Verse, no power of hell, nor scheme of a man shall ever pluck me from his hand.
Amen.
If you have your Bibles, I'm going to invite
you to tell me this morning to the book of Genesis chapter 1.
The book of Genesis chapter number 1.
Daddies, do you mind standing for just a minute?
All you daddies, all you fathers, if you would stand for just a minute.
It dawned on me, and we got more daddies in here than that.
It dawned on me, we had all the mamas stand up for Mother's Day.
All the kids went back there and got them a
rose, and I think we had some other stuff to give you.
Dad, we ain't got nothing for you today.
Except other than God bless you, I'm thankful for you.
But we do have something for us.
And that is the word of God.
So give these daddies a round of applause.
Genesis chapter number 1.
Genesis chapter 1.
Good to see everybody here this morning.
Read a few verses out of chapter 1, then a few verses out of chapter 2.
The Bible says in Genesis chapter 1 verse 26,
I love this first three words, and God said.
And God said, let us make man in our image after our likeness.
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over
the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
So God created man in his own image.
And in the image of God created he him.
Male and female created he them.
And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful,
and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.
And have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of
the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
And God said, behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face
of all the earth, and every tree, and the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed.
To you it that shall be for meat.
And to every beast of the earth, and every two fowl of the air, and to everything that
creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat.
And it was so, I love verse 31, and God saw everything
that he had made, and behold, it was very good.
In the evening, in the morning, were the sixth day.
There's a few verses out of chapter 2, beginning of verse 15.
It says, and the Lord God took the man, and put him
into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it.
And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of
every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.
For of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it.
For in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

And the Lord God said, it is not good that man shall be alone.
I will make a help, meat for him.
It really means a suitable, suitable helper.
Let's go to the Lord in prayer.
God, we thank you, Lord, just for the gift of
another day, the opportunity to be in your house.
Lord, I'm thankful for my Father.
Lord, that you gave me.
Lord, that loved me and looked after me.
Lord, I'm most thankful of all that you loved him more than anyone.
So much so that you, Father, surrendered your son.
Lord, that he might be with you.
God, I pray that you would take your word today.
That you would not just speak to me as a dad and the rest of the dads here.
But Lord, this is a word fitting for moms and grandmoms and children.
And Lord, for your church as a whole.
Lord, I pray that there's someone here who doesn't know you this morning.
Lord, that they would see the grace that has been made available for them.
Lord, have your way in this service today.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen and amen.
When you think about Father's Day and you think about all that God's word says,
all the illustrations and pictures that we have of dads,
in the Bible there's no shortage of material.
I love the example of Noah, a man who by faith worked and built,
prepared an ark to the saving of his house,
faithfully day after day after day.
Did that, what God put in front of him.
We're all familiar with the story of David and Goliath.
I think a lot of us missed the very end of that story.
I remember it grabbing me a few years ago.
David, the boy, takes the life of a giant.
At the very conclusion of that story, Saul
calls David up to him and basically asks him,
who's your daddy?
Who's your father?
Who's the man that raised a young man like this?
Ephesians, we've been studying so much.
It says about dads, provoke not your children to wrath, but
raise them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.
This morning I felt led to go back to the very beginning, back where it all started.
And actually a time period here before Adam even became a father.
See, this doesn't specifically address fathers, but what we find
here in this passage, in this scene, absolutely pertains to fathers.
And it doesn't just pertain to fathers, it pertains
to that suitable helper that God made for fathers.
See, Adam and Eve were given a divine assignment.

