

Episode 03. "The Falling Away."

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Christianity is in a crisis today. Millions are dropping out, hundreds of churches are closing, thousands of pastors leaving. The average Christian is now no more Spiritual than a non-Christian – the opposite of how it should be. This episode explains why this is happening and what to do about it.

John (00:00):

John Shields opens the episode by saying:

John (00:14):

Welcome to Episode 03 of the "Saving Christianity" podcast, brought to you by the Christian Family Online in America. I'm your host, John Shields. And in this episode, we're going to continue talking about some of the shocking facts in the new book *Saving Christianity* – the book that tells us how to have more peace, healing, and hope in our lives, and the book that gave this podcast its name. We are so glad to be here, talking this morning about this very important subject. And we're especially thankful that you're taking the time to listen to this podcast. Our title today is, "The Falling Away." (Repeats.) And you're going to hear more facts about Christianity that you may never have heard before.

John (01:12):

But that's going to give you more hope for the future. Why? Because you and I can't have the same supernatural peace and healing that the Early Christians had until we know *why* they had those traits. And more to the point, *why* so many Christians today don't have those traits! But now, I want to introduce my best friend, and the co-host of the "Saving Christianity" podcast, Owen Allen. Owen, would you like to say a few words to our friends?

Owen (01:49):

Yeah, John! Thank you so much! And it's a great pleasure to be here again. You know, I'm really enjoying these episodes because I love talking about the book, *Saving Christianity*. And you know, John, I've really been touched by how well the book, and these episodes, are being received over the Internet, and among our friends and contacts. And so I'm anxious to get started with this episode, because it just might be one of the most surprising and disturbing episodes that we've done.

John (02:25):

I agree, Owen. So let's just get right to our subject. Let's start telling our friends about the falling away that's happening in today's Christianity.

Owen (02:36):

Absolutely, John. Because it's a horrible tragedy that most people probably are not even aware is happening. But let's sort of pick up and continue where we left off in the previous episode. And of course, just to remind our friends that if they want to hear that previous episode, they can do it by going to www.CFOPODS.com – that's C-F-O-P-O-D-S .com – on the Internet. And that's where they can find Episode 02, which was our previous episode. But now, let's remind everybody that in the previous episode, we said that we wanted to talk about what happened to the ancient people who were called the "Followers of The Way." They were the original members of what we now call "Christianity" when it was founded. And they're the ones who live such supernatural lives that they changed the entire world Spiritually in only 70 years. But remember John, as we closed last time, we asked a couple of interesting questions. We said, "Are there any Followers of The Way still left? Do they exist anywhere in the world? And if they do ... do any of them live in America? And if they do ... do they still have the supernatural peace, healing, and hope, that the Christ-Followers originally had?"

John (04:08):

Yes, Owen, I remember those questions well. And they're vitally important questions, too.

Owen (04:15):

Well, I think – you know, John – I think they're the most important questions in life, from birth to death. So let's start answering those questions though. And just as sort of a warning, the answers we're about to give can be painful. They might be a little painful to our friends who are listening. But, I like the old management saying that came from my years as a management consultant. It went like this: "*Recognizing a problem is half of its solution!*" (Repeats.) So if we don't even realize that a problem is existing in Christianity today, we can't be part of the solution to that problem! And that's the situation many people are in today. They don't realize there's a crisis. So they're not being part of the solution.

John (05:12):

Yeah, that's very true. Many people don't realize that Christianity is in serious trouble. So let's give our friends some background on this crisis.

Owen (05:24):

Well ... maybe a good place to do that, John, as we're moving into Chapter 2 of the book *Saving Christianity*, is just let me read a fact from that. Chapter 2 tells us that the people who were known in Early Christian history as the "Followers of The Way" are now today's interdenominational Christians. Let's repeat that. The people who were known in Early Christian history – the first three centuries of (Christian) history – as the "Followers of The Way," are what we call today denominational Christians. And so, what does that mean in practical terms? (Chuckles.) The people sitting in the "pews" – in quotes – of America's "church buildings" – in quotes – are the direct descendants of the Followers of The Way in America and in Early

Christian history. So if we ask our first questions: "Are there any Followers of The Way alive today? And, do any of them live in America?" The answers to both questions is, "Yes!"

John (06:37):

I bet that's something that most people have never thought about.

