

Run For Your Life
by Pastor Carter Conlon

TSC MISSIONS
From the Platform
to the Field

This Fight
Needs All Three
by Pastor Tim Dilella

A BILLION STORIES
How God Rewrote
My Story
Deborah's Story

Just 7 Minutes a
Day Can Change
Your Walk with God



Run for Your Life

by **Pastor Carter Conlon**, *General Overseer*

This message was preached at Times Square Church on September 16, 2001

My friend, I want to speak to you heart-to-heart. What I'm sharing with you is not simply a message for a church service or a moment in a sanctuary. It's a word I believe God wants His people to hear personally—especially in the days we are living in. It's a word for anyone who senses that the world is shifting, that the spiritual battle is intensifying, and that the voice of God is calling His children back to Himself with urgency and love.

That word is simple and direct:

Run for your life.

I don't say that to frighten you. I say it because I believe God is calling you into something deeper, stronger, and purer than what many have settled for. We are living in a time when the church—once filled with fire, conviction, prayer, and holiness—has in many places drifted far from its roots. The early believers were marked by sacrifice, obedience, humility, and power.

But today, many have become comfortable in a Christianity shaped more by culture than by Christ.

And so I ask you a question that the prophet Elijah once asked the people of Israel—a question that still burns with truth today:

**Too many have tried to
live with one foot in the
kingdom and one foot in
the culture.**

How long will you waver between two opinions?

If God is God, follow Him with your whole heart. But if the world's values and the world's idols are what you truly want, then be honest about that too. But you cannot serve both.

Too many have tried to live with one foot in the kingdom and one foot in the culture. They want the blessings of God, but not the surrender. They want the promises of Scripture, but not the purity. They want the comfort of worship, but not the cost of the cross.

My friend, that path leads nowhere. It drains the life out of your spirit. It leaves you spiritually thirsty, emotionally unstable, and constantly unsatisfied. You were not created for a halfway Christianity. You were created for the real presence of the living God.

That's why I urge you: Run from anything that pulls you away from Him.

Run from teachings that promise you prosperity but cost you your purity.

Run from environments where the name of Jesus is used, but His character is ignored.

Run from relationships that weaken your convictions.

Run for Your Life

(continued)

Run from altars that entertain the flesh but starve the soul.

Run from voices that promise freedom but

You must seek God for yourself. Borrowed faith will not sustain you in the days ahead.

leave you in bondage.

And don't just run from something—run toward Someone.

Run toward the One who formed you.

Run toward the One who redeemed you.

Run toward the One who has a plan for your life that no human voice can erase.

Run toward Jesus—the true Jesus of Scripture, the One who calls you to follow Him, deny yourself, take up your cross, and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is not the hour to drift.

This is not the hour to compromise.

This is not the hour to settle for a shallow, emotional, surface-level faith.

This is the hour to dig your own well.

What do I mean by that?

I mean that you must seek God for yourself. You cannot live off the faith of your pastor, your spouse, your parents, or your friends. Borrowed faith will not sustain you in the days ahead. You must have a relationship with God that is personal, deep, and real. You must go to Him in prayer. You must open His Word. You must hear His voice.

When you dig your own well, God will cause living water to flow.

It will refresh your heart.

It will strengthen your mind.

It will steady your steps.

It will give you courage in a fearful world and clarity in a confused generation.

God wants you to be a fountain—not a stagnant pool.

He wants His life to flow through you.

He wants your home, your workplace, your community, and everyone around you to feel the presence of Christ shining through your words, your choices, your character, and your love.

That kind of life doesn't come from comfort.

It comes from commitment.

It comes from surrender.

It comes from turning away from whatever weakens you and turning toward the God

who strengthens you.

So I say it again with love and urgency: Run.

Run from what destroys you.

Run from what deceives you.

Run from what drains your passion for God.

And run toward the One who restores you, heals you, transforms you, and calls you by name.

The times we are living in are serious. You can feel it. You can sense it. The world is shaking, but God is unshakable. And He is calling you to Himself—not in fear, but in purpose. Not in panic, but in pursuit. He is inviting you to walk in a depth of relationship with Him that will anchor your soul even if everything around you changes.

The times we are living in are serious. The call of God is for you now. Right now.

If you hear His voice today, don't ignore it. Don't brush it off. Don't tell yourself you'll respond one day when things slow down or when life gets easier. The call of God is for you now. Right now.

Run back to prayer.

Run back to purity.

Run back to Scripture.

Run back to obedience.

Run back to the presence of God.

Run back to the life you were created to live.

You are loved. You are chosen. You are called. You are needed.

And your life—your walk with God—matters more than you realize.

