

1 Can we test out the mic?Is it working?
2 Yes. Okay. Sorry guys, I forgot to go
3 get, I forgot to get mic. Ah, here we go.
4 Oh, does
5 anybody need a Bible?All
6 right, so first, I want to
7 say thank you to Jay.
8 I recognize
9 theSignificance of standing behind this
10 pulpit. Me out in the hall starting off
11 my thoughts and opinions is one thing,
12 but I do recognize that standing behind
13 here has a different significance. So So
14 I just want to thank you for the
15 opportunity to speak. My gift is not
16 preaching. It's teaching,
17 and that's kind of what we'll do today.
18 I've always wondered. especially when I
19 was in high school and college, when I
20 never really got called to preach. And
21 then I've listened to myself a few times.
22 And when I start preaching, I get kind of
23 judgy. I get to be a bit of a
24 know-it-all. I get quite opinionated.
25 So I'm going to try not to do that
26 today. And this is more
27 teaching than it is preaching. So
28 hopefully, you'll find it helpful.
29 When JayCalled me up a few
30 months ago and says, hey, I'd like for
31 you to speak and we're doing this series
32 and I don't know if he said this or if he
33 said something that made me think this,
34 but it was really about creating a
35 picture of Jesus, right?
36 So you know, I'd like you to get up and
37 we're having different people kind of
38 talk about different pictures of Jesus
39 and immediately I knew which verse I
40 was going to do. In fact, even suggested
41 I'm like, actually I was thinking about
42 that first. That's exactly what I was
43 thinking about, two different ones and
44 and that was the one I kind of wanted to
45 go with. UmAnd I think that's important
46 for how we do mental
47 models, right?The model that you
48 have of God
49 and of Jesus influences the way you
50 pray, the way that you treat other
51 people, the things that you do in your
52 life, the things that you think are
53 important. And we all
54 create these models in our head, right?We
55 all do. We all create a God, little
56 G, a God that's in our minds,
57 and this God agrees with how
58 we think about stuff, right?Well, he
59 does, right?But even if it's a negative
60 thing. So do you have a God that's like a
61 taskmaster, and he's like, da-da-da,
62 because that's how you think, and
63 therefore, maybe you're always under
64 guilt. Or maybe you think you've got a
65 God that his job there is to spew
66 blessings and gifts, so therefore, God,
67 please help me do this, and please help
68 me do that. Why didn't God help me do
69 this?Whatever that mental picture is of

70 God, it influences everything
71 about you. So that's why it's important
72 to have a, and we all do it, right?That's
73 why it's important to have a a very
74 biblically-based view of Jesus, and he's
75 very multifaceted, and I'm gonna hit one
76 of those today. And I'm
77 gonna show you from the Bible. So
78 as as Jay said, I don't have a
79 lot of content today. I wanna talk, I'm
80 gonna make a few points. I'll do a couple
81 analogies to kind of help you think about
82 stuff. But we're gonna do a lot of going
83 through this. So in
84 your bulletins, I've gone through,
85 because I know everybody doesn't know the
86 order of all the books in the Bible, you
87 weren't raised Southern Baptist doing
88 Bible drills like me. So you may not know
89 that. So at least for these black ones,
90 the page numbers are actually in there,
91 so that you can kind of look these up.
92 And honestly, my my only
93 fear today is going too long, so we may
94 skip over a few as I'm watching the
95 clock, as I'm watching it right now. So a
96 lot of these are going to be familiar
97 with you, and that's the reason why I've
98 picked a lot of these, right?Because you
99 will know these, but you may not think
100 about them the way that you thought about
101 them today. So does anybody need one,
102 by the way?And if anybody doesn't have
103 one, just look over your neighbor and say
104 SOS. I scoot over some, right, so I can I
105 can share yours. My daughter
106 doesn't have one.
107 You're welcome.
108 whatever she wants.
109 And by the way, my grandson is here
110 today, so. So if he if
111 he starts speaking up, it's okay by me, I
112 guess. All right, okay, so quickly.
113 So, I'm gonna start with the premise. And
114 this is my opinion. I'll try to make sure
115 I point out one of the things are my
116 opinion versus things that I think are in
117 the scripture. um But
118 something has to be self-existent. And
119 what does that self-existent mean?
120 Something's had to always exist. And my
121 opinion is that it takes less faith to
122 believe that. Now there's some other
123 faith that takes later on, but to
124 understand that something had to come
125 from something, and that when you follow
126 that train all the way back to its
127 logical beginning, something has to
128 have always existed, otherwise nothing
129 would exist. And the scientists, they try
130 to come up with these really contorted
131 ways of figuring that out. But that's
132 what I've come to realize is that
133 something, now, once you've agreed on
134 that point, there's a lot of debate as to
135 what that is, right?And there's lots of
136 opinions, and that's where faith can come
137 in. But for me, it's less faith to think
138 some entity has to have always existed,

