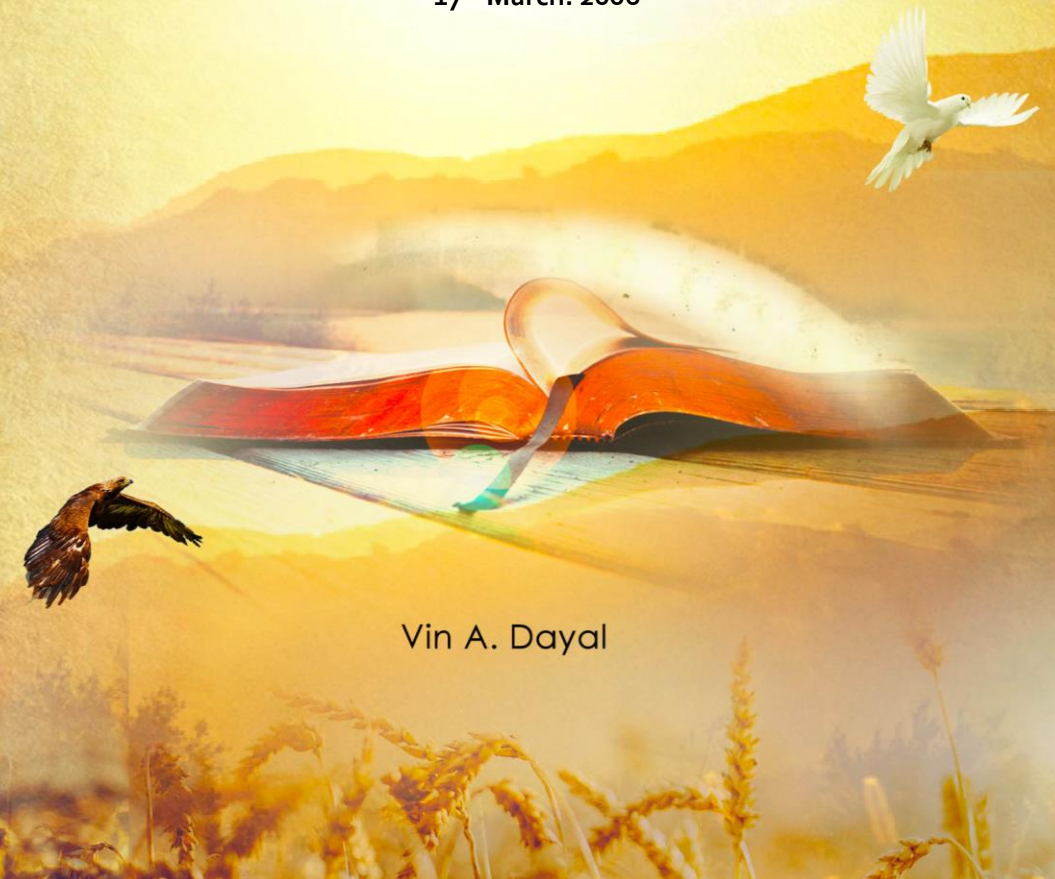

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Excerpt:

Watch how faith brings you to God. Now catch the mystery. It's a mystery. They're going back to Bethlehem to meet Boaz. They're going back to meet Boaz. They're not just going back in the land, they're going back for redemption.

The work starts with faith. The work will start with something you hear. If you're coming for redemption, it is something you hear. Seven Thunders utter their voices in the last days. There was a certain sound – the Voice of God in the last days. There was a Message in the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel when he shall begin to sound. It is something people heard in this Hour. And that what we began to hear, oh my, it began to make something known to us. It is the will of God beginning to be made known to us. We begin to see the grace of God coming down. **(Page 24)**

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FOREWORD

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Pt. 1

Failure, Chastisement, Restoration And Decision

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 2006
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[Song #669, Songs That Live –Ed.]

*I want to go
where You want me to,
Send me Lord
to do the things You do,
My Lord, I want to go.
I want to feel
Your Presence near,
Perfect love
Casting out all fears,
My Lord, I want to feel.*

*Oh, let Your Anointing flow,
Keeping my light aglow
Amidst this world of darkness, sin and shame;
Keep pouring Your Latter Rain,
Faith to use Your Power again
That I may return to You from whence I came.*

*I want to go that place prepared for me,
Oh, that mansion, my theophany,
My Lord, I want to go.
I want to feel greater realities,
Perfect love throughout eternity,
My Lord, I want to feel.
My Lord, I want to feel.*

Let's just bow our hearts in His Presence. I believe we can break through into that place tonight by God's grace, like that mother taking that little boy's hand and putting it in the sleeve. He was struggling. He couldn't seem to get his hand in his sleeve of the little coat. He was wearing himself out but the mother just held his arm steady, guiding it right into that sleeve and his struggling ceased.

It's not by might or by My power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord. It's not him that willeth nor him that runneth. God can lift us up tonight into that spot. We get what we expect! If we could just come out of the way His Holy Spirit could just move right in. This great Divine Presence of Divine love, this great Agapo Love can fill every heart tonight. That's the Holy Spirit he was talking about. It will make and bring to pass that tremendous victory in the love Divine.

Heavenly Father, we have come into Your house tonight, we've offered the fruits of our lips, giving praise and thanks, singing the hymns unto You dear God, worshipping You, but now dear God, we draw even a little closer; another few steps by faith dear God, breaking through all realms of reasoning and feelings, coming with purpose, coming with objective dear God, coming conscious of Your Divine promise that we can come with boldness before the Throne of grace. By a new and living way we can enter into the holiest by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

God, when we think of the very privilege to be able to stand in the Holy of holies, to stand before the great Throne of grace, knowing that *that* mercy seat is sprinkled with Your precious Blood and knowing that *that* Blood was the Blood of the innocent sacrifice that satisfied the just demands of the Law which it now covers. Dear God, to know that we can find grace tonight even as the Scripture says, to help us in the time of need; seasonable help dear God; just what we have need of at this very time, at this very stage of our earthly

journey, the very places in our lives where we seem to meet obstacles and where the paths seem to be obscured and Lord, where the challenge rises in front of us.

We do not have to faint for fear, but Lord, we are reminded tonight that You said, "I would never leave you nor forsake you and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the Age." And to have confidence that You Who began the good work in us will perform it even until the day of Jesus Christ, because You are the Author and the Finisher of our faith and we are Your workmanship created unto good works in Christ Jesus. And oh God, we know that some through the waters, some through the floods, some through the fire but all through the Blood, tonight.

And so we come Lord, looking unto You, the Author and the Finisher of our faith, this evening. Oh God, confessing that You are a prayer-answering God; confessing oh God, that You are the great High Priest that can be touched tonight by the feeling of our infirmities. Oh, we want to reach out tonight and touch You Lord, knowing that touching Jesus is all that matters; that our lives will never be the same because there is one way to touch You. We can reach out by faith and call upon Your Name, tonight. And Lord, that's how we have come. That's the attitude that we have come in. Like that woman who knew You were passing by Lord, and in spite of all the obstacles and in spite of all the hindrances Lord, her faith was zeroed to the change. Oh God, she knew if she touched You, something was going to happen Lord. She came with that purpose, and so we've come tonight.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, may Your Holy Spirit draw near unto us as we draw near unto You, Lord. Oh God, may You just come down a little closer. May Your great Divine Presence Lord overshadow us Lord, as we come in Your house tonight Lord, to worship You, to praise You, Lord to sing to You Lord, to come and offer

up our prayers, to make our request known, to come with thanksgiving for answered prayer oh God, to get in the Spirit, Lord. Oh Lord, like the prophet who said, "*Bring me a minstrel.*" And the minstrel began to play and he knew Lord, how to get out of himself and get in Your Spirit, Father. Then the vision broke; then the Anointing came down; then he could prophesy; then they had victory in the battle because they knew what to do, dear God. Oh Father, You're still the same yesterday and today and forever, Lord. Your Word is good tonight for us even as it was good for them dear God, because those things were given for our examples.

May You hasten the footsteps of them that will be on their way dear God. And we who are gathered here tonight, may dear God You so take us out of ourselves Lord, and lift us up Lord into that bracket of faith Lord Jesus where Your Presence can be so real to us, dear God. Father, we can see what You want done tonight and we can be led by Your Holy Spirit, Lord.

May You just speak to our hearts a little bit. Create such an atmosphere in our midst dear God, that Lord the needs that we have and the things that we have come with upon our hearts, oh God, we could just break through into that realm and Lord we can see these needs be met tonight, Father. We can see faith take a hold of You and faith going into action dear God and change our circumstances. We know that faith has that special ability to do these things, Father. That's the very nature of faith dear God – oh God to confess what Your Word says and then walk into it and quicken the Word and see It come to life, dear God. We know what the power of true confession can do dear God, oh God to say the same thing like the Word says, Father. That's what You see. That is what attracts Your Holy Spirit and draws You close to us, dear God.

Oh, may You just have Your blessed way tonight. Lead us dear God, and get honor and glory in the service. And when we leave dear God, we can have a

deep satisfied assurance that oh God, just like you said that when you stand praying, whatsoever we ask the Father if we believe that we have received what we asked for, we shall have it. Anoint our faith into that channel. Move our souls up into that sphere, oh God that Your Holy Spirit can just overshadow this audience tonight dear God, so we can have sweet communion with You, Jesus. May You grant it we ask! We commit all things into Your mighty hands now. Just get honor and glory. Lead and direct us according to Your perfect will. May You bless each and every one in Your Presence tonight, Lord. We will not fail to give You praise and thanks.

Remember our brothers' dear God out in the islands tonight, Lord Jesus going out to baptize Your people, Father. Lord, out in St. Lucia and Dominica and St. Kitts – going out there Father, knowing that people are making this great decision to be identified with You. Let Your Holy Spirit be amongst them. Give witness and testimony to Your Word. Lord Jesus, let those candidates know in their hearts that this is the restored Atonement; that Elijah has come and truly restored the Atonement; repaired the altar at the Evening sacrifice, and oh God, that their hearts can be turned back to the faith of the fathers.

Is not this the Scriptures, Father? Is not this that time? Are not these things examples Lord, pointing to this very Hour? And Lord Jesus, we are looking tonight that the results will follow and the reports would come back and dear God the Scriptures would be fulfilled. May You grant it Lord! We believe You tonight Father, and we confess these things in Your great mighty Presence.

