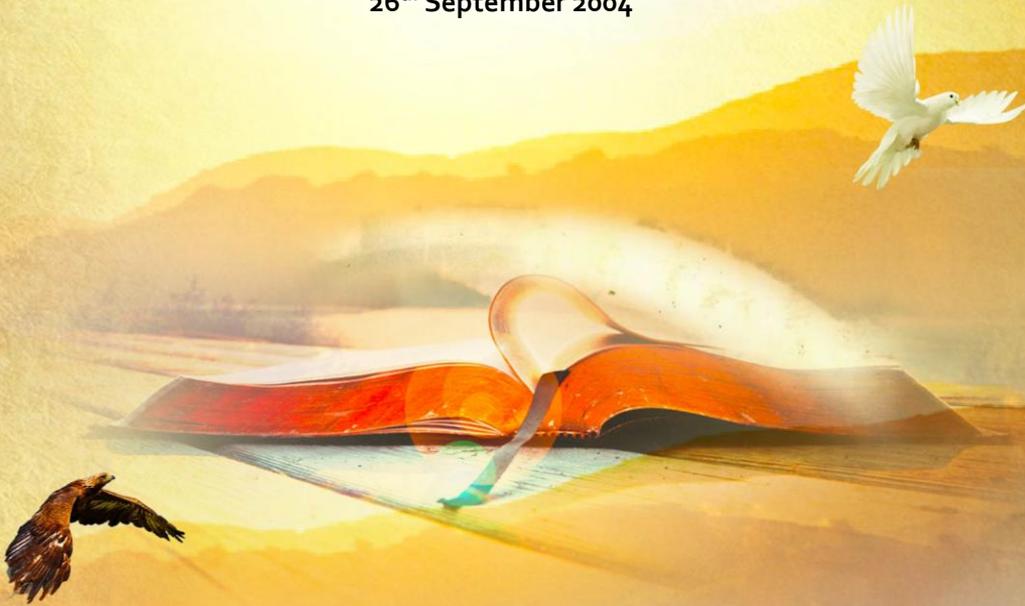

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*And He'll never let go of my hand
Till I stand...*

*Till I stand in Heaven's fair Land,
Oh, till I'm safe forevermore,
Till I'm safe forevermore,
On that happy golden Shore,
No, He'll never let go of my hand.*

How many know He is faithful?

He's been faithful...

When cold winds were blowing,

When cold winds were blowing,

Oh, and He's been true...

*And He's been true when storms
have assailed;*

Oh, just think about it.

But His holy Love...

*But His holy Love that amazes me,
Is that He loves me even when I fail.*

Isn't He a gracious God, an understanding God? As a father keepeth his children, so the Lord keepeth them that fear Him. Let's just lift our hands.

And He'll never let go of my hand,

Oh, we are so thankful for Him this morning.

... In Heaven's fair Land.

... fair Land,

Till I'm safe forevermore,

*On that happy golden Shore,
Oh, but He will never let go...
No, He'll never let go of my hand.*

Praise His wonderful Name. I'm very happy to be in His Presence today to worship Him. We never underestimate nor undervalue what it means to have the privilege to come in the house of God and to stand in His Presence, then to know His Word is amongst us. There are believers that are in agreement, that can pray the prayer of faith.

Sure, we might be a needy people, many of us might be struggling; hardship is all around us. Some of us are going through desperate times, trying times. It seems that there is such a pressure upon the Age, coming down with greater intensity. It seems like you are suffocating almost; trying to snuff your life out. But the same way He was faithful to stand in the fiery furnace, to shut the mouth of the lions, to push the adversity back, to bring comfort, to let us know that this will not destroy you; you are going to come out with a testimony, we are grateful for that this morning. Blessed be His wonderful Name. Amen.

We serve a mighty God. We don't always understand all that we are going through. We know many times we wish that maybe even some of our lack of understanding, our weakness, our mistakes didn't get us in the place where we might be standing this morning. But because we are chosen and ordained to Eternal Life, this great, mighty Potter with His mighty hand, He knows how to put us on that wheel, mold everyone of us, and bring us out exactly what He wants us to be. For it is written that all things work together for good to them that love Him, and to them who are *the* called according to His purpose. [Romans 8:28 -Ed.]

I'm going to take these few moments in dedication. Our precious sister who was baptized a couple of weeks ago... I was giving you the testimony also, of the great

experience that she received from God, in sovereign grace in that hospital bed, when they wanted to take the child in the hospital, and the Holy Spirit stood there in the corner. She saw that Pillar of Fire standing there. And she told them... She began to cry out, and God just spoke in her heart and said, "You will have this child." And then when they set her up even for the operation and everything else, they couldn't find anything wrong. Amen. She came; she was baptized. She has been coming for a little while, sitting there, but to see God's election and calling.

Friends, let me say this: you don't have to have these things when you are a Christian and baptized to get the Holy Ghost. A Light stood in a tree, and this little boy was packing water to make illegal whiskey for an unbelieving father, an unbelieving mother there. But this family was chosen, by God, to bring forth a Prophet to this generation, to open the Seven Seals. And God planned their lives that way to show that these things, it is of Him that calleth, not of him that worketh; the purpose of God will stand according to election. Even before the children are born, that God might show forth the riches of mercy in the vessels of mercy.

This is the Bible. This is the plan of God. "You have not chosen Me but I have chosen you. Herein is the Love of God; not that you love Me but I love you and gave My Son to be the propitiation for your sins." That's what gave us... Consider your calling, brethren. God chose the base things, the weak things, the things that are naught of this world, to bring to nothing the things that are mighty, to confound the wise, that no flesh will glory in His Presence.

This little boy, by the name of Joshua... And they called me this morning and they wanted to have the baby dedicated today. They knew I was going to be here. And you know, it just dawned upon me and I want to read a little Scripture here; just a couple of places out of Judges.

This was when that Angel appeared to Manoah's wife. They weren't praying for an angel. They weren't praying that they would have all this great visitation. Common people, village people, simple life in their community, but elected of God; foreordained. The Angel appeared and talked to the woman. The woman had this experience. She ran and told her husband what she had: how this Angel appeared to her; how she had this experience. Her husband believed his wife; had respect to what she was saying; realized the favor of God that had come to them.

Think of our brother, this young man, the husband of our sister who has been baptized here, that God gave him a son like that to be born under these circumstances, him not even making a decision for the Lord as yet, but God moving down in there.

It says [Judges 13:6 -Ed.]:

⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me...

She still thought it was a man up until that time.

... and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name.

⁷ But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

⁸ Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

He was asking, he said, "God, I don't understand this, what has happened to my wife. I don't understand this

experience. But this is Supernatural. I know what the doctors said and I know what You determined. Will You show to us? We are nobodies. We are not even known in our village, hardly well. Will you show to us, God, what is the meaning of all of this?"

... and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

⁹ And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah...

And God hearkened. God was hearing this prayer.

... and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field...

Again, came to the woman again, as she sat in the field.

... but Manoah her husband was not with her.

¹⁰ And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband...

Isn't that nice? She wasn't playing any super duper, or Miss Spiritual, she was going back to her husband all the time: "Honey, you know, such and such happened. Honey, you know, such and such happened. I sat there, you know. God was there. He spoke to my heart. He said so and so and so."

... Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

¹¹ And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

¹² And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

He believed. He just came, he saw the Man. He said, "Are you the man who talked to my wife the other day?" He saw the woman wasn't wrong. The Bible says, he even asked the man, "Well, stay and eat with us."

"Let's detain him."

The man said, "I will not eat bread with you, but you can offer a burnt sacrifice."

He still didn't know It wasn't a man; It was more than a man. And when they were offering the sacrifice, the Man went up in the light of the flame. And he said, "Oh my goodness! We saw God; we will surely die."

And the woman said, "No honey, we are not going to die, we are not going to die." She said, "Do you think God will accept a burnt sacrifice and a meal offering and all these things, and do you think God will show us all these things if He was going to kill us?" She said, "No, no, no, no, no! We are not going to die." In other words, "We have received God's favor. We will serve God. We will bless God. We will walk in God's Truth." And that's so beautiful in the Scriptures there.

Also, It says [Matthew 19:13 -Ed.]:

¹³ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, how good You are, Lord. In the midst of the darkness and the chaos that has struck the earth in these last few weeks: hurricanes devastating cities, homes being torn apart, Lord, children dying, families; parents can't find their children; when they find them they are washed up dead; when the water receded from the flood, out in Haiti there they were finding bodies after bodies; oh God, in Jamaica, children were swept away, Lord, from their parents, and Lord Jesus, here we see today, Father, the mercy of God in a simple family; from a humble home, a little village, but yet dear God, You came down in Your goodness.

And Lord, You were so gracious to give them such a visitation and such an experience.

As they stand here today, God, as Your servants recognizing the nature of the experience, that it is according to the Bible, it is according to the Word of the Living God, I pray, dear God, that You will bless them today, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ, let Your peace come upon this little boy. Satan, we rebuke you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Depart from here, you unclean spirit.

Lord Jesus, as we present him to You for dedication, God, we are thankful for Your grace. We are thankful for Your mercy to this family. We are thankful, dear God, You are a God Who stands here as a wall round about them. The enemy does not like what You have done for them. He feels that they don't deserve something like this. But that is Your great grace. He can only see the back parts like Balaam and try to curse, but You see the Gene that You put in them; You see Your election, Lord. And God, because of what You foreordained, You know how to bring to pass Your Word.

And I pray that You will open their understanding. You will deal with them according to the riches of Your mercy. And this work that You have started in their lives and in their home, you will bring it, Lord, to a place where it will glorify You completely, and that their lives will be so delivered, so redeemed, and, Lord, reflecting Your Blood and Your Word in the community where You have placed them that You will receive honor and glory out of their lives.

God, may You grant them understanding. May You deal with them in such a way that to see You have started a family, God, by these means, surely oh God, we know You are the Author and You are the Finisher. And may You bless them and may You undertake for them in every way. Equip them. And like Manoah and his wife, give to them that which they need to

understand, Lord, that they might raise this child for Your honor and for Your glory. And may, dear God, their hearts and minds and lives be so filled with Your Word and Your Presence that You will cause them to submit and yield, and dear God, that You will give them such an experience that You will dwell in them and walk in them.

Now we bring this little boy that is named, Lord, by the very experience which they testify, God, Joshua, the name that You gave for him. And God, we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, knowing that Joshua came from the tribe of Joseph of which we are so grateful, Father. And dear God, to see how he could lead a people into their inheritance, in that adoption time, placing them positionally. And Lord God, how he was a warrior of the Lord, how You told him to be strong and be of good courage, how he fought and obeyed and did all that Moses required, the Exodus prophet, that brought him out, so let this boy, Lord, live and grow and learn and come to the place, Lord, where Father, truly his name will not just be a thankful name but the very life will follow, for Your honor and for Your glory.

By faith, now we place him beneath Your precious Blood, where we pray and believe and are assured, he will be safe and secure from all harm and all danger, ever under Your watchful care, and where he can grow under the Divine influence as a tender plant being pruned, being nurtured, to grow up and bear fruit for Your glory. Grant it, Father, we pray.

Bless the father of this boy also; God, this experience that has come to his wife. May today sitting in Your Presence, and being here, showing respect to Your Word, Lord God, may You deal with him in a special way. As a son of God, he can find his place, and he can take that place in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lord, we pray that You will continue to lead them and guide them, as a family, in all Your Truth, and they will live for You and they will walk and serve You in this

dark and evil day, that You will continue to be with them, and bless them, and bring all Your purposes and Your plans for their lives to pass, that You might be honored and glorified by it. We commit little Joshua into Your hands, dedicating him for a life of service together with his mom and dad, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray today, amen.

Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Praise His mighty Name. Thank You, Jesus. How many are really happy to be in His Presence? [Congregation says, "Amen." –Ed.] The Devil was just trying to hinder the little boy, but I just rebuked the Devil there and the boy became calm. I know His Presence is here with us. Amen.

If He can do that for a little child who Satan was trying to hinder, who is coming to be dedicated into a life of service to Him, how much more for many of us who are trying to lay down our lives on the altar, offer ourselves up, live for the Lord; purpose in our hearts many times to walk in obedience. By the time that service is over, that Devil comes there trying to push you this way, push you that way, fill your life with tension, fill your life with pressure, create things, you know, to get you all flusterated, throw you out of the atmosphere, and then begin to exploit and manipulate you for his own purposes, and cause you to be so discouraged, having you to seem to be living in defeat, making mistakes over and over, how this great, mighty Jehovah-Eagle can sweep down in here this morning, brother, and drive away these things so far from us, lift us up; bring us into such a place of experience.

That, where in our hearts, if we can be in that place: "Lord, speak; make my life clear; give me direction," that the Holy Spirit with His great mighty hands – the hands that cleansed the leper with one touch, the hand that waved to the winds and the great storm was calmed, the hand that pointed to the grave and called the dead back and saw that out of corruption he came, if that great nailed-scarred hand of the Almighty Jehovah God, He,

Who said, "I am the Vine and you are the branches," and purposed that His very Life is to flow through us; died to share that Life, His objective is that we might be fruitful, displaying the riches of that Life, how much more He desires today, if we can desire what He desires, there can be harmony with God and man.

And how many know that is what He desires? Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, that God can be in union with us, and Heaven and earth can be joined together in one mind and one purpose, that He prayed, "Father, that they may be one as I and You are one, to bring back that oneness, that fellowship, that atmosphere, where God-led man, having the pre-eminences, and through this Message of the Hour, trying to work His way back to the control tower of your heart to control your every move, your every thought to His Word, that you might be a written epistle, you might be His victory, you might be the expression, a reflection of Him.

Let us desire that as we pray, as we look to Him, that He is faithful. And we, as a church, have been dealt with in grace and mercy, to see and to know what we should ask, what condition He wants us to be in, what He desires to do for us, that as we pray, by God's grace, that all these things can be made known to us. And God will. Amen? So, you believe in your heart, you hold your request and let us pray.

Gracious Jesus, we thank You, Father, as we stand here in Your Presence today, knowing it is not by might nor by power, it is not him that willeth nor him that runneth, it is You that showeth mercy. And we realize when we can get quiet within ourselves, when we can get sincere in our hearts, when we can get focused in our thoughts, when we can be perseverant to break through every hindrance and every opposing force that tries to rob us and hinder us from being in the place where You can minister to us, where we can be sensitive and receptive to what You desire to do for us, God, I

pray that Your calming influence will be upon each and every one of us.

Your Holy Spirit will so go beyond the realms of the flesh, and in the realm of spirit, You will move the inward man into the channel of Your Word. That channel of communication for inspiration, that wavelength where we can be so tuned in, our hearts and minds in that frequency, we can hear the Voice speaking to the inner man clearly. We can receive Supernatural instructions where Your Word truly can become a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our pathway, where truly the entrance of Your Word can bring illumination and give Light, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ can move within us and lift us up far above the humanistic realm, where, in the realm of revelation, sensitive, we can hear Your voice, we can just say, "Speak Lord, Thy servants heareth"; we can truly be under Your Divine influence.

God, we know faith comes by hearing. And that is not the hearing from the outer man, but that is the hearing that comes by Divine revelation when the Spirit takes the Word that is spoken, and we can hear what You are saying to the Church; what the Spirit is saying.

Gracious God, we know if You will give us what we ask today, as we are trying to ask it so specifically, we will leave here different, we will leave here illuminated, we will leave here inspired, we will leave here saturated with Your Spirit, we will leave here with our faith reinforced and strengthened; we leave with a more focused vision.

God, I stand here, but knowing that I represent all Your children through the region that is confederate with us, knowing, oh God, that I am asking this for them also, for we are one. You are the One Who caused us to be one. You are the One Who led us to them. You are the One Who caused them to be birthed by this Word. You are the One Who feeds us from this great revealed

Word Message, since You have opened up this Bible; when You opened up those Seven Seals.

Then dear God, in this time of great famine, like it was in the time of Joseph, when the storehouse was opened and that stored-up food was being taken out to minister, to nourish, to strengthen, to save lives because of a prophetic vision that was to save the world, so dear God, we pray, Father, that we will receive that benefit today in reality form, and that we can leave this place closer drawn to You.