139 and that's what brought forth the stuff
140 that we do know and we do see.
141 AndToday's culture, they they try to
142 skirt that, if you think about it, right?
143 A lot of people really do believe that,
144 even if they don't want to say they're
145 Christians, or Lord forbid, even
146 religious, right?But they'll say things
147 like, well, the universe is trying to
148 tell me something, right?Or I'm just
149 going to throw it out to the universe,
150 right?Because everybody has this
151 thing inside them that that says, well,
152 something's got to be there. And then we
153 fight wars and we debate and we argue. We
154 kill people over what that entity is,
155 right?But that's that's kind of the
156 starting point, is that premise. I'm not
157 gonna go through that middle part,
158 right?I'm sure that we're all gonna be
159 able to agree that that our faith is is
160 that Jehovah, Yahweh,
161 Jesus Christ is that entity. And that's
162 what I want to talk about today. So
163 first, let's open up our Bibles to
164 13 through 14, it's page 46, if you've
165 got the blue ones, I'm sorry, the black
166 ones, the blue ones I saw, they may have
167 different page numbers. So the
168 the context of this verse is that Moses
169 has, he's out in the wilderness, he sees
170 this burning bush, and God's talking to
171 him and telling him, Hey, I want you to
172 go back into Egypt and let my
173 people go, right?And so then Moses says
174 to God, If I come to the people of Israel
175 and say to them, The God of your fathers
176 has sent me to you, and they ask me,What
177 is his name?What should y'all say to them?
178 And God said to Moses, I am who I am.
179 And he said, Say to the
180 people, I am has sent
181 me to you.
182 When I was younger, in high school,
183 college, right, I always thought that was
184 a weird name, I am.
185 But then I started thinking through, as I
186 got older, and I started reading science
187 books and just articles. Andand starting
188 to understand and really contemplating,
189 okay, what what is the beginning,
190 right?Where does everything come from?
191 1, right?Where does that all come from?
192 I realize that that's exactly what God
193 tells us right there. Some things have to
194 always exist. And he says it right there.
195 It's in his name. Yahweh
196 is the tetragram for I am. And
197 in our Bibles, our English Bibles, we
198 don't ever see the word Yahweh, we see
199 the word in small caps called Lord, but
200 that's where they've translated it out of
201 the Hebrew, into English, because
202 out of respect for the name, right?But
203 that's what his name means. When we
204 say Lord, we mean Yahweh, and we
205 mean the self-existent one. It's in his
206 name. And when you think about that,
207 actually this isn't in the, this is a

208 bonus one, right, when you think about
209 that, Psalms 9
210 says that the Lord, Yahweh,
211 the Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a
212 stronghold for troubles.
213 Those who know His name trust in Him.
214 Well, how can that be? If you know
215 that the name of God is this
216 self-existent entity that
217 allows you, that helps you trust in Him.
218 That's the significance of that verse,
219 right, that name, right? All right, so
220 56 and 58,
221 page 895. This is actually the
222 text that this is centered on. I'll give
223 you a little bit of background, but I'll
224 go really fast. So this is an argument
225 that's kinda taking place between Jesus
226 and the Pharisees. It's a really good
227 reading. If I had a lot of time, I would
228 just do some type of dramatic reading for
229 it, 'cause it's really good. Um So the
230 Pharisees are asking Jesus questions, and
231 he's giving them answers, and they're
232 kinda debating him, and as you read this,
233 you can see the tension ramping up,
234 right? And Jesus says something like, you
235 know, well, you know, I do the works of
236 my father, and they're like, well, our
237 father's Abraham. And he goes, something
238 like, you know, if if you were Abraham's
239 children, then you would you would know
240 me and you would rejoice. Now let's pick
241 it up right here in verse 56. Your father
242 Abraham rejoiced that he would see my
243 day. He saw it and was glad.
244 So the Jesus said to him, You're not yet
245 50 years old, and you've seen Abraham?
246 And Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I
247 say to you, before Abraham was,
248 I am. So I started with Exodus
249 because one of the first things as a
250 Christian you kind of put together are
251 those two verses, right? And that really
252 ties it together. And the Pharisees were
253 intimately familiar with this verse. Um
254 And Jesus is clear. He's clear in his
255 claim. Not before Abraham I was.
256 Maybe I'm older than Abraham. I'm 2600
257 years old, instead of 2500 years old at
258 that point. Before Abraham was, I am.
259 He's claiming that he's self-existent,
260 that he's eternal. That's a pretty big
261 claim. It would be blasphemous
262 if it weren't true, which is exactly how
263 the Pharisees, if you read after that,
264 responded.
265 So my my objective here is to help you
266 create a picture of Jesus, the I am the
267 self-existent one, and then take that
268 into your daily prayer
269 lives. You know how you interact, how you
270 live your life, right? But having this
271 this picture of the Christ
272 that he is. eternal,
273 self-existent. So I'm going to use a
274 familiar verse to frame the discussion.
275 So if you guys return to 2 Peter 3:8,
276 page 10, 19,