If you look in chapter 1, verse 26, God tells Adam, he
says, he's speaking here, he says, let them have dominion.
Verse 28, he says, we find the word sedue and dominion.
Chapter 2, verse 15, he says, he put him into the garden to dress it and to keep it.
What's taking place here?
In no way is God surrendering his authority.
God will never surrender his authority.
In no way is God giving Adam a license to be a tyrant or a dictator.
What God is doing in this passage of scripture, he created all of this.
And again, I love verse number 21.
At the end of each day, God said, behold, it's good,
it's good, it's good, it's good, it's good, it's good.
And he gets to the end of chapter number 6, God
looks at it and his assessment of everything.
And he says, behold, this is very good.
Very good.
But what he does is he takes this man whom he has
made and he assigns him a position of stewardship.
He assigns him as a caretaker.
He assigns him as an overseer.
He's assigning to him responsibility.
And the title of my heart, specifically to us men today, but to all of us in general,
is to answer this question, how to manage well.
Adam was a manager.
Men, we are managers.
All of us, if you're a child of God, have been given
a place of stewardship, of responsibility, a manager.
Have you ever thought about all that Adam and Eve got to see prior to the fall?
I mean, this time period where they walked with God, there was no curse on man.
There was no curse on the earth.
There was no thorns and thistles.
All there was was this great beauty that God
had made and had been untouched and unstained.
I want to challenge you to do something.
Go all the way back to Genesis 1-1 and go all
the way through to Genesis chapter 2 verse 25
and see if you can find one thing in these chapters that man made.
That Adam and Eve created.
I'll save you some time.
You won't find anything because there's not anything.
See, all of this was made by the hand of God.
And I believe the first step to us managing well,
and again, I just want to speak to the dads,
but to speak to us specifically as dads,
if I'm going to manage the things that God has given me well,
if we're going to manage our lives well, this church well, our family well,
if we're going to manage well,

we must embrace the fact that all things are
God's things and nothing is truly our thing.
All things are God's things.
And nothing is truly our thing.
Now, dads, I want us to think about that question for just a minute.
How would we manage things differently in the past
if we truly recognize the fact that everything
that we have is His and it's not truly ours?
Or even better yet, how would we do things in the future, Jake,
if I understood that everything that I have from God is His and it's not really mine?
That men, beginning with our very own life, that's God's.
Job chapter 12, verse 10, it says, In His hands, referring to God,
In His hands is the soul of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.
That God, and don't put words in my mouth this morning,
do the very best you can to take care of yourself.
All right, work hard, take care of yourself.
But I'm telling you, we're going to send ourselves to an early grave
trying to figure out how to preserve and hold on to this life that we got.
Our very life, my breath, is held in the hands of God.
It's His, it's not mine.
My wife, I actually want to rephrase, she's His.
She's my wife, but she belongs to God.
My children, my grandchildren, they're His.
Today, this very day, is His.
Tomorrow, if there is one, is His.
Man, that's huge that we look around and all that God has given us,
the very breath that we have, the talent that we have,
the home that we have, the wife that we have,
the children that we have, the possessions that we have,
the money that we have, that none of these things,
you know what, we didn't even make our own children.
I know God used us, but folks,
if you've ever been around and seen a baby coming to the world,
that's nothing but the work of God.
That child belongs to His,
and what I have been given, just like Adam,
is a place of stewardship,
that though I created none of it, I own none of it,
I'm responsible for it.
I am to manage it.
I am to take care of it.
That's point number one.
Point number two,
I want you to turn into Matthew chapter 25.
Folks, there is great gain in our lives
when we take the things that God has given us
and we manage those things well.

Matthew chapter number 25.
Jesus tells a parable here, beginning in verse number 14.
Jesus says in 25 verse 14,
He says, For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling to a far country,
who called his own servants and delivered unto them his goods.
Underline that in your Bible.
It's like a man traveling to a far country
and delivered unto them his goods.
In other words, what He's saying, I'm going to leave for just a little bit,
and Nicky, I want you to hold on to this for me.
And unto one He gave five talents, to another two and to another one.
To every man, according to his several ability,
and straight away took his journey.
Then he that had received the five talents went and
traded with the same and made them other five talents.
In other words, he took the five that this man gave him,
he went and invested it,
he took care of it,
he worked with it, and he doubled it.
Then he that had received the five talents went and
traded them with the same and made other five talents.
And likewise, he that had received two, he also gained another two.
But he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid the Lord's money.
After a long time, the Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them.
He reckoneth with them.
What did that mean?
It was time, Stephen, to settle accounts.
In other words, here's what I've given you, Brian.
I've given you Mitzi Horton.
I've given you Caroline Whitten.
I've given you Gabriel Weems.
I've even given you the privilege to pastor New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.
I've given you Alame and I've given you Della.
And I've given you influence in your job.
And I've blessed in his ways.
And there's a time that we're going to reckon together with God.
He reckoned with him.
And so he that had received the five talents came and brought other five talents,
saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents.
Behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
Underline verse 21.
His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant
that has been faithful over a few things.
I will make thee ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of the Lord.
He also that had received two talents came and
said, Lord, thou deliverest to me two talents.

Behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
His Lord said unto him,
Well done, thou good and faithful servant
that has been faithful over a few things.
I will make thee ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of the Lord.
I want you to see what's taking place here.
These men were given temporary custody of goods that wasn't theirs.
They were responsible for these goods that they had temporary custody for.
And the expectation was for them to manage it well.
If those great gain came upon them
when it was managed well,
that the Lord noticed what they did with it, that the Lord come and reckon with them.
Guys, there is nothing more precious in this world
than the gift of salvation.
I'm afraid it does not mean to us what it ought to mean to us.
Stacy, I was dead and my sins separated from God.
God pursued me.
God loved me.
God died for me.
He has quickened me from death and alive.
I am held firm in his great grip of grace.
I've got a right standing.
There's nothing more precious than that.
And now I'm a steward over this new life that God has given me.
Folks, but the next best thing,
men,
is the gift of your family is the gift of your family.
It is my wife who is my best friend.
It is my son.
It is my daughter.
It is my grandchildren.
It is the gift of a family.
And can you imagine,
I want you to think about this.
Can you imagine the joy
and the elation
and the incredible peace that would come
if you get to stand before the one Byron
who gave them to you and says,
well done,
my good and faithful servant.
You have taken those precious gifts that I have given them to you
and you've managed them well.
You've taken care of them well.
You've treated those things like they belong to me.
Now enter into my presence with joy and with peace.

We're talking about the approval
of God in our lives.
I believe everybody seeks approval.
But as I get older,
especially if I get it from this one,
I don't need the trinkets and I don't need the stuff.
I got plenty of stuff.
But for my wife to tell me you've done a good job,
I'm proud of you.
Man, to stand before God, Tommy and he go,
I tell you what,
you've taken this thing
and you've done well.
But friend,
owe the great loss
when it isn't managed well.
Go back to that parable,
chapter 25 in Matthew.
Look what the Lord Jesus says.
Verse 22,
He also that received the two talents came and said, Lord,
thou deliverest unto me two talents.
Behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
As Lord said it to him, well done, thou good and faithful servant
that has been faithful over a few things.
I will make thee ruler over many things.
Enter now into the joy of the Lord.
Verse 24 says, Then he which had received the one talent came and said,
Lord, I knew that thou art a hard man,
reaping whenever thou wast not sown and gathering where thou hast not strolled.
And I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth, and lo,
there thou hast that is thine here.
I'm going to get back to you.
His Lord answered and said it to him, thou wicked and slothful servant.
You're going on that wicked.
Thou knowest that I reap while I sowed not and gather while I have not strolled.
Thou artest therefore that I put my money to the exchangers and that at my coming
I shall have received my own with us.
Take therefore the talent from him and given it to him which hath ten talents.
For unto every one that hath shall be given
and he shall have abundance.
But from him that hath not
shall be taken away
even that which he hath.
Look at verse 30.
And cast ye that unprofitable servant
into outer darkness

where there shall be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.
You say,
hang on preacher,
wait just a minute.
Is this man in this parable cast away
into darkness?
Is he cast away
into this place of weeping and gnashing of teeth?
Is he cast away into hell because he didn't handle money well?
No.
No.
Again, you need to underline the term wicked.
Here's the point that Jesus is making.
This is about
faithfulness and stewardship.
And folks,
how, men,
how we handle
the things of God
is a great gauge of our true view of God and our relationship with God.
How we handle the things that God
has blessed us with.
How we handle the things that God
has put in care.
That those things truly,
that is the
greatest indicator not what we say but what we do with Him
is our true view of Him and indeed the great gauge of our very relationship with Him.
Oh, the loss
that Adam and Eve experienced
because they did not manage what God gave them well.
I've often thought about the victories of men in the Bible.
I also think a lot about the failures of men in the Bible.
Don't you know that Adam wished he could have went back and had a do over?
I mean, don't you think
he just desired
and longed that the minute he realized what they had done if he could just go back
and dial back the hands of time and put himself back in that place because by the way
the scripture says he was with Eve when she was deceived.
God,
I wish I would have handled myself better.
I wish I would have handled her better.
I wish I would have managed this situation
so much better but men,
we don't get do overs
but what we do get