Forgive us for our sins and our shortcomings. Let nothing be hindering us today. Gave us sincerity where restitutions need to be made, where separation from things need to be made; where we need to turn and walk away from things that have caused us trouble. Deal with us in places where we can have depth of conviction.

What we are seeing happening round about us, God, let us be sensitive. And Father, we realize that judgment is moving. We realize that the spirit of lawlessness, Lord, is becoming more predominant because the Glory of God is departing, like it was in the sanctuary: receding, leaving, so that the entire thing can be given over to destruction.

Help us to be awakened. Help us to recognize, Father, that awakening that came to Abraham when he sat there in the Presence of the Son of Man, God in human flesh, saying, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do," that threw him into desperation; that which when You sat on the Temple Mount, You went with them to the Mount of Olives after, and You began to open those Seals to them in Matthew 24.

Oh God, let that quickening influence be so present here today, and most of all, Your leadership in what is to be said and done, knowing that that is the only thing that will bring value and meaning to the service, because as a man, I don't even know the next two minutes, but as God, You know what was, is, and is to come. There is nothing hidden from You, and so, You

can speak things that will help us in days to come, but prepare us that will cause us to leave this place differently. So, we ask this today, that this service will truly be to our benefit throughout this region.

Around the world where all Your children are gathered, God, how we pray that You will be mindful of them. All the disaster in Haiti, knowing that out in that area there are many churches. I pray, Father, that the grace of the Almighty God will be there in that land, that God-forsaken land, that land, oh God, that has suffered so much hardship. God, it seems even nature has conspired even with the political dealings and all these things; the economic conditions. Lord, will You reach down Your hands like You did for that man in Mexico that time on the platform, when Your Prophet saw him so destitute?

God, I pray for Your children, members of the Body of Christ, our brothers and sisters. We don't have to know them by the flesh, but we know they are there, and we know that they are in need and we know that You are a God Who keeps Your Word, and we know how You work through the Body: when one member suffers, all suffer. That is what You taught us. That's why we pray this way and ask, believing that prayer can change things. You can send Your angel of deliverance. You can perform paradoxes for them, that Your Word might be fulfilled. Will You do it, Lord? We pray it will be urgent because it is a time of desperation for so many. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we ask it, amen.

Praise His mighty Name. Let's just open up the Word a little bit. I'd like to invite your attention to the Book of Psalms, 106. I am kind of trying to get back my bearings. [Focus -Ed.] I had to be in Grenada, and doing a different type of thing there, and going through the land trying to help the people with their needs: physically and spiritually, and then trying to put some stabilizers in the 'ship' in that rough sea over there. And then

coming back and having to kind of tune back in, it is something.

But I can see the great wisdom of God in knowing what was going to follow the convention; knowing how He changed things sovereignly in the convention. I had preached on the Potter [2004-0820 - The Potter's Purpose And The Potter's Power -Ed.]; preached on the Vine Dresser. And this was the way He chose to talk to us.

And, you know, in one place, He said, "My Name is Jehovah-Nissi." And in another place He said, "My Name is Jehovah-Jireh." In another place He revealed His Name by experience, and according to their needs, and the condition that they were in, and the way He wanted them to see Him and relate to Him. And He has introduced Himself to us at this time to see Him and observe His methods and His purpose and the way He is working, and what His end result will be to help us, and you've come that I am the Potter.

And He wanted Jeremiah to see, that Hour when Babylon was about to be destroyed and the sealing angel was sealing up His Elect and the message of warning and judgment was moving in the land, He said, "Go to the potter's house."

Then He came back in that very Hour when He had thinned down His Church and even Judas was pruned off the tree there, He came down to that little group, that first branch that He was going to be glorified in, in that dark Hour when He was going to come to His rejection and public crucifixion, He revealed Himself as the Vine Dresser.

Here we are walking back in these very places, because this Mystery Babylon is about to destroy this world. They swallowed up the whole earth, and became the superpower. The church that rejected the Prophet's Message, went into captivity. There was a little elected group; individuals that God was with, just like when they were in Moses' time and Abraham's time and

Joshua's time, in that dark Hour when God said, "Don't even pray for these people." Think of it.

What a time we are in, friends, to see the only thing that keeps your sanity, keeps your faith anointed, keeps you following with confidence is the Holy Spirit in your life; placing you in the Word, and keeping you in the rhythm. Because you know your junction, you know your change, you know the beat, you know what the Symphony is, and that's the thing that is helping you.

Outside of that, you will be coming to church. You will be kind of talking like, "I am trying to live a good life. I don't understand what is going on with me? I am really sincere. I want to move on." And you will be kind of talking like a human being, who is thinking you are forsaken by God, not knowing the plan, and trying to look for relief from your condition.

This is not an Hour to get all emotional and sympathetic, and disillusioned and fall apart. This is an Hour under all the bombardment and under all the pressure, to have confidence growing up in the Word. And knowing that in your heart, if you are walking in sin, you will have problems. Try to get that out of your life. If you are walking with God, you have peace and know that nothing is going wrong. Amen.

When Abraham was going up on the mountain, nothing was going wrong. When God told the Prophet, "Go back in the blizzard," nothing was going wrong. Do you understand what I am saying? When Job was on the ash heap nothing was going wrong. When you are immature, you fall apart under pressure. And that is why God reveals Himself in a certain way so you can understand the experience. If God didn't say, "I'm the Potter," you can't understand breaking up the vessel and judgment and these things. If God didn't say, "I am the Vine Dresser," you can't understand the pressures in your life, to nail you down, to tie you, to hold you; the importance of Him pruning off things and purging things out of your life. You can't understand that.

But if you know you are a branch in the Vine, you are an Elect chosen in Him to bear the promise of this Hour, then you will understand the laws to cultivate and bring that forth. If you have to shine forth His Glory, you know the importance of Him having empty vessels that He can fill, and vessels that wouldn't break under the pressure of this Age. And if He sees a little crack there, He has to put it on the wheel to make sure it is built; prepared unto the good work.

And 'the good work' is not in peaceful times; 'the good work' will be under times of persecutions and hardship and difficulty, because it was the last part of that Ministry where He was publicly crucified, where He was preaching to the lost, raising the sleeping saints; where He was arrested and all these things.

So, it is in that time. This is the making of the Easter. We are in the making of the Easter. This is the mixing of the Oil and the Meal and bringing it on the two sticks. This is being in the prison before you come out to show His Glory. This is the Gethsemane at Calvary that makes the Easter; the darkening time; that it means He has to pull down the shades on many of you to go through the dark times to renew your strength. That's what the vine needs. The grapevine needs some dark times. Did you get that?

We have one kind here. While they are having the natural over there, we are having another kind here. But it is the whole earth. Amen. We need their help in our time; they need our help in their time because that's the mystery of the Body – we strengthen each other. Amen?

Psalms 105, verse 16. David here, I believe, wrote this Psalm. I keep saying that, but I really didn't check that. Psalm 105, verse 16:

¹⁶ Moreover he called for a famine upon the land...

Looking back in Genesis at the time, and expressing it with revelation that it was God Who called for the famine on the land.

... he brake the whole staff of bread.

That is what is happening right now in Grenada. The staff of bread is broken. There is drought in the land; there is famine in the land. People need food to survive, like in the time of Elijah with the widow of Zarephath; all these things. Like in the time of Elisha when the man from Baalshalisha brought just a handful of bread that they thought wasn't sufficient for all those people, yet it was more than enough. Watch.

¹⁷ He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

He called for the famine, He broke the staff of bread, He sent a man before them – God. God. God was bringing these things to pass.

¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

That's the way he was sent. God sent him.

¹⁹ Until the time that his word came...

He had a Word he was looking for to be fulfilled. He wasn't just a religious man believing in a God or believing that God exists. He had a Word from that God, pertaining to his life, in the day he was living in and he was looking for that Word to be interpreted in his life. That was the way he lived.

¹⁹ Until the time that his word came...

There was an appointed time for that Word to be manifested. He had the Word by revelation form, but he needed that Word to come into fulfilment; to be manifested. It was a prophecy; a prophesied promise.

... the word of the LORD tried him.

He could have said, "Maybe I was wrong. Maybe I misinterpreted this. Maybe I should try to live a different life. It's trying to look for this to happen, that is why I ended up here. I wonder if I made the right decisions? I wonder if I didn't deceive myself? I wonder if I went off

on a deep end because there isn't anybody else living their lives this way? Everybody is content to go to church, worship their idol, talk about their God in the sky and say... Why? Am I crazy? Why am I looking for things, saying God told me that and that is going to come to pass in my life, and I have to live that way, and I am making decisions that people who are not even religious are telling me, 'Are you crazy? Why are you doing that? Why are you doing that? Look, do you think that you are more religious than everybody else? Do you think God is dealing with you differently from everybody else?'"

God was dealing with him differently from everybody else. How many know God deals with the Bride differently from everybody else? That's right, friends. The whole world will be deceived, but not the Elect. That means God is dealing with them differently. Is that right? Even the foolish virgins have to go through Tribulation but not them. That means God is dealing with them differently from everybody else. Even the people in the same Message with them, God is dealing with them differently. Is that right? That's right, friends. Election and calling!

²⁰ The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

In other words, God Who broke the staff of bread, God Who sent a man before them, God Who caused this man to suffer all this injustice from them, all of that pressure heaped up for the king to go and get him speedily. In other words...

I want you to catch that. Watch the Scripture. It is not just a bunch of things It is saying there; it is a thought of God. Because this is covering from Genesis 39 to Genesis 50 – these few verses. And God is summing up the whole thing, linking it a certain way.

²⁰ The king sent and loosed him...

Why? Because Egypt needed him at that time. They went for him as a thing of need. Because when nobody

could understand the dream, the butler said, “Oh God, I remember a man who knows the Supernatural, inside this place.”

They said, “Oh God, where is he?”

He said, “In the dungeon.”

They said, “How did he get in there?”

He said, “Falsely accused! Our judicial system sent him there.”

They said, “Oh God, he is not going to help us at all. He isn’t going to help us at all.”

Are you understanding that? God forced the throne of Egypt to beg this man. “Are you going to help us? Are you going to help us? Can you reveal this thing to us?”

... even the ruler of ...

Do you see how the Bible emphasized it? Because it was a point being made.

... even the ruler of the people...

It wasn’t a bunch of people outside with placards saying, “Let him go! Let him go! We are standing for human rights. We know this man is innocent. He is a good man. We think the sentence is too harsh.” It wasn’t that, you know. It came from the highest authority. Because that was the man who got the dream, and that was the man who was troubled, and that was the man whose interest was in the kingdom. And that was the man who was trying to ask all the senators and all the magicians, and all the learned men, “Come up with something,” and everybody was coming up with a blank tape. Everybody came up blank. And that man, down inside there, had a gift to get a hold of that God. There was one man in all of Egypt linked up with God. It was that man in the dungeon.

Isn’t it strange how God works? What if you are in the dungeon this morning, and your feet are hurting in fetters of iron, and your staff of bread is broken, and everything else, and you feel you are suffering unjustly: “Why should I go through this? Look at me, I didn’t do anything to deserve this.” Does that mean you aren’t the

only person linked up with God? What do you think, being linked up with God means you have to be on the Throne? That was the man who had God's favor right there.

Faith lifts you up. Faith lifts you up. Faith sees God and God's purpose. Faith sees what is necessary to the will of God. Only faith is designed to see that, nothing else. The Prophet said, "There is no human sense, nothing: nothing in your spirit, nothing in your body, nothing in the world that is designed and has that power and capability, but Faith that God put in the soul, in God's Gene, which you are that Gene of God." There is an element there, something that magnetizes you to God, something that has you coded and tuned in to God, something that has you linked up to God, to catch the will of God and to know, "This is for a purpose."

Seeing, studying, binoculars, satellites in space, examining, x-rays, nothing is designed to do that, only faith. And when faith strikes, faith doesn't care: like Job said, "Though the skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I will see God." Like Jesus said, "Destroy this temple; I will raise it up in three days and come back out." Like David said, "I will cut your head off today," without a sword.

Faith moves a man in a place to catch there. And let me say this: every predestinated seed comes with that. That is what He packed you with. That is what He puts in you, that makes you different, coming into this world. And that comes by hearing this Word, and something in the Word strikes you and you catch that and you start to walk in another place with God. I trust that He will give it to you in the place you need it; in the measure you need it this morning.

21 He made him lord of his house...

That's what God made the king do to fulfill the vision.

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

In other words, that king was saying... He didn't get caught up with prejudice: "He is a Hebrew. He isn't going to come down here. This is this Egyptian's thing." No, no, no. He said, "My kingdom will be more secure, will be a stronger kingdom, if I could get this man's favor, and he could sit with my men, and my men can learn from him, and draw from him, the things that are deposited in his life, because this man has something to get a hold of God. This man has something to reveal the future. This man has something to save a whole kingdom. When I and all our universities can't do it, this man has something because this man has been favored by God, and put in the earth by God for that."

Everyone of God's servants down through the Ages was that, friends. Do you know that? That's why there is nothing as great as when that Seal opened. Until that Seal opened, there was one man in every Age who caught that Mystery. And then that goes forth out of his mouth, and that's the Voice of the Spirit speaking to the Church in every Age.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats.

It is pretty hot, but I tell you, it isn't anything like in Grenada. You have trees here, you have grass, over there when we were there, I tell you, there were no leaves in the trees, no grass, nothing. Everything dried up, and is drying up every day from the storm. And the heat is unbearable over there, but that doesn't mean to say that this will not make you uncomfortable. Of course, it can.

But the thing is, you can shut that out by knowing: "What am I doing here and why did I come here, and what does it mean to me to come, and what time are we living in? And then you will see a greater purpose, you'll come on a higher level, and then these things mean nothing. These things only have value and meaning that

we give to it. We put on a tie and all these things this morning, but God would have moved the same here if you had on a T-shirt. Do you understand what I am saying? So, it doesn't matter.

Sometimes we suffer more because all this civilization gave us all these 'church' clothes, and we come to look like 'church' people and so on, which has its place and time. Do you understand what I am saying? But sometimes even these things make it more difficult for you. And so, you realize that all these things are just limited, it just has so much value, and that is why the Kingdom of God is not the wearing of apparel.

So sometimes you get worried there, "I'm sweating up my clothes and this." That's the only real thing to worry about, if you have any worry that you are sweating too much, is that you are sweating up your clothes. So, if you are smart, next time on Sunday, you will not wear your Sunday best; wear your Sunday best on Wednesday night.

So, you let civilization culture some of you to look good on Sunday morning in daylight where everybody can see you, and then you will come in on Wednesday night now, a little ordinary because it is in the week; so you put value to a day like a Seventh-day Adventist. You may condemn them for the value they put on the day, but you put a value on the day, too, because you overemphasize the day so much. So the thing is, we know that has its place.

I'm saying that to kind of help you have a little faith, and take the heat. Do you understand what I am saying? I am not saying that to lower the dress code in church. So understand me. You know sometimes people say, "Aha!" [Congregation laughs -Ed.] So, that's why the Prophet said, "You have to take me for what I mean and don't take me for just how I say it too. Okay?"

But I'm saying, if you are sweating in your clothes for Jesus, praise God. It was He Who gave it to you in any case. You wouldn't have any if He didn't give it to you.

Right? And if you are sweating a little bit, you are breathing and you are healthy. If you are not sweating, then you have to come in the prayer line and we'll pray for you; something is wrong with your body. So, thank God for that.

I want to take a little thought this morning and call it **“JOSEPH, THE OVERCOMER”**. And I have a subject in the back of my mind, which in these kinds of big messages, coming on a Sunday morning, in a hot building, is not always the thing you want to do. And even as I stand here, I don't feel that I will want to preach a whole lot this morning, but just to talk to you a little bit. But I have been thinking about, **“The Master Sculptor And His Masterpiece.”** *The Master Sculptor And His Masterpiece.*

God is doing a great work right now. He is building a Masterpiece. He is building a people. He is preparing a vessel for a good work. He is pruning a vine so that it will bear forth much fruit. He is building forth a great Masterpiece to reflect His Own image, where He can step into it and work through it.

