrong. It's in Mayor's Auditorium. And if you can drive the day as well, they need people to drive. You want to see Nate in the back as well. Kimberly, it's our pleasure to have you again this morning.

Kim Battle-Waters:

Good morning. Can you guys you can hear me? Okay. I could identify so well with that particular drama, particularly for wanting to go outside of the country and other people not understanding. Why do you need to go someplace? I mean, we've got enough problems in California alone. But in thinking about that, I want to tell you a story. But before I tell this story, I want to just give God glory this morning by opening up with a word of prayer.

Father God, we just thank You. We thank You, for You are the Magnificent God. You are the great I Am. You are El Shaddai. And Father, there is none like You. There is no one beside You. So this morning, Lord, I pray, Lord, that You would use Your servant. And Lord, that you would nourish our hearts with Your word. Speak, Lord, to each individual in this place, to myself included. Speak to us, Lord, and let us know what You would have us to do for Your glory and Your honor. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

There is a king who is a very generous king. And this king was known as being very benevolent. He cared about his subjects. He cared about the people in his kingdom. The king was known as being very gracious, very loving, very kind. And he was getting up in age and he had a son. And the son would succeed him. And he needed to do something to prepare his son to be his successor, to take over the throne.

But the son was very selfish and the son was very self-involved and he didn't care very much about anybody except himself. So the king decided he had to do something to make his son more sensitive, to make his son more caring, to make his son see the needs of those who were in the kingdom. So the king, he thought, and he thought and he thought and he thought, 'what must I do to make my son see what's going on around him?'

So one day he decided to get two of his finest soldiers. And he says, this is what I want you to do. He handed one of the soldiers a bowl and he filled the bowl with water. He says, I want you to escort my son throughout the kingdom. Take him to the poor in the downtrodden area, and I want you to walk him through the neighborhoods and let him see what's really going on. He's only lived a life of the finest, of the best, but I want him to see that he's privileged. And not everyone lives like this.

I want you to take my son. And I will hand him this bowl of water. And as he's walking with this bowl of water, you're instructed, if he wastes even an ounce of the water, I instruct you to cut his head off. They looked at the king and they were shocked. Cut his head off if he dropped some water? He says just cut his head off.

So he called forth his son and he told his son the instructions. And his son, who was so comfortable in his zone of being the king's son, was shocked when his father said, 'This is what will happen to you. You're going to walk with these soldiers and you're going to carry this bowl

of water. And they're instructed that if you waste even an ounce of this water, they're to cut your head off.'

The son was outraged. 'I'm your only son. I'm the heir to the throne. How can you treat me like this?' And the king said, 'Carry on. I'm leaving. You guys begin your journey.' So the son, confused and angry, began to walk with the soldiers. He didn't want to test the soldiers by wasting the water, so he walked very carefully. And he's walking and he's walking, and he's walking, carefully focused in on that bowl of water. And he's walking and he's walking and he's walking.

And as he's walking, you could hear the moans of the people from the urban ghetto. You could hear the sounds of those moaning and weeping because they were broken, because they were hungry, because they were starving. And he's walking and he's walking, and he's carrying the bowl of water. No water is wasting and people are weeping. People are screaming for help. I'm hungry. Help me, help me. I need help. I need medicine. Help me, help me. And he's walking and he's walking and he's carrying the bowl of water.

Finally, he gets back to the point at which they left, back to his father. And his father, the king said, 'Good. I see your head is still intact. So you must not have wasted any water.' The son, outraged even more, puts the bowl of water down and he says, 'There, are you happy? Are you happy? Here's your bowl of water.'

The king looked at his son and he says, 'What did you see? What did you hear?' The son looked at him, startled. He says, 'What did I see? What did I hear? What do you mean, what did I see? What did I hear? I heard the swishing of the water, knowing that my head would be cut off if I wasted any water.'

The king looks back at him and he says, 'No. What did you see as you walked through the streets? What did you hear as you walked? Did you hear any moans? Did you hear any cries?' The son, really upset at this time, said, no, I only heard the swords of the soldiers swishing on their legs, knowing that they could cut off my head at any time. What do you mean, what did I see? What I hear?'

Father looked down with disappointment and he said, 'You missed the whole point of this experiment. See, I sent you through the kingdom so that you could empathize with those who are less fortunate than yourself. But you are so concerned about your own neck that you didn't hear anything. You didn't see anything all around you.'

