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1 PASTOR MARK FRY: We really want to look at this
2 whole concept of who is a priest and who is not.

3 So I want you to hear this as grace; not
4 condemnation, and I mean that, not condemnation of
5 Christianity, or tradition, or anything else, but there just
6 are some, I think, unhelpful distinctions that have been
7 made.

8 That's where I'm coming from and my reference
9 points to that are the scriptural verses we started with.

10 And I have them here now so you don't have to look
11 them up. You can later.

12 "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood."

13 In some people it's kind of like the old notion of
14 am I really a saint? I don't feel like one.

15 Am I really a priest? I don't feel like one.

16 Yes, you are. The Bible says you are.

17 You, and that's an individual thing, and it's a
18 corporate thing.

19 You are a royal priesthood. You're God's own
20 people.

21 "In order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of
22 Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous
23 light."

24 It's not just for some select group of paid
25 professionals that wear robes, or ties, or funny hats; it's

1 for all of us.

2 So that is the first reference.

3 The second one is very much like it. When we read
4 Paul's Letter to the Romans, he unlocks these spiritual
5 gifts that the body of Christ has.

6 Some of us have a dominant gift of prophecy, or
7 ministry, or teaching, or exhortation, or giving, or
8 leadership or compassion, but all of those are here, and
9 more.

10 We just need to do a better job of balancing them
11 and letting the people who have them drive the car.

12 Letting those people be the body of Christ in
13 ministry.

14 And so to look at the Book of Acts, this is the
15 church being the church.

16 It's what the church is and what the church does,
17 and as you look at that, they are in the temple, but they
18 are also at home being the church.

19 It's not a just go to the building and do it there.
20 There is a balance between home and temple.

21 It's about being the body of Christ and doing what
22 the body of Christ needs to be doing.

23 Breaking bread together; sharing; being generous;
24 caring for one another.

25 Because once that happens, it says in that last

1 verse, "And the church grew," and it grew in healthy ways.

2 God wants our church to grow more than we do, but
3 he wants it to be healthy, and he wants it to be balanced,
4 and he doesn't want it to be in a controlling way, but
5 rather in an equipping way, so that we can be the body of
6 Christ.

7 It's the Acts of the Apostles. The actions of the
8 apostles.

9 It's a love story that is in action in the New
10 Testament.

11 It is not stopped and stagnant. The body of Christ
12 is alive, and it has all different members to it, all
13 different body parts that are out there doing and being
14 balanced.

15 It implies movement and it implies energy, so that
16 is where I am going.

17 My opportunity today is to hopefully unpack that a
18 little bit. So let's pray for a minute that I might be
19 helpful.

20 Lord, a lot of what I have learned about the church
21 requires a bunch of repentance on my part. I'm sorry,
22 really, that I've taken a lot of the fun stuff and kept it
23 to myself, and I've not shared it and let other people go
24 out and do the stuff that blesses other people. It felt so
25 good to visit somebody, or to drink coffee with somebody, or

1 to visit a hospital, that I've kind of kept that to myself.

2 Yet, Lord, as we look at the scriptures we know
3 that it's about balance, and it's about what we do in this
4 room, this building, what we do at our homes, and then what
5 we do all the other places, for we are your body.

6 So, Lord, thank you for where we've been and for
7 where we are and where you are leading us.

8 Plus, maybe I have something helpful for these fine
9 folks, these priests and priestesses.

10 Bless us now. In Jesus's name. Amen.

11 So that is my task and that's rather huge, but the
12 way we are going to get there is by looking a little bit at
13 that Book of Acts.

14 So rejoin me in Acts 2, but you need to backtrack
15 slightly in order to understand where that is.

16 And I don't know if you knew this or not, but it's
17 a fact that the person who wrote the Book of Acts also wrote
18 the Book of Luke.

19 His name was Luke, and so when he's writing the
20 Book of Luke he's telling all of the stories of Jesus.

21 And he's a brilliant man. Some say he was a
22 physician, Luke, but at the very end of Luke's Gospel, and
23 if you are looking in the scriptures it's on page 86, what
24 we are going to learn is that Luke and Acts go together,
25 even though they are separated by the Book of John.