is new opportunities.
We can't fix what we done messed up
but what we can do
is take the opportunity that God has given us to realize that those things
come from his hands and there's great loss
when we don't manage it well but there's also
great gain when we do.
And so we start with the opportunity that we have
in front of us which man that opportunity is today.
How many of us,
my kids now
are big kids and they're grown.
man, I botched so many things up with them
for if I could go up a little older
if I could go back and handle that situation
I would have handled that one a lot different.
Y'all better say old me preacher.
Huh?
Boy, I would have done that one different.
I would have done that one different.
I botched it up.
Doing the best I can.
We don't get that opportunity
but what we do have
what we do have
is today.
And for God,
I'm beginning to see now.
I know y'all got Facebook.
Y'all done seen Maui yesterday.
My wife said this to me
yesterday and this is,
I didn't know I was going to share this but I'm going to you.
Sometimes she don't know what brine she's
going to get when he wakes up in the morning.
Because sometimes a brine that comes home from work
after dealing with a bunch of mess.
I've used up my words for the day.
I'm kind of like
that bear don't poke him.
I ain't going to bother you you don't bother me.
But yesterday,
and by the way daddy he's just to help you.
Before I come out of my room
I got on my knees and I prayed.
And so I come out she's already up she's down there getting things ready for the pool
and I go down there and I give her

a big old hug and a kiss on the mouse and she
said I didn't know what brine I was going to do.
I said it's a great day.
I tell you what I was already thinking about
all my children and grandchildren
and my wife
and all these things that I was going to experience
and I said God you gave every one of them to me.
I don't know why just cause you're good.
Just cause you're kind.
And I want to handle them
in a way that gives me the approval
of God that you like the way that I'm doing it so that I can give them back to you
in a better state than they were
when you gave them to me.
Adam and Eve
the great loss they experienced
they lost a walk with God
they lost paradise
they lost life
men
be not deceived
God is not mocked
for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap
there's loss
and there's pain
friend when we don't manage these things well
we don't get do-overs
but we do get new opportunities
how do you manage well preacher
how am I going to manage my life well this is the biggest thing I was thinking about
not just my wife and not just my kids but boy
that passage in Job really got me that in his hand
is my life and my breath
I have to manage it
come from God
there's gain when it's managed well there's pain when it's not managed well
here may be the kicker of all kickers
when it comes to how to manage well men we must manage under the rule of God
look at chapter 2
verse 16
let's look at verse 15
and the Bible says the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden to dress it
and to keep it I don't know how familiar you are with the book of Genesis but I love
it I want you to see this whole thing God
needs nothing or no one God is self-sustaining
he's never dependent upon anybody he don't

have to have anything to make him happy or full
or satisfied but to the praise of his own glory he created man out of the dust
of the ground he made a by the way woman's the only thing that was made wasn't made
from the dirt he took a woman he made Eve from Adam
and he says I want to take them now I've made all of this
you and Brian
you look
after it it ain't yours
but you look after it however
there are some instructions for you
see what happened here is God did not surrender ownership
God did not surrender authority
God did not say hey Alton and Donna
you just do this thing
any way you want to do it after all I've given you temporary
custody over look what the scripture says chapter 2 verse 15
and the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden to dress it and to keep it
and the Lord God commanded the man saying of every tree of the garden
thou mayest freely eat but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eatest thereof
thou shalt certainly die
man was
man has
man is given great responsibility
but never
has man is man or will man be given full autonomy
you say preacher that's a big word what does
autonomy mean it means the right of self government
man's been given free will
but he has not been given the right to govern himself
man's been given the privilege of responsibility
and free will but God has never said hey it's okay
do whatever you want whenever you want however you want without any accountability
no the right and responsibility to manage and to rule was given by God but it was and
it is to be carried out under the rule of God
isn't that what we've seen in the book of Ephesians
I mean Ephesians 1
through 3
is so deep it's so deep it's so deep about a God who chose us before the
foundation of the world a God who adopted accepted redeemed forgiven free did all
these things then he listened to the family he says
children obey your parents and the Lord for this is right
wives
submit yourselves until your husbands add it to the Lord for it is right
husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it fathers
provoke not your children to wrath but raise them up in the nurture and the
admonition of the Lord folks we can't duck it we can't dodge it we don't need to