The question to us today is are we so concerned about our own necks, about our own lives, that we see nothing? We hear nothing? Every day, somebody is crying. Every day somebody is dying. Every day somebody's in need. Do we hear? Do we see? Are we only concerned about ourselves? I want you to look at your neighbor. And after last night, you know who your neighbor is. And I want you to repeat after me. 'Neighbor,' now you're talking to a black girl. 'Neighbor, you've just been called to serve.' Give the Lord a big hand. Hallelujah.

As I'm getting started this morning, I'm going to ask you to turn to Isaiah, the 61st chapter. But before I get into this text, I want to acknowledge a great man of God who is here this morning. Now, I know many of you men are looking at yourself and you say, yes, I am that. I'm that great man of God. But I want to acknowledge my grandfather and also the bishop of our congregation, bishop David Tillman. I'm going to ask him to stand. Let's just give him a warm round of applause. Praise God. Thank the Lord for this great man of God, because it's because of him, and truly the influence of both he and my grandmother that I believe that that's where I am today, why I serve the Lord. So if you ever want to preach a machine, you need to call my grandfather. He's a mighty man of God.

Come in from Isaiah, the 61st chapter. It reads as thus. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, and he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted." You know any brokenhearted today? "To proclaim liberty to the captors." Anyone who's in captivity today? Sexual bondages? "And the opening of the prison, to them that are bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord in the day of vengeance of our God. To comfort all who mourn, to appoint unto them that mourn. And Zion," even in Zion, even in our churches, people are mourning. Do we hear and do we see? "To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness that they might be called trees of righteousness. The planting of the Lord. That he might be glorified." "That he might be glorified." That he might be glorified.

I want you to repeat after me. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Today, I want to tell you the Spirit of the Lord is upon you, and he has anointed you.

Yeah. He has anointed you to bring good tidings to somebody in your dorm, to someone in your church home, to somebody in your neighborhood. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, and He's anointed you to do exactly what He's called you to do. Some of you are English majors. Some of you are math majors. Some of you are sociologists. Some of you are anthropologists. Some of you are premed. And the Spirit of the Lord is upon you. And He's anointed you to take good tidings to your places of employment.

And you say, what does this have to do with missions? Missions is everywhere we go. I remember somebody last night said you could be in the grocery store. I believe it was our brother leading worship. You could be in the grocery store and your heart could be dancing. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you. He's anointed you to bring good tidings everywhere you go. If you don't believe me, I've had some wonderful experiences in unexpected places where God has used me.

Give you an example. One time I was at this church meeting. We were having a shut in. How many of you know what a shut in is? All night you're there. You're locked in at the church, right? We need more shut in case we're at this shut in. And I went to the bathroom, okay, Lord, going to the bathroom. That's very natural. Just got to take care of some business. I go to the bathroom, and there's a girl in there weeping. She's weeping, and she's weeping, Lord. Well, I got to go. Do I pause? Do I use the bathroom first? What do I do?

She's weeping. So I paused and I said, are you okay? She says, no. In fact, I want to take my life. And I was going to do something drastic. Even here, I didn't know who to turn to. And I'm Lincoln. I'm thinking, Lord, I just need to use the bathroom, that's all. But yet, right there in that

bathroom, God used me to minister to her, to minister right then and there. Unexpected places. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to go to the bathroom. He has anointed us wherever we go. Highways and byways, to minister to those who are in need. Okay?

So you say, who am I called to serve? Who am I called to serve? Well, on the face of this earth, there are currently approximately 6 billion people on the face of this Earth. A lot of people well, half of them are on the freeways here in LA, right? In the United States alone, there are 200 over 270,000,000 people. So who am I called to serve? Who am I called to serve? Well, I'm in the field of social work and sociology, and within my profession, even here in the United States, you say, well, I don't necessarily feel called to go to Africa. Well, let me give you some stats here in the United States. What's going on?

Well, the poor, we say, well, there are poor people in the United States, but surely, if they worked hard enough, if they pull themselves up by their bootstraps, they don't have to be poor. Well, did you know that a third of the poor are working poor? People who work every day, people who have two and three jobs, people who are trying to make it and still aren't making ends meet. Did you also know that at least a fourth of the poor are children? What are we going to do about that?