And so, all these are pictures that help us to catch a concept of the objective of the Holy Spirit, and then when you know the objective of the Holy Spirit, you can say, “Oh, that's why I have to go through that. That's why it is important I don't let this distract me. That's why it is important I don't give more priority to that than it deserves. That's why it is important for me not to give this pre-eminence in my life, and let it become predominant, but to keep this at that level and work on the things that need more cultivating.”

So, when you don't understand that God has an objective in your life and it's something He is working to achieve, there will be no meaning, there will be no purpose, there will be no value to what you are going through. You will treat every day like, “So why did this have to happen to me? So why does God have me to go through this?”

And when you talk like that, unconsciously you are confessing you have a plan for your life and you are not too interested in knowing God's plan for your life, and every time you see your plan being disrupted, you are blaming God, but you are trying to blame him like a diplomat – indirectly and technically. Because, in other words, you are throwing the blame on God: "If You didn't let that happen, I would have been going on to do what I want to do, but this thing is hindering me from doing what I want to do. And then it's like I'm suffering."

Because the suffering you are experiencing is suffering where you can't seem to let your will become fruitful. Because you planned this, you want to do this, you are trying to do that, and all of that is being disrupted. So what is coming to you, you can't put a value on that, because you see, it is as of no value. Because really and truly, "I will go to church on Wednesday, I will go to church on Friday, I will go to church on Sunday," and in your mind you think of religion. "We keep our religion on those days."

But that is not the believer. The believer knows, "God has called me in this Age. God has allotted me so much time. I was born at a certain time. I was born for a certain purpose." Those He foreknew, it is them He predestinated. Those He predestinated, it is them He called. Those whom He called, He called you according to His purpose. You are predestinated to be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ. And you understand that all things are working together for good to them that love God, and to them who are *the* called according to His purpose.

And so, you relate to election and calling. And once you relate to election and calling, that means everything in your life has a reason; everything in your life was pre-planned by God, even before you came here. Let me tell you, that goes so far. That shirt and that tie, and that pants, and that shoes, that dress, and everything that you are wearing right now, that same way you combed

your hair this morning, that was foreknown, predestinated before the foundation of the world. And you had to make a decision in your mind and something influences that decision to fulfil that thing to the very T'. [Perfectly or exactly -Ed.]

That man when he was passing right where those two men were standing must have that pitcher on the shoulder and not in the hand. He said, "When you see that man with that pitcher on his shoulder going there, follow that man. I didn't tell you to talk to him, I told you to follow him. Follow that man. And they were watching and they were observing. He said, "Go in this place, you will see a colt tied." That colt had to be tied exactly, precisely, according to the location specified in that vision.

Abraham, by inspiration, kept the fire and the knife and gave the boy the wood. And here was Isaac, the beloved son, obedient to the father, who was going to die with the wood on his shoulder going up the hill. The father put all that wood on that little boy. Because Jesus Christ, Who he was typing, was going to carry the Cross up the mountain, to die for us, the same way. Exactly right. It was a decision at the spur of a moment, right there.

So, there you realize how these things work in your life. And that is beautiful because that takes the pressure off of you. And when your spirit starts to get tuned in until you don't hear any more voices...

Have you ever tried to tune something on a wavelength, on a radio and you are hearing a lot of other voices in other stations coming through? Then, they used to have this little green light on some of these radios; when you get on the green light, you know you are directly on the channel. See? And then you are hearing clearly because every other voice is tuned out.

Well, a man is like a radio. There is a little song that says, "Turn your radio on. Every man is a radio receiver so turn your radio on." [Song by Ray Stevens -Ed.] You can come

here and have your radio locked off this morning. Well, there is something being transmitted, and the same way for you to hear this... You can sit down here and hear somebody telling you something, and something is talking in your mind: "I have that to do," and you are watching your time because you are relating to the voice in your head. Do you get what I am saying? But when you get tuned in, and you are hearing the Voice of God speaking to you...

And that is what that was to teach you with Elijah, he didn't move with the whirlwind, he didn't move with the earthquake, he didn't move with the fire and these things; he was waiting. By that time, he broke through the earthquake, he broke through the fire, he broke through these things, all these disturbances, and then he got locked in a place, and he heard the Voice, and he wrapped himself in the mantle, and he walked out in the Presence of God. See? Why? It showed he was standing on his watch. He was waiting for a transmission. He was expecting a communication from God.

Isn't that like believers? You want to know God's will. You are serving Him, you are praying, you ask it and you are hearing the Word. He spoke to you about something last month or last week; it kept coming back to you. You remembered that. You wrote it down. Something said, "Go back through your notebook." You are home, you are reflecting; on the job or something. You are watching back at one or two notations; (bam!) you spotted it. It came back to your mind; you had forgotten it.

Something said, "Open back the book and review some of your notes."

And then you say, "Yeah, I was supposed to read that book when I got home, and I didn't go and read that book. But I will really have to do this here; I am walking with it tomorrow."

Now, what is happening there? Something is trying to hold your spirit; keep you in a certain place. Why am I saying these things? Because this is an Hour, it is not about a book. This is an Hour you have to hear God's voice. You have to be living for God: "Go here! Don't go here! Move this way. Come out of that car; take this car. Move over here. Go and visit that person. That is the enemy trying to confuse you; leave that alone. That is a trap set for you; walk away from that." That is where the believer has to be now.

The problem is you have a church: religious, program, everything, and they are trying to walk into the Resurrection this way, like a Jehovah's Witness, or a Seventh-day Adventist, or some Pentecostal. No, no, no, no. You say, "Something moved in my heart, I went aside by the tree, I spent about two minutes. I said, 'Lord, talk to me, Jesus.' And then right there it came clear to me what to do," and you have to move. That is what you need now.

"All the teaching is, I am come down. The Seventh Seal is open. I came down. Look at the picture there, that is Me coming down – Revelation 10. That's the prophecy in the Bible. I had to come down. That is going to gather My Bride, the Elect, Who will not be deceived. That is to open the Mystery. You are one of them. That's why I changed your life there. That's why I brought you into this church. Watch what happened there. Watch if you were over there... Watch if you weren't being taught the Word here. Watch, you got tied up here."

And you begin to see, there is Something that held your hand and guided you, and brought you down. What was all of that for? That was to get you to surrender now and say, "Lord, I am seeing. I can cooperate. I understand now."

Then He comes in the Bible and He is teaching you and teaching you, building your faith: "Don't be afraid of trials. I break the vessel, but I pick up even the dust. Brother, if I say I know every hair on your head, and not

one is going to be hurt...” And every one that falls, they are waiting for you, the Prophet said. He said, “Honey, I haven’t lost any because everyone is numbered.” Then even when the Potter breaks that and some vessel dust falls on the ground, even every grain and speck of dust. Because when God made that vessel, it had so much atoms and so much molecules under a certain...

How many know they find that in plants and all these things? All of that was locked up in the pyramid with Enoch. That was the kind of knowledge Enoch had – mathematics. Everything is designed. Why? Everything has a time and season. Everything has a purpose. Everything has a lifespan. Everything has a process it goes through.

The wheat has to come through a stalk, a tassel, a husk. It takes so much time. It has to come from March to June where it is going to ripen and all these things. And the sun has to get hotter. And then it has got to be planted in certain locations, certain types of soil for it; certain types of rainfall. It needs two rains to mature it. God didn’t just say, “Wheat.” God planned all of that in one little grain because that is a Bible typing Him; revealing Him.

That’s why in the Bible, every jot and tittle is inspired. Not one jot and tittle shall pass away. Every Word inside of there has a meaning to reveal Jesus Christ, otherwise It couldn’t be inside of there. This is the most edited Book. God Himself edited this. He said, “I don’t need the eighteen missing years here.” Man says, “Where are the eighteen missing years?” Eighteen missing years in Moses, in Abraham, in Joseph, in David, in all of them, the eighteen missing years inside there, locked up as mystery. Do you get what I am saying?

But man wants it to come down to their carnal mind. But God said, “My thoughts are higher than your thoughts.” God said, “Come up hither. Buy of Me Eyesalve so that your eyes can be anointed to see. Pray for understanding. If any man lacks wisdom, let them

ask God.” God said, “Be interested. Follow hard after Me. Stay close to Me. I will teach you, My Word. I will reveal Myself to you. I will bring you to a place so you can have faith. You will walk together with Me. You and Me will be the same. You will be a little one like Me. Because I am not interested in making a bunch of things. I am interested in making little ones like Me. That’s why I called My Name ‘Jehovah’” – *‘He Who exists with His family’*.

He made a little one, an amateur God, one like Himself – a son and daughter of God, who will have dominion in the sphere where God places them. God said, “I am not just interested in making you: I am interested in placing you, I am interested in empowering you; I am interested in using you in a certain place. And all of that I want to make known to you – that your life is a plan, is a design, by the greatest Intelligence. You are unique; there is no other one like you. You are special.” God is for His people.

If God took so much care to make the trees, and the ants, and the birds, and all these things, put navigating systems in them... Brother, a plane gets lost in a storm. Planes have to keep a radio and keep talking to the control tower all the time; flashing light, big, big airport to get that thing to land. They don’t have anything for ducks. Those ducks fly ten thousand miles, no co-pilot, nothing; navigating by the sun, the moon, and the stars; know the wetlands to come down and eat and everything else; know how to land and take off; can read the atmospheric pressures. They have all their built-in gauges and everything else. Brother, if you see inside that bird’s cockpit, you could see... Brother, man is bringing down their cockpits maybe to something big like this platform here. God is bringing it, a bird’s cockpit, with all those same systems and all those gauges, down to a pinhead. Amen. You talk about micro-mechanisms! Amen. You talk about intelligence!

God put it in a salmon to find the place of his origin, brother, to get back thousands and thousands of miles. He was born in a creek as a little fish, brother, maybe half an inch long, and he grew and he went out in the ocean; traveled thousands and thousands of miles. Amen. And that salmon has a law inside of him, when that season comes, he knows it is time to head back. And he has something in him, which will lead him right back to the creek, right back to the stream, right back to the very place where he was hatched out. Amen. Which airport, and control tower, and radio will get him back there?

And God is saying, “Can’t you see what you are? Can’t you see what your potentials are? You are a fish in My ocean of life.” Amen. “And I, the great Fisherman... Like I told them: you will not catch fish you will catch man. I will make you fishers of men.” Is that right? I sent a Prophet out. I taught him about the First Pull – how to throw the lure. The Second Pull – set the thing for the catch, and the Third Pull – to get those rainbow trout, those salmon.” Amen. Glory!

But you don’t take time to see yourself. The only self man wants to see is, “How do I look in this suit? Does the tie match? I found this shoe; I need a two-tone.” And we look in the natural: we are taken up, we are taken up; we get locked away there. Do you know why? There is a desire to see yourself looking good.

But the only thing is, that is in the body realm. The reason you have that, that thirst is perverted. That thirst is when you see yourself looking good in the Mirror of God’s Word; to see your experience matching the Word. But Satan now, is trying to blind you and bring it down to a carnal level. That is when you are robed with the Holy Ghost, in the power of His resurrection, and you are the matching piece to the promises for the Age. The white Robe of the Holy Ghost robed you because you’ve come through the Blood. Do you get that?

When you walk in a place with God, friends, you see how God designed that life, but you take it normal. You can't see that. Go back and read *Thirst* [1965-0919 - para. 25 - Ed.] He said, "Thirst is a painful desire." He said, "And the Devil has perverted all the thirst of man." Why? Because God made them to thirst after beauty, which is 2nd Peter 1:4 through 7. Satan blocks you out of the beauty of the soul and the seven rainbow colors of His Life – the Token inside of you, and the character of God, refined gold tried in the Fire, makes you beautiful. Amen.

And Satan cooks you up over here with something and you are believing all what those scientists do. They advertise that box and say, "This removes pimples, this gets smooth skin, this gets here." And I take, brother, God's cosmetic Kit right here and I start to tell you what gets your faith beautiful, and what gets you virtuous, and what brings your knowledge so refined, and what makes your temperance so admirable that, brother, no matter what kind of provocation, you behave yourself, you hold yourself together; you strive lawfully for the mastery.

That's why sometimes if they are not awakened, the Seven Thunders is to wake the people up; to wake them up to realize what God made man in the beginning; what He made you. He made man, a son of God. He made man, a little one like Himself. What man fell into? He was deformed into another species. He bypassed the Word and came as flesh-man, yet, brother, all deformed by trying to work through civilization and science and education – a way that seems right unto him.

But the way to come back to the beauty was through the Blood; water, Blood and Spirit – God's provided way. Because there is only one way provided by God for everything. And six thousand years of man trying to work through science and civilization look at what they produced – hell on earth: a deformed society, no character; a worldly church; brother, preachers who are

abominations in the pulpit; a perverted gospel. Think of it!

But God will not be defeated. He said, "It is going to be a few," but these few when He weighs them on the scale, as it was in the days of Noah, they outweighed all the rest of the world here, that He put in the water and drowned, and all the rest He is going to put here in the fire and burn. That little, elected group outweighed them. Oh, praise God. Praise God, praise God, praise God. Amen. Thank You, Lord. What a mighty God, we serve, friends! What a mighty God, we serve.

I want you to see the Hour we have come down to. I want you to feel it, I want you to be convinced of it. It is not a thing that blows away. It is not a thing to kind of, you know, get you all kind of scared and paranoid. You said, "Now, I know why He has been speaking this. Now, I know why He has been dealing with me like this. Now, I see my failure for giving heed and taking time, because I see how much pressure I am under here, now. I am so tied up and I can't operate as I should. Oh God, help me. I made some mistakes there. I didn't sacrifice when I ought to. He was telling me to do certain things, and look at what I'm coming into here now. I couldn't see all this trouble. I couldn't see this pressure. I couldn't see how paralyzed and impotent I have become. I can't dash out, with faith, to the forefront."

Why? Condemnation got in your heart. Fear got in your mind. Uncertainty took a hold of your spirit. You became double-minded and unstable in all your ways, when you ought to be walking on the water. When you ought to be walking on the water, you are always saying, "It is a ghost. It is a spirit. I am not sure. I can't..." Because you stayed too long under those voices. You opened yourself to spirits and you didn't see it was spirits because you lack discernment.

Because words are spirits. Seed has life and your heart is a bedding ground. And if a man, what type of seed he sows, what type of seed he takes in... Eve had

to bring forth a Cain. Eve had to bring forth a Serpent's seed. Why? She received a Serpent's seed. And the same womb that could bear one of Adam's seed could bear a Serpent's seed too. The same field that had wheat, could have taken tares too. The same mind and same heart you have, could receive the wrong thing because it is a womb – the womb of your spirit; a spiritual womb. That's why many people were being Baptists, and Methodists, and Jehovah's Witnesses, and Catholics and Pentecostals. Why? They received that seed, they conformed to that life, and they lived that life for a season until God had to abort that and root that thing up. That's right.

So by now, people should understand, you have to have a filter. You could weaken yourself. You opened yourself to all kinds of demons. God said, "Look at My people: they hewed out cisterns and are drinking that water full of wiggle-tails, when I, the Fountain of Living Water, they wouldn't drink from Me." What you drink, you become. That influences your life.

You think, "It isn't bothering me, it isn't bothering me," because no young girl around you is pushing herself on you; no man is putting pressure upon you to manipulate you. But then, you get up one morning and you come out like that and the test comes and you can't stand. You are not an End Time Daniel then. Do you know why? Because you were defiling yourself with the king's meat, coming all the way down, so you have no power to shut the mouths of lions; you have no power to handle persecution. Do you get that?

You have to know what you are taking in, friends. You have to know what you are letting your soul feed on. A vulture feeds on dead things, and you have to have a vulture nature to feed on that. A crow could eat that and a crow could eat what the dove is eating but the dove can only eat what the dove eats. The dove can't eat what the crow is eating because the nature in the dove's inside is different.

These are principles. This is how the human being is made up. This is not condemnation. You have to start to learn how God made you. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, and you have to realize it is a responsibility that He put upon you for what you let get in. Many people weaken themselves because they don't see what they are doing.

Like the man who is smoking, he says, "I could stop this anytime I am ready, man." But he is smoking, he is smoking and he is spending money. And the advertisement, it is getting a stronger influence, and he starts to undermine himself, and cancer starts to eat. And everybody's genes are different. So he says, "I know a man who smoked for fifty years, man. Brother, his stomach is hard like, I don't know, leather inside of him. He isn't dead yet. He is still working harder than me on the job." Maybe he came from Serpent's genes. The Genes you came from, you take two smokes, and do you know what happens to you? You start to rot inside, because you lost your head.