We pray even for the sick and the afflicted, Lord for the weak and the weary, the confused, the oppressed oh God, the disappointed ones dear God; all those going through their different things Father. May the Holy Spirit Father, drop faith into our hearts, knowing without faith it is impossible to please You, but this

faith can master all circumstances tonight. Oh God, lead us to the path of faith through the obedience of faith tonight, and Lord, God, works and faith Lord can work together and bring these things that we are looking for to pass. Grant it Lord.

We commit the service now into Your hands and await Your Divine leadership that You will undertake for us in everything that we need to say and do tonight to fulfill Your will. Grant it we ask in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, amen. Amen. Amen.

Praise His mighty Name. I'd like to invite your attention tonight to the Book of Ruth. I thought I would just speak to you a little bit and especially with prayer service. It's a great love story in the Bible, not just a love story but a mystery of redemption. It's a Book that reveals to us the very innermost thoughts in God's heart concerning us in this Hour. It is something that we as believers should try to acquaint ourselves and feed upon and fellowship with our great Kinsman Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ. Just as how we see Him and Boaz, she and Boaz had this great relationship. And what happened between them, we should be looking for the same thing to happen between us and the Lord Jesus because this is what it means. This is why it was put in the Bible. This is what it promises to us and this is what we want to acquaint ourselves with by God's grace.

Ruth chapter 1. We'll just read a couple of verses and then I'm going to—maybe we'll just turn over to Hosea 6, also. Hosea 6, I'll read from there first and then Ruth 1.

I want to welcome everyone in the house of God tonight. If you come in with a need on your heart tonight, just look unto Him. He appointed this time. We didn't appoint a time. He said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves, much more as you see the day approaching." And that means not just in our home, not just even in our jobs. We pray, we talk with God,

we fellowship with Him all the time but He appoints a time that when we would come together as His church that He has called out and gathered in a specific location that His Light can shine and give witness. And so it's a post of duty for us, and we've come tonight as a people that has come to a post of duty. Amen? Praise His wonderful Name.

Ruth chapter 1:

Now it came to pass in the days...

I'm sorry, I was supposed to read Hosea 6 because that is what I really want to read first. Hosea 6 verse 1-3:

¹ Come, and let us return unto the LORD...

This is a prophecy for the last days.

*¹ Come, and let us return unto the LORD:
for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath
smitten, and he will bind us up.*

This is a chastised people. This is a people who had suffered chastisement but was experiencing this chastisement under the hand of God. They know for whom He loveth He scourgeth, and if we are without chastisement, we are bastards. And so they understood that, and so they said,

*...he hath torn, and he will heal us; he
hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*

It's strange that when people get chastised, they get indifferent when they don't know God. They see God as a hard person but these people are saying:

...he hath torn, and he will heal us...

They are saying:

...he had smitten, and he will bind us up.

They say, "Come, let us return to the Lord." These people had departed from the way of the Lord.

² After two days will he revive us...

This is expectation. This is a people with expectation in their God. They are expecting Him to heal them. They are expecting Him to bind them up. They are expecting Him to revive them.

*...in the third day he will raise us up, and
we shall live in his sight.*

They are going back to their homeland expecting blessing. They are going back to their homeland expecting revival. They are going back expecting to live in His sight. They are going back wounded, going back with pain, going back chastened, going back suffering, but they are going back in anticipations because they know it is God's love towards them. They are returning to the place where the blessing is. They got this chastisement when they left the place of their blessing, but they are going back to the place where they were blessed in.

The greatest thing that the believer could have tonight is to abide in the Word. If you abide in Me and My Word abide in you, ask what you will. You don't have to murmur, you don't have to beg, you don't have to plead, you don't have to negotiate. Ask what you will. If you ask for a bread you will not get a stone. If you ask for a fish you will not get a serpent. If you ask for an egg you will not get a scorpion. Ask that your joys may be full.

That takes faith. That takes faith, tonight. That takes a people believing their God. That takes a people convinced that it is impossible for God to lie and that God's Word is the Truth. That's a people who are not trying to judge God, but they let the Word judge themselves and they throw their hands and surrender. As David said, "Let me fall in the hands of God. I would rather fall in the hands of God than in the hands of man." [1st Chronicles 21:13 -Ed.] That's a people who have fellowship with God and know what it is to have fellowship with God. That's a people who knows the value of being in God's Presence.

*³ Then shall we know, if we follow on to
know the LORD...*

*³ Then shall we know, if we follow on to
know the LORD...*

You're following but follow on to know the Lord.

...his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

He shall come unto us as the Latter and Former Rain. Do you know what two rains does to the wheat? It matures it. It raises it up from the dead. The wheat rots in the earth. It is planted then it falls in the ground and dies. It rots, but that rain brings it up to new life. That rain brings it forth into a place where it is multiplied; where there is a transforming power that changes it back to its original condition. The rain does that.

And they said, "We are smitten, we are torn, we have been afflicted, but do you know what? We're going to live in His sight. He will raise us up. Do you know why? Because He'll come to us as the rain. The rain raises up the wheat. The wheat lives when the rain comes upon it. And so they said:

...he shall come unto us as the rain...

Did you see a Cloud in this day? Did you see the coming of the Lord as the lightning from the East unto the West? Did you see a Cloud and there were Thunders and lightnings? Did you see a Cloud and there was Rain in this day? That's right.

The cloud is the first sign of rain, then there is lightning and there is thunders and then there is rain, because rain is born in the field of thunder. [*Birth Pains*, 1965-0124, para. 62 & *The Reproach For The Cause Of The Word*, 1962-1223, para. 78 -Ed.] That's right. And that's the very promise in the making. And if you have seen that, that's a Supernatural Cloud in the heaven, then that Supernatural Rain is going to come from Heaven. And how many of you know rain types the Holy Spirit? And how many of you know the Holy Spirit was promised in the last days for the Church? And how many of you know the Evening Message was to loose the Holy Spirit?

I'm not talking about reflex action tonight. You know I ask, "How many?" and people say, "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" And they don't think many times. If you agree with all this here tonight you would be shouting tonight. You won't just come in here tonight and wait for me to throw all that at you. Do you mean to say, you honestly know all that and you just walk in here like *this* [Bro. Vin illustrates a sluggish posture -Ed.] for prayer meeting, looking like the most weary people there is on earth and you know all this? Oh, convince me! You have to convince me. I have to try and convince you and you have to try and convince me. I'm convincing you by the Word. You convince me that you believe the Word. You convince me that you can take the Word! Amen. You know I'm not a religious man. You know I didn't come down here to mark time. You know that! I'm looking for the promise. May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats.

*¹ Come, and let us return unto the LORD:
for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath
smitten, and he will bind us up.*

Now Ruth chapter 1. I want to take this like a little Bible study and prayer because we've come to pray and we're going to pray tonight, and we'll use a little part for a little Bible study in chapter 1 here. And you all are familiar that that's Ruth deciding. We know that's decision. And I want to speak a little about, **"DECRYPTING RUTH'S HIDDEN MYSTERY"** because there is a hidden mystery in Ruth and we want to decrypt this. And for a little subject tonight I want to speak on, **"Failure, Chastisement, Restoration And Decision."** Four words here: failure, chastisement, restoration and decision because this is what we are going to find in this chapter right here.

And how many of you know that Naomi coming back in the homeland is a type of what I just read in Hosea? That's Israel coming back in the homeland for redemption in the last days in this Hour. That's why

they came back there. How many know that's a sign. That's an end time sign. When you see the fig tree put forth its bud you know summer is nigh; it is even at the doors. [Matthew 24:32-33 -Ed.] Did you get that?

Brother, if you are a Message believer and you know you're living fifty-eight years or so after Israel is back in the homeland, if you're a Message believer and you know that, you could never walk with your head down. Not only that but you see a Cloud in the sky. When you see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory in a Cloud, look up and lift up your head for your redemption draweth nigh [Luke 21:27-28 -Ed.]; and you know you're in that last generation; and you know a servant went forth at suppertime; and you know the Message followed the healing revival. That's right.

If you know these things, you know something that the world does not know. You know something that brother, all the great people in this world does not know. You know something that only the Bride knows, amen; to have these things identified to you in this Hour. When you know that, you know that you're at the end of the world. Amen.

And if you find yourself in the Message then you come like Ruth; you've ended up somehow in Boaz's field where there is redemption. Hallelujah! You've ended up in a field where there is redemption. Because remember, if you were in the Baptist church tonight, there is no redemption there. If you were in the Methodist, Jehovah Witness, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic or Anglican, there is no redemption there. But if you end up in the Message, there is redemption here tonight. Because that's the Redeemer, the Kinsman Redeemer with the Book of redemption, with the Title Deed of redemption in the Day of redemption, gathering His redeemed subjects. That's what is happening. Amen.

He's come to us as the Rain in this Hour under our Seventh Seal just like their Seventh Trumpet. Ruth

under the Seventh Seal and Naomi under the Seventh Trumpet – both are coming back. Think of it. Glory! Both are going to have an experience with Boaz. The fig tree that put forth its bud and we who see the Cloud coming in the sky. Amen. Glory! Both are going to have experience with Boaz. Glory. My! What a great thing. What a great thing, friends.

¹ Now it came to pass (watch the story here) in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land.

Now I've been taking this in the last couple of services more on the mystery part of it, but I want to get some instruction here tonight. Because all Scripture is good for doctrine and instruction; not just doctrine but instructions too, and admonition and exhortation. [2nd Timothy 3:16 –Ed.] That's right. It's also prophecies for the last days. But we want to look a little bit to see these things because the lives and acts of believers are expressing God's great goal. And when we see how God dealt with His children yesterday, we know how He's going to deal with His children today.

And so this is happening in the days when the judges ruled and there was famine in the land. How many know that famine is one of God's four severe judgments? When you see famine that's chastisement. Famine, pestilence, the sword, and the fowls of the air and beasts of the field – God's four severe judgments. You see it all through the Bible and it ends up in Revelation under the Fourth Seal for this very Age. [Revelation 6:8 – Ed.]

They were in Canaan land where God told them, when He took them out of Egypt, "I'll bring you into a land flowing with milk and honey." They were to live in a land of plenty, but they have a famine in the land. God didn't promise a famine. God only promised a famine when they got away from God. But God promised plenty where the sower will overtake the reaper, and where they would not be the borrower but

they would be the lender. But right away this Book opens to us and 'zeroes' [focus -Ed.] straight into the condition of the famine, and it tells us it was in the days when the judges ruled. If you're spiritual or you're half way spiritual you could catch that.