Owen (06:41):

(Chuckles.) I bet so too, John. But let's go ahead and answer our third question. And it's a little more unsettling. This is where the pain starts. Because we said: "Do any of these Followers of The Way – these denominational Christians today in America – have the same supernatural peace, healing, and hope, that the original Followers of The Way (the Early Christians) had? Do they have that same peace, healing, and hope? And tragically, the answer is, that many *don't!* Maybe some do. But a whole bunch don't! And here's why. In Chapter 2 of the book *Saving Christianity*, we've got a section with this title: "The Shrinkage of Christianity." (Repeats.) And that section has some incredible facts in it. You might remember some of those, John. But let's give the folks a few. First (Point One), think about this. I was stunned the first time I read this in a national survey. An estimated two million – two million with an "M"! – Christians are dropping out of the Christian congregations – the Christian denominations – each and every year. Can you imagine what would happen to any organization ... the government ... the military ... anybody ... that was losing two million members a year?

John (08:22):

Owen, I want to interject here just how fresh this is. This morning, I talked to someone, and they were telling me that as some of the (Corona Virus Pandemic) restrictions are being eased, they're starting to meet again. And they're estimating that *half* of their congregation is *not* going to return. And some of those people – they're not assuming that. They're actually telling them that they're *not* coming back. So this is not ancient news. This is *today's* news.

Owen (08:59):

It is, John! And I'll just throw in another personal story. There's a congregation where Joanna (Owen's wife) and I worship frequently. At one time, they had 450 members. I heard just last night, that they have reopened (from the pandemic), and they've counted 45 members. And the pastor and the elders are panicking. They don't know if the rest of those people will come back. And I'm afraid they *won't*. And this is going to lead us to Point Two, John. Because of all these dropouts – two million a year – an estimated 4,000 (repeats) *church buildings* are closing every year because of low attendance. And many of them are actually being bulldozed and torn down. Some are being converted to new uses. They're becoming "Seven-11s" (quick shops), or something. And quite frankly – hold on to your seatbelt – many of them are being converted into bars. Can you imagine! Restaurants and lounges! And I'll just throw in another personal story, John. There was a local church building where we live ... in the area where we live ... that was my wife's home congregation. It's where she grew up, and became a Christian, and went to Sunday school, and all of those things. It was recently bulldozed. And that site is now a parking

lot. So this is what's happening! When we talk about the "shrinkage of Christianity," these are real facts.

John (10:48):

I think it's important, Owen, for our listeners to know that this is not just something that we've read in a book, or we're quoting. But these are things that, even in our own community, we're seeing and experiencing.

Owen (11:03):

Yeah, and it's absolutely stunning. And let's give them another scary one. Because of all of these Christian buildings being bulldozed and closed, check this out (Point Three): An estimated 18,000 Christian workers are *leaving* Christian work each year for *non-Christian* jobs. In other words, these are people – pastors, priests, chaplains, choir leaders, youth leaders, missionaries, and all the rest – (who) are giving up and taking secular jobs as sales people, or engineers, or whatever jobs they can get.

John (11:45):

Those trends are a disaster on any level. And I think that most Christians sense, at least my observation is, that something is *wrong* in Christianity today. But I don't think many realize that it's just that bad.

Owen (12:03):

Well, I know. I mean ... and I feel the same way. And the bad news is, it gets worse! Because think about this now. Let's go to the logical (Point Four): The bigger problem is that because of these negative trends in Christianity ... America as a nation is developing a *non-Christian culture*. I doubt many people would argue with that ... *a non-Christian culture*. How do we know? Well, all we have to do is surf TV or the Internet for a few minutes. We'll see more crime, violence, profanity, nudity, vulgarity – openly and proudly displayed – than at any time in U.S. history! John, a lot of our listeners won't know this. But I can remember a time "in the good old days" when, if somebody said something even slightly off-color on radio or TV, the screen immediately went black and they were cut off. That's not done anymore! You can say ... and do ... and show *anything* on TV (and radio) now – proudly and openly – and nobody cuts you off.

John (13:18):

Right, and typically the *worst* it is, the *better* people like it. (Laughter.) So we can, I think, safely reach the conclusion that a lot of the violence and profanity in public today (are) a direct result of Christians dropping out of congregations ... of church buildings being closed ... and pastors and priests moving to non-Christian jobs.