So, with all the sincerity of my heart, I say to you again:

Run for your life—run into the arms of Jesus. ■





From the Platform to the Field

It's an honor to share a peek through the window of my great adventure with the Lord.

I was raised in a single parent home, knowing and loving the Lord Jesus Christ. I gave my life to the Lord at a very early age. He was truly the only reliable and consistent Father I had ever known, but eventually something happened that drastically changed me and altered my view of Him. At just four years old, my innocence was taken from me by an older male relative. In that moment my whole life shattered into pieces. My identity was stolen and I began to struggle with same sex attraction. This led me down a path of self-hatred, governed by drugs, alcohol, and various other addictions, and eventually I was living fully in the LGBTQ+ lifestyle. In and out of rehab centers, and many years repeating cycles of bondage and addiction, the Lord finally allowed me to hit rock bottom. The beauty beneath the pains of rock bottom is that you land upon "The Rock," Who is Jesus Christ, the firmest foundation of life. He led me to the soils of South Africa for deliverance and then to Namibia for inner healing. After six intensive months, the Lord directed me back to NYC to attend Times Square Church. It's amazing how He brings us full circle.

The Lord truly opened so many doors for me at TSC. I began as a volunteer in the Missions Department, joined the choir, and eventually became part of the ensemble team. I had the honor and privilege to serve as the worship leader's assistant and administrator for the entire Music Department. As I served the leaders and congregation, I was able to walk beside and glean from their stewardship, which shaped, equipped, and prepared me for the next part of my journey.

Beginning in 2025 the Lord said to me, "Let go." I said, "Sure Lord. Let go of what? My job, the worship team, TSC, New York, my own thoughts and ideas?" He simply stated, again, "Let go." Which means, "yes" to all of the above. I replied, "Okay Lord. If you open the door, then I will walk

through." I waited...then the Lord gave me Genesis 12:1-3, where He called Abram out of his country, away from his family and his father's house to a land that He would show him. I brought this before the church leaders and received their blessing to go. I took that scary leap of faith and I went.



I am now traveling internationally, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. The Lord has appointed me to save the lost, set the captives free through deliverance, prayer, prophecy, and worship. Serving orphans, underprivileged children, outcasts and addicts, all while sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ. The Lord has used my testimony to touch churches, schools, prisons, home groups, and to reach others through the national radio and television stations in Namibia, Africa. I'm filled with gratitude. Invitations have come to me from the nations of South Africa, Namibia, Brazil and Malaysia all while completing my practical work to become a licensed and ordained pastor, which will be accomplished by August of 2026. I'm so amazed to see what the Lord can do with a life that's living in total surrender and obedience to Him. Lean into the call. God truly can take you from the pit to the palace and from the platform to the field.

This Fight Needs All Three

by **Pastor Tim Dilena**, *Senior Pastor*

A.W. Tozer said, “10,000 thoughts a day pass through our minds, and they try to predict what we will become.”

Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:4–5 that the weapons we fight with are not of this world. They have divine power to demolish strongholds. We are instructed to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ.

There is a spiritual onslaught on the mind. Satan embeds arguments and thoughts that set themselves up against the knowledge of God. If we do not engage in the fight, these thoughts can become strongholds.

Thoughts such as: What are you doing here? You don’t even believe in God. You are dirty. Remember what you did. You aren’t worthy. You don’t deserve joy. You are nothing.

Our mind battles are so intense that our fight needs all three: God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah tells us that God’s Word will not return void. It will accomplish what He sends it to do. And because of that, we will go out with joy and be led out with peace.

Every thought is either war or worship.

When a Christian sins, the accuser of the brethren speaks. But when a Christian sins, we also have an Advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous.

There is a fight within us that begins the moment we sin: the Advocate and the Accuser.

Jesus died to purchase peace with God, and He lives to maintain that peace within us.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to disciples who had denied Him and abandoned Him. They were hiding behind locked doors. The accuser surely told them their ministry was over.

But Jesus’ first words were,

“Peace be with you.”

He said it three times because peace had been sucked out of them by failure.

Peace is often stolen quietly. Like a whelk that drills into an oyster shell and drains it from the inside, the enemy slowly drains peace from the soul.

The Lord recently warned me about something that was threatening my peace. It was not sin, but it was an enemy of peace. God said, “No more. I am protecting your peace.”

Proverbs says that the one who rules his spirit is better than one who conquers a city.

The peace God gives is not the absence of problems. It is the presence of Christ.

Jesus said, “My peace I give to you—not as the world gives.”

This peace requires the Trinity.

The peace of God guards our hearts. The peace of Christ rules our hearts. The Spirit of God produces life and peace.

Peace has been promised. Peace has been protected. Peace has been purchased.