277 in the black Bibles. Now, the context
278 of this verse, I'm real big on context,
279 right, 'cause you can't just take these
280 verses and you pick 'em out all over the
281 place, right? So I'm really big on
282 context. The context of this verse
283 is the church, early church, had been
284 hearing, you know, Jesus is gonna be
285 coming back, Jesus is gonna be coming
286 back soon, right, it's imminent. They've
287 been waiting, and they're going, well,
288 when's this gonna happen, right? And so
289 this is Peter's answer to this.
290 So I've kind of taken this out of context
291 just to frame some discussions, but I
292 think it does make this statement, even
293 though that's not the intent of the
294 purpose of this. People have used this
295 verse
296 to claim different things. Let's read it
297 real quick, and you guys will be familiar
298 with this. 8,
299 But do not overlook this one fact, 11.
300 That with the Lord, one day is a thousand
301 years, and a thousand years as
302 one day. We've heard that before, right?
303 In fact, you know some people try to use
304 this verse to say that the earth is
305 6,000 years old, and we're getting ready
306 to go into the seventh, hence the
307 millennium, and maybe that's true. I
308 don't know. Could be.
309 That's not what this verse is talking
310 about, though, so let's don't use that
311 one as our hinchpin for that.
312 What this is saying is that God doesn't
313 experience time the way we do.
314 That's what he's saying. In fact, we know
315 that's true, because even we don't
316 experience time the same way as each
317 other. Our satelllites, when you put the
318 satelllites up into space, just have a
319 little bit of difference, they have to
320 set the clocks a little bit slower so
321 that they stay synced
322 with the time on Earth, because time runs
323 at a different pace
324 around the Earth. By the way, time
325 from here to here
326 runs at a perceptible difference. So
327 when we get caught up on time with God,
328 we're working on the wrong subject, right?
329 So a day is a thousand years.
330 Well, the first one, a thousand years is
331 a day. That one makes sense, right? I've
332 always wondered and kind of
333 pondered, okay, a day is a thousand
334 years, right? I'm sorry, a thousand years
335 is a day, right, because God's so long,
336 you know, ohh that was just a day ago. As
337 you get older, right, time seems to go
338 faster, right? But a day being a thousand
339 years, I've always found that phrase
340 interesting. A day, I
341 mean, I've had some long days, but not a
342 day that felt like a thousand years,
343 right? So what does that mean? So I think
344 the first one, a thousand years is a day,
345 talks to the fact that Jesus

346 is eternal, right, she goes on, and we'll
347 hit that. And the second one is, I think
348 it really points to that Jesus is
349 infinite. You can take out however much
350 space you got, and he can chop that thing
351 up as much as he needs to, to get
352 anything done. So that's what we're going
353 to talk about today. And my hope is that
354 when you step into his presence, um
355 you'll step in with a different presence
356 of mind. So Jesus is eternal, a
357 thousand years is like a day, eternity is
358 notcomprehensible by us. We
359 can't really uhm comprehend eternity.
360 So let's go to Ecclesiastes 311,
361 page 554, and the Black Bibles.
362 Again, probably a familiar verse to a lot
363 of folks. He has made everything
364 beautiful in its time. Also he has put
365 eternity into man's heart, yet so
366 that he cannot find out what God has done
367 from the beginning to the end. So
368 when we think about eternity's future, you
369 know We're all going to go to heaven for
370 eternity. When we think about that, that
371 one we can kind of get our heads around a
372 little bit. We think about the longest
373 thing we could possibly think of, and
374 it's longer than that. That's how we
375 think about eternity going forward. And
376 to be honest with you, when you really
377 think about it, you start thinking about
378 maybe you're going to get bored. I hear
379 people talk about, I don't want to go to
380 heaven, it's going to be boring after a
381 while. And you think about it, and that's
382 true. That's true. Take any good thing
383 that we do in life, and if you do too
384 much of it, it gets foreign,
385 right? So that's kind of our warped
386 thought of eternity going forward. The
387 big one, though, is eternity
388 past. That
389 That one blows our minds. Something that
390 has no beginning. That is mind-blowing.
391 And that's why I think the world and
392 mankind has spent so much time trying to
393 to define that, to explain that, because
394 we just can't get our minds around that.
395 So the first point I want to make is a
396 very big one. Jesus has no beginning.
397 Jesus has no beginning.
398 So, just for the sake of time, I'm going
399 to read the next one. You guys can, you
400 don't have to turn to it, but it's Psalm
401 92-4. Before the mountains were brought
402 forth, or even you had formed the earth,
403 and the world from everlasting to
404 everlasting, you are God. I'll finish the
405 rest of it. You return man to dust and
406 say, Return, oh child of man. For a
407 thousand years is in your sight, but as
408 yesterday when it's past, or as a watch
409 in the night. I added the last part
410 because it kind of said the same thing
411 that Peter said, I knew that right.
412 So So this tells us that God
413 existed before the earth, because he
414 formed it, And he's God from everlasting