Owen (13:48):

Well, I think that's right, John. That's what the national surveys show. Several best-selling books have been written about that. And here's what scares me a little bit. Or actually, turns my stomach. People are saying that this violence and profanity that we're talking about is the "New Normal" in America. Think about that. The *New Normal*. This is what our children and grandchildren are going to think is "normal." And here's the point: This unspiritual behavior – as you just said, but I want to repeat it – is a direct result of the *decline of Christianity* in America. You know, we were taught in management to ... if you had a problem ... look for what *changed* in, about, or around, the timeframe and position of that problem – and you'd find the *cause*. Okay, ask yourself: In recent decades, what has *changed* in America that could produce this *New Normal*? And the only big thing that has changed ... consistently on a downtrend starting back in about 1950 ... has been the *decline of Christianity* in America. So at least in part, all of that's due to the shrinkage of Christianity. And think about this, John. If you take any group of people anywhere in the world – as they become less Spiritual, violence, selfishness, (and) profanity increase in that group. Isn't that logical?

John (15:31):

Oh, yeah, it absolutely makes sense! And I think our listeners are getting a window into a sense of the urgency of our podcast, and what motivated us to even be doing this. But does all of this mean, Owen, that American Christians are becoming less *Spiritual*? Now, we know that many are dropping out of their congregations. But does that also mean that they're actually becoming less *Spiritual*?

Owen (16:01):

Well, sadly again, John. I hate to keep repeating myself, but that's what the surveys ... and a recent best-selling book ... are saying. That's an explosive question. The answer is explosive too. Because, as catastrophic as it may be, I think the answer is, "Yes." Every poll, survey, and interview, shows that – as a group – Christians are becoming less *Spiritual*. Obviously, they're individual Christians. Probably many (are) listening to us now ... in their car ... in their kitchen ... and their living room ... wherever they are. But as a *group*, on an *average*, Christians are becoming less *Spiritual*. Think about it. If you quit associating with other Christians; if you quit going to Christian classes; reading Christian books; even reading the Bible; even praying – and these are a lot of the things that these dropouts are doing – what's going to happen? The end result is less *Spirituality*. And that's why, John, if you go back and listen to Episodes 00, 01, and 02, we said this principle over and over, and I quote: "*The average Christian today is no more Spiritual than a non-Christian.*"

John (17:26):

Yeah, and every time, Owen, I hear that ... we've said it several times ... "shocking" is, I think, the right word! Our friends are going to remember that principle from previous episodes.

Owen (17:41):

And it makes anybody cringe, really, to say it! I resent having to say it. But let's ask, John, a deeper question: What does it *mean* when we say "Christians are no more Spiritual than non-Christians?" What does that look like in everyday life?

John (18:03):

Yeah, I'm not sure I want to know the answer! But it's a critical question. What *do* unspiritual Christians look like in everyday life?

Owen (18:15):

So ... let's think about it. What would you think they would look like? And let's quote a few points from the book ... Chapter 2 ... of the book *Saving Christianity*. Actually, John, there are two interesting sections in Chapter 2 that I think our friends who are listening would want to refer to. One section is called, "Today's Unspiritual Christians." And the second section of that chapter is titled, "The SuperChristian." (Repeats.) And these two sections have some shocking, very disturbing facts. I mean, you can't read these without staying awake at night. Let's just give our friends a couple of points to illustrate. Number one: National polls show that many gangsters, prostitutes, child molesters, pornographers, and alcoholics, say that they're Christians. Here's an example. In one survey, 40 percent of the drug dealers who were surveyed – drug dealers! – said they were Christians, and were active in a Christian congregation.

Owen (19:38):

Here's another one, John. Most people have heard this one, I'm sure, on radio and TV. But the Christian divorce rate in most counties and states is the *same* as the non-Christian divorce rate. And one final point here. Just a couple more ideas. In the book, we've got the story of a Christian who got angry at a deacon's meeting, so he just shot the other deacons. There's another story about a Christian who robbed banks. And when he was arrested and brought before the judge, he said he did it to pay for his prostitutes. There's another story about a Christian who was married and divorced 28 times. And by the way, he was an ordained pastor. And finally, just quickly, a story about a Christian – he was one we called "SuperChristian" – who internationally traveled and spoke. In fact, he's in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. It turned out that for 22 years he had molested children during his travels. Finally, the FBI tracked him down and arrested him. And there are many more stories like this, John, that we list, or that we document, in the book *Saving Christianity*.