1 They didn't ask me back in the first century when
2 they were putting together the canon of what the Bible
3 should be, I probably would have had Luke and then Acts and
4 then John, just because they go together, it's the same
5 author, but it's kind of cool that John is in there, too.

6 But look at the end of Luke's Gospel, the 24th
7 Chapter, Verse 50.

8 "Then he led them," he being Jesus, Jesus has
9 already been crucified, buried, and raised, and he has been
10 with the disciples.

11 But now he's leading them out as far as Bethany,
12 which I have all my Bethany stories in the Bible circled,
13 because that's the church that I'm privileged to call home,
14 Bethany.

15 He leads them as far as Bethany. He lifts up his
16 hands and he blessed them.

17 "While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them
18 and was carried up into heaven and they worshipped him and
19 returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were
20 continually in the temple blessing God."

21 But the context of that is the verse that
22 immediately precedes it where Jesus says, "Stay here in the
23 city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

24 Do you see that in the verse before that one? In
25 other words, what they are doing is they're sitting and

1 waiting.

2 He says stay here, I'm going to come back, but hang
3 right here.

4 And then I don't know how it exactly happened, but
5 it must have been really cool, because then Jesus is in this
6 holy elevator and he just kind of goes up to heaven, out of
7 their sight, but he says stay right here and wait.

8 So that is what they are doing. They are waiting.
9 They are in a holding pattern.

10 And then we fast forward to the Book of Acts,
11 that's where the story then continues, see, this is Luke,
12 and he's continuing to tell the story.

13 So we start reading in the first chapter of Acts,
14 we notice right away, "In the first book, Theophilus," he's
15 the guy he's writing to story to, "I wrote about all the
16 things that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until
17 the day when he was taken up into heaven."

18 Remember, that's where we just were. He's on the
19 holy elevator and how they are told to wait.

20 "After giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
21 to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he
22 presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs,
23 appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the
24 kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them
25 not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of

1 the Father."

2 So they are waiting literally in the city of
3 Jerusalem.

4 And they are sitting there for forty-some days and
5 they are kind of going, I wonder what it's going to be like
6 when he comes back. Is it going to be the way it used to
7 be?

8 Forty days of this, of praying about it, wondering
9 about it and then they kind of ask this question?

10 Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
11 kingdom to Israel?

12 We have been waiting, we have been praying, and we
13 have our own expectations, demands, and hopes and dreams for
14 what the church looks like.

15 Is this the time when you restore the kingdom to
16 Israel?

17 In other words, they want to know is it going to be
18 a restoration project of the way it used to be?

19 Are you going to restore the kingdom to the way it
20 was when you were walking with us? We really liked it that
21 way.

22 And what happens then is really amazing, because
23 what happens in the second chapter of the Book of Acts, they
24 are still waiting, and Acts 2 comes along and he comes back
25 in the form of the Holy Spirit.

1 And it's not a restoration project. Are you going
2 to restore the kingdom?

3 No. No. In a lot of ways it's a reversal project.
4 It's not going to be the way it was before; in fact, it's
5 going to be better.

6 So what happens in the Books of Acts, the second
7 chapter is Pentecost comes, the Holy Spirit gets down and
8 all heaven gets shook loose.

9 And it's amazing when that happens, because there
10 are three things that really are kind of obvious.

11 The church becomes a movement and not a monument.
12 There is a whole bunch of confusion, because the people are
13 speaking different languages and it used to be just speaking
14 Hebrew, and so people are confused by that.

15 But the other thing that happens is the church
16 becomes a person and not a place.

17 It's not just a building. It's all of this. It's
18 a movement; not a monument. A person; not a place. It's an
19 organism; not an organization.

20 And what happens then is if we look closely at
21 Chapter 2 all the way down there, they are just amazed, Acts
22 2:12, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
23 what does this mean?"

24 What is going on? I thought it was going to be the
25 way it used to be.

1 But they are speaking all these different languages
2 and people are coming to faith and people are rolling around
3 and it's like, whoa, I don't know if I like this or not.

4 It's kind of uncomfortable when the Spirit gets
5 unleashed and so somebody sneers and they say they must be
6 drunk, they are filled with new wine.