415 to everlasting, from eternity past to
416 eternity future,
417 right?1 and 2,
418 this is page 886 in the black
419 Bibles. Again, very familiar.
420 In the beginning was the word, and the
421 word was with God. And the word was God.
422 He was in the beginning with God.
423 So here we tie very closely
424 that Jesus is God.
425 He's always existed. He's
426 self-existent. It doesn't say that
427 Jesus was with God at the
428 beginning, like he started at the same
429 time. He was there in the beginning,
430 right?Just like in the beginning, God
431 created the heavens and earth. That's
432 another bonus one, Genesis one. Um
433 So this is where we see that
434 this concept of God being God
435 from everlasting eternity past to
436 eternity forward applies to Jesus.
437 He's always existed, but not with the
438 same name, right?Um
439 He came to earth, put on a body of a man,
440 and that's where he got the name that we
441 now use today. But he existed before
442 that, right?And there's
443 pictures and stuff in the Old Testament
444 But he didn't go by Jesus at that point,
445 right?If somebody interacted
446 with him, they wouldn't have said, oh,
447 Jesus, here. They would've said an angel
448 of God or someone who looks like a God or
449 something like that, right?Which are the
450 references that you see. So what
451 does that imply?Well, that implies
452 that as the self-existent one, this
453 entity that's always existed, he
454 created all that exists.
455 So let's take a look at Psalm 102,
456 page 502. um
457 Of old you laid the foundations of the
458 earth, and the heavens are the works of
459 your hands. They will perish, but you
460 will remain. They will wear out like a
461 garment. You will change them like a
462 robe, and they will pass away, but you
463 are the same, and your years
464 have no end. Again, the last part
465 speaking to to the eternity. Side,
466 the first part is that you laid the
467 foundations of the Earth, and the heavens
468 are the works of your hands. Do you guys
469 see any of the pictures coming out of the
470 telescopes, the Hubble telescope, and
471 another one that we have now?Yeah, yeah
472 It's crazy, isn't it?It's crazy.
473 There are more galaxies in this
474 universe than there's stars in the Milky
475 Way galaxy. It's amazing,
476 and some people look at that and they go,
477 Oh, science, and oh my gosh, butI look at
478 that and go, holy cow, somebody created
479 that. And when you look at that
480 and just imagine the
481 immensity of that, that's the
482 immensity of our
483 self-existent God.

484 That's the image, right?That's the image.
485 So, So let's
486 Actually, you'll have to look these up
487 just for time. 3,
488 all things were made through Him, 3,
489 excuse me, all things were made through
490 Him, and without Him not anything was
491 made. 16 and
492 17, for by Him all things were created in
493 heaven and earth, invisible and
494 invisible, whether thrones or dominions
495 or rulers or authorities. All things were
496 created through Him and before Him, and
497 He is before all things, and in Him all
498 things hold together. And then
499 Revelations 9 or 49 through 11.
500 This is a picture. It's in heaven, right?
501 This is what we're going to be saying in
502 heaven. And the four living creatures,
503 each of them had six wings full of eyes
504 all around and within. Day and night,
505 they never cease to say, Holy, holy,
506 holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was
507 and is to come. Whenever the living
508 creatures give glory and honor and thanks
509 to him who's seated on the throne, who
510 lives forever and ever, the 24 elders,
511 they fall down before him who are seated
512 on the throne, and they worship him, who
513 lives forever and ever, and they cast
514 their crowns before them, saying, Worthy
515 are you, oh Lord, to receive glory.
516 and honor and power, for you created all
517 things. And by your will,
518 not even just power at this point, will,
519 by your will, they existed and were
520 created. So the second person
521 of the Godhead was an
522 agent in creation. And that's a
523 huge claim. When he said, I am, that's
524 what he's saying. That's a huge claim. So
525 what was his proof?What was his proof,
526 right?Um And his proof
527 was thatHe can manipulate the physical
528 world. Let's think about this for a
529 second. I'm going to use a personal
530 example. Here's one of my my analogies.
531 When I was a developer, first starting
532 off, I worked at this company, and I had
533 to build an application that that
534 worked at a hotel company. We owned all
535 these different hotels. Now it's part of
536 Hilton. One of the applications I wrote
537 was one of these screens came up, and it
538 had a form that had
539 Picked a hotel and it had all this hotel
540 information about it, you know, so the
541 the corporate people could look stuff up
542 and so forth, right?But as a developer, I
543 needed to know that code, right?
544 Everything's got a computer code that
545 goes with it. I needed to know what that
546 code was. Nobody else really needed to,
547 but I needed to. So I did it so
548 that if you clicked on the name, it would
549 switch to the code. If you clicked on it,
550 it came back. Nobody would click on it,
551 right?So that's what I did, right?But it
552 ended up getting in the hands of somebody