John (21:11):

Yeah, simply appalling, to put it lightly. And stunning.

Owen (21:16):

(Chuckles.) Well ... they (these stories) are sickening. They're outrageous. But they also help explain why America is developing a *non-Christian culture*. It's because many American Christians are unspiritual. And John, let me say, this is not a bad thing. This is a good thing.

Because this podcast ... and what we're dedicated to doing ... is showing Christians – whether or not they attend a denomination – how to get back to the *Spirituality* of the First Century.

John (21:56):

Yeah, Owen. Once we get over the shock of some of these examples, (that's) something that we've had our hands in for many years now and know the answer to. But our friends need to know *why* Christians are so unspiritual today.

Owen (22:18):

Yeah, you know, *why* is this happening? Why is this horrible thing happening? And happily, or fortunately, there's another section in our book with the title, "Why Christians Are Unspiritual." (Repeats.) And we're just urging all of our friends who are listening to read that section. But let me say this. What we have in that section is sort of a Problem-Solving Exercise of the type that I used to do when I was a management consultant. And it explains *why* Christians are unspiritual. But you know, John, our time's limited here in this episode. So I don't think we could go through that entire Problem-Solving Exercise here in the episode. So instead, let's let our friends read that for themselves in their copy of the book. But here in the episode, let's summarize that exercise this way. Here we go. Here's the answer: *Many Christians are unspiritual because they attend, or they used to attend, before they dropped out, congregations – hang on! – that don't teach the "Early Christian Lifestyle."* In other words, they attend, or used to attend, congregations that don't teach *Spiritual* living the way the Early Christians taught it.

John (23:56):

That is so important, Owen. I don't think we can even over-emphasize that. But it's devastating.

Owen (24:03):

I would say "devastating" is the right word. I mean, we're talking about ... how can you express it? ... global disasters here, John. But let's prove this, okay? Let's don't just throw (out) ideas and opinions. We're talking documented facts here. So let's prove that congregations aren't teaching *Spiritual* living today. Let me read what the national polls say about it. This is what the national polls, Gallup and Pew and others, say is the reason *why* Christians are dropping out of congregations – becoming unspiritual – and starting to live like non-Christians. And let me quote a few lines from the book, Chapter 2, of *Saving Christianity*. And I quote:

Owen (24:55):

"Christians are dropping out of their congregations because attending those congregations is *not* rewarding. Attending those congregations is *not* changing their lives for the better. Attending today's congregations is *not* the experience of love, joy, healings, visions, and miracles, that it was for the Followers of The Way. For many Christians today, the programs of their congregations are the opposite – the opposite! – of the wonderful experience that the *original* Christians

enjoyed in those early years. Instead, national polls show that many Christians today feel that the programs in their congregation are – count it off! – irrelevant, boring, and hypocritical."

John (25:55):

Yeah. Ouch. That quote really hurts. But at the same time, I have a feeling that our listeners, wherever they are listening from, are nodding their head in agreement.

Owen (26:09):

I think so too. And John, I want to say something. There was one very famous poll that was done that showed – and this was of active Christians who were actively attending congregations – they were interviewed by pollsters, and guess what the result was? Half, *half* of the Christians who (leave after) Sunday morning services, walk out more depressed than they were when they went in. And that's *why* attendance is falling off, and Christians are throwing in the towel, and starting to live like non-Christians.

John (26:56):

Yeah, I'm sure those experiences are ringing true for a lot of our friends who are listening.

Owen (27:02):

Yeah, but you know ... now we've arrived at a huge problem that's connected to everything that we've been saying, John. And here's that huge problem: Many Christians think that what they see – that what they experience – in their Sunday morning worship services *is ... IS ...* Christianity. In other words, they go to these boring, hypocritical services, and they sit there, and they look at what's going on, and they say, "Well, this is Christianity, and I just don't see anything to it!"

John (27:41):

Yeah. I'm afraid, Owen, that a little worn out cliché that's been around now for a few years, probably "Been There, Done That," is applicable here.