7 And that's true, but, you see, they are not drunk
8 with alcohol; they are drunk with the Spirit, the new wine,
9 in a new wine skin, a different container, just as Jesus had
10 said.

11 And so they are wondering, is it going to be like
12 the way it used to be?

13 No, it isn't. That's the good news and the bad
14 news, because we get comfortable, but then the Spirit comes
15 along and it calls away a youth minister.

16 We were just starting to get this thing down a
17 little bit, but, you see, organization has to give up to
18 organism, the living, breathing spirit of the living Christ.

19 So it's not exactly halleluja, because confusion
20 will immediately occur and oftentimes enthusiasm is confused
21 with drunkenness.

22 If you were here for our Thanksgiving service when
23 Pastor Hallan was preaching, she gets really loud, she is an
24 African-American woman from north Omaha and she said, "I am
25 in love with Jesus," and people were like whoa, look out.

1 She doesn't drink. She just has that intensity
2 about the way she brings God's word. It's awesome.

3 So I have a little video clip. This is kind of
4 cool.

5 Before you hit it, let me introduce it. I'm going
6 to show you a little clip of the video "The Incredibles".

7 I had not seen "The Incredibles", which tells you
8 the age of my kids. I have a 19 and a 23 year old.

9 And I had heard it was a cool movie, but I had not
10 seen it.

11 So I read something about how this guy was a super
12 hero and then he kind of wants to retire.

13 And I read about how some pastors and priests think
14 they are super priests.

15 And somebody said you should see "The Incredibles".
16 So I called Pam in our children's ministry.

17 I asked, "Does anybody over there have "The
18 Incredibles"?"

19 She said, "I think my daughter Angela has it."

20 So she called and Angela was coming up to the
21 church that day at noon and she said she will bring it.

22 So she comes in my office and she has one of her
23 kids on her hip, she's got the baby there, and she hands me
24 "The Incredibles" and she said, "Gage," he's three or four,
25 he's at home, "I told him Pastor Mark wanted to borrow "The

1 the powers.

2 And so it's really interesting because the kids,
3 they're running around and all this stuff, and so it's kind
4 of handy for Elastigirl, her arm can grab the kids and bring
5 them back in, but Bob has gone back to normal and he's an
6 insurance guy.

7 But he is still being called to save the world, and
8 so he moonlights on the side and he goes out and he's out in
9 his spare time saving the world.

10 Instead of being a full-time super hero, he goes
11 out and does it, but he has put on a few extra pounds.

12 And finally, at the end of the story, the beautiful
13 thing of it is that the whole family gets involved in saving
14 the world.

15 I think that's incredible. That's really, I think,
16 what has happened in the Christian tradition, is that we
17 have made some mistakes, and we thought it was just for the
18 super heros, the super Christians, the ordained, called,
19 paid people to do and save the world.

20 Maybe it's time for the whole family to get
21 involved. That would be incredible.

22 So that is where I want to go. Again, it's not
23 about controlling, but it's about being incredibly free and
24 fluid in the whole thing.

25 It goes back to it's an organism; not an

1 organization.

2 But here is the cool thing about it. This is not
3 new.

4 If you are Lutheran, or from a Lutheran background,
5 Martin Luther came up with this same concept back in the
6 1500s.

7 He called it the priesthood of all believers, and
8 what that meant was he came to the conclusion that the
9 Spirit said to him when he was studying the scriptures, he's
10 like this is kind of strange, I think this book is for
11 everybody, not just for a few people who speak the holy
12 languages of Latin, Hebrew, and Greek.

13 It needs to be translated into German, which was
14 his language, and every other language, so that people could
15 read for themselves the treasure chest of God's grace and
16 you don't have to go ask the religious experts the question.
17 Ask the book and the Spirit.

18 In other words, the ground at the foot of the cross
19 is entirely level.

20 You don't have to go through a pastor or a minister
21 or a priest or a bishop or anybody like that to get the
22 answers or to have access to God.

23 Luther thought that up some 550 years ago, but no
24 sooner was he dead and buried than the same thing was
25 created in all the different strands of Christianity.

1 We set up our own little hierarchial notions of who
2 is in charge, who is in control, and most of it has to do
3 with rules of order.

4 Well, wine or grape juice? Well, we better have a
5 bunch of churches that do the grape juice/wine thing, others
6 that do this.