553 in the new organisation that did need to
554 know that code. And so they were calling
555 me up and asking some questions, and they
556 said, well, I got this problem. We need
557 to figure out what the code is. I don't
558 know what the code is. I'm like, click on
559 that that caption box. That will give you
560 the code. No, it won't. Yes, it will.
561 Just try it. So she clicks on it, she
562 goes, Holy cow, how did you know that? I'm
563 like, well, I wrote it. It did it,
564 right? And that's it's a
565 really simple example,
566 but that's exactly the purpose for the
567 miracles that Jesus did. And he didn't do
568 just one or two of them, he did lots of
569 them. The man is in history because of
570 the impact he had on this world.
571 And that was demonstrated and gave him
572 credibility through the miracles that he
573 did. I'm not gonna read all these, but I
574 mean, just just run through them, right?
575 6-9, changed water into wine.
576 37-41, he was able to stop the
577 wind. Who is he that can control the
578 weather that they obey him, right?
579 6-11, he healed the blind man, he spit on
580 something and he rubbed it on his eyes
581 and all of a sudden he was healed, right,
582 but even better than that,
583 2-9, the centurion comes up and says,
584 Hey, my servant's sick. He was well, I'll
585 go tell him, No, no, it's okay, you don't
586 have to go. I'm a man of authority. If
587 you just say it, I tell my people to go
588 do something and they go do it. If you
589 say it, it'll be done. And it was,
590 right? He can manipulate
591 the physical world. And if you think
592 about it, how can he do that? It's because
593 he made it. He made the
594 atoms. He made the quarks, the gluons,
595 the lipids. He knew about the Higgs boson
596 particle, the God particle, because he
597 made it. He knows the stuff.
598 He knows what gravity is. Nobody knows
599 what gravity is. He knows what causes
600 mass. Why is this thing
601 hard? He understands that.
602 Because he made it. We try to separate
603 the spiritual world and God and Jesus
604 from the physical world, but he made
605 that. It's It's not this
606 huge chasm, right?
607 He understands time violation. He
608 understands, he knows
609 whether everything is made-up of
610 vibrating strings or energy waves,
611 which is a big theory in physical theory,
612 physics theory, right? So he
613 understands that. And if he understands
614 all that and built it, when someone says,
615 Hey, I need to know the hotel code, and
616 he says, Well, click on this, well,
617 that's not going to work, right? Holy cow,
618 how did you do that? I mean,
619 that part isn't amazing. The amazing part
620 is who he is. But once you understand
621 that, the rest of it is really not that

622 unlogical. It's a natural
623 progression, right?
624 And as we learn more and more, man is
625 able to do more and more of these
626 miracles, right?Because when we
627 understand something, we call it science.
628 When we don't understand something, we
629 call it a miracle, right?But honestly, I
630 think it's just a continuum. That's my
631 opinion, my opinion. So anyhow,
632 so the first picture is that Jesus is
633 big, and he is eternal. He's worthy of
634 our worship. and not to be taken
635 casually. And that's the big thing I
636 wanted to walk away from this first part
637 from with everybody is is
638 if you've got a very casual picture of
639 Jesus in your mind, he's my buddy, he's
640 my copilot, right?He's my friend,
641 he is your friend. He says that, he's
642 your brother. But he is also
643 an eternal being that created all of
644 those galaxies that we see out there. And
645 we take that lightly and we try to
646 casualize him, right?I
647 think we do ourselves in injustice. I
648 think we do the creator of the universe
649 in injustice. So
650 So how can something so big
651 care about me?
652 It's big. I'm just this little bitty
653 thing, right?So this gets us to a
654 day is a thousand years. Now I could
655 explore the infiniteness of
656 Christ. Lots of different ways, but I'm
657 gonna keep it to one. I'm gonna keep it
658 personal because, you know, if we're all
659 honest, if we're all honest, in our
660 minds, it's all about me, right?God's all
661 about me. It's about what's in my head,
662 when I'm thinking my opinion, right?
663 That's the mental image that I talked
664 about earlier, right?We all create a God
665 in our own minds that bends to the way
666 that we think, right?So let's turn over
667 to Psalms 139. We're gonna do a few
668 verses there, so you can keep your finger
669 there. So page 521 in the black Bibles.
670 Oh Lord, you have searched me and have
671 known me. You know when I sit down and
672 when I rise up, you discern my thoughts
673 from afar, you search out my path and my
674 lying down, and are acquainted with all
675 my ways, even before a word
676 is on my tongue.
677 Behold, oh Lord, you know it altogether.
678 God knows me
679 better than I know myself. He knows me.
680 Two hours from now, I think I know where
681 I'm going to be in two hours, right?But I
682 can't tell you where I'll be in two days.
683 I can't tell you where I'll be in two
684 years. But God knows he
685 knows everything about me. You keep your
686 finger there. I'm going to read a couple
687 more right quick. So Matthew 1029 through
688 31. Again, very familiar passages.
689 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny,
690 and not one of them will fall to the