What was characteristic in the days of the judges? Everybody was doing what was right in their own eyes. That's when famine comes. That is when famine comes – when everybody has an opinion, everybody has a thought, everybody has their own idea; everybody is doing what is right in their own eyes.

Moses, a prophet, had called them out. Joshua had brought them in and placed them positionally in the land. And after the death of Joshua in 1965 when he went off the scene, what happened? Famine! Every man started to do what is right in his own eyes. Every man has an interpretation. Every man had an idea. Every man started to build his own little power base and power structure. And during that time God had to bring chastisement.

God will never let people live in their own ideas, in their own ways and be blessed and prosper, after He has given them the Word. You see, with the Word, with the revelation, that's a privilege, but with privilege there is responsibility. When God gives you Truth—To whom much is given, much is what? [Congregation answers, "Required." -Ed.] It's strange how people like to rejoice, "Revelation! Revelation! Ooh, revelation; this is deep; this is great," and don't realize with that comes responsibility. Because if you know and if God made you to know, and God opened the Truth, and God identified the Truth, and God confirmed the Truth, and God proved that that's His Truth, and He made you to know and then you don't do it, you shall be beaten with few stripes. [Congregation says, "Many stripes." -Ed.] Many stripes!

John was a bright and shining light for a season but they rejoiced in the light. [John 5:35 -Ed.] That was not

a compliment, that was a rebuke. The rebuke was, they didn't walk in the Light. Walk in the Light while you have the Light because the night cometh when no man could work. [John 9:4 -Ed.] The Light is sent to show you and reveal God's will for you; to make God's plan known to you, to know what time you're living in, to know what He requires of you, to know what is coming and what He's fixing to do. That's what Light comes for. Light doesn't just come to give you information but Light comes to set you in order. Light comes to set you in place. And when Light comes to you, you recognize, "This is Light!" You're coming out of darkness. That's grace. Light is grace.

If you walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, the Blood of His Son cleanseth you from all sin. All sin! Do you mean obedience to the Truth has that? Yes, obedience is better than sacrifice. Obedience is better than sacrifice. You walk in the Light, as He is in the Light and the Blood of His Son cleanseth you from all sin. And not only that; it didn't stop there. And you have, what? [Congregation says, "Fellowship." -Ed.] Fellowship one with the other. [1st John 1:7 -Ed.]

And what is fellowship? What does fellowship do to a believer? Fellowship brings you to receive the knowledge of God's will. The will of God is associated with fellowship. Fellowship doesn't just mean 'Ra! Ra! Ra!' [Speaking idle words -Ed.] It takes two of the same kind to have fellowship. A dog and a cat can't fellowship. An ant and an elephant can't fellowship because they have nothing in common. If man has a different nature to God, he can't fellowship. That's why He had a barrier in the tabernacle. That's why Cherubim blocked man out of the Garden. Why? Because man had fallen and became darkness and God was still Light. And Light and darkness could not fellowship. The carnal mind is enmity with God. Man fell from a spiritual nature to a carnal nature. [Romans 8:7 -Ed.]

So when Light comes, It reveals to us the will of God; it reveals to us the plan of God. That's a great thing for any believer. That's a blessing. And these people were in the land. How did they get in that land? It says:

*...And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah
went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he,
and his wife, and his two sons.*

That was as a result of the famine. When there is famine in the land, problems come, whether it is in the home, whether it is in the church or whether it is in your environment. And now they are governed by circumstance, not the will of God, but circumstance. How many people claim to be believers and instead of them staying in their position, instead of them relating to God according to the way God set up His economy and placed them in it...?

How many know Israel in the holy land is a type of the Church in the Holy Ghost? How many know that if you end up there, it is by Birth? When those Hebrew mothers were saying, "Ephraim! Judah! Reuben!" In her birth pains she was placing them. Joshua, a type of the Holy Spirit, placed them exactly where in labor their mother cried out. Their whole life was designed for that place. Why? Because God's gifts always find their places.

God had brought them out of Egypt, brought them through the wilderness – justification, sanctification, then brought them over in Canaan land and placed them over positionally. They ended up there by a work that God did. And the first circumstance that came, they moved out of it. Watch what was going to happen to believers who God called out and brought them through...

Because in that journey He was proving, what? He could give them water when they didn't have. He was proving, you're walking in the line of His Word under His leadership – the Pillar of Fire and even though you couldn't get water, He created it and brought it. Even

though you couldn't get food He created it and brought it. When they had battles He came down and He fought their battles. Is that right? He was proving that He was going to be everything to them as long as they walked in the line of the Word.

Failure! Failure! Failure! They were departing from their place of power. When Abraham went down in Egypt, he lied. He couldn't even face one king. But when he was in Canaan land in his place, he chased five of them and slaughtered them and brought back his fallen brother. Is that right? But outside the land—If you get away from your position, you don't have any power. Your power, it goes with your position.

If you're looking for reality in your life, you're looking to see God bless you, you have to learn the ways of God. A lot of people come to church but they are not learning God's ways. A lot of people are hearing a lot of the Scriptures and the Message but they're not catching what the Spirit is saying, and they're not coming into a knowledge of God. Know His ways! Purpose in your heart. When you know His ways, you start to see His greatness, you start to see His faithfulness. You start to say, "Oh Lord..."

That's why Abraham said, "No, no, the lad and I will go and worship and come back." [Genesis 22:5 -Ed.] When man comes to know God's ways, he says... In other words, "God is able to create a ram and put it there."

When the Prophet came to know God's ways, he [Bro. Harvey 'Bud' Southwick -Ed.] says, "Bro. Branham, how is that bear going to show up."

He [Bro. Branham -Ed.] says, "Are you doubting? God is able to create a bear and put it there. It shall be there!" [*Wisdom Versus Faith*, 1962-0401, para. 19-4 -Ed.]

He was trying to wonder where it is going to come out of in four-inch high grass. I mean to say, it doesn't even make sense – a nine foot grizzly bear? That comes from walking with God and you learn His ways. You get

convinced of His faithfulness so a situation doesn't influence your behavior. You get tied to the Absolute: which is God's Word. And it doesn't matter how dark it is, and it doesn't matter how many storms come, your faith, your compass points to the North Star, which is the Word of God and it does not move. Your whole life is zeroed to the Word.

When you have church members you have to 'wind them up' [Do something over and over –Ed.] every week. You have to 'knock them on the head' every month. [To keep them sensitized –Ed.] When you have believers who are mixing the Word with faith, watch them sacrifice. Watch them like the widow – when they sit under the teaching, understanding what is happening, it is an entrance being ministered unto them.

It is impossible to sit under this kind of preaching and don't discover real faith. It is impossible if you're a believer, because this is the opening of the Word. This is the placing of the believer. This is the revealing of your name. This is dividing your Age. This is putting you in line with the Holy Spirit. It's impossible not to have faith, under this kind of teaching. This kind of teaching is designed to lead you to discover your potential, and your hidden resources, and to live victorious, and to master all circumstances.

You have to be a rank unbeliever, a make believer sitting in church, trying to disguise yourself as a believer. But from the believer, faith comes out. Faith comes out!

Watch this man here. In the days when the judges ruled – very much like today. Harvest time – very much like today. Spiritual famine – very much like today. The Book of Ruth, the Mystery of the bride and the bridegroom – very much like today. It is not just Bible, it is a mystery. It is a hidden secret. It's the thing that's going to sensitize and wake up the Elect in this Hour. Because there is a Greater than Ruth, a real Ruth. This is the shadow Ruth, this is a substance Ruth. And this

Mystery that is encrypted here, when it is opened up, it's designed to wake her up.

As sure as sure can be, she is going to come into union with Boaz. As sure as sure can be, she is going to get preganated by Boaz's seed. As sure as sure can be, she is going to give birth to that Word. As sure as sure can be, she is going to get redemption. That's right. As sure as it can be, she is going to come through justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, marriage, union and then give birth.

From a daughter she comes to a widow. Her old husband is dead. She came into union with the new husband, Boaz, and became wife. That's right. She became a mother. She brought forth fruit unto God through the union. All these things in here, the reason God specifically wrote the story a certain way, it was intended to identify a people in the last days. Do you get that? This man Elimelech...

Verse 2:

*² The name of the man was Elimelech,
and the name of his wife Naomi...*

Elimelech means my God is King. Naomi means pleasant; pleasantness.

*...and the name of his two sons Mahlon
(sickness) and Chilion, (pining) Ephrathites
of Bethlehem-judah. And they came into the
country of Moab, and continued there*

He didn't go to Egypt. He didn't go to Babylon. He went to Moab. There is a reason for that. There is a reason for that. Every one of these places, every one of these countries around Palestine, around their homeland, around the allotted place was considered the world. Anything outside the revealed Word is the world. If you step in denomination – out of the Word, you're in the world. Denomination is part of the world because it is not part of God's plan. That's part of the world. That's religion designed for worldly people, where they could go to a beach party and then go to church the

next day; where they could go and dance in a carnival band and carry on, and then go and get ashes the next day. That's religion designed for worldly people. But God has a faith for His people, by which they are going to worship God in Spirit and Truth.

Watch! They were from Bethlehem-Judah. Bethlehem you know is the house of God's Bread. Judah had the promise of the Messiah. The scepter will not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes. From the very beginning it came down. Then it came down to the house of David, who was of the tribe of Judah. And God said, "In your house, you will have a son and he will be king." We have come through Son of Man, Son of God and come back to Son of Man revealed in the last days, then it's going to go into Son of David in the Millennium, to bring that very promise to pass.

Watch! Look at the irony of this thing. A little testing and they got out of the will of God. They fell away in the time of testing – a little pressure. Now they left there because they feared death was going to hit them there, so they went down in Moab for security. Running from death, they ran straight into death.

They feared that in the famine, they would have died of starvation in the land because when they weighed the consequences—Because remember, they knew the Word. The tabernacle was in the land, the priests were in the land, the ark was in the land, but they were seeing: "We could forsake all of that." They forsook inheritance given by God. They forsook the position where they were placed by God. They started to feel insecure in a place where they had covenant from God. Just because food started to get scarce, just because the price of food started to go up, they started to feel now their security is threatened.