Friends, let me tell you something, this is where you don't play with the Word, friends. You have to understand what the Word is. The Word is not about controlling people and so on, you know. The Word is a Light and the Word comes to give you understanding, and the Word comes to open up your thinking.

Because unless your thinking is really opened up and your mind expands and you come up to another level and you start to see, because you are in a world where it is full of darkness and you have no Light, you will be easily manipulated and exploited. You will be so deceived, you will be thinking you are enjoying yourself, but you are dying. And one morning you are going to find yourself on a deathbed and you are lost. You will be trying to get back out of that hole from God, and it is like coming out of a big, greasy pole – brother, every time you come up, you skate back down inside there. You can't seem to climb out.

And then from the time you go on the Devil's ground... Hear this. There is something about a law. Whom you obey, you become the servant of. That's a law in life. The universe is set up by that law. That's why every time Satan tried to tell Jesus, "Do this and I will give you this," Jesus rebuked him and stayed with the Word.

I am talking about JOSEPH, THE OVERCOMER. I'm talking about overcoming things, but before you can overcome things, you have to start to discern things before you can overcome it. You have to know what you are dealing with. Because it is an Age of deception – things are not what they appear to be. People who smile with you and laugh with you, that smile and laugh is a key that unlocks the doors of many hearts and minds. People who are showing kindness and give out a little thing here and there, those are chains of bondage; handcuffs that people put on you that can't come off of you. And many people don't see that.

That's why I want to show you this morning here that, brother, Joseph, in that house where he was with Potiphar's wife there, think about it, brother, he was like a man caged in a cage with a wild beast, a predator who was stalking him, hunting him, trying to back him in a corner to devour him as prey. He was free when he went into the prison because that was more torment to him, to live in that house, than in the prison.

Now, we are turning the picture around to another angle here, this morning. I want you to see, really... Because when he came out of his father's house to Potiphar's house, the test got different. The paper was set differently.

Have you ever seen... Sometimes pressure from brothers drives you to women. Women are more emotional, more sympathetic. They seemed to be more understanding. They will put up with a man more. A man will tell another man, "Go on from here with that, man. What's the matter with you? Don't come around

me with that nonsense.” A woman will not react so. From the time you say you are going through a hard time, she wants to cry already too. [Congregation laughs -Ed.] Do you get what I am saying? And the man wants that attention. And he says, “Girl, it’s a good thing; only you are understanding me.” Hear this: she could do more damage to him than those eleven brothers.

It’s either the test gets weaker or it gets greater. It’s either the Second Pull is weaker than the First Pull or the First Pull is weaker than the Second Pull. Do you get what I am saying? It got greater. He was bearing that persecution, but that woman was going to damn his soul in a way his soul couldn’t be damned by those brothers. Do you get that? She was taking him into the sin of adultery that destroyed the whole world. She was taking him into false union. She was making him violate the first institution of marriage.

This fellow cried out and said, “Do you want me...” He said, “Your husband put me in charge of... I came in, and your husband bought me off that auction block. I come down here in chains, dusty, smelling for days, different things, and he bought me off that auction block. I worked in the field out there and he had an eye to observe me. And then he realized I was not fit for there; I had certain qualities, and he put me here. And after a season he put everything in my hand. He said, “There is nothing in his whole estate I don’t control. I control the money, I control the property, I control the transportation, I control the labor; I control the stocks. Everything he has is in my hands.” He said, “The only thing he hasn’t put in my hand is you because you belong to him.” He said, “Do you want me to sin against this man? That’s your husband.”

In other words, this boy had something so strong in him: the mystery of marriage and the marriage covenant and what God instituted, this man understood that in such a way, that this sexy temptress, brother, looked hideous. This woman who was only putting on her

perfume or her most revealing clothes, coming and doing all her obscene behavior around him, could not paralyze that vision from where he was. That storm that tried to shake that house, found it on a rock; found that... It's like he dug deep and that thing was bolted down on that rock. Because he wasn't even looking shaky or wasn't even 'blowing' [panting; out of breath -Ed.], that she was saying, "Aha, he is getting weak. By tomorrow, he should collapse."

Every time she came with that, she found resistance so strong and she realized... That spirit was searching out his inside. That spirit was on a lust hunt: If there is lust in there, I will contact it. If there is a scheme inside of there, I will pull it out. "My husband isn't home; he went on a trip. I will tell you when he is coming back. I, myself, booked the transport. He isn't coming back; it is fixed. And that shuttle only comes once a week. There is no way to come out of that place where he is going. And I know you are kind of a little fearful, so what is going to happen..."

Brother, I was reading something there, (well, not in the Message, but they have it on the Message program,) that is dealing with... You know, they put the books of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, way back there in the first century, and they have from this ancient book there, some of the description of what Joseph had to endure.

The Bible tells it to you in two verses: And she came to him; she pressed at him daily, you know, to get him to lay with her, and then what he said, and that's it. But it said this thing went on, agonized and agonized and agonized. And the temptress now, was trying to get him—shove him away from his stand. But she was finding, "This man is bolted down by godly principles." She began to find out the depth of this man's conviction. This man was bringing God and her husband in the matter. In other words, he understood the things; that if he went and did that sin, what he was violating.

This boy was between, maybe about seventeen and twenty-five. Because he spent three years in the prison; he was thirty when he came out. He was seventeen years old when they threw him in the pit. So that was about ten years there, he was in Potiphar's house. Think of it. By that time, he was not a 'nashee' [small; frail; thin -Ed.] little school boy, you know, he's now breaking out in one or two little pimples, or something like the hot sun had him a certain way. Now he was a little stronger. The boy was athletic. The boy was looking nice.

And the Bible tells you that this Joseph, he was so well-favored. The boy, from birth, had a princely way about him. He was blessed of God. He was to represent perfection. Genesis started with Adam; Genesis closed with Joseph. It was perfection to perfection, friends. And you see, he was the perfect type of Christ, the Second Adam. It builds from Abraham in Chapter 12 all the way to him, in type – from faith and love and grace to perfection.

So, when you look and see, this thing that God had in His Mind, the Master Sculptor, He was going to build a masterpiece. This boy's life was ordained to be a masterpiece. This boy was hewn out like a little rock in Jacob's house, back there in the land of Canaan, and by the time this boy came to thirty in Egypt, brother, he would be so honed and shaped, that he was going to come now to the place to have all this glory in Egypt; to reflect this God, that all Egypt would know that the Spirit of God was in this man. He would have wisdom incomparable in the earth. He would save the world from the destruction. Think of it; that they will name him 'Zaphnathpaaneah' – *'the revealer of secrets'*. And they gave him that name because when nobody could reveal, he was able to unlock. Think of it.

And God sent the thing so scrambled that nobody could unlock it. God Himself had to give the man the inspiration to unlock what God scrambled; sent sealed

up. Because Pharaoh dreamed it just like Nebuchadnezzar dreamed. It was sealed up. Like God gave John the whole Book of Revelation, and Daniel, the Book of Daniel, the 'Revelation' of the Old Testament, He gave it to them sealed up. And for all those 2800 years, no theologian could unlock Daniel. For 2000 years, no theologian could unlock Revelation, until God Himself came back; the Lamb took the Book. Is that right?

A man that the Spirit of God dwelt in, stepped in there to speak the true sayings of God. Man who talks it in a certain way – words not that man's wisdom could teach, but words that the Holy Ghost could teach, when the Spirit of wisdom and revelation comes in the last days to the church, to reveal these deep, secret things to take the Church out.

And brother, to think and see that she found principles. Because remember, the last service I preached to you before I went to Grenada was, *Joseph, Tried And Tested Before The Promise*. [2004-0915 -Ed.] I'm speaking on JOSEPH, THE OVERCOMER. He was tried in the father's house and tested. Tried and tested in Potiphar's house, tried and tested in the prison house; came up into Egypt, tried and tested, and then he stood there in all his glory. He was in the vision. He and the vision become one. Through these sufferings came the glory. Amen. And in every test, he overcame. He was able to recognize the Devil at every one of his tricks. He was tempted in all points, and came out the masterpiece of the Old Testament. Is that right? Oh my!

And why was God so specific with Joseph? He was typing the Church in the last days. He was typing the Church in the last days – the Age of Adoption; Perfection; the mature Grain; the fruitful Branch. He was typing this Church. He was typing every son and daughter of God – that perfection, that Seven-colored Coat, that Rainbow Coat of the Holy Spirit, that God is

robing sons and daughters of God, that He grows to maturity in this Hour – those.

All kinds of tests. Sometimes your first set of tests is people questioning your revelation. That woman wasn't too much on his revelation; whether he understood the Mystery between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpets, all kinds of things. She was seeing a nice, handsome young man. She saw that she could carry his spirit into places of pleasure. She could whisper things to him. Brother, she knew how to kind of treat him like a big man, when he was not yet a big man.

And that is contacting inside of him, the ambition and the desire in young men – to try to appear to be more in charge, and more in control and more experienced than they really are, and it is only Satan inflating their ego, because they want to make a good impression like they are so experienced.

Where do you get experience from? Any woman worth their salt, or any young girl who has her head on her shoulders will know, "I am inexperienced and you are inexperienced. Both of us are inexperienced. Both of us need to consult our dad and mom." It is our pride, it is our self, it is our carnality, it is these things that throw us overboard.

Because this is the flesh! We haven't even learned to understand the ways of the flesh yet. The flesh likes to feel important, the flesh likes to feel good, the flesh likes to feel more powerful, and the flesh lies to you because the flesh is the unbeliever; that's the vulture right here. In the spirit, that's the make-believer, and in the soul, that is the real believer. So the unbeliever, the make-believer, and the real believer walking on two feet – the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and the lust of the eyes, walking on two feet right there.

That is how people grow up and become a good pretender; people become big impressionists. You want to walk in that shoe, and you are kind of walking, trying

to hold yourself together. [Bro. Vin demonstrates -Ed.] God, have mercy.

You go there and you tell the barber, “Cut here; don’t cut off that. ‘Block’ that.” [To crisper out the natural hairline at the nape of the neck -Ed.]

And the poor barber says, “You have nothing to ‘block’ there.” [Congregation laughs -Ed.]

What is it? A desire for maturity, a desire for experience, a desire to have something real; a desire to come into a place, (amen,) where you could have influence, because that is where God made man. That is where man fell from. But God, when He made man the first time, He made him there without trial. It was a gift. It wasn’t a victory; it was a gift. But when he fell, he was not going to come back with a gift again, he is coming back with victory. Character is a victory, not a gift. Everything was a gift.

But God is winning the battle in the hearts and minds of the Elect. Can you say yes? [Congregation says, “Yes.” -Ed.] Do you know why? Because the Bride is getting fed up of foolishness, Her own foolishness. The Bride is getting fed up of Her own slothfulness. The Bride is getting fed up of being sick and failing, and failing, and making excuses, and hiding, and running. The Bride wants to be honest, wants to be sincere; wants to enter into something real. The Bride wants no more put on; the Bride wants something genuine or nothing. That’s right. And God is winning the battle. Yes, sir!

I feel that went through like a hot iron, (amen,) until the Holy Spirit gets down into our souls, where we are. Because you see, that also is the way God made you up. That also is part of Eternal Life. Eternal Life could bear it for so long. But with genuine Eternal Life inside of there, you will say, “You see me, I’ve stopped playing church. I don’t want to play any more church. I want something real or nothing. I want a real God. I don’t want a God in a picture on the wall; I want God in my heart. And when I talk, I talk under the anointing of the

Holy Ghost. I want faith. I don't want to bluff any faith and make-belief faith and 'sound like' faith; I want genuine faith." Yes, sir.

God was finding Jacob still working a scheme. And daybreak was coming, and the Angel was here, and he was still selfish and trying to put Leah and the children here first, and then trying to put Rachel and this one over here, and then trying to look for a good spot for himself. Just in case they get lick-up [Killed -Ed.], he could get a back door out.

Then finally, when he got a hold of God, something started to happen inside. "He got a hold of something real," the Prophet said. He said, "The 144,000 will get a hold of something real." They will know this is not all their thing by the Wailing Wall, you know, all who have their long curls, and their Jewish hats, and their shawl, and all their big, big Bible, and walking around with all this outward thing; outwardly a Jew. When they get a hold of that God, they could say, "Oh my, this is the One that Moses met, this is the One that talked to Manoah and his wife, this is the same One that came to Gideon; this is the One back there, that Elijah stood against them." That is what the Bride is having, as She gets a hold of Him.

He said, "I'm not letting You go, Mister." He said, "I'm not letting You go until You bless me. When You leave here, I'm changed." Amen. "I longed for this. Do You think I enjoy being a deceiver? Do You think I enjoy being smart? Because it used to condemn me afterwards. I am sure... I used to go to bed... Down in my heart I used to feel convicted because I wish I didn't have to be this way. And I hoped nobody saw me that way. I used to try to hide it and cover it up. And there were times my father and they used to look right through my heart, and they knew I was that way." He said, "But What I got a hold of here today, all of my life, this is what grandpa Abraham used to talk about; this is what daddy, Isaac, used to talk about. This is what

mama said, when she was by the well that day, and this man came with those camels, (amen,) and something struck her and she said, "I will go." He said, "This kind of Thing, I have a hold of It here. Oh my! It seems like it is coming late in my life, but I thank God It is coming anyhow. Because when I cross over that brook, I'll not be the same as I was."

And I trust that as you get a hold, as you get a grip, as in the desperation of the moment and your soul, and the longing for reality, and being fed up, and being ashamed and embarrassed to even look at your own spiritual self in the Word because you don't want to see yourself that way, and the shame and the agony of putting on the religious self every day you step out of the house, and every day you come to church, hoping that nobody exposes you, or nobody sees through you, to live another day, that's torment. That's torment.

You want to walk free. You want to get happy and talk and not even think about what you are saying because, brother, you know, that subconscious is so clean and purged out, you know each day you are trying to live, bringing every thought into captivity. You know that before you do things, you watch your motive and your objective. You watch your intentions, why do you want that, and when you see something different, you get back into a place and say, "I am not ready for that yet." You say, "God, I don't want to be a hypocrite. I don't want to live this life that way."

Friends, let me tell you, when you can find those places with God, you talk about overcoming! You are starting to overcome. Because overcoming is not an outside thing, an outside behavior; overcoming is you overcoming yourself on the inside. Because what is in yourself is what is in the world. This is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life. This very thing here is the world itself.

The world came by sex when man was born and the world fell from a Faith civilization to a science

civilization. That's why that world has to go through water, blood and fire the same way like the man, otherwise it can't come back. Same plan for man is the same plan for the earth. God has to burn even the atmosphere and purge that atmosphere of all politics and everything out of it; same with the man here. That's why in overcoming, you overcome this man right here; you overcome the 'world', friends.

That's why Jesus said, "No man take My life; I lay down My life." That's overcoming, friends. He, as a young man, brother, He could have wanted things. He had desires. He was, in every form, a man. He wasn't a robot. He taught us to live and to be bound to the Word, and to live and walk in a place where God can use us.

Look at Joseph, how he was set free from a house full of enemies. When he was in that pit and among those traders, he didn't have a bunch of traders conspiring to kill him, and jealous of him, and envious of him, and saying all kinds of negative things and throwing words for him. He was a commodity. He represented their wealth. The better he looked, and looked well-fed and nourished and healthy, was the more sales they got. So he was even getting better treatment from them than his own brothers. Do you get what I am saying?

So, it wasn't like, I'm in the father's house, but every morning you get up, they pass, they bounce you, they kick you, they trip you, they are planning some mischief against you; they are throwing some words for you. They say, from 'quite' [a certain distance usually far away -Ed.] a distance, "Look, the dreamer is coming. Let us plan to kill him."

One found a pit already: "Look, a good pit here. We will hold him there. It will be a holding bay for the time being."

Another one was seeing in the meantime, "We can make some profit off of him. We are going to exploit him and manipulate him."

Brother, where he was now, he had nobody against him in that way. He could think. He could lift his hands and praise God and sing.