691 ground apart from your father?Even the
692 hairs on your head are all numbered. Fear
693 not, therefore you are of more value than
694 many sparrows. And then Matthew 6:26,
695 Look at the birds of the air, neither
696 they sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
697 yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are
698 you not of more value than
699 these?So God knows,
700 God knows every bit of life that has
701 existed intimately, existed on this
702 planet from the very beginning,
703 whether you think it was 6000 years ago,
704 whether you think it was 6 million years
705 ago, whether you think it was 60 million
706 years ago, right?And by the way, the
707 bigger that number gets, the more
708 incredible God becomes if you think about
709 it, right?And he
710 knows every single person. So actually
711 when I was writing this little piece
712 right here, just kind of jotting down my
713 notes, I was actually in a taxi in India
714 heading to the office. Got my laptop out
715 there. It's about a 15 minute drive. So I
716 pulled my laptop out and I thought I'd
717 take some notes on this. And I got to
718 this point. I wrote that down that he
719 knows every single one of us. And I
720 looked around and I'm surrounded. I'm in
721 a traffic jam. I've got motorbikes going
722 by, two or three people on them. I've got
723 this open air bus. right, under this
724 whole thing of traffic. I got people
725 going in between, you know, throngs of
726 people walking in between the cars when
727 they're stuck at the the traffic jams,
728 right?And I thought, oh my
729 goodness, God knows the thought that's
730 going through every single one of these
731 people's minds at that exact moment.
732 And he knows what they're going to be
733 thinking two hours from now, two
734 days from now, 10 years from now.
735 He knows that intimate level of detail
736 on everything. Well, how can he know all
737 of this?Because he's infinite. Have
738 you ever thought, or has anybody ever
739 asked you, how can God listen to all
740 those prayers at the same time?Right?
741 We're all sitting in here and we pray our
742 our prayer of of
743 forgiveness, right?And we're
744 all saying, you know, Lord, I was this
745 this week, or I did this this week, and I
746 shouldn't have, sorry. Please forgive me.
747 How can you listen to all of us at the
748 same time?Is he time-slicing, you know?
749 Because he's infinite. And just like
750 eternity, we really can't grasp infinity,
751 right?It's very weird. So I'm going to
752 give you a thought exercise. I'm a
753 mathematician by my bachelor's degree,
754 right, so I I do a lot of thinking. I'm
755 going to give you a thought exercise.
756 When I heard this the first time, I was
757 like, wow, this helps me
758 understand that I don't understand
759 infinity, right?So

760 Imagine you've got a hotel that's got an
761 infinite number of rooms. Okay?
762 Infinite number of rooms. And it's full.
763 Okay?And the guy walks up and says,
764 I'd like a room for the night. What do
765 you do?You're full. By definition, that I
766 just gave you, you're full. What do you
767 do?Well, the hotel manager gets on the
768 phone and says, Hey, guys, I need
769 everybody to walk out the room and go one
770 room over. And they stick him in room
771 one. Or if your computer guy, room zero.
772 Right?Pretty amazing.
773 What if a bus comes up that's got an
774 infinite number of people in it, and they
775 walk up and they say, We need a room. Now
776 what do you do?Right?Manager gets on the
777 phone, tells all the rooms, I want you to
778 step outside your door, look at your room
779 number, whatever the number is, double
780 it, and go get in that room. And now
781 you've got an infinite number of rooms
782 for people to go into. That's logical.
783 That's true. That's hard to get your mind
784 around, isn't it?Right?So we can
785 appreciate it, but we we can't
786 really grasp it. God is infinite. So with
787 that concept that God is infinite
788 and understands all this stuff, let's
789 keep looking at Psalm 139, seven through
790 16. So where shall I go from your spirit,
791 or where shall I flee from your presence?
792 If I ascend to heaven, you are there, if
793 I make my bed and shield,You are there.
794 If I take the wings of the morning and
795 dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
796 even there your hand shall lead me, and
797 your right hand shall hold me. If I say,
798 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and
799 the light about me be night,' even the
800 dark is not dark to you, and the night
801 is bright as day, for darkness is as
802 light with you. Actually, there's some
803 really interesting stuff about that one,
804 but we'll skip over that. For you
805 formed my inward parts, you knitted me
806 together in my mother's womb,I
807 praise you for I am fearfully and
808 wonderfully made. Wonderful are your
809 works. My soul knows it very well.
810 My frame was not hidden from you when I
811 was being made in secret, intricately
812 woven in the depths of the earth. And
813 that means the womb, right?Your eyes saw
814 my unformed substance, and in your
815 book were written every one of them, the
816 days that were formed for me, yet when
817 there was none of them.
818 When you think about the fact that God is
819 infinite, that makes sense. It
820 does, right?But again,
821 we can't comprehend it, right?So if you
822 go down to verse six, and then verse 17
823 and 18, verse six, Such knowledge is too
824 wonderful for me, it's high, I can't
825 attain it. And then 17 and 18, How
826 precious to me are your thoughts, oh God,
827 how vast is the sun?If I would count
828 them, they're more than the sand, and