Owen (27:51):

(Laughter.) And didn't *like* it, right? So well, let's explain that with a few more lines from *Saving Christianity*. And it goes like this:

Owen (28:01):

"Millions of Christians have dropped out of Christian congregations because they thought those congregations *were ... WERE ...* Christianity. The services, rituals, and programs that they saw *were* the only Christianity they'd ever seen. And since 'THAT' – in quotes – "Christianity" didn't meet their needs, they gave

up and dropped out of what they thought was 'Christianity.' And they started living non-religious lives."

John (28:37):

So, the problem was that the dropouts ... we can say ... they never *saw* the original template of the Christian lifestyle. They never *saw* the Early Christian Lifestyle lived out the way the first Christians lived it.

Owen (28:54):

Well, that's totally correct. And let's turn that cart around and look at it backwards, John. What do you think would happen if Christians today and encountered an *actual* Christian who was living the First Century lifestyle ... was walking in the presence of angels and Spiritual power? Do you think they'd be bored and disappointed with that? I don't think so! (Chuckles.) So the real tragedy, John, with all this, is that people – if I could put it this way – are dropping out of the "wrong Christianity"! They've never had a chance to see *original* Christianity, and see if they liked it. Or, to put it another way, they dropped out of their congregation because they didn't *see* real Christianity in action in that congregation.

John (29:48):

Whoa, I bet a lot of our friends have never thought about it quite that way.

Owen (29:53):

Well, probably not! But remember this, John. What we're saying – and this is really sad – about this misunderstanding of what "IS" *real* Christianity: It applies not only to the dropouts, but (also) to Christians who are still *in* their congregations. Some of these that we mentioned earlier ... the 45 that I mentioned that have come back (to a local congregation) ... many of them were puzzled and confused and – sadly – they feel *guilty*. They feel guilty because the programs in their congregation aren't satisfying them. They don't know why. And they're making the same mistake that the dropouts are making: They're thinking the boring programs that they're *seeing* "ARE" Christianity, and that *this* is the only "Christianity" there is! And they give up. But ... how can we say this loudly enough ... those hypocritical, boring programs are *NOT* the only Christianity there is. Now ... they're one *DESIGN* of Christianity. Because we're going to talk about Organizational Design a lot. They're one *design* of Christianity. But, they're *not* the design that the Followers of The Way used in their day!

John (31:19):

Hmmm. Okay. So, that's a mess, Owen.

Owen (31:24):

Yeah, I think that word fits well. It *is* a "mess." But here's some Good News, John. Now we have ... and our friends listening have ... a *basic principle of Christianity* that we can talk about

and discuss. Because, in the previous episodes, we talked about the "two different Christian lifestyles" that appear in history. I mean, we talked about that in the previous episode. The first lifestyle is that *Spiritual Lifestyle* that the Early Christians lived. And the second lifestyle is the *Unspiritual Lifestyle* that many Christians are living today. And you can compare those, and see the differences.

John (32:15):

Yes, I hope everyone remembers that earlier comparison of those two Christian lifestyles.

Owen (32:22):

Well, me too! But remember, these lifestyles are in *conflict*. They're in *opposition*. And so that gives us something to think about. There must be *something* in history that caused these two different lifestyles. You know, *where* did the Unspiritual Lifestyle come from? *Why* did the Spiritual Lifestyle end? Think about that – these two different Designs for the Structure of Christian congregations: One design is Spiritual. One design is unspiritual. *Where* did they come from?

John (33:01):

Hmmm. So, wow! So you're saying that today's Christian congregations are built on one of those two different designs?

Owen (33:10):

Absolutely. I think we can all agree on this. And here's what that means: The *cause* of all the trouble in today's Christianity – we're repeating a little bit here but let's do it – is that many Christian congregations are based on that Unspiritual Design. They're not based on the Spiritual Design.

John (33:35):

And that is incredibly important. But *what* here ... this is what I like ... *what* can be done about it? Because most congregations would be unwilling to change their structure.

