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## SAVED TO THE UTTERMOST, PART 2 PASTOR ANDREW BURNS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

### NEWS & EVENTS

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October 18 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Communion
- October 24 - Harvest Party
- October 29-31 - Men's Advance
- November 7-8 - Guest Speaker, Chad Gonzales
- November 15 - Operation Christmas Child Collection

### OVERVIEW

#### *Session Two*

**Core Scriptures:** Hebrews 7:25; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 4:17-30; Luke 7:36-50; Matthew 26:20-25; Galatians 2:20; John 16:33

#### **Overview**

This session explores what it means to be truly saved by Jesus — not by formula, religious proximity, or personal performance, but by faith in the person of Jesus Christ. Drawing from Hebrews 7, Mark 5, Luke 4, Luke 7, and other passages, Pastor Andrew shows that salvation is a finished work received by faith, available to anyone who simply believes.

## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

1. Hebrews 7:25 says Jesus is able to save *to the uttermost* (εἰς τὸ παντελές) — a rescue that is complete, perfect, and unending. The salvation word (σώζω) is rescue; the phrase that follows tells us how far that rescue reaches.
2. Faith is not a formula. It is trust in the person of Jesus, not confidence in a set of steps or religious practices.
3. Religious proximity does not equal closeness to God. Outsiders with simple faith often received what the most religious people missed.
4. Jesus is not merely a teacher or moral example to imitate. He is Lord, Savior, Redeemer, and Rescuer.
5. The finished work of the cross is the foundation. Nothing needs to be added to it, and nothing can be added to it.
6. Freedom from the distresses caused by sin is part of what Jesus earned and freely gives to those who receive him by faith.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Opening Question**

How would you describe your understanding of salvation before today? Has that understanding shifted or deepened over time? Pastor Andrew described salvation as going “to the uttermost” — completely, perfectly, and finally. What does that phrase stir up in you personally?

### **Faith, Not Formula — Mark 5:25–34**

The woman heard reports about Jesus, believed what she heard, and acted on that belief. Pastor Andrew urged us, “Don’t focus on what she did to be healed. Focus on the person who healed her.” Why is it so easy to shift focus from Jesus to the method or the action?

Have you ever followed a spiritual formula — a set of steps for healing, provision, or breakthrough — and found yourself questioning God when it did not work out the way you expected? “If you’re relying on a formula, where’s your faith?” How do you distinguish between faith-driven action and formula-driven effort?

### **Insiders and Outsiders — Luke 4:17–30; Luke 7:36–50**

In Nazareth, Jesus pointed out that Elijah was sent to a Gentile widow and Elisha to a Gentile leper — both outsiders — rather than to the many in Israel. Pastor Andrew put it bluntly: “You could come to services at any church every single week of your life and be further from God than someone who has never stepped foot in a church.” How does that statement challenge or affirm something you have believed?

In Simon’s house, Jesus never rehearsed the woman’s sins to her; his words about her past were spoken to the Pharisee, and his words to her were forgiveness. What does that tell you about how Jesus sees people who come to him? Which posture — the Pharisee’s devotion or the woman’s extravagant love — do you find yourself more naturally drawn toward, and why?

### **Lordship — Matthew 26:20–25**

At the Last Supper, the other disciples asked, “Surely not I, Lord?” while Judas asked, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” What is the practical difference between seeing Jesus as a great teacher and seeing him as Lord of your life?

Pastor Andrew spoke candidly about areas of his own life he once kept “off limits” to God. Are there areas in your life right now where you have limited Jesus’s access? What would it look like to give him full permission there?

### **The Finished Work — Galatians 2:20; John 16:33**

Galatians 2:20 describes a life lived entirely by faith in the Son of God. What does that look like practically in your daily decisions, relationships, and challenges?

Jesus has overcome the world and deprived it of its power to harm those who belong to him. How does that truth change the way you approach the difficulties you are currently facing?

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

**Trade the formula for the person.** Identify one area where you have been relying on a formula or a set of religious behaviors rather than trusting Jesus directly. Bring that area before him in prayer and ask him to renew your faith in his person rather than in a process.

**Take inventory of his lordship.** Write down any areas of your life where you have limited his access, and make a deliberate decision to surrender those areas to him.

**Carry Galatians 2:20 through the week.** Memorize or meditate on it daily. Let it reframe how you think about your identity and your daily life in Christ.

**Receive the words spoken to the woman.** If you have been carrying shame from past sin, read Luke 7:48-50 and receive what Jesus said to her as words spoken directly to you. Sit with that truth and let it settle.

**Pray for someone who feels disqualified.** Consider someone who may feel shut out of God's grace because of their past or their distance from religion. Pray for an opportunity to tell them that simple, sincere faith in Jesus is all that is required.

## **CLOSING**

Jesus does not save halfway. The rescue he offers reaches to the uttermost — past our formulas, past our religious résumés, past the rooms we have kept locked. Close your group time by praying together with gratitude for his finished work, surrender of any area not yet under his lordship, faith to receive what he has already provided rather than striving to earn it, and thanks for freedom from the distresses of sin he has already overcome.