The Lord blesses His people with peace.

He keeps us in perfect peace—shalom shalom—peace upon peace.

We keep our minds stayed on Him through prayer and the Word.

Prayer has always been the birthplace of revival.

Peace was purchased by the blood of Christ.

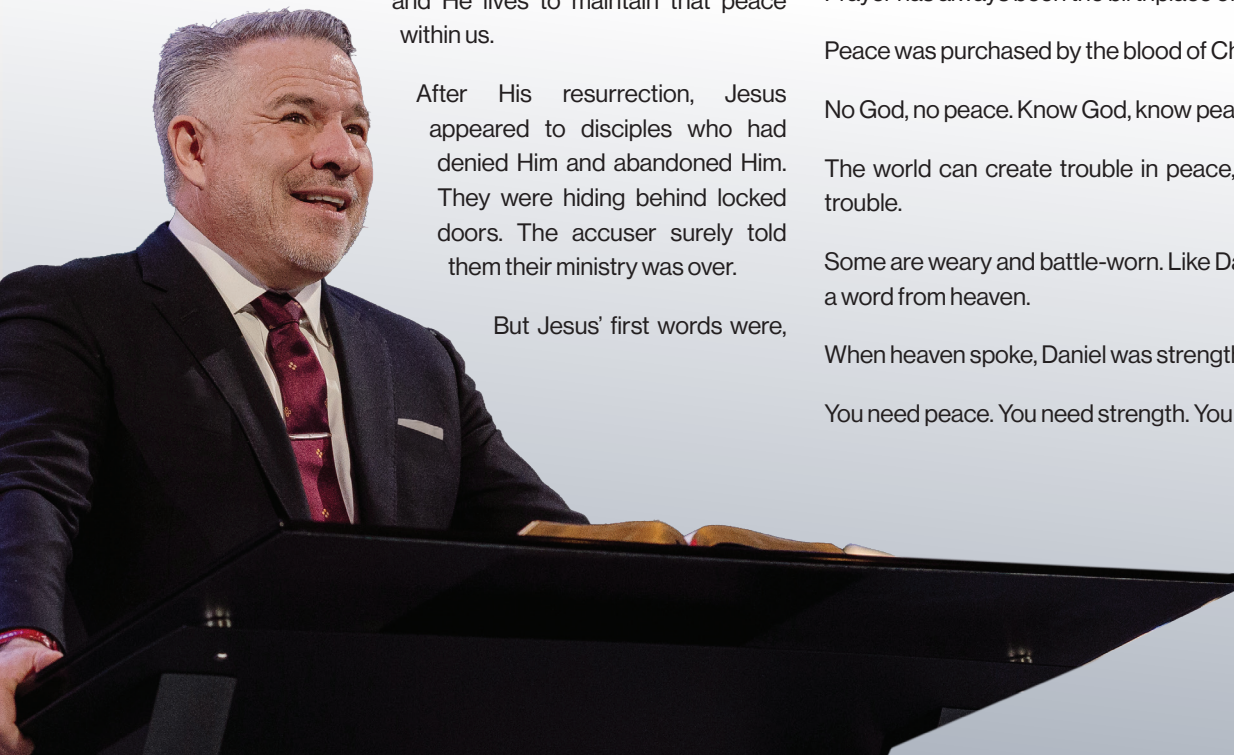
No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.

The world can create trouble in peace, but God creates peace in trouble.

Some are weary and battle-worn. Like Daniel, they need a touch and a word from heaven.

When heaven spoke, Daniel was strengthened.

You need peace. You need strength. You need a touch from heaven.



tscnyc.store

End of Summer
Clearance

Sale

20% OFF
Your Entire
Purchase!

Valid September 1-7, 2026

**For a limited time, enjoy savings
on books, Bibles, apparel,
gifts, & more.**

Visit the TSC Store & prepare for
the season ahead with resources to
encourage your walk with Christ.



EVERY WEDNESDAY
12PM

NOON PRAYER NYC

ONE HOUR.
YOUR TIME.
HIS PRESENCE.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR AN AWAKENING IN NYC

Lord, **awaken** people to the fact that God is real

Lord, **awaken** people to the destructive power of sin

Lord, **awaken** people for their need of a Savior

Lord, **awaken** people to the purpose of the cross

Lord, **awaken** people to the voice of the Holy Spirit

Lord, **awaken** people for a desire to read the Bible

Lord, **awaken** people to conviction of sin

Lord, **awaken** your church to a fresh fire from heaven

Lord, **awaken** your pulpits to preach with an anointing

Acts 2:1–2 (NKJV)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come,
they were all with one accord in one place.
And suddenly there came a sound from heaven,
as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the
whole house where they were sitting.



