

# Start Right Here

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We want our coffee in the lobby  
We watch our worship on a screen  
We got a Rockstar preacher  
Who won't wake us from our dreams  
We want our blessings in our pocket

(2 Timothy 3:1-5a,7) But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. {2} People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, {3} without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, {4} treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— {5} having a form of godliness but denying its power.....always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

(2 Timothy 3:8-9) Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. {9} But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

*(Exodus 7:8-13) The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, {9} “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.” {10} So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. {11} Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: {12} Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. {13} Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.*

*(Exodus 19-22) The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs’—and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars.” {20} Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. {21} The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt. {22} But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.*

*(Exodus 8:5-7) Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.’ ” {6} So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land. {7} But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.*

*(Exodus 8:16-19) Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” {17} They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came upon men and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. {18} But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. And the gnats were on men and animals. {19} The magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.*

(2 Timothy 3:10-14) You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, {11} persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and

Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. {12} In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, {13} while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. {14} But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. {16} All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, {17} so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**We keep our missions overseas  
But for the hurting in our cities  
Would we even cross the street?**

(Matthew 22:34–40) Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. {35} One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: {36} “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” {37} Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ {38} This is the first and greatest commandment. {39} And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ {40} All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(James 2:15–17) Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. {16} If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? {17} In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

(1 Thessalonians 5:15) Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

(1 Thessalonians 3:12) May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

**I'm like the brother of the prodigal  
Who turned his nose and puffed his chest  
He didn't run off like his brother  
But his soul was just as dead**

(Luke 15:11–32) Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. {12} The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. {13} “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. {14} After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. {15} So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. {16} He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. {17} “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! {18} I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. {19} I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ {20} So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. {21} “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ {22} “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. {23} Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. {24} For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

{25} “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. {26} So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. {27} ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ {28} “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. {29} But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. {30} But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ {31} “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. {32} But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

(Luke 10:38–42) As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. {39} She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. {40} But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” {41} “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, {42} but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

**What if the church on Sunday**

**Was still the church on Monday too?**

**What if we came down from our towers**

**And walked a mile in someone's shoes?**

**We're the people who are called by His name**

**If we'll surrender all our pride and turn from our ways**

**He will hear from Heaven and forgive our sin**

**He will heal our land**

(2 Chronicles 7:14) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

(2 Chronicles 7:11–16) When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, {12} the LORD appeared to him at night and said: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.

{13} “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people,

{14} if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

{15} Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. {16} I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

**But we wanna see the heart set free and the tyrants kneel**

**The walls fall down and our land be healed**

**But church if we want to see a change in the world out there**

**It's got to start right here, It's got to start right now**

**Lord, I'm starting right here, Lord, I'm starting right now**