These were not worldly people, these were believers. And so they decided to go down... When they looked at Egypt and they saw the pleasures of sin for a season down there and they saw that was a place of bondage

and it's a type of the world, then they looked over in Babylon, and they saw over in Babylon all that polluted religion, all those polluted gods – a place where it is so easy to become defiled and be submitted to the pressure to worship false gods, they kind of went to Moab because Moab came from Lot.

When God described Moab in the Bible He said, "Moab had been at ease from his youth. He had settled on his lees and had not been poured from vessel to vessel." Jeremiah 48 verse 11, God through the prophet Jeremiah was describing Moab. *Lees* means that's when you're making wine, and when you're making wine, you have to keep pouring the wine because there are a lot of sediments at the bottom. And when the wine settles down a little bit, all that sediment comes and settle down to the bottom of the container and so they have to...

Do you see how sometimes you have to shake up things to get it to mix back? He said he had settled on his lees and had not been poured from vessel to vessel. So Moab stands for a life of ease where people kind of look for a little place to retire and be undisturbed; where there is little movement; just to kind of relax. The relaxed Age. Like how It says, "Lukewarm" – neither hot nor cold.

And they drifted down inside there. His wife went with him and his two sons went with him. This man had a responsibility. This man had a responsibility. This man started to see that he was taking his family to safety. This man was seeing maybe in his mind, "We will just be down there for a short time. As soon as things get a little better we are coming back. You know, things are kind of hard and other people went to different places too, so we aren't the only people doing that." They were moving out of their place through circumstance, and they had a good explanation.

Have you ever heard some people explain their circumstance and they going at great lengths to go into

the details because they want to convince you that they are not making any rash decision? They're not realizing that they have become an expert in unbelief. Because having explained all of that, why they're doing that, it is still contrary to the Word. The Word shows that when you believe God, you'll stay in your place; you'll abide in the Word. Because real death, real death is to get away from the Word. The whole creation fell into death when they got away from the Word.

Abraham, when he went down to Egypt, he backslid. Elimelech, they had these Scriptures. They had these Scriptures. When Jacob went close to the world, what happened? They had those Scriptures. But look! Running from death he ran right into death.

³ And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

⁴ And they took them wives of the women of Moab...

Their father was not around, so the two boys now went into hybrid religion. They went into a mixed marriage because Moab came from a perverted birth. They were marrying into false union now, into a cursed, hybrid people. Deuteronomy chapter 23 verse 3 tells you that no Moabite could have come into the congregation of Israel. No Moabite, because they were unclean. Because that race started from an incestuous relationship when Lot went with his two daughters.

But watch something. You see this Book of Ruth, it teaches you grace. It's carrying you to the depths to bring grace out because Ruth hasn't come in the picture yet, and she was one who couldn't even come in the congregation of Israel. It showed the abundance of God's mercy, when He reached down His hand and He took that woman and made her the great, great grandmother of Jesus Christ. Do you get what I'm saying?

But failure first. Watch failure. And they say man's extremity is, what? God's opportunity or something like

that they say. When man fell it gave God the opportunity to show His love and His grace. If God had designed the woman that she couldn't fall it would have been dis-complimentary to God's wisdom. God could never be Saviour. If there was not a fall, God couldn't be a Saviour. It had to have a lost man to give God reason and purpose for being because He's a Saviour. Elimelech was taking his whole family into death. The two boys went and married and took wives from Moab.

...the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: [gazelle and friendship] and they dwelled there about ten years.

⁵ And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them...

This woman went down with a husband and sons. She had heirs. She was so secured. Her husband's name can't die in the earth. They had property back in their homeland. They mortgaged and all kinds of things to survive. And they left to go down there, and in going down there now, her husband was gone and her two sons were gone. She ended up now a widow, husbandless and motherless, in a strange land. Who carried her down there, can't bring her back out. Look where she ended up: smitten, torn, bruised and afflicted.

...and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab...

Now catch this! Don't mix this up here. She was not returning because she got chastisement, you know. It was not her grief and her pain and her sorrow that's carrying her back. Hear what it says:

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard...

For she had heard – the reason and purpose why she was going back.

...for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

The blessing was when they had bread. The curse was when God broke the staff of bread and brought famine and the blessing was when God gave back bread, to show that the chastisement for the people for a season in the land had come to an end. Because God's chastisement is not forever, but that it might bring peaceable fruit unto righteousness. So now like a parent, like a husbandman purging a vine so it would be more fruit-bearing. Then God sent bread again.

What happened when the Church went away from God? Didn't famine hit them? When the Church went down into denomination in Nicaea Rome...? Do you read the Bible? Do you read the Message? Do you listen to the preaching? They were eating things sacrificed to idols. They were eating the doctrine of Balaam. They were eating the doctrine of Jezebel. Read your *Church Ages*. They had Nicolaitanism, Balaamism and the doctrine of Jezebel. They went to the depths of Satan. Is that right? Even Luther and Wesley and them didn't have the full Word, but in the last days God visited His people with Bread again.

In the first Age what did he say? "I am the Bread of Life Who has come down from Heaven. If a man eat of Me, he'll never die." In the last days, 1st Thessalonians 4 and Revelation 10, what is that? The same One came down from Heaven again. The Bread appears again in the land at Harvest Time; Bread in the land. Why do people come out of denomination? What got them out of their religion and brought them in the Message? God visited the people with Bread. Why did many of you leave where you used to be to come here in this church? Because you knew there was Bread here. God sent

Bread. Because the Bread is He Himself! He is the Bread of Life!

They heard there was bread and when they heard there was bread, that was the grace of God. That was the blessing of God. What was getting them back to their place? The blessing of God, the grace of God; not the rod of God. When it took the husband, she sat down there. When it took the son, she sat down there. When it took the next son, she sat down there. But then she heard! But then she heard, and when she heard, she arose, because faith comes by hearing. It is something you hear.

You see, that is why believers, their ears are attentive. A believer is listening to that certain sound. They're listening to that Word because until they don't get faith, brother, they are in the energy of the flesh; they can't do a thing. They're weary and they're tired and they're wearing themselves out. When faith comes, they get inspired. Amen. They rise up! Something begins to move them. Why? Because now they function by another power. It is not by their own human spirit and by their own might. It is by faith, the faith of God that's coming by the Word and it begins to move inside of them.

Watch how faith brings you to God. Now catch the mystery. It's a mystery. They're going back to Bethlehem to meet Boaz. They're going back to meet Boaz. They're not just going back in the land, they're going back for redemption. The work starts with faith. The work will start with something you hear. If you're coming for redemption, it is something you hear. Seven Thunders utter their voices in the last days. There was a certain sound – the Voice of God in the last days. There was a Message in the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel when he shall begin to sound. It is something people heard in this Hour. And that what we began to hear, oh my, it began to make something known to us. It is the will of God beginning to be made

known to us. We begin to see the grace of God coming down.

...she arose with her daughters...

Could you imagine how long she sat down there crying? Could you imagine how long she sat down there regretting and can't move? I should have, would have and could have. Have you ever seen people sit down there regretting, regretting, regretting, and they can't move? But they start to hear something. They start to hear that God is moving again. They start to hear that God's wrath has passed. They started to hear that Former Rain and Latter Rain came. They came in the time at the beginning of the harvest. It took two rains to bring that grain. God was beginning to pour out the Spirit again.

Do you understand what got things moving in these last days? Because there was a man who went out and began to prove that the days of miracles are not over. It's something. It's the Spirit of God Who came down, and the Spirit of God began to move and the Scriptures began to come to life, and people begin to hear something – a testimony of an Angel that came down from Heaven.

And brother, when he went to Africa they were bringing them from the jungle, they were emptying hospitals, until when he prayed, 25,000 people in the State in the race track... And then Bro. Sidney Jackson said the whole city for miles and miles was choked. People couldn't come into the city. They were being healed in cars everywhere, all over. Because the thing went almost across the whole country. The Prophet wondered how those people traveled for days, coming and bringing in the sick and the diseased; bringing them because they heard what was happening down there – a man was discerning the thoughts.

He said, "You Americans, I sit down in America here," and that is like the church here sometimes too. He said, "God did everything in front of them and they sat down

and they watched it like that.” He said, “If you go in Africa, in one discernment, people would break those idols and they started to step out of those things.” He said, “But you Americans, you got too intellectual,” he told them.

You have to watch and see how you’re behaving to the Word. And you know what I’m saying because I’m quoting. And you know the Americans, they started to get rich and increased with goods. And you know the Americans, they started to get a superiority complex that they are better than the other people.

A lot of people sit down inside here and start to feel that you’re better than that church and you’re better than that church, and you are better than this over here. And God starts to improve your condition, and you start to see all your blessings that God is blessing you with now. And then afterwards you want the Gospel to be mixed with entertainment because a lot of you start to get drunk in front of your televisions now. Your spirit is getting hybrid. Sure! That’s taking up your reading time and your listening to tape time and your prayer time, and God becomes convenience because God can’t fit when you want to do that.

Oh my! Oh brother, it is time to pray. What verse am I in? Time for some whole night prayer meeting now. You have to be able to preach for an hour then pray for an hour, if you want to get some fire in the prayer, I tell you. You kind of just sing two songs and go down to prayer there, and the next thing they fall asleep after a while or sit down there looking around the church or they look at their watch a few times.

But if you get them under the Word and get the Word inside of them, brother, when they’re ready to pray, they want to talk to God then. They have things they want to talk over with Jesus. Yes sir! Do you know why? Because when faith gets anointed, they believe, “He’s right here tonight. I can get a hold of Him. I’m like Jacob at Peniel! I won’t let Him go until He blesses me!”

Some of you used to have that kind of feeling, but that feeling is so far from you now. Do you know why? You didn't guard it. You didn't pay the price to keep it. You let other things come in your life and compete and contend in your life, for a place too. So then you have to minimize that. You've got too many places to go and you've got too many different things that you want to do and you don't realize how quickly you got busy. You got too busy so your prayer got busy. Your mediation got busy. Your reading – a week past and you haven't got passed two pages in your book yet. And do you think a life there could overcome in this Age? No! No way, no way. No way, friend.

That's why a lot of people want people to live their Christianity for them. They want people to bring the Power of God for them. And a lot of people think the prayer line is the solution. They live no life, and from the time the Word comes forth, they get condemned in their seat. And when they get condemned in their seat they run to the altar, thinking now that running there would undo all their negligence because they're getting trained to a church program, and they're making up their own superstition with God.