Did you know that there is a high population in our society who are coming from fatherless families? In fact, among African American families alone, two third of black children are growing up in single parent households. Where are the fathers? What are we going to do to meet the needs of those fatherless children?

Did you also know that one out of seven men and one out of three women are molested before the age of 18? There are a lot of hurting people. Yeah, one out of seven men. We always think about the girls, but one out of seven men, one out of three women. Molested, raped, before the age of 18. There's a lot of hurting people. What do you hear? What do you see?

Do you only hear, I'm on my way to heaven and I'm so glad? Is that all we hear? Do we only speak? Well, this too shall pass. If I can just make it through my final, then I'll be praising the Lord. The question is, what do you see and what do you hear?

You know, I think it's interesting on Christian campuses in particular, I teach at Azure Pacific. Don't hold it against me. And we're so wonderful at saying, oh, everybody's smiling and they're on their way to class. Yeah, partly delirious, but we're smiling and everything. And we say, how are you doing? But do we really care how you're doing? Have you ever said, how are you doing? And you're still walking while the person is trying to say, well, actually, I was going to commit suicide. You say, okay, have a great day.

Because we don't have time for each other. But the question remains, what do you see? What do you hear? It's time to serve. So what's happening internationally? Well, there's bondages even in Africa and other places of the world. AIDS is such a problem that we're looking at a whole generation of orphans because their parents died because of dying from AIDS-complicated diseases. Also world poverty, world hunger, and again, bondages. But think about what is the worst thing that could happen to a person? What is the worst thing that could happen to a person?

Think about that. What do you think? Wind up in hell? Really? Is hell the worst thing that could happen to a person? If it is, why aren't we about our father's business? If we really believe that hell was the worst thing that could happen to an individual, why aren't we more in the highways and by ways compelling men to come unto God? This cross is laying right here. How many of us are carrying it daily?

To those who haven't heard, and yes, there are people who haven't heard here in the good old United States. Yeah. I love Mission. God has blessed me as an African American female who never expected, really to travel much outside the US. To go to six continents of the world. If I get to Antarctica, I'll let you know. I don't know about that one, but six continents of the world. But I don't have to go to Europe. I don't have to go to South America. I don't have to go to Asia to minister the people. Maybe God is first calling me to minister here.

You see, if I'm faithful in a few things here, maybe God will call me to go other places. If I can't teach Sunday school here, how am I going to be this big evangelist overseas? We're called right where we are for this time, for such a time as this. And then God will expand our territory. That's not a discouragement not to go overseas.

God opened my eyes by going overseas. In fact, I hate to admit, especially with my grandfather here, but my senior year after high school, I was the exchange student to Dominican Republic, and I thought that was my first time being outside of the US. And I thought, oh, great, I'm going to go overseas. Nobody knows me. I'm going to get to do whatever I want to do. Don't have to go

to church because my grandparents were right there all the time saying, okay, teach Sunday school. Do this. Go to church. Wednesday, Monday, Tuesday, you're going to church.

So I thought, Great. Oh, this is wonderful. I'm going to the Dominican Republic. I'm going to just have a great time. If I feel like cutting a few steps, whatever. I'm going. Just have me a great time. There were 50 kids. It was a secular organization. And I'm just thinking about it on the plane. The Love Boat. I'm just having me a great time. I'm just excited. I'm going to have a good time. Because nobody knows me. Right? Out of 50 kids, this is a secular organization. Mind you, out of 50 kids, I was the only kid, the only student, placed with a missionary family. I was the only one placed with a missionary family.

Those people, once they found out I was a Christian, they had me doing more evangelism than I ever cared to do. They had me doing street evangelism. They had me at the prison ministries. They had me in the convalescent home praying for the sick. Oh, you believe in prayer? One lady said, well, I want you to pray that I get healed. I'm like, Lord, what am I supposed to do? Oh, yeah, you're going to pray. We believe that you're an American Christian. You're going to pray. I'm like, oh, God. I'm like, Lord, just get me back home, okay? I'll teach Sunday school just to get a rest from this.