Do you think comfort is a wardrobe full of clothes? Do you think comfort is a big, big house? Don't fool yourself, man. King George was laying there dying and a Prophet who was born in a log cabin, was sent to pray for him, and take him out of that death. Do you get what I am saying? And then that Prophet who went into King George's palace, walked down to that log cabin to take another one out, a little boy. He said, "I felt more welcomed here than I ever felt anywhere else." He said, "I walked in and saw a little sign marked, '*God bless our home.*'" In King George palace he saw guards with swords, and all kinds of different things. "I have to check you before you go through." Think, friends!

You see, sometimes our mind isn't open so we think low; we think quite down here. We read the Word and we can't see the Truth of God. We can't see the God that the Bible presented that way, was intended to reveal. The circumstance, it was to make us—give us insight into and teach us the ways of life, so we can get the wisdom of the Holy Spirit into us, so that the God Who orders our steps in life, we can see why He planned it that way, what He wants to achieve, why He permits this, why He only gave it so much boundary, why He held you there for so long, what He wants to get out of you; what He wants to put in you.

You start to see and you start to appreciate God's plan. You start to live under the influence of God's mind for you, because God's mind begins to become your mind, and then in you, there is no more rebellion towards God, because you and God are thinking the same.

Because sometimes, God gives you an opportunity when you are selfish, He shows you your own way. "Do you want your way? Go your way." Fail, fail, fail, fail. Trouble, trouble, trouble, trouble trouble, trouble. God

says, “Wake up and realize you don’t know what to do. Wake up and realize that you are on a suicide mission. You are killing yourself.”

And sometimes stubbornness and rebellion hold people right there for so long, when they ought to throw up their hands and say, “Lord, lead me, Lord; I will follow. Show me the way, Lord; I will walk in it. Lord, I learnt my lesson. I understand why You gave me that space. It’s not that You didn’t care for me, you know; You wanted me to come to the end of my own human strength and realize there is nothing inside of me to lead myself, so we wouldn’t have to argue and debate over that for the next twenty years. I learnt it. I put it down. I surrender my will. I say not my will, Lord; take over. Put Your chains on me, Jesus. I am ready to go where You are going because Your way is better than my way.”

Brother, he was free from his brothers when they sent him out there. He was free from that cage with that ‘beast’ when he got into prison. When he was in prison, the gift started to operate. He didn’t get any dreams and things coming to open up any mystery and things yet there, you know. He was doing his job. He was being a good employee, interested in the master’s business; trying to work for the advancement of his master’s house and estate. And he was showing stewardship, he was showing submission, he was showing accountability, he was showing responsibility, he was showing willingness to serve, and he was showing the depth of submission to authority and these things. Because he knew, “If I have to have authority one day, I must submit to authority.” Do you get that? JOSEPH, THE OVERCOMER.

Everyone of us walks from Genesis 37 to Genesis 45. All of us walk there. Do you get what I am saying? That’s your walk, friends. That’s the seed in Genesis. That’s the Mystery of Christ opening the Bible. Then like Christ, we are predestinated to be, what? Conformed into the image of Jesus Christ. And Joseph was that

mystery. He was that perfection. Because Christ and the Bride are the same. It's Jesus in Bride form. God, the Creator, in man which is His Church now. She is Life of His Life; Spirit of His Spirit. She is Him revealed. That's the branch now.

The Word was trying him but he knew... Is there such a Power in the Word? Does the vision that God gives you, when He is giving you that vision, knows the things you will have to go through before the vision is fulfilled; the Word of His patience? "Because you have kept the Word of My patience." There is a certain amount of patience that has to go while we have to wait for the fulfilment of that Word. The vision is for an appointed time, but you have to wait upon it.

Now catch this: the God Who is giving the vision, revealing it a certain way, is the God Who is ordaining the trials to bring the vision to pass; is the God Who set the race before you. He set the course that you have to run, and that's the prize. Joseph's eyes were fixed on that prize. He started to run from the father's house, down to Potiphar's house, down to the prison house. He was running. You talk about a marathon! But all that time he knew, while he was running, "There will be glory at the end of this; glory at the end of this." He was running for that prize.

And the man who striveth for the mastery, must do what? Strive lawfully! He doesn't fight as one that beats the air. He must be temperate; have self-control. Self-control with the brothers and them. Self-control when he had no authority. Self-control when he had authority; he could punish them or forgive them. "I forgive you." Like the Prophet, when the people were making love: "I forgive you." Self-control with Potiphar's wife – temperate.

Learning to overcome. And the test is getting more severe. Every phase, it is getting more severe. The intensity of the test is determined by what you have need of, and what the circumstances are. Think.

In the prison house, it wasn't like that wasn't a test; that was a big, big test, you know. That got greater. That got greater than Potiphar's house and the father's house.

Do you mean to say, God is testing you with a baby test now, when you are mature? Do you mean to say, God is giving us an easier test than Luther and them in this Age? Now think, okay.

You see, in your mind... I'm trying to get you to think. I'm trying to get you to think, to say, being in the prison house, how could that be greater and harder than the test with Potiphar's wife in that house? How could it be harder? It depends on what is being tested, and what needs you have, and what your desire is at that time.

Sometimes you are in an environment where nothing can be done, so it doesn't have any temptation there, concerning that thing. You are in a place many times... A man could get tempted with a woman if a woman is around. A woman could get tempted with a man if a man is around. If a man or a woman is not around, what are you going to get tempted with, a man or a woman? Why? In the mind, the mechanism already decided, "There is no man here, there is no woman here; nothing can be done here," but you get tested with something else. Do you get what I am saying?

Because God is building a masterpiece. God is building something in you. You are not just coming to church. God is building something in you. And when God finishes building it, He has to test it, to prove His Word, that what I restored is restored. Do you get what I am saying?

That's why when the great Composer was composing, He had a wastepaper basket full of things before He wrote the Masterpiece, you know. Because every time He wrote one, something came, more inspiration, it perfected that part; it perfected this part. He got a whole basket full.

Brother, when He got Noah and Noah built the Ark and brought people over the flood and so on, he looked like the Messiah. He said, "That can't be the Messiah." The man ended up drunk. He put it in the wastebasket. He started again.

Moses will be the Messiah: born a proper child, delivering the people; coming out. Bam! He smote the rock and glorified himself. Fold it up; wastepaper basket.

David came, slew the giant, great things; delivered the people; rejoicing; went and planned to kill the man and take the man's wife; committed adultery. God said, "Wastepaper basket." Do you understand me? None of them could have taken the people back to the Garden of Eden; only redemption in part.

When the Masterpiece came, you can't improve on that. You can't improve on that. He is more than Moses. When the Devil came at Him, the Devil realized, "This is not Moses." When the Devil came at Him, the Devil realized, "This isn't Elijah." When the Devil came against Him, he realized He wasn't running and bawling, "Oh God, I am going to die." No. The Devil realized, "This is something else."

When the Devil comes around against this Bride, he knows this isn't Luther and Wesley and they, friends; this isn't the Pentecostals. We have to know that, too. When the Devil comes, God has to know, "This isn't the early Church back there with the earnest because this is going beyond that. These are not going into any graves."

Friends, think! I want you to think. If this what I am saying is the plan of God. If this is the Bible, if this is the Age, if this is the time, if this Message is the Message, if we are the people who are called out, if this is the training, then will God be doing all of this and not tell the people, "You are being prepared"?

Do you mean a man will be training and he doesn't know he is getting ready for the Olympics? Do you mean

a man will be in that gym day and night... From the time he knows that fight is already signed up for December the 23rd, big fight, championship fight for the belt, brother, you watch that man in the gym every day, you watch that man running in the road every day, you watch that man training, you watch that discipline; you watch that man dropping off things.

Why? Everything is focused because he is conscious, “This thing is revealed to me. I know the date of the fight. He has a calendar in front of him while he is training. When he is throwing those punches, he has that man’s picture up there. That’s right. He knows that that’s the man to beat. “That is what stands between me and the glory – this man right here.”

Do you know what happens with us? We haven’t even gotten close to there yet. We talk about resurrection, and all the rest of church talk around the church. When you hear people start to get in these places, brother, you look different, you sound different; you talk different. That’s why you can’t know people well... “You don’t know my heart, brother.” What is in your heart shines out of you, all around you, and out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth speaks.

And then somebody will know, “Don’t mess with him; that man is serious. Hey, she isn’t one of those play things. Do you think that’s Dinah? That isn’t Dinah; that is Esther. Move from there; that’s Esther. Maybe you are making a joke or what. Do you think she is watching down in Shechem, down there? Do you think she is going after Hamor’s son? You’re making joke.

Brother, let me tell you: God, the Spirit... That’s why I said this morning, if God could get us into a place where you say, “Lord, what do I want? What do I want? What am I going through this for?” To come and sit down here in a hot building for nothing is torturing yourself. To prepare clothes from last night, or get up early this morning and press and iron out clothes, and come and walk with that for nothing, is torture. Brother,

if you go and run in the park early in the morning, drink a good coconut water, and take a good swim, you'll come out with some health and vitality. At least you can do a good week's work, coming up. Do you understand what I am saying?

Do you think God will sympathize with you and say, "Well, you came in the house of God"? God is not on religion, friends, God is on calling; election and calling. Because God knows, you are what you are from seed. God knows He can't save a Serpent's seed. That's impossible. God knows He can't make a goat, a sheep. He can't do it, because He will be trying to improve on what He has already done. What God had in His Mind, He spoke it.

So God knows, "I have to get the right atmosphere for them. I have to bring a Word to them. I have to get it sharp to circumcise and cut certain things. I have to get Eyesalve. He said, "Come and buy of Me," what? "Eyesalve, gold tried in the Fire, and white raiment." Those are three things every Bride needs in this Hour. God told them what they have need of and God said, "I am going to provide that." And God said, "Come and buy that."

You say, "What do I need Eyesalve for? What do I need to be seeing for? Why do I need to see that? What do I need to get down there, until that gets clear before me?" No! You need that. If you don't see certain things in this Age, you are lost. That's why God opened Seven Seals, to start to anoint your eyes. Said, "Watch the world this way. This is how the world is. This is the purpose you are called for. Watch your life this way. Watch your experiences this way. See God's purpose from here."

Then, you start to realize, "Oh, He is a Vine-dresser; that's why this happened to me. Oh, He is a Potter; that's why this God, He is preparing me for a work. Can I check in the Bible and see if there is a work for a people to do in the last days before the Rapture because I am living in the last days before the Rapture? Let me see if

I can find a work.” There is one. “Can I see if there is a fruitful vine to come forth in the last days.” There’s one promised to be here. So you say, “Wait. This thing is real.” Because Heaven and earth will pass away, but that Word can’t pass away.

You are growing in knowledge; you are growing in grace. You are starting to see differently. So when God changes you from the house with all your brothers, and throws you out there and it seems like you are in bondage and it seems like you have less rights now, and you find that life got hard, life didn’t get hard; you got free from all that criticism, and all that negative thing harassing you, and all that jealousy and envy, that is trying to strangle you. God is freeing you from that and putting you out here. Even though it is less privilege, no daddy to hug you up, but you are growing, you are growing and you are coming on to your place.

Then he got there, in that place, and then it looked like he started to smile. “I have my own big quarters. I have my own servant by the door.”

He said, “Master Joseph, little master, (Potiphar is the bigger master, but he has men under him,) the big lady...” You know how they talk around those kinds of estate. “The boss lady wants to see you.”

He said, “Oh God! Lord, why wasn’t it my brothers and they? It was easier to deal with those ten brothers back home, than this ‘beast’ here. It’s like I am in a cage; it is torment day and night. I’m trying to live for God and look at what is happening.” See? Brother, sometimes that makes a man not want to marry, if he is soft. He said, “Some people are not content. Look at the estate they have. Look at how big the place is. Look at the husband, how faithful. Look at the big position in my hands. Do you mean that is all she could see?”

But when she is sitting down there watching all these soap operas all day, and she grew up on *Mills And Boon* [romance novels -Ed.] and *The Young And The Restless...* [Soap opera -Ed.] Do you know what I am saying? And brother,

she turned out to be a predator. And he started to suffer torment.

In the book, they were saying—she said, “Well, come and talk to me and my husband about this God, because we realize there is something Supernatural with you. We have never seen this kind of prosperity yet, and we realize we were very fortunate. To think that you got sold, you got kidnapped and sold into slavery, and they bought you off an auction block. Think of what would have happened if the other people had bought you before my husband.” The book said it is she who told her husband, “Make sure you buy that slave. If you have to sell everything, buy him.”

Because you see when you are dealing with commodities... Like the man buying the cow. And the Prophet looked at this cow – beef plump to the hoof. He said, “No, no, no, Billy, this is a wild one. Watch the stare. She wouldn’t be a mummy to her calves; don’t buy that.” Now, a man who is buying livestock knows livestock, you know.

A man who is going to buy a dog... A man might get an old ‘pothound’ [a mongrel dog; a dog of indeterminate breed –Ed.] and some piece of paper and tell you that dog is from some lineage and you pay all that big money. Next thing you know, you have one ‘pothound’ here, the gate cracks and that dog puts its tail between its legs and runs under the bed. And he is supposed to be a dog that could take training and things. You know you got conned, right? So a man has to know things. You are going and buying a dog, you have to know how to examine that dog.

And you see pictures and things, they show you how when they are buying slaves, they check the man’s teeth and things, first: “See whether I am investing in a bunch of sickness here and disease. I check this fellow here, check his IQ; check certain things. What is he good for? If I have big, heavy things to lift up around the yard, well, but how many times will I have something heavy

to lift up around the yard? Do you understand what I mean?

Like a man is going to buy a truck and then he says, "But this is real iron here. They don't make iron like this again," and he buys a truck. If you want to go out Sunday evening with your family for a drive, you have to go in this big, big truck. Do you understand what I mean? You have to drop your children to school in the morning, you have this big truck. And you say, "This is a water truck, boy." And water isn't going [being turned off - Ed.] at all in the district. And you say, "When water is gone, you will see the value of this truck." And you have no water shortage at all for twenty years, and the truck gets old. Bad investment!

So, when they are examining a slave now, you want to know, "He has capability? Can you fix a house? Can you plant a garden? Do you know about vineyards and so on? Do you know about cultivating flowers around the place? What about..." Sometimes they hit you to see if you will react with anger. And they realize, "No, he is submissive. He knows how to hold his temper. He has respect." As vex as he is there, he holds that tongue still. He says, "That is worth. This is a good investment here."

So, when she sees this boy there... Then when he started to examine him, he said, "But what is a young fellow like him doing here in the slave market? And the way he is well-groomed and taken care of, you could see he grew up rich and sheltered and protected. He is some big man's son, you know; he is too educated. It's like his father spent a lot of time with him. That boy is reading languages. He picked up this Egyptian language in no time." He said, "This boy is smart. This boy knows administration. This boy knows how to get along with difficult people." That is what the prison officer saw. He had a way to get into people, stop strife, set order and different things. He said, "What! This fellow knows human relations. He is good for this position."

Do you think if you can't smile, you can't serve, you aren't courteous, that you can be some air-hostess? Or some place where you are doing hospitality, or some big firm, and they want some public relations person, and you are always grumpy, and you are gruff, and you can't dress properly, and you aren't looking like an asset, you are more a liability to the company than anything else, they don't want you.

You say, "I work hard, and I don't make joke."

They say, "You might work hard; go and load trucks or something in a brick factory. You work hard. You'll always have hard work to do. But out here, this is hospitality services. You have to dress a certain way. You have to talk to the customers even though they are coming all grumpy. You have to know how to represent the company. This is not your business; you are only a representative. You are a face. You are one of the first faces they meet. This business is about sacrifice, and hardship, and labor, and different things. And if you misrepresent the company, we are losing money and customers."

So, when they looked at this boy, they saw certain things. Maybe he didn't even know his worth, because being a slave—he was never accustomed to being a slave. He didn't know anything about how slave buyers think. He didn't know how you invest in human commodity, but he started to pick up these things quickly. He started to see the mind of man.

And then he started to realize now, "I have to learn to behave myself here. I can't get up here every morning crying: It's been a long time I have not seen my daddy; I am not seeing this here. My daddy trained me better than that. I know how to conduct myself down here. When I get up here, I am a Hebrew. There are only Egyptians down here. My race and all these things are important."