And when God filters their thinking and says, "As much as you put into this, it's so much you're going get out of it. As much as you empty out, it's so much God can fill. And to dig your ditches and dig it deep." And then watch and see if you line up with God's Word and to prove that you flay your bullock and you check the inside and the out. And you wash your feet with water and you lay down your head and you wait upon God and watch Him answer by Fire. But a lot of people lose that ruggedness. That's a ruggedness where you take God at His Word and you say, "I stand flat-footed like Buddy Robinson. If I have to die, let me die here." That's right.

That's what we used to preach in Barataria. In Barataria days you didn't care whether your stocking

got ripped when you went down on the old linoleum. When you put your head on that chair and everybody was willing to move around by the altar and make room for a next one. Nobody wasn't getting upset. They're glad a next one wants to come by the altar too because that's a place of death. People were giving up a part of themselves that they're holding back for years.

They're waiting for crisis to give it up. When they're looking in the Mirror of the Word, they won't give it up. And the Mirror of the Word is telling them "Give it up, give it up" but they're waiting for a crisis. When crisis comes, they're trying to empty it out. They get soft. They are seeing God a different way.

You have to look God in the face. You can't come to a place where you're trying to bluff God. You can't come to a place—From the time you see you're trying to bluff God, you're getting insincere because your spirit starts to tell you, God maybe doesn't know everything and that's why He's taking that route. When you know God knows everything...

The Prophet says, "When you know angels are standing all around you, they are seeing every thought that goes through your mind, your thoughts speak louder in Heaven than your words on earth," he says "that helps to get you to walk a certain way. That gets you all through the day, keeping your thoughts clean and applying the Blood; keeping your thoughts right; mediating on the Word; making a melody in your heart and staying focused. Why? Because you are conscious of the angels.

If you get taken up with the devil you want to hide; you want to hide. You want to be conscious that God is there and the angels are there and they know everything. Then you know, "Let me try to please God." You're conscious of God. You don't want to be so devil conscious to get unconscious of God. Do you get what I'm saying? Some people are so devil conscious that they could tell you all what the devil is doing and they

don't know what God is doing. Get conscious of God. Know He's around you. He's watching you. He's looking at your attitude. You see that's the kind of atmosphere faith grows in.

But that is what you have to create in your own heart so when something happens, inspiration strikes and your faith starts to move right away. Have you ever seen people's faith is sluggish?

He said, "Lady, your name is so and so."

"Uh, uh."

"Yeah, and your telephone number is so and so. Yeah, and your brother is sick in the hospital. Yeah, and you have a son."

"I wonder how He knows that?"

Sluggish faith! The Holy Spirit, a Supernatural hour and they can't move into it. But when that faith and that heart is in a certain atmosphere, brother, He's only talking to you, and you sit down there and realize, "My goodness!" You'll pull that Pillar of Fire from the platform straight to you. That's right. Why? You'll say, "Look, she's in the Presence and He's unrecognized to her. Oh God, I don't have a prayer card but I believe that that's You, Father." You'll pull the Holy Spirit right there and leave her standing there on the platform.

Why? You have to keep your heart in that place where the Spirit can move inside of you. Is that right? That's really the truth? When you read the Bible and you see Supernatural things happen, do you kind of take it under consideration and meditation? Do you watch the approach? Do you watch what Jesus said? Do you watch how He acted? Do you watch how He dealt with the person? Do you see the person's attitude towards Him? When somebody gets something from God, do you watch it? When you watch it a certain way you know, "If He did that for that person who had that need and they approached Him on that basis and He did that, He's obligated that if I come, having the same need and approach Him on the same basis, He's

obligated to do the same for me, for He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

That's what believers catch. You don't have to teach that every time. You teach that once or twice and a person knows, "That's a key I walk with every day." That, you are dressed in these things because you start to know, "If I get that, I know it's the right attitude of approach. I know through confession and faith, I'm subject to all the powers of God in Heaven. I know God hears a sincere prayer." See?

You don't wait for God to rebuke you and tell you to go and fix your sin. No! You know right there if your heart condemns you, you can't have confidence before God. Then you see people trying to have confidence in God like if they could work up that, not knowing, you are what you are in your subconscious. That comes down to insincerity. You don't play with those things because you know once you have nothing standing between you and God there, you can ask for what you will. You could expect God to come down there and do what He has to do.

You don't have to keep an all-night prayer meeting: "I have to go and fast to get my mind in condition." You know it is not on your righteousness. It is by the righteousness of faith. And as long as faith can agree with the Word, you're ready. Not make-believe faith. Make-believe faith is where sin wants to work from. That's hindering your faith. See? But when that faith is genuine inside of there, unfeigned faith, watch things happen.

She heard in [her] country...

Just a couple more verses.

⁷ Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on their way to return unto the land of Judah.

Out of failure, now God has to bring chastisement. Chastisement – God had to bring the rod down, and He

took the husband, took the son and took the next one. But watch decision. Decision – they're already on the move for restoration, and He's going to lead them right back to the very place where they came out from.

If you know tonight you're not in the place where you were. If you know tonight that through circumstance you let it influence you and you're not walking with God in the places where you used to walk with God before, and the fellowship that you had with God, and the sacrifices you used to make to God, and the vows that you made to God that you didn't perform, then you want to get back to your place. If you see the rod of God in your life and you're getting roadblocks and things are not working out right, a believer is sensitive to see how they came into that. They search their life because they know that is part of their life.

Chastisement doesn't mean... She was chastened but not forsaken. She was cast down but not destroyed. She was chastened but not condemned because faith began to come back in her heart. And the place that she stayed in for ten years, it couldn't have any grip on her life anymore when she began to hear the blessing of God in the place where she should have been. Even though she's eating that bread down there, she knew, "I am eating this bread down here under chastisement and with condemnation. But if I'm eating that bread in the place there, I'd have no chastisement and no condemnation if I was in that place there. It would have been a glory and honor to God."

But she tried to live without chastisement. She separated herself from the chastisement in the land when God withdrew the rain and brought famine and she tried to maintain a life, where they had no rod. They're not going to stay in Bethlehem-Judah and take the rod so they ran down to Moab to escape that rod and continue going good. They didn't want God's authority over their life.

But watch something! What they ran from is what they met. What they ran from is what they met. Many times what you're running from was good for you. He says, "Despise thou not the chastening of the Lord." [Job 5:17 -Ed.] Don't despise it. That's the love of God. As many as *I* love, not as many love Me. As many as *I* love, Revelation 3 – this Age. As many as *I* love. You see, a lot of people love God but God doesn't love them. They think because they're getting a blessing... But you see Paul said, "He sends the Rain on the just and the unjust."

And sometimes people are so 'dotish' [stupid -Ed.] that they know they are wrong and they know they're in sin and when they see a blessing coming they feel that that means God isn't judging them for their sins. And they try to think that, no, God loves them and He doesn't mind what they do, though their conscience tells them it's wrong. They don't realize that is false anointing. That is the anointing on a life that is not the Word. That's too deep for you, right? That depends on where you're living your life, you know. You see to live the life, where you are living the life conscious of the Word. The Word teaches us all these things.

Depart from me I never knew you – the Word teaches us, you could do all of that. Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated – the Word teaches us that. Seeking a place of repentance and can't find it – the Word teaches us that. Where was Jacob and Esau? In the womb of the bride who Eliezer called. The Token is the literal life of Jesus Christ.

In other words, let us contend for that. Let us seek God for more of that. Let us stop playing with church and playing around these things. Let us get more and more of the Holy Ghost. We're going to see more and more overcoming. We're going to see more and more victory. Don't let what I am saying, that you put your pride to resist that. Let me tell you people develop

spiritual pride after a while that you can't talk to them, you know.

Freedom is connected to the knowledge of the Truth. Only the Truth makes free. There is not another freedom. God doesn't promise it outside of the Truth. The only freedom there is, is the Truth. The lie puts you in bondage. Brother, look at Josiah. That's why I say you missed that message. Any man in that land could have appealed to God for righteousness, and from his works, and ours, he outshone you by far. For his zeal for God and ours, he outshone you by far. And yet when that man heard the Word, he tore his clothes because in his righteousness, he didn't see, "Well no, that can't apply to me." He saw, "I am part of these people and the judgment is on this nation." He said, "Oh God."

He started to get enlightened as to what sin was – things they never knew they were sinning against God. Then he started to realize, "That displeased God, that displeased God and that displeased God." They had no truth to reveal all those things. But when Truth came and started to shine in those places, it's like, "Oh God, I can't plead ignorance. That's not a court of appeal. Not only me, but my fathers and them." He said, "Go and enquire from God quickly." He was so sure that God was merciful, that if he can get a word from God to enquire what we can do to avert this judgment that's coming. When he had that attitude, the Holy Spirit said, "Tell that man he's going in peace. He will not see what is coming, but I can't say for the rest." That was a man like David.

God said, "Chose one: sword, famine or pestilence."

He said, "Let me fall in the hands of God rather than in the hands of man."

When he did wrong, he said, "Let God chasten me; whichever one God wants to apply. When I come out of this I don't have to worry because it will be done. I'm not going to live with this phobia in my mind afterwards. I deserve it and when I come out of it, I know it's over."

That is the kind of attitude God is pleased with. When I talk so, I'm trying to lead you to deeper life, you know. I'm trying to lead you to deeper realities, you know. I'm trying to bring you to a place to say, watch where people talk to God from. Watch when the Word is revealed in a person's life and they want to walk in union with God, and we're talking about Bride now. This is the Bride Age. This is a people coming to the closest relationship ever with God. This is a people coming with faith to be changed.

Let's stand. Failure, chastisement! When Naomi came back she said, "Don't call me Naomi." She said, "Don't call me Naomi at all." She said, "Call me Mara. *The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.*" She's not saying it reproaching God you know. She said,

²¹ I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why [do you] call me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

She knew that was the hand of God. She acknowledged God as the One Who did that, and she submitted and she came back to her place, to take that place in humility. And when people started to say, "Hey Naomi!" The whole city started to say, "Hey look, it's Naomi, Naomi!" She said, "No, no, don't call me that." From a prominent woman, she humbled herself: chastened, whipped, broken, stripped of family, everything; made to grovel.

Look at Israel! Six million they took from them in World War II alone. Millions, since Titus slaughtered them and scattered them into all nations. Every nation they went in – whipped, imprisoned, ridiculed, humiliated and they came back in their homeland. Said, "Come let us return. He hath torn and He will heal us. He had smitten. Israel went back in their homeland wounded.