Owen (33:49):

That's right! They're totally unwilling. They would go down in flames first. And that's sad, but true. But you know, human nature is such – habits have such a hold on us – that they're almost *impossible* to change. So many congregations are unwilling, or unable, to change. But there's a *solution*. And that's one reason for this podcast! There *is* something Christians can do. And let me read a few lines from *Saving Christianity* that explains that. And I quote:

Owen (34:22):

"If we compare today's Christian services, rituals, and programs, to the Early Christian Lifestyle of Spiritual living, the two are entirely *different*. But the Good News is that the two styles are not mutually exclusive. They *can* co-exist. They can operate at the *same* time. In other words, today's Christians can live – could live – the Early Christian lifestyle, whether or not they attend a traditional congregation. They can live it if they do ... they can live it if they don't. And that's why this book was written. It was written to show the *difference* between these two lifestyles, and to show that today's Christians can ... (there's a little a nursery rhyme, "I-think-I-can, I-think-I-can, I-can!") ... today's Christians can have more peace, hope, miracles, and supernatural living, regardless of whether or not they're active in a traditional congregation."

John (35:38):

And we've actually mapped out (what) we're going to cover in the future episodes of this podcast. We're going to answer three big questions.

Owen (35:47):

Right! Three big questions in future episodes! And here they are. First: *Where* did the Unspiritual Design for Christian congregations come from? Second: *What* are the details of the Spiritual Design, the design that we're calling the "Early Christian Lifestyle"? And third: *How* can today's Christians start living that Spiritual Design, the one that we're calling the "Early Christian Lifestyle"?

John (36:21):

Yeah, I think those three questions are so important, so important that their impact on our lives can't be overstated.

Owen (36:29):

I think that's true. I mean ... you know, one of the things that we talk about so much John, is this issue of *experience*. Most Christians have never *experienced* the Early Christian Lifestyle. They've not *experienced* the miraculous walk – the supernatural walk – that the Early Christians lived. And you know, you can't understand it until you *try* it. You can't understand that until you've *experienced* it.

John (37:01):

Yeah, and so that's why we're producing these episodes ... to help us ... to help people rediscover that supernatural peace, and healing, and hope, that the early Christians had.

Owen (37:15):

Amen. Totally true! Well again John, I always hate to say it, but the big clock on the wall is telling me that it's time to close Episode 03. So let's just tell our friends ... wherever they are ...

wherever they're listening ... that we're going to cover in the next episode some very exciting things. And I want to read a few sentences from the end of Chapter 2 of *Saving Christianity* to prove that.

John (37:44):

Yeah, what sentences are you referring to, Owen?

Owen (37:48):

Well, I'll tell you. Let's (paraphrase) the last paragraph of that chapter. And I think it'll give our friends a hint, a sense, of what's coming in our next episode. And it's this. Quote:

Owen (38:01):

"In the next episode, we're going to return to our discussion of the Problem-Solving Exercise that we were working on earlier. We're going to return to that now and we're going to talk about, and explain, and describe, *when, where, and why* in history Christians *stopped* living the Early Christian Lifestyle of supernatural power and miracles."

Owen (38:32):

So we're going to start answering these *three* questions in a big and exciting way, and talk about *where* that Unspiritual Design of Christian congregations came from. And I think that, as we close John, all of us: You, Me, our Listeners, our Producer – everybody – should be asking some serious questions. For example: Which design of Christianity is *my* life based on? The Spiritual Design, or the Unspiritual Design? If I'm a member of a congregation, which design of Christianity is *it* based on? The Spiritual Design, or the Unspiritual Design?

John (39:21):

Yes, and Episode 04 is going to be a great help in answering those questions. Because it's going to tell us where the Unspiritual Design came from, right?

Owen (39:32):

(Right!) So remember, my friends, that this is Episode 03 in our podcast, and a script and a recording for it are on the Christian Family Online in America website. But simply to get to that, navigate to www.CFOPODS.com on the Internet. C-F-O-P-O-D-S .com on the Internet.

John (39:59):

Yes! And please subscribe to this podcast, so you'll get the notifications for our episodes, specifically, our next one – Number 04 – and the rest of the upcoming episodes.

Owen (40:11):

Roger that! And don't forget to grab a copy of *Saving Christianity*, so you can follow along, and review and study, these important principles.

John (40:20):

Yeah, that is important. Because there are many more facts in the book than we're able to cover in these short episodes.

Owen (40:29):

Absolutely true! But for now, this is Owen Allen ...

John (40:33):

... and this is John Shields, along with our producer, Shannon Wolf saying ...

Owen (40:39):

... may the God of our fathers bless you, and keep you, and guide you, and protect you, until we meet again.

Owen and John (40:58):

Owen and John end the episode.