we don't need to get around it that a husband
and a father is given responsibility and is
given a place of leadership in the home by God
but the same God that gave it also commanded how we are to
do it
because did I if I'm going to be there I've got to
rule or manage under the rule and the management of God
see Adam and Eve's failure
was a direct result
of their rejection
of the rule of God
do y'all understand
listen we can over complicate this thing
we can
one plus one equals two and it always will
when there is the rule of God and the commandment of God and man decides to
rebel against that and do that in his own way it will never equal a success it will
always end up in failure and you can look at exactly why
they experienced a loss that they experienced
but man
it is equally as important for us to see the victory that comes
when we
I love the devotion this morning meekness meekness what is meekness it is strength
under control it is strength that is managed by God that picture of a horse
horsepower can do all these things but I get you Rhonda and Ronnie can make
things stop on a dime they can make them jump they
can make them run why because they have chosen
to submit themselves
men when we submit ourselves to the rule of God do not underestimate the victory
and the power that comes from that
one of the greatest
my daughter is my princess and my son is my knucklehead
Adam Adam
and I couldn't imagine
offering up my little knucklehead I love him
Abraham got a command from God you're to take Isaac the only son Isaac and you're
going to take him and you're going to go up to the top of Mount Moriah and you're
going to offer him up as a sacrifice to me that's a deep subject and is that God
is God looking to take innocent life no that's listen
can I tell you what happened why did God command that
folks there is nothing by the way that God does not know there's no new knowledge
on him it wasn't so God could figure out something that he wasn't really sure about
I'm going to tell you what I believe happened
with Abraham and Isaac and Sarah by the way
some of you mamas and daddies you better watch it because you're guilty of doing
the very same thing they had taken little Isaac that they got when they was about a
hundred and they had ended up placing him and worshiping

him and putting him as their own God in their life
Isaac
became their little idol
that hurts don't it
God said you're going to take him
and you're going to offer him up there to me and I love the story of this man
he wasn't perfect but he was determined here I'm going to follow the rule of God
I'm not going to delay we're going to get up early in the morning we're going to
go up on that hill we're going to take the sticks we're going to take the fire we're
going to take everything we need and y'all know the story they get going up there
and Isaac said dad we got everything else but the lamb he says God himself
will provide us a lamb he takes him and lays him down upon that altar
he takes a knife determined to plunge it into his chest and about that moment
God speaks and says don't touch him and Abraham looks around and there's a ram
with his horns caught and a thick and here's what gets
me is Abraham named that place Jehovah that the Lord
will provide if we will submit
that God
will provide in our lives
but he never would have experienced it
had he not submitted himself to the rule of God
mamas
imagine a drought so bad
you done whooped up everything there is to cook
everything there is there's nothing left
you got enough meal you can put in one hand and just enough
oil to cook it and make a biscuit for you and your boy
and so you're out gathering sticks for a final meal before you and your son die
that's all you got
listen the Bible is relevant because it speaks to real life it speaks to how we
respond to the rule of God and the will of God and the word of God and Elijah
shows up he says hey wait I want you make that biscuit for me I'm paraphrasing
she says this is all I got
you just do what God says
you do what God says
and that little bit of meal that you got right there and that little oil it's going
to be there in the morning when you need it again
so that's what she did
didn't make any sense she submitted herself to the rule
of God and her life even to the expense of her own child
can I tell you had they not that would have been the last meal that they ate
but because they did they kept eating and they kept eating and they kept eating
and that barrel of meal wasted not did the crucible fail I'm not just tying things
together what I'm saying if we are going to manage well our lives if we're
going to manage well our marriage if we're going to manage well our home
if we're going to manage well this church church lady if we're going to manage
well all of this that God has given us