Naomi came back in pain, grieved, full of sorrow, bitter, and while she has that, (catch this,) she's thinking about Ruth's welfare. She's thinking about the two girls. With all this bitterness she said, "Look, why are you all following me? I can't bear any more children. If I get pregnant tonight, will you all wait for the child to grow up?" She said, "I am an old woman; I can't have any husband again. You all have a future. Go back to your father's house. Go back and find rest. Go back and remarry," she is telling them.

They said, "No, no, we are going with you."

Could somebody have all that grief, all that pain, suffer all that lost and when she is getting support she is looking at, "You all are strangers. If I go back there and die, (I don't have long to live again,) you all will end up as strangers in a land over there. You've forsaken your own land." Orpah cried and went back but Ruth... Watch the picture good. Maybe you never saw it. Watch it good tonight.

Ruth says, "This is an old woman. She really can't have any more husbands. She really can't go and remarry. Her days are finished. The kind of grief she suffered, she doesn't have long to live again. Her best years have gone. I'm a young woman. This is a forsaken woman, a chastened woman. God's hand is upon that woman's life for disobedience, for forsaking the right place."

Ruth didn't identify when Naomi was prospering, you know. Ruth didn't identify when Naomi had abundance, you know. Ruth is leaving father. Catch the faith. The Ruth tonight who this Ruth is typing, those Ruths in here tonight have that same faith. They have that same kind of vision. Watch the decision friends, watch it good.

Ruth started to realize, "This woman is saying certain things about God that struck me. I never saw God like that yet. They don't teach that so in Moab. The

principle she talks about, this God and the stories she tells me about Abraham...”

Now remember, Ruth was from Moab and she knew about Lot, right? And remember, she could feel like family too because angels came and took Lot out. But that was the perverted. That was the perverted birth of the truth because Lot wasn't a Trinitarian. But then they went down there and then Balaam went with Balak in Moab and polluted that whole thing, and made Moab to fight against the truth, and she was down inside of there.

And she was watching this woman and she started to get a grip on God. She started to identify herself with these people in the time of chastening. She was giving up father and mother and country to follow the thing that was looking most defeated. She's going forth when they went back in the land showing it is not a human connection. She saw deeper than that.

If you think it's only Naomi she followed, you're wrong? She said, “Your people will be my people. Even though you die, I want to live among that people. Do you get what I'm saying? Even though you die before we get back there, I want to live among these people. They have the Word. They have a promise. Even though God chastened them, look God comes back and blesses them and deals with them in mercy. She said, “I hear there is Bread so I'm going with you.” And then she said, “And your God shall be my God.” But she realized so far only this woman, I know like Rahab, when she got a hold of the spies, she didn't see Joshua, you know. She said, “I know God gave you all this land, but you are my link to this God and I am holding on to you right now, and I'm not letting you go.” So she held on to Naomi, even in that chastened condition.

Do you see the kind of faith that brings you into grace? That is the faith that led her to Boaz. That is the faith that brought her in to meet Boaz. Could you grasp what I'm talking about? The purpose of the story

is to reveal how we come in to meet our Kinsman, but it started with the woman as an unbeliever where she was in Moab. But she got in contact with a believer, and the influence of the believer and the believer's revelation of that God became her only channel to that God. And she recognizes that right now God has you as the link between me and Him Who I don't know fully yet, but is coming to know through you.

Do you know when the Prophet came down as a man in this generation, he was the link to God? Do you know when he came with the Truth he had, that was the only man in this generation with a link to the Rapture? And do you know when the people walked away from that man under the second pull and went back, like Jesus when He started to preach hard things, those seventy, that was their link to the New Birth when they walked away? They walked away from that?

You heard Peter and them say, "To whom shall we go?" You heard when she said, "Entreat me not to leave thee!" And Naomi kept shaking her. Like Elijah and Elisha, like Rebekah with her parents and them saying, "No, no! The girl can't go yet. Don't let her go. She can't go yet. Let her stay a little bit."

The servant said, "Well, I'll talk to the damsel. Don't worry."

She said, "I will go."

She refused to be hindered when the thing struck her. Have yours gone that deep? We're going to pray tonight, a little bit. Have yours gone that deep? Do you recognize this is the link for the Rapture?

The woman is a widow. She's a stranger in Moab. She was in poverty. Her husband and sons were gone, and everything. In that defeated way this girl could see, "It seems like your God and all rejected you. It seems like your God dealt so bitterly and severely with you. Do you think that kind of God and the way God dealt with her, ran Ruth back to the Moab god? Orpah went back. Faith friends, faith. This is not reasoning, this is faith.

When you're around the Word, have you ever come to an experience to understand what you're around? Did you study it closely enough? Did you ask God about it? Did you ask God for confirmation or you just come here and go back? Let me tell you, churches are dangerous places. If you're going to one, know what they believe in that church; know that that's coming from God. Let me tell you, you better know that I'm from God or I'm from the devil. You have to find out that. You can't sit down here and you're not sure about that. Caleb knew what he was around. Peter and them knew what they were around. Timothy and them knew what they were around. The Shunammite woman knew what she was around. You have to know what you're around.

"When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word. Trust and obey there is no other way." What a place, friends. Let's worship God and pray tonight. Let's not say prayers tonight. Do you want something more from God? Do you want something a little deeper in your life? Do you want to empty out first a little bit? This is an emptying out message tonight. This is not a filling up message, this is an emptying out message tonight. But emptying out messages gets you ready to fill up.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to God! Oh thank You Jesus! Thank You Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Trust and obey friends, there is no other way, there is no other way to be happy in Jesus. My!

[Song #119 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

When we walk with the Lord

In the Light of His Word,

Oh, what a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will,

He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

Oh, sing it out to Him now.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

May He give us a Spirit of obedience and make us a prisoner to the Word tonight!

But to trust and obey.

*Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
Oh, but His smile quickly drives it away;
Oh, not a doubt or a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,*

This is the Hour for revival friends. God wants to pour in His Spirit. He's looking for hungry hearts.

...trust and obey.

Oh, let's try the next verse.

Not a burden we bear,

Let's follow Him tonight. Let's make a clean-cut decision tonight; a total separation.

Oh, not a grief nor a loss,

Not a frown or a cross,

But is blest if we trust and obey.

Oh, lift your hands and sing, all around the building, "Trust and obey" tonight. Purpose in your hearts, "I will walk upright. I'll be true to the Word." Ruth counted the cost friends. She searched herself. She knew what she was giving up. She looked at this old woman but she saw beyond her.

But to trust and obey.

*Oh, but we never can prove
Think of the words that you sing tonight.
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joys He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.*

Trust and obey for...

Oh gracious God tonight, as we stand before You Lord searching our hearts as we come into Your Presence, determined to lay aside every weight and every sin; laying it all on the altar, Father

Oh, then in fellowship sweet,
Let's enter into that communion now, sweet
fellowship with Jesus.

...fellowship sweet

We will sit at His feet,

Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do,

A place of complete obedience, complete commitment
and loyalty to this Word.

Where He sends we will go,

Ready for service, to go into action for Him.

Never fear, only trust and obey.

You purpose in your heart, tonight. You be like Ruth tonight. You have made a decision to follow, but make it complete tonight. You've had to suffer chastisement for failure like Naomi, but you heard that God is visiting His people. It lifts your expectations. It lifts your faith to get back to your place that you got away from. You're seeking redemption in the Harvest Time.

Two widows: an old widow and a young widow. Two people suffering grief and affliction and pain on a long lonely road in the heat of the harvest. But they're going up to the house of God's Bread. They're going down to Bethlehem. They're going back in a land where God has come down, where the blessing of God is; where there is bread again. They're going to meet the Lord of the harvest.

That great faith, that great act of faith, that great decision was bringing her to a place to find grace in the eyes of the great lord of the harvest; to find favor before him; to come into his field; to glean among his reapers. It was the dawning of a new day. So it is for us, friends. She came to that field and saw him coming – the great coming of Boaz coming to the chief reaper. She began to see things after that decision. Things began to break before her eyes.

These are the steps, friends. She had to decide before she could come into service. She had to serve before

she could come into rest. She had to decide and serve and come into rest before she could come into marriage. This is God's plan for this Age, but look where the work starts. Look how it starts. Open your heart. He's our Kinsman Redeemer. He's our great Boaz. He's the One in Whose eyes we are coming to find grace. It is by His Divine direction that we ended up in His field, where there is redemption, where there is sustenance and nourishment; where there is protection.

It is His favor. He had wounded, He had torn but now He's healing, now He's raising up. He'll come unto us as the Rain. He'll come as showers of blessing in your life. He'll come as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you approach Him tonight, you approach Him on the basis of the Word, on the basis of the revelation in the season, in the Book that reveals this great relationship to bring us into oneness. Talk with Him right inside there tonight. Fellowship with Him right inside there. Make your steps right, steps where you see progress from one stage to the next.

With each step she was advancing forward. He met all of her needs. He took care of every situation she had. He removed everything out of the way to bring her into complete redemption. He pledged that he would do the part of the kinsman because she found grace in his eyes. The God of all grace came down. The God of all peace and comfort and hope, it's He Who has come down in this day to us. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

[The church goes into prayer -Ed.]

Thank You Jesus. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.

You are my King, You are the Lamb; Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham; the Holy One, God's only Son; You're the King of whose I am.

Let's worship Him with this love song tonight. Let's embrace Him tonight with a tender warm embrace. Let's pour out our affection upon Him. Let's let Him know and reassure Him that He's our first love and that we have no other lovers in our life. Our life is for Him

alone. We have no eyes for anyone else. Our eyes are upon Him and Him alone. He's all-together lovely. He's the Fairest of ten thousand. He satisfies us. We are the virtuous woman.

Boaz said, "You even did better in the end than in the beginning. You didn't run after the young men, whether rich or poor." He said, "And my whole city knows that you are a virtuous woman." Something in this girl shone out. She caught something. She caught something. Naomi knew that this girl, though she was a Moabite, Naomi was determined that this girl was the right one for Boaz. She didn't feel that she was putting Boaz in a spot to have to accept some Moabite.

Because even Boaz himself said, "It has been told to me and shown to me how you left your father and mother, how you left your country, and the things that you did for your mother-in-law." He said, "It has been shown to me these things."

She said, "Why have I found grace in your eyes?"