That was why this fellow, in a strange land, knew his father was a king back in the homeland.

A man said, "But how is it this one is always smiling and helping the others and doing the work and..." He said, "What happened to him?"

He said, "I myself wondered."

He said, "One day, I found out that his father is a king in the land where he came from. So, he knows he has royal blood."

This boy knew his father was a prophet from the lineage of Abraham and Isaac. And God said, "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob." And this boy was seeing visions and things from small. [Young -Ed.] So he knew, "We are in contact with God."

The same way we know, Luther and Wesley and Irenaeus and Columba and Martin and all of them and Paul and they were in contact with God, and the Prophet was in contact with God, and we know, that lineage is who God works through, how much more they knew it.

How many times do you think... They had no tape in those days. How many times do you think Jacob rehearsed that story to them, and they heard grandpa Isaac? They said, "Grandpa Isaac, I know daddy told us already, but you tell us. I like how you say it. Tell us when great grandpa Abraham was there that day in the tent door in that season, and then how he was looking there, after God came and said He was El Shaddai." He said, "Explain more. Open up that mystery of El Shaddai for me. And if God said it, there is something in it, grandpa."

He said, "What! Look at the questions this boy is asking. Hear the things he wants to know." He said, "Watch that little fellow."

His father said, "I got a coat for him already." He said, "A coat is measured out already, by the tailor, for him."

In their lives and their environment, they watched that. "This child is different. This one was born at a certain time when the mother was going through a certain experience. When the mother was going through

certain pain and certain things in the family, this one came as a sign to them; as a certain...”

Do you see how I read the Scripture this morning there? I read that to mark some things here for you all. I am not reading those things by accident, you know; I read those things to mark things for you all; to keep before you that God of the Bible is the same. And what you read and think in your mind... Watch when one happened in the twentieth century, then compare it so you will know how it was in the Bible. You can't get that from your imagination.

God was building a masterpiece. This boy had to overcome. He could not come into that without being an overcomer.

Quickly, let me just strike one or two quotes here. Hey, the time is gone. Jesus. I have been playing the fool here. Anyhow, it is just a talk this morning. I want to get back a quote here. *Possessing The Enemy's Gates*. [1959-1108 -Ed.] I like this because this was the test time. He had preached this after he was tested and tried by God with the Spoken Word. He had come to the formed image of the Word, and now the image could speak. And so, he understood that God had built the masterpiece. He was that masterpiece. And he is speaking here, in the message called *Possessing The Enemy's Gates* because he had come through the trials and he had overcome the trial. He had possessed the enemy's gates.

Do you know the enemy's gates? There are five in the body and five in the spirit: see, taste, hear, smell and touch; reasoning, conscience, memory, affection, imagination. That's the enemy's gates. And do you know what possesses those gates? The one in the soul – Faith. It brings all those things into captivity; tie it to the Absolute. Faith masters sight. Faith masters reasoning. That is how Faith masters all circumstances. Because the circumstance makes you reason, circumstance makes you get double-minded; circumstance brings fear in the spirit realm, your emotions. But Faith, now,

drives that out by keeping the Word there; holding the Word there. And once the Word is there, the circumstance is governed by the Word, because the Word created everything.

You see, it is not fighting, you know. It is not watching the storm, you know. No, no, no. He doesn't have to think whether the wind is hearing him or not. Every son is riding the Devil.

Did you see right there, this morning there? While praying there, the mother tried to hand the father the child, and the father handed back the mother the child and the child... And I knew it was the Devil. Right there, I knew it was not just a restless child. Because the very Scripture I read tells the very experience of the child. Do you get what I am saying?

He said: *God had been testing the patriarch...*

I am going to read this and close. Let the musicians—if you want, you could come and sit down by the time here.

God had been testing the patriarch because He had given him a promise.

I read this the other night and I want to read it again.

And when God makes a promise, He wants to be sure that this person is worthy of the promise before He fulfills what He said or what He promises.

God showed Joseph that he was coming to that. But you don't come into that because God tells you. God tells you adoption and manifestation of the sons of God, but you don't come into that just because God says it. Before you reach there, you think and wonder whether you are called, hundreds of times.

The Prophet said, "Honey, am I called?"

She said, "Billy, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. How do you mean *if* you are called?"

Because a called life goes through so many things. One minute God is all over you, and the next minute, you are left all alone and you are like a piece of dirt. Do

you get what I am saying? Because the mystery is God and man – Divinity and humanity together.

He was tired and hungry; He was sleepy. But when that inspiration struck, as hungry as He was, He said, “No man eats from this tree anymore.” The next day, the tree was dry. As sleepy as He was, He got up from that boat and said, “Peace be still,” and went back and slept. He was so sleepy, but that storm got quiet. As full of grief and pain to see Lazarus there...

You see, that was the man first, then the God. You see, when you don't have any revelation, you'll say, “So what did He cry for then if He is God and He was going to raise him? What was God emotional about?” No, no. He was a man. He was a man. “I do nothing except the Father first shows Me.” He had a vision. He knew the man was going to raise. Because He was in a relationship with the man; that was His friend. He stayed in that house. The family used to feed Him; take care of Him. They opened a room for Him in the house. They suffered persecution to follow Him, and believed that He was the Messiah.

The God part is the office. That's why Bro. Branham said, “I want to go by Charlie.” He came off the field: “I want to go by Charlie. I got my squirrel gun; I got my bullets. Whoo! This time of the year, we know there are plenty of squirrels down there,” and then he went. He said, “Charlie knows how I like mine: extra salt on mine; extra pepper on mine.” And they were there shooting squirrels all in the woods. That was a man. And when he stood up there and said, “Ask for what you want, Hattie,” that was more than a man. That was more than a man.

As a man he said, “Well, there are no squirrels in the woods here. I'll set my watch for ten minutes, take a nap, then I will tell the brothers, ‘Let us get out of the woods.’” And when he stood up to speak and said, “Let a squirrel come from there,” that was more than a man, friends. Inspiration.

Moses said, “Lord, what must I do? What must I do?” That was a man. When he stood up and said, “Today you will see the Egyptians no more,” that was more than a man. Joshua, seeing a man there, drew his sword and said, “Talk fast! Who are You for?” That was a man. When he watched that sun, and he said, “Sun, stand still,” that was more than a man, friends.

I used to tell a story: one time I was down in Port-of-Spain and the West Indies were playing test cricket in the Oval. And I sat down in the car and the car was parked on Frederick Street. As I looked through the window, there was Clive Lloyd and a few of the other cricketers there. And they were in normal civilian clothes, you know, a little, cool shirt and their shopping bags, and they were walking down the street, and they were going about their business. They were buying little things. They were in Trinidad playing a test here and then they would have left here and gone to the next island. And they were picking up little stuff, maybe for their children, family, whatever it was and so on.

Something struck me. I said, “But that’s Clive Lloyd.” In the cricket world, he was the best fieldsman in the world, at his time. And then he was named ‘Lasher’ Lloyd. I said, “Look at this man walking here so normal.” I said, “Put this man in the Oval, put thirty thousand spectators in those stands there; put the fastest bowler here, put him in his ‘flannels’ [A term given to cricket clothing –Ed.] and his favourite bat, and he stands up there,” I said, “and what is walking with his shopping bag, talking with those fellows here normal, you will see something in that same man, all of a sudden, go to work, and you will see an ability start to come forth that you don’t see normally just like that.” You see, that is how it is. That is how it is.

He was talking one minute, “Well friends, I love the Lord and we don’t come here often in the service” and so on. And then he’s standing there and he was talking to a woman. He already broke into the realm of vision.

And he was telling her, "So and so is going to happen."

She said, "No, that can't be."

He said, "This has nothing to do with you, and what you even believe, sister. I'm seeing you under vision; that's His Word already expressed. You are not in shape to believe that now; you will believe that one day that it will happen, because He will make you believe that when the time comes."

Do you know how many things in our lives we said we will not do? But God brought us to the place to do it. Do you know how many things in our lives we said we could not believe? But God brought us into the shape and condition, we can believe it now. That's right, friends. Because it didn't have anything to do with us; it is from where God is seeing this and speaking from. And this overcoming, we have to be tested first. We have to go through these things; every child of God.

He said: ... *God time [and] time [had] tested him...*

He was talking about Abraham.

... but he'd come to that final test before the blessing was going to happen.

And that's the way it is [and that's the way it is] with all the Seed of Abraham. God gives us that final test just before He gives us the promise. And if it was possible, I'd like to say something here, personally, but I'll withhold that.

Because he had just had the victory in his own life, overcoming his test.

He said: *That final test to see how you'll react upon it... And when He had gave Abraham this test, He found Abraham just as true as he was when he started.*

And when he did this and never withheld his only son, [he] was about to plunge the knife into Isaac's bosom to destroy his testimony... He had testified all over the known earth that he was acquainted with, that he was going to have this son. And then when the son came, he was asked to double back and to destroy the only hope

that he had for his testimony to be fulfilled. And when God seen that he was loyal to that faith that he had in God...

It is like a wife and a husband, you know.

She says, "Honey, I love you. I really, really love you from the bottom of my heart."

He wants to believe her. He is believing her.

He is saying, "Honey, I love you too."

But maybe the Devil is fighting them. Maybe they have doubts. Maybe he thinks issues come up. Maybe there are times he sees she is selfish. Maybe there are times she sees him selfish. Maybe there are times she says, "You don't care for me." Maybe there are times he says, "Well, you don't care for me, either." Maybe there are times they fight over things. And so, sometimes they get there.

Then there are times again, he feels, "I will die for you," and she feels the same way too. And they realize, "We say that when things are going nice. And we say that... I say it when I am enjoying myself, and you say it when you are enjoying yourself. But I notice, when you are going through a hard time and you are grumpy, you leave all of us behind. And that's the time when we say, "Well, say it for us now," you start to talk about 'God doesn't have any grandchildren, and every man for himself,' and you talk that kind of way."

He said, "I realize, I want to believe."

Well, it is the same way with God, friends. Though He knows, but we don't know, and because we don't know, we could only act according to what we know. Because what we don't know many times, we have fear. And Satan, many times, exploits our ignorance. So God has to bring us to know by experience. Not just by reading and somebody else's testimony; you have to know it for yourself too.

Because sometimes you hear somebody say, "You forgave a person for that? I could have never done that; not me! I can't see myself doing that at all." And you

come into worse, and you do it easier. Do you know what happened there? You start to discover something in yourself, you never knew. Because you thought that was a human ability doing that. And when you are getting that experience, you realize that it is God stepping in and doing that, not you. And you start to see the value of the Holy Ghost in a life. You start to see the submission of God, and what these things mean in a life. You start to realize how you can do all things through Christ that strengthen you.

But it is not for when you want, or how you want; it is the things God ordained for you to happen, and then you see the reality of God. And the same Love that calms the raging bull, you watch that same Love just move in you, because that same Love calms you who can be a raging bull. Do you get what I am saying?

Sometimes you want to calm others, but that Love calms you. That Love settles over you, and you say, "But I was so vex, I could have let them have it, and then I find that what came out is: Well, we will band our belly and go forward, by the grace of God." Do you understand what I am saying? And you say, "What on earth is this? Life is a paradox. I don't even have control over what I want."

What is that? Hear what that is: that is what I was preaching last week – that's the restraining influence of God. God restrained Reuben and them. And Reuben said, "No! Put him in the pit." When they were going to kill him, God used Judah, and God restrained them and said, "Don't kill him. Look, the Ishmaelites are coming."

God, exerting upon wicked people, a restraining influence, preventing them from doing something that they are naturally inclined to do. You say, "You see me, I will give them a good piece of my mind. When I see them, you will see something here." And you already talk it out with all your friends, "Watch how I will deal with that." And you walk out there, and you are in your best that day. And it is only mercy and grace. Everybody

is waiting for the fight. And it is like, “I don’t even have control over my emotions. Because in my mind, I am set to do that and I can’t carry it out.” And you are not even learning, no, that’s God, that’s God.

Abimelech planned to take Sarah. God said, “If you touch that woman, you and your kingdom are finished,” and God restrained this man. He was a king. He had soldiers. He already talked to this man. He heard that this woman was this man’s sister. He had all rights. He was not abducting anybody. He had rights. By the law of his land, he could have done that. Think of it. Balaam wanted to curse Israel and God restrained him, and only made him bless those people.

Then look how God softened the heart of Potiphar and raised this boy up until this boy was in charge of everything this man had. God gave him favor in the sight of the prison master. God gave him wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, until Pharaoh said, “Only in the throne I will be greater than you, but everything else...” He told Potiphar’s wife, he said, “Everything else your husband gave me charge of except you because you belong to him.”

And he realized, “Wait, but God is with me.” Didn’t he discover something that pleased God? Do you think God was with him by accident? Do you think God is going to bless somebody and don’t bless the rest? No, no, no. He knew what it was to please God. He started to learn what it takes to please God.

And when God saw his heart, his mind, his desire; when God saw his humility to correction, his willingness to accept instruction, when God began to see the kind of intention, the motives and objectives of this boy’s heart, the willingness to sacrifice for others, God said, “You see you, you can have anything I have. I will bless you wherever.” And God was with him in Egypt, and God was with him in the prison house. And the Bible kept saying, “And God was with him.” Like with Paul in the storm, we were reading there on Friday.

Man in chains; he was in the prison in chains but God was with him. Do you get that?

God's restraining influence is even upon the animals. He told the 'delivery service', "Take this food; drop it for Elijah. Destination – the brook Cherith." Delivery service! He was talking about food already. "I got the call; I prepared it. You are My messengers; take it to him." He said, "And when you get down there, don't forget to minister. You don't just drop it from the sky. You all make a soft landing and in order. You first, you second, you third, you fourth, you fifth, you sixth, you seventh. Seven of you all – a seven-course menu I am giving him. Each one, you must put it in a straight line. I will be right there to supervise you all. Be ready for My instructions." God in His creation for His servant.

Do you know how many have God waiting on you? How many know the Lamb is going to come out and dry our tears? How many know the Lamb is going to break the bread and serve us? Is that the only time He wants to serve us? How many know He serves us all down through life? How many know He said, "And he that wants to be the greatest, let him be the least and serve"; that He even stooped and washed fishermen's feet? He didn't wait to be served; He came down to serve.

Let's learn His ways. Let's have His ways cultivating us. Let's see this picture of Him before us. Not a man with a beard and a middle part, not that, but His character in the Bible, His ways in dealing with His children, His great, mighty hands; the way He tries us and tests us and proves us. Yet, skilfully He bends that vine, He purges it, He nails it down where it needs to, but He makes it more fruitful. He breaks that vessel, He puts it on the wheel, He puts pressure in certain places, He brings it through the water and through fire in the oven, and then He brings it out in service – a vessel prepared for a good work.

Let's see Him, and let's yield and submit to Him. Let's let go. Let's not fight and retaliate. Let's not live like

people who are now starting to walk with Him and don't know anything about Him. We have walked with Him. He has talked to us. He has taught us. He has unveiled Himself to us. Let's now become influenced. Let's live under this influence. Let, when the conditions come, our light shines; our saltiness affects people on contact that it creates a thirst in them for what we have.

... when God seen that he was loyal to that faith he had in God...

Think of it, friends. He said: *What about Abraham with Isaac, on the mountain, the one the promise was given, and by his loyalty and his knowing, and his faith in Jehovah, it's through that and that alone that God looked down and said, "His seed shall possess the gates. I've sworn by Myself that I'll do these things." There's no one greater He could swear by, but He swore by Himself. Then if He let Abraham be tested to that final point, He's got to test you and me to that final moment, that time of decision when everything's away from you, you have to stand alone there. [... you have to stand alone there.]*

You are trying to get all kinds of people to come around you and give you support and prop you up, but know: Jacob was alone, and Jesus, in Gethsemane, was alone and went a little further and prayed while the rest slept, and Abraham was alone on the mountain. God brings you to places where you stand alone, saints, because that's part of His work. When you don't know Him, and you don't know how He works, and you don't realize... That's why He gives us things as examples, because He shows us how He does it in the lives of His children, and He shows us what He expects from His children before He could bless them.

... Stand alone. Walk out there and say, "Though He slay me, yet I'll trust Him." That's the seed of Abraham. That's the One that gives the promise.