829 that's back when they couldn't number the
830 They couldn't imagine anything more than
831 number of grains of sand, right?Now we've
832 got galaxies in the in the universe.
833 So Isaiah 4028,
834 I'll do this one and then you guys can go
835 ahead and go to Isaiah 5589.
836 28, by the way, this is from a famous
837 chapter. If you read that chapter, you're
838 gonna recognize lots of verses in there.
839 It's the flower fades, the rest was in
840 the flower fades verse. It's the voice
841 crying in the wilderness. It's the
842 renew your strength, wings of eagles.
843 It's a good chapter, right?But
844 But verses 25 through 28,
845 to whom then will you compare me, that
846 I should be like him, says the Holy One.
847 Lift up your eyes on high and see who
848 created these. Who brings out?Who
849 brings out their hosts by number, calling
850 them all by names?The host being the
851 stars, right?By the
852 greatness of his might, and
853 because he is a strong power, not one is
854 missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and
855 speak, O Israel, my way is hidden from
856 the Lord, and my right hand is
857 disregarded by God?Right?Ooh, God doesn't
858 see what I'm doing. Or maybe God doesn't
859 care what I'm doing, right?Or what's
860 happening to me. Have you not known?Have
861 you not heard?The Lord is an everlasting
862 God, the creator of the ends of the
863 earth. He does not faint or grow weary.
864 His understanding is unsearchable. Again,
865 guys, trying to understand and wrap our
866 brain around this, it's tough. It's
867 impossible, right?And let's do Isaiah
868 55, 8, 9 again. Very
869 familiar verse. For my thoughts are not
870 your thoughts, neither are your ways my
871 ways, declares the Lord. For as the
872 heavens are higher than the earth, so are
873 my ways higher than your ways, and my
874 thoughts than your thoughts. So his
875 thoughts are above our thoughts.
876 Um And actually, talking about reading
877 our Bibles and stuff, one of the reasons
878 why I want folks to actually look this up
879 is because when you read your Bibles, you
880 see the context, right?You can put your
881 marker and you can go back and read it
882 later because you've got it right there.
883 You can write notes because you write a
884 note, you go, oh my word, I understand
885 this. Or maybe the Lord's speaking to me
886 or saying something. You can write that
887 note and then you can come back two or
888 three years later and you can read it
889 again, right?That's why we should be
890 bringing our Bibles to church and that's
891 why we should have them open. We should
892 be looking at them. Because when God
893 speaks to you, if you write it down and
894 you come back to it two years later,
895 three years later. Or in my case, 30
896 years later, 40,
897 40 years later. Because

898 when I looked up this passage, I happened
899 to look down at the bottom, and there was
900 a note that I had made somewhere between
901 1986 and 1990, 'cause
902 it was in one of those old Bibles that I
903 had, right?And my margin note, from a
904 teenager or 20-something-year-old kid,
905 21-year-old kid, I don't have to
906 understand, just be faithful.
907 Right?And as you start off, you don't
908 understand a lot of stuff. And as you
909 mature, you then start understanding. You
910 start seeing this stuff tying together,
911 and you go, Wow. Right?Because God is
912 infinite, and we will do that, you know,
913 forever. But my point here
914 to myself was when I run across something
915 that I don't understand, it's okay. It's
916 okay. It's okay to ask God questions.
917 Right?It's okay to question and go, What
918 does this mean?He's not afraid of your
919 questions. But, sorry, that was
920 preaching, and I don't preach. So the
921 second picture I've got that I want you
922 guys to have is that God is infinite.
923 God's availability for us is
924 infinite. God's,
925 our learning and entertainment
926 that we're going to have in heaven, when
927 we think about eternity going forward,
928 it's infinite. Are we going to get bored?
929 No. Well, how can that be?Because it's
930 infinite, right?And
931 we just can't get our heads around that.
932 That's so tough, right?Um
933 We can't We can't comprehend
934 them, and we don't know God's plan
935 outside of what we can point to in the
936 Bible. And anybody that tells you
937 different, go look it up in the Bible
938 before you decide to believe it, right?
939 Because his ways are not our ways, his
940 thoughts are not our thoughts. When
941 someone tries to tell you different,
942 question that. All right, so practical
943 application. Um My hope here
944 is that this little picture, the
945 self-existent one, both his internalness
946 and his his infiniteness
947 influences prayer and worship, which then
948 affects your daily life, your life
949 choices, and your attitudes about what's
950 important. So you got the
951 eternality of Christ, you
952 know, viewing your choices
953 in light of eternity, right?And I
954 see this in the church too, right?I never
955 thought I would, but I do. There is an
956 acceptance that the means justify the
957 ends. We see that in our culture,
958 but we see it in our church. And that is
959 so wrong. Because eternity, there are no
960 ends. There's only means.
961 And we are in eternity right now, guys.
962 It's not the other side of eternity. We
963 are in it right now.
964 Infiniteness, viewing others in light of
965 Christ's infiniteness, He cares for you,
966 He knows you. But He also