Have you ever asked the Lord that: "Lord, why have I found grace in Your eyes?" Friends, I so want to take your spirit way beyond the realm of church and intellectualism. And going back in this Book of Ruth, I want to make you revisit places and see if the temperature in your soul, if the fire burns in this present hour as it used to burn in the days when you first heard the stories told about Him. Because I'm certain that these steps from chapter 1 to chapter 4 are the steps the Bride is walking, and must walk in this Hour to come to full redemption. I'm certain that this Book is written for this Bride. And I'm certain that Ruth is this End Time Bride.

What somebody testified to us about Him, we came and met Him, Himself. What encouraged us to separate and follow when somebody told us about Him? When she was in the field it wasn't Naomi telling her, it was

Boaz. It was Boaz telling her. She knew that she had found grace in his sight. He began to extend favors.

Friends, if you have walked there you know these favors. If you have walked there, you know these favors. You can't be in chapter two and didn't get chapter one's blessing. You can't get chapter one's blessing if you didn't make chapter one's decision. And anybody that makes a decision to serve, you don't stand idle. You can't be in chapter 3 and chapter 4, and you never served, and you stopped serving, and you stopped laboring in the field, and you stopped working. You become a worker. You become a laborer because the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. And she was found laboring in the field.

I'm trying to walk this church back there. I'm trying to get back the feeling in your Christianity. I'm trying to get you to fellowship again with the great favor that came to us. He mentioned to her the things that he saw in her. He said, "I've seen how you take care. I've seen the fellowship that you and Naomi have. You all don't fight and quarrel and argue. You all don't get vex and criticize each other and pull down each other. I see the consideration. I see the kindness. I see the atmosphere that exists between both of you."

When you get two sisters who can't fellowship, who are only in force and in confusion, you haven't gotten chapter one yet. You're in Moab. You haven't heard about the Message yet. You have books on your shelf but you haven't really heard the Voice of the Message that is within. Don't let your Christian life... Do you want to get God's blessing? Do you want to get His fellowship and His favor? Put your spirit there.

You don't even have to try to figure out what to do. You don't even have to try to invent anything in your mind. It is all written. It is written and described. You heard what Boaz said – that's exactly the Lord's Words to us. You see in Ruth's attitude and her confession – that is exactly the confession we have to make. You see

the steadfast way she followed and went on and said, "Entreat me not to leave thee. I'm holding on to this Word. If it is only Word I have, It will bring me to the person."

The Word will bring you to Him. Because after a while it wasn't the letter anymore. Naomi was talking to her. Boaz, was watching in her eyes and she could see the affection. She overheard him telling the reapers, "Drop extra handfuls." She heard the warning: "Don't interfere with her when she comes in the field." She remembered the privilege: "Come right here at the table and eat. Don't sit and eat under the tree there. Come at the table, to show that you're accepted here and you have recognition here and you are seen as part of the economy here." Favor.

Nowhere in this Book, nowhere in this Book do you see Ruth grumbling. Nowhere in this Book do you see Ruth complaining. Nowhere in this Book do you see Ruth backsliding. You don't see that in this Book at all. You see step one – decision, come into service; labor. You see serving, laboring then come into rest. Labor that you might enter into rest. You see little blessings, handfuls, until six measures. The blessings were increasing. There is so much.

When you revisit the place and you start to walk back, if we could have this feeling that she had there. If we could have this reverence when the Word comes from Naomi's mouth instructing her, "Wash yourself. Dress yourself. Take the low place. Humble yourself." She said, "All that you say I will do." She didn't sit there. She didn't pout. She didn't say, "What must I do that for?" No. All self was already gone. She said, "All that you say I will do."

It's a Secret. God has the Secret. You don't have to go and try to pray for a dream or try to fast to try to get a vision. You only just have to open the Book and read it. It's explained Here, because this is greater than the vision and the dream. This will qualify whether the

vision and the dream are right. If the vision and dream doesn't match this, what is written inside Here, it's wrong. This shows you time and season. Harvest Time – Israel's back in the homeland before you come into full redemption. Look, your steps that brought you in.

It's great. It's so wonderful. It's so wonderful. Let Him take your spirit, break it down like you used to be when you just came to know the Truth. You didn't care how you looked. You didn't care whether you had something good and people were laughing at you or not. You were so hungry for the Word that you couldn't even think about that. You didn't care whether you had money or you didn't have any money. In those days you had no car to drive. In those days you have no good shoes to wear.

I know because I was at the beginning of the church. It started with me. I knew when you had push-toe slippers. I knew when you didn't even have stockings to wear. I knew when you had one dress and two dresses. I knew when you didn't have a meal. I knew when you depended on a little handout. I knew when you didn't have a job. And I knew how hungry you were for God then, and I knew how desperate you were. And I knew what time service started in Baratania, and I knew before service started, what attitude and what position people used to be in. Do you think the kind of straightened posture now is a sign of maturity? No, no, no. That was the right one back there. There, then your heart was in Jesus and nothing else. And He saw you had loved Him and He blessed you.

Ezekiel 16 says, "I found you by the side of the road. I cut your navel string. I washed you. Your father was an Amorite and your mother was a Hittite." He says, "I dressed you. I put nice jewels on you. I made you so comely and then people started to admire you. Then you got taken up with yourself and your worth and your value and you took your eyes off of Me and you started to go on other things." And God had to tell His Own

people—He sent a prophet with two signs to confirm the commission to call them out of Egypt. It is the same people He had to tell those things to. The only time they had revival is, they had to come back to what they used to be.

If you want revival, you have to come back to what you used to be. It's greater when you could go down with a nice dress and nice perfume and you could go down on the floor – that's greater. Do you understand what I'm saying? The perfume and the dress can't be so costly now that you can't go down on the floor with it. You are afraid you soil the dress. But back there, back there, the thing was, in Azusa Street they used to put their heads in a shoebox. And Elijah went up on the mountain and put his head between his knees and he started to pray and he says, "Go again seven times until the blessing comes."

Don't get self-centered. Don't get self-secured. Don't get self-conscious, ever so often check yourself with the Word. Put the thermometer and see the passion: "Where you go I will go. Your people shall be my people." When you feel that same temperature back there and it dovetails, you say, "Good, I have that. Then I want some labor and service. I'm not sitting down and watching people working and I'm not working. I am going to get involved too. I'm going out in the field. I must have something to make bread that I could share with somebody because I'm getting handfuls." Then you have to check that too. When you see you have that, you're going good because once you qualify in those places, you can't be stagnated. The next place is rest.

You will hear Him say, "Shall I not seek rest for you." He will open the Mystery to show you where to find Him. He'll show you the Mystery of how to approach Him. He'll show you the Mystery of how to come in to receive because it is Him doing all. And if you're conscious that is the plan and you're walking in it, you can't help but come into it.

Measure up yourself. Fit up yourself with the Word. Nobody has to come and fit you up. You fit up yourself. You only get fit up when you don't fit up yourself. But when you fit up yourself, you wave and you see the decision wave back: "That's my decision." You serve and you wave and you see the service wave back, you start to say, "That's me. I am that elected Gentile coming into these things."

Wouldn't that raise your expectation for the next thing? When you see you have these first parts, it would raise your expectation for the next part too. And from the time God starts to see faith expecting it... Are you watching for Him? He'll appear and yet will appear. To them that look for Him, He'll appear another time.

You are my King. Let's sing a love song for Him. Make Him your King tonight. I'm trying to lead you back to deeper places. I'm not pulling you down. I'm leading you back to deeper fellowship. I'm leading you back to a more consecrated life. I'm leading you back to greater power. I'm leading you back to greater blessing. Watch Hezekiah and them when they started to repair the temple, when they started to bring the people back. Watch Josiah and them when they started to clean up the land. They were carrying the people back to a blessing. That's where I'm trying to lead you back tonight.

[Song #320 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

You are my King,

Oh, You are the Lamb.

Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;

The Holy One, God's only Son;

You are the King of whose I am.

Oh, sing it again, "*You are my King.*"

King Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The True King David, tonight. The True King Solomon, tonight.

The Holy One, God's only Son;

You are the King of whose I am.

*My days are filled with laughter,
My heart has known Your peace,
I've travelled far
Still there is more to go;
Oh, but in my heart there is a longing
Oh, to look upon Your face,
Where You are, is where I want to be.*

Oh, you have that feeling, you have that desire,
tonight.

*You are my King,
You are the Lamb,
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;
The Holy One, God's only Son;
You are the King of whose I am.*

*Every road I've travelled down,
You have walked before me
Oh, that's nothing but the truth tonight.
You made the Light to shine around me;
Hallelujah!
Oh, and I'm looking for the day,
When I'll bow before You,
And lay my crown at Your feet.
Oh Jesus!*

*You are my King,
Thank You, Lord.
You are the Lamb.
Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;
The Holy One, God's only Son;
You are the King of whose I am.*

Want to try that first verse again.
*My days are filled with laughter,
He turned our sadness into joy.
My heart has known Your peace,
I've travelled far,
But still there is more to go;*

Oh, but tonight, even as I stand here, there is a
longing tonight to look upon Your face, Jesus.

Where You are, is where I want to be.

You are my King,

Hallelujah!

You are the Lamb,

Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;

The Holy One, God's only Son;

You are the King of whose I am.

Every road I've travelled down,

You have walked before me.

We are just walking in His footsteps, tonight.

You've made the Light to shine around me;

Oh thank You Lord.

And I'm looking for the day,

When I'll bow before You,

And lay my crown at Your feet.

You are my King,

Hallelujah.

You are the Lamb,

Lion of Judah, Seed of Abraham;

The Holy One, God's only Son;

You are the King of whose I am.

Hallelujah! Thank You Jesus. Praise Your mighty Name tonight, oh God. We love You Lord. We bow before You. We lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise. You are worthy oh God. How we magnify Your great Name, tonight. Hallelujah! There is none like You, Lord. We thank You, Father. You're a God that keeps Your promises, Lord. Oh God, Your ear is attentive tonight, Lord God to the cries of every one of Your children. Every one is a little Ruth to You, dear God. Oh God, You're our great Boaz tonight, our great Lion of Judah tonight, our great Kinsman Redeemer, our Lamb of God tonight. Hallelujah! Oh, glory be to God

in the highest! Oh we thank You Lord. We want to be where You are Lord. Oh blessed be the Rock of our salvation! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Draw me from fear into faithfulness, lead me along the way. Draw me from sin into Your holiness that I might be a living praise.

