



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.
(Psalm 126)

**HOME MINISTRY NOVEMBER 2025
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS
OF THE REACH BEYOND
MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES
OF CZECHIA, SLOVAKIA AND POLAND**

BACK TO NORMAL – TIME CHANGES

Beautiful autumn colors, the time change, and a return to normal remind us that the solstice and year's end are approaching quickly. The first mention of daylight saving time dates back to 1784. In our region, it was first introduced in 1915–1916 during World War I, then canceled and reinstated several times. To save electricity, annual daylight saving time was imple-

mented in 1979, and since 1996 the European Union has used a unified system for switching between summer and "winter" time.

AUTUMN HOLIDAYS AND CATHOLIC TRADITIONS

We have passed All Saints' Day on November 2, and Halloween. The traditional visits to ancestors' graves, lighting candles, and decorating graves in autumn are kept mainly in the countryside and remain a custom of older generations. The pagan Halloween—with spooky masks and events—is taking root here due to globalization as well. It's profitable even for Czech business. Thanksgiving, a time when families gather in the United States, has not taken hold here yet; there is no historic context for it. Perhaps only the "poultry tradition" recalls both events: in America the turkey dinner; in our parts, the St. Martin's goose—nowadays served mostly in restaurants.

CONFERENCES AND CHURCH LIFE

Autumn is the season of Christian conferences. One of them, titled "*Take Courage*," exceeded its planned capacity. It addressed not only personal piety, family leadership, and church service, but also strongly appealed to the shortage of older men serving as pastors and elders. Our pastor highlighted this both at the conference and in our congregation—with gratitude that we at least have two older brothers (Pavel and Mirek).

We were very much looking forward to our church conference, "Desiring God," but this time it went on without us. An unusual

indisposition spoiled a number of our original plans. We had no fever, cough, or runny nose, but we experienced mental dullness and severe muscle and joint pain. Thankfully it lasted only four days and reminded us how quickly everything can change. Thanks to technology, the entire content of conferences was recorded and is available on YouTube.

GENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE

We belong to a generation that grew up under communism—without bible-believing parents and grandparents who, after traumatic experiences with fascism and the rise of communism, did not “burden” their descendants by passing on the Christian faith. The lives of our parents and grandparents were shaped by the consequences of two world wars; men who returned had to cope with the trauma that every war leaves behind.

The post-war generation often grew up without male role models worthy of imitation. During the war, women replaced the absent men. After the war there was a feminization of education, healthcare, agriculture, and many other professions. The role of men as family providers was taken over by the welfare state, which guaranteed social and healthcare from “cradle to grave” at the price of nationalization and redistribution of property. Modern godless education persuaded many that family and marriage are relics of the past. Birth rates fell, divorce rates rose, and fewer people lived in marriage. In countries promising a better and fairer tomorrow, the idea that the family is the foundation of society ceased to apply.

From early childhood it was drummed into us that faith in God is mere superstition and the result of a lack of education. Our worldview was shaped by the Soviet ideology of the “struggle for peace”: “Man—that has a proud ring,” “We will command the wind and rain,” and “Workers of the world, unite.” God’s natural order was overturned and replaced by class struggle—an attempt to build heaven on earth without God.

IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY

This may be where we find an answer to the current troubled state of society. The loss of faith and of respect for human life, which flows from God, leads to helplessness and a loss of social orientation. The loss of meaning and self-worth leads to radicalization, aggression, and violence. That is why we see, especially among the young, bullying, depression, substance abuse, and self-harm. Society lacks a rudder guiding it to the safe harbor of mutual respect. We all need more courage and fear of the Lord to serve across generations and to labor in our churches.

Most newcomers to our congregations come from non-Christian or single-parent families. Young godly men are assuming their roles as husbands and fathers—they have begun, or are beginning, to raise their children (and one day grandchildren) in the Christian faith. They need our encouragement, the sharing of generational experience, and constant reminders that the world around us is changing and none of us knows what the future holds. With a few weeks left in the year, it is time to look back on a year full of opportunities and challenges—and to remember that aging is not

for cowards. By God's grace we have weathered all the twists and turns.

AGING IN THE AI ERA

Just a few years ago, none of us would have imagined the technological revolutions still ahead. The latest tools of artificial intelligence offer unprecedented possibilities: they speed up work that used to be slow, and save time—and it is up to us to use that time well.

AI is a wonderful helper for searching, verifying information, and translations. It's a good servant but a bad master. Without its tools, such work would have been hardly possible before. We no longer need to leaf through Bible concordances and dictionaries and hundreds of books—one click gives us a wealth of sources. The knowledge once associated with Wikipedia is now complemented by a revolutionary helper—AI. Experience in recent months has confirmed that thanks to it and rapid communication among languages — Czech, English and Polish — and theological editors, the book *"My Glory I Will Not Give to Another"* was published in Polish and English.

YEAR-END MINISTRY REPORT

In our media ministry outreach we have grown accustomed to constant changes. We started on shortwave and medium-wave transmitters—that era has ended. The age of manual and electric typewriters was replaced by computers and printers. The internet, digital technologies, audio, video, YouTube ... Various digital platforms are increasingly accessible and widespread. In our region—especially in small countries

with high population density—DAB receivers (Digital Audio Broadcasting) became standard receivers in all new cars since 2020; in the Czech Republic, over a million vehicles have this reception. Instead of state-controlled and granted radio licenses—once financially out of reach for Christian broadcasting—internet and DAB broadcasting have become new avenues of evangelism through which God reaches a person at just the right moment—even in the middle of an ordinary commute.

THANKS AND PRAYER REQUEST

- Pavel's leg circulation problem is solved.
- Klara is getting used to new vision – need for three pairs of glasses, reading, computer, and distance is something frustrating.
- Happy Thanksgiving – we thank all who support the ministry with prayers, counsel, and practical help.
- Please pray for perseverance in faith, wisdom for leading families and churches, for new workers for God's harvest—and that our witness would be clear and hope-filled for a generation seeking meaning.
- Special thanks go to you all for the prayers and encouragement to translate and publish this book. Our prayer is for outreach blessings and inspiration for Christmas orders:
<https://www.calvarypress.com/>
- Words from Polish publisher: Pray for the Sovereignty of God Conference in Toruń, Poland, which will take place on April 18-19, 2026. May God prepare the hearts of all participants.

MY GLORY
I WILL NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER
A Study in
the Absolute Sovereignty of God

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If you find the content of the book meaningful, we encourage you to purchase a copy. And if it has helped you grow in your knowledge and love of God, please recommend it to your loved ones and fellow church members.

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WHY I WROTE THE BOOK

In 1992 I returned to my native Czechoslovakia as a missionary and soon found that God's sovereignty—especially in salvation—was unacceptable to most Czech Protestants. The leader of the mainstream denomination summoned me, accusing me of misusing the pulpit by preaching total depravity. This book arose from such experiences and, since its Czech publication in 2017, has received encouraging attention.

***Thank you for your prayers, support
and participation in our life and in the
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In His sovereign grace,***

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