Brother, he talked about how God brings tension in the church. He said he had trials. He said, "Think about Moses."

... he [had] led them out by the hand of Jehovah, [they came there] ... he met the gate between him and the promised land. There was the Red Sea, a bar across the way. They were hemmed in by Pharaoh's army, mountains and deserts and the Red Sea...

Mountains to the side, desert behind them, Red Sea in front of them, and Pharaoh's army was coming.

... but Moses stepped forward and possessed the gate of his enemy, and crossed the Red Sea dry-shod, as he was walking on a dusty road.

Here is the thing! He said, "He crossed it dry-shod as though he was walking on a dusty road; opened up that Red Sea, and walked right on forward.

... "Ye shall possess the gate of the enemy." God said so, and that settles it.

It was only a few years later when the trails come, and the church got all shook up, as is so easy for a congregation of people to do when something just don't seem to happen the way that it's supposed to be.

He said: *God makes it that way. God brings tensions into the church...* [God makes it that way. God brings tensions into the church...]

God let the Devil stir up Korah. God let the Devil get in those people to murmur and complain. God let all kinds of things happen in the church. But brother, Moses had to stay there looking to God, remembering the training, remembering the commission, remembering they had to come back to this mountain, remembering the promise made to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and confirmed and swore by Himself, they will inherit this land; they will come back to this place in the fourth generation, after He judged that nation.

What was keeping them? The Word that was revealed to them; the things that they knew in the Word that were already fulfilled. And they knew, "We, in journey

here, are fulfilling the part where we are coming into the land. The fourth generation had already come. I am that prophet. I brought the plagues. God judged them with a mighty hand. That was me. They tried to kill me; God spared my life. God raised me up. I came to the Red Sea. I am commissioned. I showed the signs of my confirmation and my commission. I saw the wrath that followed when the Message was rejected. I saw how their hearts were hardened.” He said, “And here, I haven’t taken them in there yet. But that part that is going on now, I have to stand; I have to stand.”

They were understanding that. He wasn’t just a man saying, “Why did I end up with all these people? How did I end up here? I wonder what Age I am in? How can I be sure that this is that part of the Word being fulfilled? How could this experience really mean that? Is it really taking forty years to get there? I don’t have a quote saying it was supposed to be forty years. When I measured the distance on the map, it was supposed to be about three or four days. What is going on here? Am I being led or not being led?”

God was there with them, friends. They were walking in a place. Faith is designed to reveal to you the will of God. Only faith can do that. Don’t try to do the will of God by reasoning, friends. You can’t do it. You can never make those Scriptures tie together. It will take you walking in the Word, and the Word being interpreted in your life to see how it is tying; to see how the vision is coming to pass.

When you sit down there, and you try to prescribe, that’s theology. The Word of God has never been fulfilled that way from Genesis to Revelation. But in every Age, God spoke a Word, allotted It for a time and season, God predestinated people, and then God came and anointed those people, and those people were led by the Spirit to quicken and bring to life, the Words that laid in the Bible, and make It manifest, because they had that faith to operate that Word. They were born for that – the Word

predestinated to the Word written for the Hour. Those are the people, and they could catch inspiration, and they could catch those things.

That's why he said, "Watch the clock there; it is two o'clock." Man who was there was not understanding. To him that meant something. He said, "Hear, this is on a higher octave." He had the ear to hear that; nobody else heard that. What was the key for that? His life was tied together with the Zodiac, the written Bible, and the Pyramid together. His ministry, he was the Seventh one. He was in the Age of Leo, the Lion. He was bringing the Thunders, the mystery of the Headstone. He was the one in Revelation 10 where the Book is open and the Lion roars. It was him. He was born for that very Hour.

And that's where your life and my life is not a haphazard life. Learn to understand what God made you. Because faith relies upon what God made you. That is what gives you faith. Faith is when you begin to understand your position, and you see how God made you and designed you for this Age. God designed you for an Eagle Age. God designed you for prophetic vision. God designed you for Perfect Faith. God designed you to come to maturity, to adoption, to walk in authority, to live in this sphere, to fellowship with God; to walk with God in the Mystery. God designed you for that.

That's why He said, "Would you walk with Me?"

He said, "Oh God, that is my desire."

And here, man and God, like in the Garden of Eden, were walking together. He was designed for that. God designed you for that, friends. We are robbing ourselves by shutting ourselves away from that.

If this morning, in your heart, you say, "God, how many times Joseph might have faltered and fainted, but Lord, I never thought of it that way – that he was freed from the father's house, and he was in a safer place among the slave traders. He had people who were willing to hear him and understand him. He had people who didn't fight against the vision. He had people who

had no need to be jealous of him and envious of him. He had people who he didn't have to compete with.

When he went into Potiphar's house, he was an Egyptian; he wasn't taken up with whether you are what you are. All he knew, "You have been of benefit to me since you are around here. I have prospered, and I have recognized it was because of you." And Potiphar now, started to treat him nice, and started to give him authority, and lifted him up and gave him honor that his brothers wouldn't even give him. Do you get what I am saying?

That's how life is, friends. But when a man is walking and life is unfolding to him, and the mystery of the Word, and the testings of God. The testings of God are the things you have to fellowship deep with. Because the battleground is *here*. [The mind -Ed.] The test is not out here, you know, the test is *here*. *This* is where the testing ground is. Because *here* you understand why that is happening. Then you start to know what the behavior is to counteract that, where that fits in the Word, what truth should I gird the loins of my mind with to keep sane in the midst of this; to know if I have the right attitude towards this. That's where it is. Overcoming is to recognize the Devil at every one of his tricks. 'Overcoming' means, '*to stand the test*'.

He stood the test against his brothers. He stood the test against Potiphar's wife. He stood the test even when he was disappointed. Think of it. He told the butler, he said, "Think of me." He said, "You are going back in the presence of the king. In three days time, you are going back to your job. Remember me, because I really was sold down here." Read it in the Bible. I have it to read. He said, "I was sold down here. And even in this dungeon, I have no right in this dungeon. He had let out all of this to them, what had happened. He had confided. He said, "So put me out from here, because the king will have your ears three days from now. You

will be able to talk right in his ears and tell him about me.” And the Bible said the butler forgot.

Could you imagine, he was asking, “Did the butler come down here? Are you sure the butler didn’t send somebody? That’s a good man. When I saw that man under vision, that’s a good man. That man wouldn’t do that to me; that’s a man with gratitude.” He said, “Are you all sure that man didn’t send that thing?” Disappointed.

God started to teach him, “Son, it isn’t the time yet. Plus, this will not come by the help of man this way. You can’t look for man for this deliverance. This is not about man, this is me and you. You have to stay here a little longer.” He said, “When you are going out of here, it is the king himself sending for you. When they come for you, it is not like they are freeing somebody who got unjust punishment, so they are kind of showing some leniency and some mercy to a prisoner who ended up getting dealt with harshly, so when you come out, you could feel, ‘Give me passage [Fare -Ed.] let me go back in the land of my fathers.’ No.” He said, “When you are coming out of here, it is because all of Egypt wants somebody to help them. You will be coming out to save Egypt. They will be coming to you, because they need you. They are not doing you any favor. They will be coming to you to beg you to stay and take that position to save them.” He said, “Because I have this thing so sealed up, no theologian, no magician, no soothsayer, no diviner could know this here. I will communicate this to you alone. To unlock this, the key will be in your hand, because this is what I had spoken concerning you.”

How many of us would have failed right there, looking and depending on the help of man? But God was the Author and God was the Finisher. Friends, let me say this, this morning: in your life, God is the Author and God is the finisher.

The clay didn't even exist when the Potter had a vision in his mind for the vessel and the work, that the Potter decided, "What kind of clay am I going to bring you in? I'm looking for... I want black clay for you, I want white clay for you, I want light brown clay for you; I want dark brown clay for you." He started to plan your home, He started to plan your family, He started to plan your name to bring that seed through. Did he say, "When I met Hope, she still had the brown eyes, and the brown hair"? Is that right? Because He made each one different to suit His purpose.

Let go and let God. [#228 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Let go, (play that for me) and let God. That's what I'm going to do – I'm going to let go and let God. Have I, being used of Him, was able to be of persuasion, godly persuasion, to you this morning? The Word that I have spoken, and the places that I have focused on to speak to you, little places, minute things, things that sometimes we don't spend a lot of time on, because it's in places in your heart and life, you really have to be watching your life with a microscope to see those places. But in those places, it determines whether you live in peace or you live with tension and pressure and frustration; whether you live with assurance and confidence, whether you have rest in your soul or you live in anxiety; whether you are unsure, and so you push to live by human will and human energy of the flesh; running, trying.

But it is not in trying; it is not in running. You begin to find out, it is in letting go and letting God. You begin to find out, "He has a plan for my life." You begin to find out, "He has a time and a season. And what I am being tried with, is the very Word that He revealed to me in the beginning."

Until His Word came, until His Word came, there were times, you used to believe for things, then you stopped believing for them because a lot of your faith has fallen apart. Some people just get up through failure and start to live a normal life, and say, "You see

me, if God doesn't do anything for me, I am dead. I can't live this life. But I go to church, but I come to church without any expectation. I come to church without praying for the service. I come to church without the consciousness it is a post of duty. I come to church and it is not a human gathering. And what has me in that condition? That has been the result of a lack of overcoming in my life. I have had failure, but I have not had review and analyses to see what brought failure. I have not walked back and said, why did I fail there?"

Self-judgment is something that should be very close to a real Christian. When you examine yourself, sometimes you find you have more judgment for other people than for yourself. You have others' judgment. But the Bible says, self-judgment: if you judge yourself. It doesn't tell you if you judge... It warned you every time about judging other people, but It admonished you to judge yourself. And then It says, if you are going to judge others, judge yourself first. Because by what judgment you judge others, you will be judged by.

And as you take the beam out of your eye, before you take the mote out of somebody's eye, and you put the beam in your eye and put the mote, the little dust, in somebody's eye, and we put the big beam that holds up the roof, in our eyes. That's why in these things you want to see; you want to look in. Look in today. Look in today, my brothers and my sisters.

The Hour is late, the time is far spent. Soon the Lord will come. The earth is shaking. This region is being blasted. People are suffering overnight. Bro. Ellis [Joseph -Ed.] was telling me this morning, he was talking to some of the saints in Grenada. He said it's like looting wants to start back; whatever little things to loot; discontent and strife, because relief is not reaching the point of relief.

You are reading the papers and a lot of statements: so and so is doing this, so and so is doing that, so and so is doing that. I would like to maybe take a service

and show you what some of those things are. Because you see these islands, friends... Tell me what the big powers want to build back Grenada for? What can Grenada offer them in the new world that is coming. If CARICOM becomes another Haiti, we'll come back under colonialism. Our national pride will go. Our resources will be controlled and North America will be secured. They wouldn't have to go and fight quite in Iraq to get natural gas and oil; they can take oil right here.

You've always heard these things preached, and read the Bible, and it sounds far-fetched. It doesn't touch your world. And sometimes I sound like a crazy man talking. But the thing is, when you don't know the Word...

Bombs, tanks and planes in 1982, brought curfew, state of emergency and rationing of food. A storm brought curfew; imported soldiers to keep order over there in Grenada. I see they are charging soldiers, Trinidadian soldiers, for selling food for the relief people. People over there were being roughed up, they said, by a lot of soldiers because these people were trained for war; sent them over there to direct traffic and deliver water. We passed by the airport. They were supposed to be doing some repair jobs. I was pointing out to the brothers, I said, "For over six days, look, they put up about five sheets of galvanize."

Do you think some army, being trained with guns and tanks and different things day and night, emergency, they fly out there to keep peace and order in a country, (there is nobody fighting them,) and when they reach there now, they have to go and put on galvanize for people and put on things? Do you think they want to do that in the army, in an Age like this, when they are seeing other soldiers going into places with unrest, and keeping the place and exercising authority and these things? Do you think they are satisfied doing that? Well, that is the kind of world that they created. That is the kind of world that they created.

But while all of that is going on, there are people... Who was noticing Joseph in prison while Egypt had their great Bazaars, their great markets, their great highways, their great international trade, while Egypt was a super power, and Pharaoh had all his diplomats and delegates and everything else, and they had the great sphinx and the pyramids there in the land, and they had all the glory of Egypt, and the great tombs of the great Pharaohs and all these things? Who was concerned about a foreigner, a little Hebrew boy in a prison on a rape charge? Who could have believed that the destiny and the survival of that nation lay in that little boy, who in his homeland, was growing up under the influence of prophetic ministry, a prophetic father, catching a vision of what was going to happen in that Age?

He was so insignificant that the butler forgot him. By the time he got back in the courts, by the time he was restored to his job, by the time he was walking around and telling them, "They can't fire me, I have connections; I gave sacrifice to Ra, the sun god; I threw the water to the east with the golden lotus and prayed to the great falcon, every holy day; look, I'm back on my job here, who could have thought about that?"

But that day, a similar thing came back – a dream that nobody could interpret. He said, "Oh my goodness, I remember my sin this day. I remember my sin this day. When I was about to die, and I had no hope and was in despair, destitute, so terrified that my nice, young children at home would never see me again; I'll be hanging there under the gallows they had already built, that morning a Hebrew walked up to me, and found out why I was looking so sad, and started to comfort me. And when I told him the dream, he spoke with such authority and such a clear vision. And he knew things about me, and he told me exactly what was going to happen to me, and what was going to happen to the baker. And just as he said it, it came to pass." He said,

“Your honor, there is such a man. And more than that, he was falsely accused.”

And now Egypt needed him. So, instead of God just letting the butler help him out, which was of no glory to God but glory to the butler, God brought him to the place that the king had to come and submit. He said, “Go and tell my father you have seen my glory, and God has made me a father to Pharaoh. I, the young boy, Pharaoh is like my son, because their security is locked up in my wisdom; their security is locked up in my gift.

The Prophet said, “If Jezebel only knew the power of God, the defence of that country, if Ahab only knew, it laid in that prophet, Elijah.” The man didn’t even have good clothes to wear. He could have shut the heavens and opened the heavens. He could have brought drought to that whole nation, crippled that nation, but he could have called and brought rain back and everything could flourish.

He said, “If America had only known, they wouldn’t need one satellite, they wouldn’t need one tank and not one plane, if they only knew what was in their midst. They wouldn’t need a hospital there, if they only knew.” If twenty-five thousand could be healed in one prayer, if they would have set it up and he would have gone through the United States of America, think of what would have happened there. But they didn’t want that, they wanted their civilization, they wanted their science; they wanted their tanks and planes and their bombs. So, what did he see for them? Debris as far as the eye could see – exploded.

You might think you are a nobody, but a lot of people’s salvation and deliverance is locked up in you this morning. God didn’t give you that job by chance; God lit a lamp and put it on that lampstand to give them light in that office. But sometimes, you let your lampshade get smoky, and you let your wick burn out, and you let your light go out because you forgot what God sent you there for. You went there and you got

influenced by the people there and you became like them and your testimony was of no effect, like Lot in Sodom. And when the salt has lost its savor, it is good for nothing.

Don't let that happen to you my brother my sister. Don't get away from this vision. Come back to the place where you can know the thoughts of God in your life. If you have failed, and you have failed to walk on with God, and you are kind of living the 'give up' life, and trying to live 'the good life' and hope that you make it in the end, come out of that nonsense this morning.

They that wait upon the Lord, they shall renew their strength. You shall mount up with wings of an eagle, you shall run and not be weary; you shall walk and not faint. [Isaiah 40:31 -Ed.] I will restore, saith the Lord. Brother, you could come down to your winter, you could be stricken and everything else, but God can bring a resurrection in your life this morning. By the grace of Almighty God, God can break those chains and fetters, the same way He opened those prison doors.

That woman never knew that when she thought she was falsely accusing him, God was sending him into that prison to make contact with the butler. Do you get that? God was sending him to make contact with the butler. Why? Because the butler had a dream, and the butler was going to get exposed to the gift and he would be able to testify to Pharaoh, "There is such a gift in the land." The chief butler. God said, "Joseph, you go down there."

How many know God sends you to prison to deliver people? Paul and Silas, God sent them to prison; falsely accused and beaten too, the same way. I could imagine when they sat there and Silas was kind of down... I was thinking those thoughts this morning, and I heard them start to sing the first song: *I will praise the Lord*. I said, "God, You are so unique." But listen to this: I feel now I know why they sang it.