If He means that much to you, then there is nothing that you would not separate from to come into full complete union with Him in this Hour. There would be nothing between your soul and your Saviour. There would be oneness. Hallelujah.

Even while we are here, let's just worship Him a little bit before we leave the building tonight. Amen! Just have faith and believe God, friends. Whatever you have need of tonight; this Great Holy Spirit, Jesus breaks every fetter. He looses you from every chain. He gives you strength and raises you up where you are lacking, amen. He gives you courage where you have fear and you are looking for an easy route and trying to take the way of least resistance. He can keep your conviction. He can take your hand in His hand and lead you and you don't have to run from the battle but you can stand and be an overcomer and inherit His promises tonight. He is faithful tonight. Glory be to God in the highest. Hallelujah. "Draw me from fear..."

[Song #319 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Draw me from fear into faithfulness,

Lead me along Your way;

Oh, isn't that our desire tonight?

Draw me from sin into Your holiness,

That I might be a living praise.

Ruth was that! All the city knew she was a virtuous woman. She separated from everything.

Draw me deeper, deeper

Into Your Word of Truth,

Deeper, deeper

To prove my love for You,

*Deeper, deeper to the place where You are;
Draw me deeper, and deeper,
That I may know Your heart.*

We would like to know what is in His heart – this great three fold secret.

*Draw me from hate into charity,
Oh, Ruth had that.
From restlessness into Your peace;
Draw me from anger into gentleness,
Till every storm in my life shall cease.
Hallelujah!*

*Draw me deeper, deeper
Into Your Word of Truth,
Deeper, deeper
To prove my love for You,
Deeper, deeper to the place where You are,
Draw me deeper, and deeper,
That I may know Your heart.*

We want to try the first verse again, “*Draw me from fear...*” That’s the greatest plague the Prophet said that’s found in the Church – fear. May God give us a Spirit of love and power and a sound mind!

*Lead me along Your way;
Draw me from sin, Lord,
Let me shun the very appearance of evil.
That I might be a living praise.*

*Draw me deeper, deeper
Into Your Word of Truth
Deeper, deeper
To prove my love for You
Deeper, deeper to the place where You are;
Draw me deeper, and deeper,
That I may know Your heart.*

Oh, that I may know Your heart. We want to be drawn so deep, so deep into His Spirit, so deep into His Presence. So completely away from our own selves in this humanistic realm that we may know His heart.

What an intimate fellowship that is! What a desire that is to go after the heart of God. Not what God can give. It's not "Give me, give me Lord," but to know His heart; to satisfy His heart, as a wife would want to please her husband.

How could we please Him if we don't know what is in His heart? How could we truly serve Him if we don't know what is pleasing unto Him? And that could only come in a close association; in an intimate relationship. So you say "Draw me deeper. Draw me deeper." Like the Shulamite, she was looking for the bridegroom. She was looking for Solomon. She was going like a crazy woman throughout the city: "Have you seen him? Have you seen him? Do you know where he's gone?" Oh, she longed for that place of sweet communion, that intimate fellowship.

Isn't that the heart of the Bride for the Bridegroom in this Hour? Isn't that what it means, friends? I believe I'm right. I believe that is what it means. I believe there is a people walking so closely with God, they love God so much. I believe that He loves them so much with that Divine love. He spreads the garment over them. And His purpose is that He will remove every hindrance from bringing them into complete union. Oh my! Let us bow our hearts for prayer.

Gracious Father, help us to catch these deep things, Father. This is for people that You have chosen to be part of Your Bride. This is for a heart that aches and hungers to live close to You, and to live in Your Presence. This is a soul that thinks about pleasing You and is taken up with Your will and live more, as the wife is more interested in the husband's needs and comes into full submission to him because she has seen the husband's love towards her.

Isn't that what Paul says? Husbands love your wives as Christ love the Church and give Himself. And wives, be in submission to your own husbands and that this is a mystery concerning Christ and the Church? This

is the Marriage. And Lord, is not this the Hour of the Marriage when Boaz and Ruth are being married at Harvest Time; Isaac and Rebekah are being married at Evening Time; oh God, when Othniel and Achsah are being married oh God, in the time when they are fighting to possess their inheritance? How he loved her and risked his life and put his life in jeopardy for her. Oh God, how we see these pictures in the Bible; how Ahasuerus loved Esther.

Lord Jesus, let us break through everything, oh God, that's a hindrance; that hinders us from coming into this place. For that is the place, that is the union, that is the relationship where You said, "Ask anything in My Name. That is the place where one can believe that we have received what we asked for. So many times we try to ask anything but we are not in that place, Lord. So many times we try to believe we have received what we asked for and then go back in doubt two minutes after, because we are not in that place. That's just the Words written on the page. But that depth of relationship, that union, that abiding trust, that deep-seated and deep-rooted affection, that loyalty, that commitment one to the other, it's for a people in that condition that You gave these promises to.

Oh God, move our hearts in those places. Draw us from fear. Bring us into faithfulness. Bring us to a place where You could lead us; where you could go ahead of us; where Your Light could shine round about us that we would walk in a plain path; that we would see Your footprints marked out by Blood. We would know how to tread the road, dear God. We would understand how the road is mile-posted. We would be able to know our junctions and our changes. We would have expectations because we know where we have travelled and where we are, and where we have yet to walk.

I pray tonight Father, knowing that this is our portion. This is a place we are ordained to come into.

This is a place the devil fights us and tries to keep us away from. This is why he tries to bring all kinds of mis-concepts, holds us in all kinds of different things and entangles us in the affairs of this life; putting all kinds of obstacles in our path, trying to detour us. So many times he leads us down paths of self-will.

But tonight Father, as we are reminded of the way that it was marked out step by step, these hidden Secrets in this Book of Ruth, places of our failure, but how You turned around failure to make success. How You worked all these things together for good! Places, oh God of chastisement where You had to bring discipline into our lives to learn to trust You and not be influenced by circumstances. Where we understand our God-given place and know that our power is connected to our position and to refuse to be shaken from that place. Places dear God, Lord of decision, Lord, where we want to be decisive, not halting between two opinions, that when we get a hold of the right thing, nothing can come between us and it. We are willing to part from everything.

The man who found the pearl of great price, he knew what he got a hold of. He was willing to sell everything. She sold father and mother and separated from land and houses and youth and everything oh God, and she sought You first. She put You first and You proved that You were so faithful, to see what You brought her into, dear God.

What great lessons, Father! What deep teaching, dear God. How we can say in our minds we already did that, but dear God, as we look at it in the depths, those things never stopped, Lord. She never looked back. She never wiggled off the road. She just kept climbing higher and higher. Surely that shadow couldn't be there if the Light didn't strike some substance to cast that shadow. Surely we would have been confused if You didn't mark out so clearly the things that identify the time and season when these things are to be. We

would have been blind and not convinced, Lord. That we are standing right there in that place in this Hour living out the mystery in reality form now, that was encrypted and sealed up in this Book.

Let us leave this place tonight but leave with this influence in our hearts. In the quietness, let this great love that is contained within the story be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit – love for our God, love for our brothers and sisters, love for our Kinsman Redeemer, love for service; willingness to labor and sacrifice; love in living for others.

Oh God, let these things be identified in our hearts, Father. Let it be written as though it were with an iron pen. He says, “I will write My Laws in your hearts and in your minds. No one would have to say, ‘Know the Lord’, we’ll all know You.” This is the covenant that You would keep with Your people. Oh God, write it in the fleshly tables as You wrote by the Pillar of Fire engraved in Your loin stone and putting it in the ark in the tabernacle. Put it in the ark of our hearts in this fleshly tabernacle, oh God.

Let the Shekinah Glory hang and dwell over this Word, that this Word that is written on the fleshly tables in the ark of our hearts would be so anointed oh God, that Your glory and Your Power would be reflected through us and people would know that’s a living tabernacle of the Living God – God projecting His Own Life through that human instrumentality. Grant it Lord.

Take us safely to our homes. Watch over us. Take us in peace and safety as we travel. Bring us back on Sunday, Father, Lord where Your Holy Spirit will continue to unfold this great riches of Your grace, that our hearts and lives will be so filled with it that we would rise up in faith and love that we will find ourselves coming closer to You, coming in deeper surrender; coming to know You in a greater way. May You grant it Lord.

Bless all that is here, tonight. Bless those that could not be here. Bless all in the household of faith. In the Name of Jesus Christ we commit them all into Your mighty hands. May Your peace and blessings be upon us as we go. We ask these mercies in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. *I'm rejoicing night and day, as I walk the pilgrim way, #327, for the hand of God in all my life I see; and the reason of my bliss, yes, the Secret all is this, that the Comforter abides with me. He abides, He abides; hallelujah, He abides with me.* That would make any soul rejoice – to know that He lives in you, friends; to know He abides with you. And as you walk this pilgrim way you can see the hand of God in all your life.

*I'm rejoicing night and day,
As I walked the pilgrim way,
For the hand of God in all my life I see;
And the reason of my bliss,
Yes, the secret all is this
That the Comforter abides with me.*

*He abides, He abides.
Hallelujah, He abides with me!
I'm rejoicing night and day,
As I walk the narrow way,
For the Comforter abides with me.
Amen.*

*Once my heart was full of sin,
Once I had no peace within,
Till I heard how Jesus died upon the Tree;
Oh, then I fell down at His feet,
And there came a peace so sweet,
Now the Comforter abides with me!
If you have Him in your life sing it, tonight. Amen.
He abides, He abides,
Hallelujah, He abides with me!
Oh, I'm rejoicing night and day,*

*As I walk the narrow way,
For the Comforter abides with me.*

*He is with me everywhere,
And He knows my every care,
I'm as happy as a bird and just as free;
For the Spirit has control,
Jesus satisfies my soul,
Since the Comforter abides with me!*

*He abides, He abides
Hallelujah, He abides with me!
I'm rejoicing night and day,
As I walk the narrow way,
For the Comforter abides with me.*

*Oh, there's no thirsting for the things of this world
They've taken wings;
Long ago I gave them up, and instantly
All my night was turned to day
All my burdens rolled away
Now the Comforter abides with me!*

Oh, some of you are singing like you don't even know who the Comforter is. That is not something you sing with your mouth, that's Jesus Christ Who abides.

*He abides, He abides
Hallelujah, He abides with me!
I'm rejoicing night and day
As I walk the narrow way
For the Comforter abides with me.*



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