7 Well, women in ministry. We better have some
8 churches that do this, because they aren't as close to God
9 as the ones who do everything by a pre-prescribed way, and I
10 bet Luther is kind of spinning in his grave. He's going
11 these guys just didn't get it.

12 But he said the priesthood of all believers, which
13 means everybody who is baptized is in the game.

14 Wenda was awesome last week. She was showing a
15 dirty filthy towel, of how Jesus goes and he washes the
16 disciples' feet.

17 And she was prophetically pointing out about how
18 our whole culture teaches us to just be in the bleachers
19 watching, instead of getting into the game.

20 We don't feel worthy, or we don't special enough,
21 or polished enough.

22 And so, as I said earlier, my main morale of the
23 story is, I'm sorry for stealing some of the joy of that
24 from you guys.

25 I don't think of myself as a control freak, but I

1 don't like chaos.

2 And churches don't need to be chaotic; they need to
3 be chaotic.

4 But it does need to be the body of Christ and it
5 has to be functioning and balanced, and it doesn't have
6 anything to do with pedigree, or scholarship, or years in
7 the saddle or whatever.

8 God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the
9 called, and that's all of us.

10 We are all the priests. The priesthood of all
11 believers. If you believe, then you should be in the game.

12 Here is kind of an interesting chart that I
13 discovered about what it used to be like to be a priest in
14 the Old Testament.

15 Here is an Old Testament priest. This was the
16 rules of who got to be in the club.

17 You had to be a descendant of Aaron, based on
18 status and selection.

19 There was a process that a priest literally had to
20 go through.

21 They mediated the affairs between God and humanity.
22 The average person just couldn't even talk to God.

23 You had to go to the priest to do it in the Old
24 Testament, and so they gave all the answers.

25 They told you how much, and they told other things.

1 One chosen person served many, and it got delegated.

2 Moses and all these guys delegated, that wasn't the
3 issue.

4 But notice there is one person who is kind of the
5 hierarchial go-to person.

6 And in the Old Testament God's presence was thought
7 to be in one holy isolated place.

8 That was the Holy of Holies and it was behind the
9 altar in this place that they could only go in once a year
10 and one guy could go in and whisper God's name.

11 One person. Only one person had access to God
12 literally. That's the Old Testament understanding.

13 Then Jesus comes along, and he does all that stuff
14 we are talking about of anybody who picks up the cross and
15 follows me, I call you my disciple, which is learner, and
16 you guys are all in the game now. It's level ground at the
17 foot of the cross.

18 So the New Testament changes a lot of that and now
19 the church becomes comprised of all the people who follow
20 Christ.

21 That's the priesthood. It's not just a select few
22 that have a degree on the wall and a specialty in other
23 languages.

24 Life is seen as a sacrifice. I don't need to take
25 my sacrifice to a person, and what Paul teaches also in the

1 Bible is that your body is the temple.

2 It isn't a building anymore, and immediate access
3 to God's throne for us. It's level.

4 Your prayers are just as effective, your presence
5 is just as welcome to God as mine.

6 But, you see, at times I want to control that. Do
7 you know the Greek language? Or the Latin language? Or the
8 Hebrew? I have been to seminary.

9 And then, see, what we've done is people have
10 acquiesced, he's the pastor, she's the pastor, they know
11 more than we know, or they have more power with God.

12 That old joke of playing golf and the guy is
13 complaining about the weather and a pastor is in the
14 foursome and they go, "Can't you do something about this?
15 You have a special relationship."

16 And the pastor says, "I'm in sales; not
17 management."

18 (Laughter)

19 But they think we have a market cornered on God.

20 There is another pastor joke.

21 "Do you play golf?"

22 "Yes, I play."

23 "How well do you play?"

24 "I play in the 80s."

25 "Wow. You play a lot of golf?"

1 He goes, "Well, if it gets cooler, I play in the
2 70s."

3 (Laughter)

4 But, you see, immediate access to God, many people
5 serve each other. It's hand in glove.

6 That's what we see in the Book of Acts. They are
7 having it at the temple, but they are also doing it at home.

8 And they are also going around and then the church
9 grows, because it's balanced.

10 God's presence is in the lives of Christ's
11 followers.

12 It's not just isolated to a little box, or a little
13 wafer, that we only have access to when one particular
14 person gives it to us.