we must recognize that these things come from God
and there's great joy and there's great reward
and there's great gain
when we get it right
but we will suffer loss when we get it wrong and
the way to get it right is to submit ourselves
to the rule of God
is to do it
God's way
don't have time
there's a fourth one
and I want you to come back tonight and we're going to look at it tonight
we must learn
to manage
ourself
we must
learn
to manage
ourself
some of you know some of you don't
my day job
I started this when I was 23
I had a five year break when I was over here so
about 26 years
I work in the commercial building industry
I manage a
commercial
building supply yard in Birmingham
and I think Friday when I look we had about
6.8 million dollars worth of inventory
got 4 million dollars worth of equipment
I don't own a single piece of it
none of that's mine
but I'm responsible
for every bit of it
when some of it's missing I get a phone call
I'm the manager
and here's the thing where these things correlate
if I don't manage it well
there's loss
but if I do
there's great gain
there's great reward
but something else about my job
is it comes
with lots of freedom
I said what do you mean preacher

I had the deacons tell me the first time I come
here I was asking them about what I need to do
I need to punch a clock I need to sign in
they just laughed
I said brother Brian we trust you to be where God
wants you to be doing what God wants you to do
if you ain't trust a preacher to do that you don't need to hire him
but in my job in my day job I got lots of freedom
I kind of set my own schedule
they trust me to be what I'm supposed to be do what I'm supposed to do
but can I tell you what I've seen happen over the last 25 years
I've seen lots of men
that share my same position
that abused that freedom
and lost their position
because they never learned
to manage themselves
they can manage everything else
and everybody else
but they never learned
how to manage themselves
folks most of you know
how this record of Adam and Eve goes
I want you to look at a verse Genesis chapter 2 verse 8
it says and the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden
and there he put the man whom he had formed
God made a man
and he put them in the garden
go to the very end of Genesis
chapter 50 verse 26
so Joseph died
being 110 years old
and they embalmed him
and he was putting a coffin in Egypt
that is a story of sin
in the beginning and man's putting a garden
and in the end he's putting a coffin
but folks as sad
as this story is
daddy's there is so much hope
you say preacher where's the hope at
the hope is found in Genesis chapter 3
after
they had failed they had failed so miserably after
they had mismanaged their lives and mismanaged
the gifts of God and their relationship with God they had failed completely
but the Bible says in chapter number 3

in the book of Genesis I love this and they heard and they heard
the voice of God
walking in the garden and God's Lord God said where art thou and it says unto Adam
and to Eve his wife that the Lord make coats of
skin and clothes them you say what happened preacher
God pursued
them
and God provided
for them
that's the hope
it's in spite of their failures
that this same great God
who made this man in his image because he loves them and he knows
what's best for them and he can do restarts that God
pursued after them
and he provided folks
that is the gospel daddies
that is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ
is that he
is still pursuing
men today
not perfect men but men who have failed miserably
hot on their trails
daddies with a new opportunity
and I promise you based upon the word of God
if you pursue him
he'll provide for you
heavenly father lord I thank you for your word I thank you for your truth
God I thank you for what you have given me
and first and foremost is a right standing with you
I didn't earn it I didn't buy it no way
a million lifetimes could I but that you
gave that to me as a gift because of the work of your son through faith
and God may I manage my new life
my saved life
in a way that receives your approval and bring glory to your name I thank you
for the gift of my wife and my children and grandchildren
I thank you for the gift of being able to pastor this church and the influence
that you've given me but dear God may I handle these things in a way
Lord that leads to gain and not loss in my life and the life of others
God I pray for these fathers here today
we don't get do overs but we do have new opportunities
and it's because the power of your might
and your pursuing love
Lord that we can get things right
God I pray that you would help us as a church
to first and foremost submit ourselves to your rule in our lives

where that's the best path for us to travel
Lord in the only way that you'll have
in Jesus sweet name I pray Amen let's stand please
And we will do that in the room.