A BILLION STORIES

We Want to Hear Your Stories

The road to a billion
is paved with a billion stories.

Make Jesus known.

Tell your own.

Email your story to billionstories@tsc.nyc

When you post on social media,
tag [#BillionStories](#).

ROAD TO A
BILLION
One billion starts with one.



How God Rewrote My Story

Deborah's Story

When I was a child, my mother passed away, and the brokenness of that loss shaped the way I saw myself for many years. As a young girl, I attended a Billy Graham Crusade where I first heard about the love of Jesus and His offer of forgiveness and salvation. I gave my heart to the Lord, but not long afterward my sister and I experienced sexual abuse by a close family member. The pain led me into years of destructive choices, including an abusive marriage, drug addiction, and a life of crime. Even through those dark years, God never stopped pursuing me. He reached me in unexpected ways through a David Wilkerson sermon letter I found in a phone booth where I sold drugs, and later through his book ***Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth***, which I discovered under my mattress while in prison. There, God began to soften my heart, and through Bible studies and the faithful guidance of a woman named Brenda, I came to understand His incredible mercy and faithfulness. When I was released from prison in 1996, I was no longer bound by addiction but had been transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

Since then, Times Square Church has been an important part of my walk with the Lord. Through the faithful preaching of David Wilkerson, Pastor Carter Conlon, and now Pastor Tim Dilena, God has continued to strengthen my faith and deepen my relationship with Him. The messages have reminded me that my past does not define me, but that God's grace has given me a new identity and purpose. I have been blessed to serve with the online ministry team, encouraging those joining our services online, and I have watched God work not only in my own life but also in the lives of my family as they have faced their own struggles. I thank God for His mercy and for the church He used to draw me to Himself. To anyone reading this, no matter where you have been or what you have done, Jesus loves you, and He has not given up on you, and He has a purpose for your life.

Share your story at billionstories@tsc.nyc



Just 7 Minutes a Day Can Change Your Walk with God

Life moves quickly. Between work, family, responsibilities, and the demands of everyday life, it can be difficult to find time to slow down and spend time with the Lord. But what if growing deeper in your faith only required seven minutes a day, seven days a week?

That is the heart behind Chapter by Chapter.

Designed to help believers develop a consistent habit of reading and understanding God's Word, Chapter by Chapter takes you through the Bible one chapter at a time. Whether you're just beginning your faith journey or have walked with Christ for many years, these daily teachings provide practical insight, biblical understanding, and encouragement to help you grow closer to God.

It has often been said that it takes 30 days to build—or break—a habit. Imagine the difference one month could make if you committed just seven minutes each day to God's Word. Day by day, chapter by chapter, you'll begin to strengthen your faith, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and discover fresh encouragement for your daily walk with Christ.

As the psalmist reminds us:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

— Psalm 119:105

We are also excited to celebrate a special milestone. On September 7, Chapter by Chapter will reach its 250th episode! What began as a simple commitment to open God's Word each day has become a growing community of believers choosing to make Scripture a daily priority. We thank God for every listener who has joined us on this journey and for the lives that continue to be transformed through His Word.

If you've fallen behind or never joined, don't be discouraged. Don't worry about catching up or where everyone else is. Simply begin today. God's mercies are new every morning, and every day is another opportunity to draw closer to Him.

Seven minutes a day may seem small, but God often does His greatest work through faithful consistency. One chapter at a time, one day at a time, He shapes our hearts, renews our minds, and strengthens our faith.

As we celebrate 250 episodes on September 7, we invite you to make a fresh commitment to God's Word. Join thousands of others who are discovering that just seven minutes a day, seven days a week can make an eternal difference.

TIMES SQUARE CHURCH

Times Square Church was founded in 1987 by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*. It is an interdenominational church located in the heart of New York City.

CONTACT

212.541.6300 | info@tsc.nyc

CHURCH LOCATION

237 West 51st Street | NY, NY 10019

OUR SERVICES

Sunday | 10AM & 1PM

In person and online

Tuesday | 7PM

In person and online

Wednesday | 12PM

Noon Prayer NYC

In person only

Wednesday | 7PM

Worldwide Prayer Meeting

TSC Summit Campus

In person and online

GIVE TODAY



TEXT
"givetscnyc"
to 77977

ONLINE
at tsc.nyc/give

MAIL
check or money order
Times Square Church
Attn: Finance
1657 Broadway, 4th Fl.
NY, NY 10019

STAY CONNECTED



**Submit a
Prayer Request**

**Explore
Connect Groups**

**Subscribe friends
to this Newsletter**



**Send Us Your
Prayer Request
at tsc.nyc**



tsc.nyc