15 You see, this is a total New Testament
16 understanding of some of the changes that are really called
17 for in this new custom and era that we find ourselves in.

18 I want to conclude by sharing a verse and then
19 introducing a friend.

20 This is from Hebrews 4. It's on page 210. I
21 wrestled with this verse for a long time. I really like it.

22 "Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace
23 with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace
24 to help in time of need."

25 I used to short change and short sheet that verse

1 and I used to think that that is just such grace, because
2 when I'm feeling in a time of need I can approach the throne
3 of grace with boldness, and I can go there and get what I
4 need.

5 I can get the Spirit. I can get God's embrace. I
6 can get God's word of forgiveness, and then I can just stay
7 there and really feel blessed.

8 But now I'm reading that verse differently, and the
9 way I'm reading that now is that is still true.

10 "Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace
11 with boldness."

12 In other words, it's level ground, "so that we may
13 receive mercy and find grace."

14 We get it, but why do we get it? Not just to keep
15 to ourselves, "to help in the time of need."

16 We go there to get it, that's the flow of grace, to
17 give it away. The priesthood of all believers, to keep
18 loving; not just being loved.

19 That's a new thought for me. I never knew it in
20 that verse before, because I've always loved that verse.

21 "Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace
22 with boldness."

23 Yes, I'm a good Lutheran, "so that we may receive
24 mercy and find grace," to help in my time of need.

25 But now I'm seeing it, I need to go there because

1 there's people around me who are in the time of need, and
2 they need what God has that he's loaning to me.

3 Confidence, grace, boldness, mercy. They need it
4 worse than I need it, so I don't need to be self-centered in
5 that.

6 I'll introduce to you a friend of mine, Bob Worley.
7 A real cool thing is happening here at Bethany, not a
8 spiritual awakening, that's kind of a funny word, but Bob is
9 part a group, you didn't wear your fancy T shirt today, but
10 go ahead and tell them who you are and how long you have
11 been around here, would you please?

12 MR. WORLEY: Thanks, Mark. Hi, I'm Bob Worley, and
13 if you were here last week you might recognize me as the guy
14 on Christmas Eve with the pooper scooper and the mop out
15 there as Wenda had mentioned.

16 PASTOR FRY: And sweat on your brow.

17 MR. WORLEY: And sweat on my brow.

18 PASTOR FRY: But a smile on your face.

19 MR. WORLEY: That's right, serving willingly to do
20 the job that needed to be done at the time, and I appreciate
21 doing that job.

22 I love my church, and I love our church, I always
23 hesitate, I always say my church. No. Our church. God's
24 church.

25 PASTOR FRY: Have you been around here long?

1 MR. WORLEY: Yes, since 1988.

2 PASTOR FRY: You guys got married here?

3 MR. WORLEY: Yes, we did. Roxie and I were married
4 here in 1998 and our daughter was baptized here just shortly
5 after she was born in 1998 -- we were married in 1997,
6 excuse me, in 1998 she was baptized.

7 (Laughter)

8 PASTOR FRY: Fix that on the tape.

9 (Laughter)

10 MR. WORLEY: And, Drew, if there is evidence that
11 we are on a spiritual journey, you are our evidence.

12 You are a living evidence to us, and I hope that
13 you received as much as we received by your presence here.

14 God bless you. Thank you for what you've done. I
15 appreciate it and I'm so happy for you.

16 I saw you when we made cutbacks and told you we
17 were praying for you, and we were.

18 And God answered our prayers and that is such a
19 wonderful thing.

20 It's just evidence that if you pray, and if you
21 ask, things will happen.

22 When I was a kid, the first thing I learned in
23 Sunday school is God answers prayers three ways.

24 Yes, no, and wait, and most of the time it's wait,
25 but that's okay, because that way we get to grow.

1 PASTOR FRY: Tell them about your prayer being
2 answered, Bob.

3 MR. WORLEY: We have been meeting here on Wednesday
4 night for the past few weeks, and it has been exciting,
5 actually, planning some events coming up and some things
6 we'll be doing here at Bethany that we want to be ongoing
7 things.