God has a sense of humor and he wants to use you. Yes, some of you will go to Africa. Some of you will be in Europe. Some of you will be in Asia. Some of you will be in Latin America. Some of you will be in Australia. But let God use you here first. The word says, "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might for God's glory." Hey, I may only be sweeping the floor, but I'm

sweeping the floor for Jesus. Hey, I may only be teaching kindergarteners, but I'm teaching them for Jesus. Hey, I may only be wiping windows, but I'm wiping them for Jesus. Whatever your hands trying to do, do it with your might that God may get the glory. Knowing that the spirit of the Lord is on you and he's anointed you. Yeah, he's anointed you for such a time as this. So we answered, who can I serve? Who should I serve? You take your pick. Out of 6 billion people, start here at Biola.

Now, the next question is, how do I serve? Not who do I serve, but how do I serve? Well, I think we find a model, perfect model from Jesus. He started by bending on his knee with a towel and a basin of water, and he began to wash his disciples' feet. See, we're in the feet washing business. We're servants. We're not celebrities. And the moment we forget that we're servants, we're stealing the glory from God. The moment we've bend on our knees and said, Lord for God, I live and forgot I die. I'm just here to do a little feet washing. That's when God gets the glory.

So how do we serve? Well, let me give you a couple of examples of ways not to serve. Some of us have the Mighty Mouse mentality. Remember Mighty Mouse? Some of you may be a little young, but Mighty Mouse, "Here he comes to save the day. That means that Mighty Mouse is on his way." We come with this elite mentality that I'm the Wonder Boy, I'm the Wonder Woman, and I'm coming to fix these people, fix those Africans, fix those Asians. Fix the people that I'm coming to serve. I'm just a foot-washer. I just came to do a little foot-washing. How can I serve you? If we have an elite mentality? We're not glorifying God. We're only glorifying ourselves.

Then others of us, we don't have the Mighty Mouth mentality. We have the Messiah complex.

Yes, I'm Jesus incarnate. Watch the water part. Some of us, we have the Messiah complex.

There's a book called that, by the way. It's a good book, too. We have this martyr mentality that we're going to save every person that comes within distance of us, that we're going to feed every hungry person, meet the need of every homeless person, heal everybody that comes our way, we can't do it all. That's why God uses all of us.

So if you have the Messiah complex. You're probably going to wear yourself out. Nowhere in Scripture do I see that Christ healed every single person in Jerusalem. Yeah, he did heal those who came to Him, those who asked, but he didn't do it all, and he didn't do it all in one day. Pace yourself. Pace yourself. God wants to use you, but he wants to use you for the long haul.

Then we have, finally those who are the messengers and telling about the messenger. In closing, the messenger is the person that says, yeah, I know I'm just the foot-washer, but, Lord, use me however you want. I'm here. Lord, I'm available. You want to send me to Zimbabwe? You want to send me to Kyrgyzstan? You want to send me to Idaho? Lord, I'm here. You want me to work with abused children? You want me to work with battered women? You want me to work with those recovering from homosexuality? What do you want me to do, Lord? I'm here. I'm here.

Well, there's a king, a different king, who had this message, and it was rolled up in a scroll. And the king called his servant, his finest servant, who he could depend on, and he rolled this scroll up, tied it closed, and he gave it to the servant. He says, I want you to take this scroll, and I want

you to take it to the other side of the kingdom. I want you to go as fast as you can, and I don't want you to let anything stop you. Nothing stop you.

So the servant took the scroll in his hand and he said, yes, King, I'll go. So he began to run on his journey, and he's running, and he's running and he's running, and he's running. And as he's running on his journey, he begins to get to a point where he gets a cramp in his leg, and he's cramping and he's feeling crippled and he's hurting, and he stops and he sets down to massage his leg.

And he thought to himself, surely the king would not want me to run under these conditions. I'm hurting. I'm hurting. So I think I'll just sit here for a little while and get my leg back into condition. In fact, I can sleep here for the night and then start back up in the morning. And as he's sat in there and he's consoling himself and he's comforting himself, the words of the king came back to him. I want you to take this scroll to the other side of the kingdom. I want you to run as fast as you can. Don't let anything stop you.

So in spite of his own physical pain, he gets back up and he's limping, but he starts running again. And he's running, he's running. And finally the cramp leaves, and he's running. He's got his full speed. He's running, he's running, and the sun comes out. It's at the height of the day.

And the sun is beating down on his head. And he looks up just a little bit further and he sees this big tree. And he thinks, great. I'll sit under the tree in the shade until the sun passes over, until the heat of the day subsides and it goes down. So he sets under the shade for a little while and he thinks, yeah, this is what I needed to do. I don't want to pass out. Surely the king would.