967 cares for that person, and for that
968 person, and for this person over here,
969 right? Things that make me feel superior
970 to somebody else, they pale
971 in comparison. God
972 is so beyond your circle. He's
973 so beyond your mind, which is where I
974 spend a lot of my time, right? He's so
975 beyond your family. He's so beyond your
976 friends, your church, your political
977 affiliations, your socio-economical
978 Classifications, your lifestyle choices,
979 your nationality, even your point in time
980 in history. He is so beyond all of that.
981 So we do tend to try to partialize God,
982 and we make him too casual, right? And
983 he is true. He is there for you. He is
984 infinite. There's enough of him that you
985 need because he's infinite, right? But
986 he's also this for everybody else.
987 Umm And the last thing I want to hit was
988 just increase your faith. So I'm hoping
989 that this will increase your faith. And
990 in the light of the immensity of Jesus,
991 what does that require of us? And so I'm
992 going to finish on one interesting
993 story. So guys, please open to Mark 9:14
994 through 24, and that's page 844
995 in your Bibles, the black ones.
996 So the context of this verse is
997 Jesus and and three of the disciples have
998 had this amazing experience on the
999 mountain, transfiguration, right? They're
1000 coming down, there's some
1001 chaos, there's some discussions going on
1002 with the rest of the disciples and some
1003 people, and so this is where the
1004 story picks up. So when they came to the
1005 disciples, they saw a great crowd
1006 gathered around them, and the scribes
1007 argue with them, and immediately the
1008 crowd said when they saw him, they were
1009 greatly amazed, and ran up to him and
1010 greeted him, and he asked them, What are
1011 you arguing about with them? And then
1012 someone from the crowd answered, Teacher,
1013 I brought my son to you, for he has a
1014 spirit that makes him mute. And whenever
1015 it seizes him, it throws him down and he
1016 foams and grinds his teeth and becomes
1017 rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it
1018 out, but they were not able. And he
1019 Jesus answered him, oh, faithless
1020 generation, how long am I going to be
1021 with you? How long am I to bear with you?
1022 Bring it to me. And they brought the boy
1023 to him, and when the Spirit saw him,
1024 immediately it convulsed the boy, and he
1025 fell on the ground and rolled about,
1026 foaming out of the mouth. And Jesus asked
1027 his father, How long has this been
1028 happening to him? He says, From childhood.
1029 It has often cast him into the fire and
1030 into the water and destroyed him,
1031 but if you can do anything, have
1032 compassion on us and help us out. And
1033 Jesus said to him, If you can.
1034 If? All things.
1035 All things are possible for one who

believes.

And immediately the father of the child cried out and said, I believe, help my unbelief.

Amazing verse. I've actually lived a lot of my life on that one, right? But, and this is why you should study your Bibles, guys. Let's go over to the same story. In Matthew 7:14 through 20, that's page 822, same thing. When they came down to the crowd and a man came up to him, kneeling before him, said Lord have mercy on me, my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly, for he falls into the fire and off into the water. And I brought him to your disciples and they cannot heal him. And Jesus answered, O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me. And Jesus, Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him. The boy was healed essentially and the disciples came up to. Here's the new part, here's the new part. And guys, this is, this is This is pretty cool, because you've heard this your entire lives. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, Why could we not cast it out? And he said, Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith, like a grain of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. That's where we get faith of a mustard seed. So have you ever thought about what that mustard seed is? It's I believe, help my unbelief. That's a mustard seed. That's how big the mustard seed is. So uhm

so behold, Jesus, I I am, the eternal and infinite, who asked me to have faith the size of the mustard seed, and that, that's the picture of Jesus I wanted to share with you guys. So let's pray. So Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that you are the self-existent one. You are eternal. You have no beginning. You have no end. Your worthy receive honor and glory and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created, and you are infinite. You care about every person and creature on this planet throughout all of time, including me, but not just me. So Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

Let's stand and see if our people respond. Let's crown him and take crowns, let's send first and last verse again.