8 We want these things to keep going. Mark had
9 mentioned in the meetings, it's not program, program,
10 program, waiting for the next one.

11 No. We want to do things that we continue with,
12 that we keep, we keep here, and that we enjoy.

13 PASTOR FRY: Tell us, people are hearing about the
14 MOB.

15 MR. WORLEY: Yes, I sat in on the MOB's meeting the
16 other night.

17 PASTOR FRY: And they aren't an angry mob.

18 MR. WORLEY: It wasn't a bunch of big tough guys
19 with black suits on, but Men of Bethany.

20 PASTOR FRY: M-O-B.

21 MR. WORLEY: And they will be doing some things for
22 us and with us and everyone is encouraged and asked to
23 participate.

24 Obviously it says the Men of Bethany, but we are
25 just a facilitator.

1 We are just taking a role in being part of the
2 church and being together and enjoying each other's company
3 and sharing our Christian beliefs and our knowing that God
4 is with us.

5 PASTOR FRY: Cut to the chase then what that
6 actually is going to mean.

7 MR. WORLEY: Well, on the 5th are the volunteer
8 opportunities. We will have service here, the end of this
9 sermon series and volunteer opportunies.

10 PASTOR FRY: Ministry Expo begins on February 5th.

11 MR. WORLEY: Yes.

12 PASTOR FRY: And then some people like Bob are
13 feeling a call to then also provide some teaching course
14 opportunities on Sunday morning.

15 MR. WORLEY: There are two or three or more
16 opportunities that will be presented.

17 Myself and Ted Green, my neighbor, who I know, but
18 I'm getting to know much better, and I'm glad to do that.
19 Ted, it has been a privilege.

20 We will be leading a twelve steps to spiritual
21 living, and I follow a twelve step program, and I'll tell
22 you, it has been a blessing in my life.

23 And one of the things that I've learned is to turn
24 things over to God. Turn my life, my will over to God.

25 PASTOR FRY: That's what we are doing. This is not

1 about control; it's about letting the Spirit come and
2 everybody has that equal access to God.

3 But also these guys are thinking God is calling us
4 to have a men's ministry.

5 It's going to be called the MOB. They are going to
6 provide different things.

7 The women are kind of like, you guys have a name,
8 we want a name.

9 Now they are going to call themselves the WINGS.
10 Women In God's Scriptures.

11 So all of you are going to have some adult
12 discipleship opportunities.

13 But the key thing you need to know is on February
14 5th there will be a Ministry Expo where you can go out and
15 sign up for a lot of this stuff and also hopefully build
16 some relationships. Thank you, Bob, for coming up.

17 (Applause)

18 Last week Wenda had closed by giving you three
19 invitations.

20 Number one, pray.

21 Number two, do what you can to worship
22 consecutively for the next two weeks after this one, really
23 prioritize that.

24 And, third, act.

25 Go do a kind act for somebody.

1 This week it's really the same invitation. Keep
2 praying.

3 Keep making worship a priority, because something
4 amazingly cool is happening here.

5 And also instead of maybe act, you can go do a
6 random act of kindness, that would be awesome, but ask.

7 Ask if maybe God is not calling you to raise up
8 something, if God is calling you to reach a particular group
9 of people in a particular way. Ask the Lord that.

10 I'm going to pray for a minute and then we are
11 going to have the music.

12 There will be prayer ministers up here for
13 individual prayer, and Pastor Wenda will be up here for
14 individual answers.

15 We won't be praying with anybody, but we'll just be
16 here available to answer any questions. Let's pray for a
17 second.

18 Lord, we are your priests and priestesses. We
19 sometimes have hogged some of the fun of that, and other
20 times we have kind of shied away because we think we don't
21 have the gifts or skill set for that.

22 So, again, Lord, we continue to ask that you get us
23 out of the bleachers and into the game.

24 We really want what is best for your kingdom here
25 on earth, and in our church, and in our lives, our homes,

1 our families.

2 Our bodies are your temple and this is your house.
3 So, Lord, keep doing awesome things and shake things loose,
4 lead us into your future.

5 For we pray in the name of Jesus, the risen spirit,
6 Son of God. Amen.

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