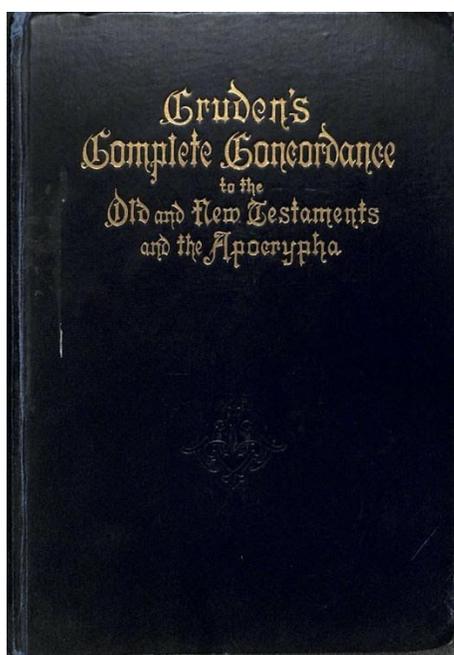


# LORD, I'M TOO TIRED

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## I. (HOOK) "CRAZY BUT IN TUNE"

A. We have a lady who has been attending GCCC since our Theatre Days. I say this with caution, but I really don't know how else to say it—she's "crazy," but



she loves the LORD. BTW—Alexander Cruden was "crazy" too, but God used him to give us Cruden's Concordance, first published in 1737. ([show photo](#))

The Prince of Preachers, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, said there were two books that never left his side, the Bible and Cruden's Concordance.

Back to Mrs C. She calls the church office at least once a week and leaves phone messages. However, the other day she sent a letter. The letter had a heading, "Confessions of Faith." The heart of the letter was that God honors our prayers when lifted to Him in faith, and that all things are possible with God.

I'd like to share one part of the letter with you. The paragraph begins ...

“These are examples from my life, of how Jesus gives us power ... to become sons of God. He answers prayer and lets us work miracles.

When my son was a little boy I had no money ... I wanted to give him something special.

(She doesn't mention the occasion. Maybe there wasn't one. But the setting echoes a birthday. Back to the letter.)

[Although] I had no money I could pray. So, I prayed asking God for something 'special'. Shortly after I prayed (a few days), I was looking out the front window and there was a box turtle strutting across the lawn. Just what I prayed for—something special, a special gift, a surprise gift from Jesus.”

It's amazing how we can be “off” in some areas of our lives but in tune in others. Now, I'm sure Mrs C would love to be “normal,” but she isn't. Yet, she prays, and God hears her prayers.

**B. If we want to be a soul winner two ingredients must be a part of our lives—prayer and being in tune.**

## II. (BOOK) THE WORDS OF THE BOOK

**We looked at these verses when we launched this sermon series, *Win One in 2021*.**

That was three weeks ago, so let's refresh our memories.

***Proverbs 11:30***

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

**NOTE!** What is the converse of that? The person who doesn't win souls is not wise ... maybe even foolish.

***Daniel 12:3***

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

**AGAIN!** What are we being told here? The wise win souls, and a reward is added to those who win souls. Not only are they wise, but they shall shine like the stars at night forever and forever. GRASP THAT—throughout all eternity you will be acknowledged.

**NOTE!** It doesn't say you'll be acknowledged if you:

- Are the richest man in the world
- Have the most Super Bowl wins
- Have built the largest church in the world
- Have given all your money to the poor
- Gave your body to be burned for the GOSPEL's sake
- Speak in the tongues of men and angels
- And the list goes on.

The Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, says in ***1 Corinthians 13*** if we do all of these things and have not love, we are nothing. Wrong! Let me reword that. We are

sounding brass or a clanging symbol. What does that sound like?

<https://youtu.be/UrukxRVvHwk> - Sounding brass  
(30 seconds)

<https://youtu.be/rkjrYMX5PDY> - Clanging cymbal  
(30 seconds)

### III. (LOOK) WE CAN'T SAY WE LOVE GOD AND NOT BE A SOUL WINNER; IT DOESN'T ALIGN WITH SCRIPTURE OR THE LIFE OF OUR LORD

#### A. I know this is going to sound really harsh.

Please, I don't mean it to be, but I don't know how else to put it. We can't say we love God and not be a soul winner; it doesn't align with Scripture or the life of our Lord. Listen to these words in *John 3:16*:

For God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son [begotten is important—His lineage can be traced], that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

And in *Luke 19:10*, Jesus says of Himself,

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

How do we know God loves us? Because He came to save our souls—that's how we know He loves us.

*Romans 5:8* states,

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

He didn't...

- Make us the richest man in the world
- Give us the most Super Bowl wins
- Build us the largest church
- Make us the most famous

...to tell us that He loved us. No! He gave His life so that in receiving Him as our personal Lord and Savior we would be saved. Jesus was a soul winner. God proved His love for us by being a soul winner.

### **B. Let me say it again.**

We cannot say we love God and love people and not be concerned about their souls. Listen! There are only two places a person goes when they die—Heaven or Hell.

**John 3:36** is clear:

He that believes on the Son has life and he that believes not does not have life, but the wrath of God abides on Him.

## **IV. (TOOK) LET'S WIN ONE TO CHRIST IN 2021!**

(For some of you, this is a repeat of sorts. For others, you never got this because it was one of the four pages I cut out of my sermon when I introduced *Win One in 2021*.)

### **A. How do we do that?**



I would like to see \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
"saved" or "return" in 2021.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ (name).  
Thank you for praying with me in  
accordance to Matt. 18:19,  
"If two of you shall agree... touching  
anything .... it shall be done."

## 1. Start by praying. (Direct people's attention to the handout – show photo.)

## 2. Invite.

- Use the *PI* cards to invite someone to join us in worship—good music and great preaching. LOL!

**Sunday**  
**9:15 &**  
**11:15AM**

I was born with *value & purpose*. My life has *promise & potential* as it unfolds in accordance to God's eternal plan.

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- Hand out *Easter & Christmas* invitations,
- Invite those struggling with addictions, or those who have loved ones suffering with addictions, to *Chain Breakers*,
- *Friends Needing Friends* for widows
- *Forever Young* for seniors,
- *Riders of the Lamb - Bible study*
- *Harvest Party* for family
- *Angels & Demons* for youth
- *Word Café* for teens
- *The Rising* for single adults
- *Circle of Friends* for the entire family
- *Summer missions* for those who look at charity as a way to salvation.

There are more ways, but you get it!

**3. Or better yet, share YOUR testimony.** That's one of the Holy Spirit's most powerful tools. That's how Peter was introduced to Christ. That's how King Agrippa was introduced to Christ. That's how Saul of Tarsus was introduced to Christ. However, Saul was privileged; he got a personal invitation. Let's watch it!

<https://youtu.be/ogDArF83p8I> (109 seconds)

**B. Just as God called Saul of Tarsus to be a soul winner, so He has called each of us.**

Furthermore, Jesus promised that He, not us, **He** would make us "fishers of men." The question is, "Will we let Him?"

I'd like to close with a story from the best book I've ever read on *soul winning*. (Read "A Train Ride," p 87 – 89. "I had a strenuous week and felt exhausted ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.")

**C. So, what do you say?** Let's each determine to ***Win One in 2021.***

## V. INVITATION

For those of you who have yet to receive Christ, why not receive Him today?

**Admit**– your sins have separated you from God.  
(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

**Believe** – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)

(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

**Commit** – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

**Do it today!** (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

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