Silas' back was all beaten and Paul said, "Silas, Genesis 39 and 40, boy. Do you understand?"

He said, "Paul, what are you talking about, Genesis 39 and 40?"

He said, "Silas, Genesis 39 and 40!"

He said, "What is that?"

He said, "Joseph, falsely accused, beaten and thrown into prison."

He said, "So, are we supposed to see our butler coming in here any minute?"

He said, "Yes!" He said, "Because God led us to this place, but this is what happened since we came here. If God sent us here and this happened, nothing is going wrong. That means something."

Are you getting me? A little while after they saw the Philippian jailer coming on his hands and knees: "What must I do to be saved?"

He said, "Silas, do you see? Do you see, brother, what walking in the Word is? Do you understand that?" He said, "We are called not to live in any kind of weak, weak, weak life, weak mind. The God Whom we serve could put us in a fish's belly to carry His Word. The God Whom we serve will create a whole storm just to get you where He wants you."

How many know that God in this Day brought a storm, brought a plane down, because one woman was praying, to send a Prophet there to the house? You see, you read the Bible but if It isn't opened to you, that God looks strange in the twentieth century—twenty first century. But that God is still the same God, because He is the unchanging God. And when He sent them in prison, it was because they had to make contact with one in prison, to start the Word in that place. Do you think the Devil would have looked for it there? The Devil thought he got a chance to rough up God's people.

Friends, when you are weak and you don't have revelation, adversity, circumstances, will mash you up and bring doubt. And then that doesn't help either when

you have a lot of carnal people around you who... The first thing you will feel is, God is punishing you, things are happening to you and all kinds of different things. But when you have adversity, you stand up there with a smile, and you know you are walking in a vision of the Word. And you know that's such a comfort to walk in a place where the Word is a Lamp to your feet; where the way is clear to you, by the grace of God.

Let's just sing that little song: *Let Go And Let God*. We have these standing here for prayer. I guess when you hear the Word like this in places, It uncovers things in your life. Sometimes, you know these places are there, but you wait for it to be said in a service and then you walk up when you hear it. Sometimes, to many of you, the things you walk up by this altar for, you can settle that by reading the Word of God in your own heart, in your own room at home.

Sometimes these things that you hear in the Word, you didn't get to know that, this morning; that these were things you were seeing in your life before. But you kind of go through the guilt complex sometimes, because the Word talked about it and it is inside of you and you kind of say, "God talked to me." Maybe He did, because He is longsuffering, but many of these things, you know yourself, what is right and what is wrong.

Because a prayer will not change many of these things; it is you making decisions in your life; it is you driving the stake down. Who could pray that for you? Who could pray you into that place? It is you who are sitting under the Word and asking God, "God, show me." And the Spirit of God begins to teach you the injustice, the harm, the depth of your own selfishness, your carnality, your lustfulness, your wickedness, your schemes, your slyness; your pretense. And when God shows you some of these things about yourself, all you have to do is say, "Lord, I don't want to be this way."

And sometimes the prayer would have been answered where you were, when God had talked to you about it.

But sometimes that's the place, you want to go to the toilet and kneel down on the job and pray, because that is the place where that has to go. Because of the filth in your life, the prayer would have been effective in the toilet. When you come in your nice church, nice church clothes, on Sunday morning before the altar, that's not the place. Because the real altar is the place where the conviction is; is the place where God talked to you.

You see, Paul's altar was on the road to Damascus right there. Moses' altar was in the back of the burning bush, right there. The Prophet's altar was in the woodshed where God met him, right there. Jesus' altar was in Gethsemane under the tree. Peter's altar was on the Sea of Tiberias.

I remember my altar. My altar was not a church altar. My altar was in Santa Cruz [A town in North East Trinidad -Ed.] for weeks and weeks and months. Because the sin had piled up so much and so deep that God wanted to show it to me slowly. And God wanted to hold me long and make me patient. And God wanted to start back from the early days growing up, when I was already conscious of His Presence. And each day, a segment He would show me, and each day I would weep and cry. I would have had a bucket of tears at the end. In those months, I knew more about crying and tears than praying, because I didn't even know how to pray in those days. But I knew my heart was broken up. I understood what He was communicating to me. Though I might not be able to explain and define it to somebody else. I knew what my sin was. That's the kind, and that's the time, and that's the place, and that's the manner, that deliverance comes, friends.

Would you like to meet God like that this morning? That's the way you want to meet Him. You don't want to make somebody to say a prayer over your head. Think of how many times you've come by this altar for some of these same things. Sometimes these things need separation; it needs self-crucifixion. It needs

coming to a place that you have to desire the things of God; not just to get rid of things from your life.

Because do you know the problem, that you come back here? You don't get filled up after. You do your religious part: "I said it; I went up by the altar." That doesn't change you, friends. You have to get filled up after that. Something has to come in and fill you. When you get filled... Otherwise, you'll go and do the same thing and a worst thing will happen to you.

He said, "You can be healed but to stay healed, you have to become a Christian. It is impossible to keep your healing, and don't become a Christian." Because that devil walks in dry places and comes back, and when he finds that place is not filled, he is coming right back in. And if he can't come in, he comes with seven worst then he is coming in, and then your state becomes worse. The only way to keep that out, you have to be filled. But you don't go on to get filled, you don't go on to pray through, you don't go on to empty out, you don't go on to die out to these things; you depend on somebody else's prayer for your sin. Other people's prayer for your sin can't help you, friends. If you do the sinning, you have to do the praying.

You are not a baby. You are not somebody's child. From the time you come to the age of accountability, you are God's child; you have to answer to God. Parents, maybe could give you advice, but you, the responsibility is upon your conscience. If you refuse that, you are dead. That's what it is.

And I am trusting, by the grace of God, that in this late Hour, friends, we could be in and out of this church, going to Grenada trying to get out there to the people, people in need, people in desperate conditions, and if you have an opportunity to have sin removed from your life, you want to know you are going to apply the Blood. Apply It to your own heart today.

I look at some of you. I see backsliders here. I see some of you, maybe it is mind battle you are going

through. Maybe, it is not even sin in your life, just mind battles. But the Devil has you so condemned standing there, you can't even have faith.

But get desperate or perish. You have to know: "I want It more than my life." Jacob got a hold of God. He said, "I will not let You go except You bless me." Until you are ready to meet with God that way, you are not going to get much. You hear the Word, you look in the Mirror, you see yourself; you walk away and forget what you look like.

And in simplicity, out of the honesty of your heart... God knows when you mean it. And if you mean it, you ask Him, "Lord, I am standing here, firstly, that I did this for me. I didn't do this for Bro. Vin, I didn't do this for the church to see; I did this for me because remember, I sat in my seat. I felt by doing this, I marked the spot in my life. I made an indelible mark. Because in doing that I own up. But Lord, now You know my heart. Bro. Vin doesn't need to know what is wrong with me."

This is not running up to the altar and the priest looks through the confessional window, and tells you, "Go and burn two candles" and it is over. This is you, in your heart before God, "Lord, I thank You for Your Word. You showed me certain things today. I stand here as a sign that I am marking this spot, and I am willing to submit my life to You. May You take these things out of my life. Lord, the places that I need cultivating that Your Word spoke to me about, I come; I want to stand here as a sign. Lord, take these things from me. Lord, create in me the hatred for the sin. Because people could pray for me, I could pray, but if I don't hate the things, I can't die to it. For me to die to it, I have to hate it. And I can't just say I hate it, because my nature likes it."

Sin is a pleasure. Sin is not gall and bitterness. The Bible says, "*The pleasures of sin.*" So you can't play that you hate sin. God has to open up to you how sin is the

basis of your condemnation, how that leads you to destruction, how that separates you from God; how that is the Devil deceiving you and robbing you. Then you could see the deceitfulness of sin. When you see the deceitfulness of sin, then you want God to purge you and forgive you.

The Bible says, "If you confess your sins, He is just and faithful to forgive you of your sin. And if you walk in the Light as He is in the Light, the Blood of His Son cleanseth you from all sin." And then there are some things, you need advice, and then there are some things, you need to separate from and shun the very appearance of evil, that all of these things will go, so that you don't come back by the altar.

This morning as you stand here, I want you to stand with that kind of conviction. I want you to stand with that kind of meaning and purpose in your heart. And in your heart, you let God see. And God is One Person you can't bluff. With me you can cry. With me you can try to work up yourself to feel something when you stand here, thinking if you feel something, something will happen. You can stand up here and be dry as this board. God didn't tell you to come here and feel anything. But God said, "Come to Me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit."

Come to God honest: "God, I am ashamed of myself, God, to see how ungrateful I am in some of these places." Get to a place to start to say the things the way God needs to hear it sometimes. Don't try to polish up anything before God. God doesn't need polish. God's eyes see your thoughts and your intents. So you just ask God, "God, I can't overcome this. I am unable to do this by myself. I come to You. I need Your strength. I need Your help. Without You I can't do anything. I learnt that lesson. I acknowledge that in Your Presence, today."

If you get that way with God, my brother, my sister, you will leave this place different and you will not have

to run back here for those same things. I guarantee you that. Because God is more willing to give you these things.

I may stand up here and try to even think what are the right things to pray before God and God may not want me to even try to think what is the right thing to pray for you because my prayer is not going to help you. But God wants you, who knows when He told you that time, “Walk away from that,” you did not walk away. I don’t even know that, yet you will tell me the situation. And God will say, “I talked to you ten times,” and you know in your heart God talked to you ten times. Yet if I say a nice, eloquent prayer, it may sound good. But the thing is, in your heart you know. You have to say, “Lord, I don’t want that in my life again. I want to be a lady; I want to be a young man. I want to be a representative. I want to be a servant of Jesus Christ.”

As I said this morning, the Bride doesn’t want to go through these things. Bride doesn’t want to have to come back in the prayer line over and over. Bride, doesn’t want to be talking to God for about five years for the same sin. Bride, doesn’t want to bring God’s Name to shame and a reproach and drag It in the dirt. Bride, doesn’t want these things. Bride, is getting fed-up of hypocrisy and pretense. Bride, comes in to the place and says, “Lord, have mercy on me. I am a sinner. I am wretched. I am in the Message all these years and look what I’m bringing forth – sour grapes. I am a degenerate vine. Lord, only You can change me.”

That’s the way we need to get, friends. I guarantee you, if you get your heart that way, God will help you, my brother, my sister, because God knows your heart and God knows His desire for you. To you who I have spoken to here at this altar, do you believe these things? Do you receive these things? Before God in God’s Presence, lift your hands as we will pray.

Lord Jesus, I stand with these, my children, these whom You have let me birth by the Word; You Who said

feed the sheep and feed Your lambs. And God, knowing that I too passed this way, and I know how many times, Lord, we try to say sweet prayers. I know many times, until I was willing, oh God, to really get down before You and grovel in tears and in snot and everything else, Lord, crying out pleading for You to take the filth out of my life as a young man.

But Lord, You didn't disappoint me, Father, because Your ear is not deaf; Your ear is attentive to a sincere prayer. Like with Samson, he looked at his life: he saw the shame, he saw the reproach, and he said, "Lord, let me die with these Philistines. I am not worthy to live. I brought a shame upon You, Lord. But only this once, oh God, that You can avenge me."

And Lord, he saw the price that he had to pay. He didn't try to compromise. He didn't try to influence You to pay a lesser price. He didn't try to negotiate like if he, Lord God, didn't have the problem; God, he just asked that You would even give him the audience and even tolerate and bear with him to finish his prayer, and let him express his willingness to die and pay the price because of the depths of sorrow he had come to.

And so, dear God, today we have young people standing here. Like Paul told Timothy, "Flee youthful lust." This is the time of their lives, this is the time when they are so vulnerable. This is the time, dear God, Lord, when we need to be more involved with them. And had we been more involved, and had we been more caring, and had we been more willing to make ourselves more available, and had we been understanding why You passed us the way you passed us, we could have been a shield to them, Lord God, we could have been a bar around them; we could have been a hedge, dear God, to them, Father.

But oh God, even we in our own selves, how we have found ourselves standing afar off, watching, comparing, criticizing, putting down, that many times forgetting, Lord, the kind of carnality that was in some of us. Dear

God, I pray today, Father, that You, a God Who is rich in mercy, Lord, no matter what their sins have been, You said, "Though your sins be as scarlet," though there is the worst of sin, yet we know the only unpardonable sin is blasphemy of the Holy Ghost.

God, they are here today because in their hearts, Your Word contacted something that made them look at themselves again, that reminded them of where they used to be; things that they had forgotten, that they let the enemy steal from them; places that they found themselves, down dark roads seeking pleasure. Some are faced with battles and they don't know how to deal with it – temptations of this present time. They are not skilful in warfare. They don't fully understand the tactics and the strategy of the enemy. Lord, I pray that You will be gracious to them today also; all of us, Father.

Help me, dear God, as I see the challenges rising greater, as I see the demand becoming stronger, Lord, the more I see, Lord, how incapable and how insufficient I am, Lord, as one human being, I see, Lord God, even in my own self, so many places, so many things, Lord, that I will like to consider myself as I evaluate myself in the Light of Your Word, and feel that I could be more stronger in these places, more sensitive; more willing.

Sometimes I feel I am so slow to act. Sometimes I feel I am so indecisive at times. Sometimes I don't know how to judge these things, Lord. Sometimes when I think, Lord God, I need to stand off and watch, those are times I should step in. Sometimes when I step in, it should have been a time when I should have stood up and watched. Lord, I realize, dear God, that with each passing day, no matter how many years we are serving you, that doesn't account and that doesn't equate with the situation; it's having Your mind, Lord, it's being available to You; it's being close to You. It seems that life is so filled with activities, sometimes when we need to be shut away in Your Presence. Lord, help us all today in every way, Father.

Some of our sins might be physical. Some of our sins might be spiritual. Some of our sins, Lord, we can't even see it, because we look so moral and upright that we think of sin as something carnal and fleshly and sensual. Help us to look deep within ourselves. Give us the eyesight that can look beyond our own concept and our own self-estimation. Give us the eyes of the Word that doesn't judge by status or give respect because of whether we have money, or whether we have some form of security, or whether we are attractive or handsome, or whether we have clothes, or whether we have something that some people in the world see as successful; whether we have education or something.

When we look today, we don't want to see fear, because we could be full of money and have fear, Lord. God, we could be full of clothes and have jealousy. We could be full of knowledge of the Bible, and be impatient and arrogant and proud. Lord, we don't want these things, Father.

Search us, dear God, Lord, not just because we just want to feel delivered, but we know we will be in better condition to give more help to people who need it; You will be able to work more effectively through us. Sometimes we want to redeem people and we realize, we are not rich enough, we are not able enough to redeem them. We are willing but though we are willing, Lord, and though we are related, we realize we are not able. We know to redeem, we don't just have to be willing, and we don't just have to be related, we have to be able. We have to have sufficient faith. We have to be able to feel what they feel and enter into them, Lord, identify with them and live for them, and sometimes we are not willing to sacrifice that much, Father.

God, take us into a deeper Love, because we realize many times it is a lack of Love that shuts us out from those places. Sometimes we have great knowledge, and great knowledge can't take us into those places. Less knowledge and more Love will take us so deep, and we

will see more done for Your kingdom and more done for Your people. Help us, Father. Help us today, dear God.

Everyone that stands here, let them find that grace, let them find that sincerity, let them find that honesty, that truthfulness in the inward parts. God, they don't have to make a whole bunch of noise. Hannah wasn't making any noise, but she was a woman of a sorrowful heart and agony. And Lord, You could even understand the groaning and the utterance of her spirit and You responded back, and You changed her barren life into a fruitful life because You could identify with her agony and pain. Lord Jesus, it is a Gethsemane for many here; it is a Peniel for many here. Oh God, it is a Zarephath for many here. God, I pray, Father, that this purging and this purifying of the metals will come, dear God, this release; this hold of the enemy.

Father, I pray and trust that, God, their confession is acceptable in Your sight, even with my prayer, that God, I could stand here now in confidence in Your Presence as Your servant and as a shepherd, and tell that Devil to take his filthy hands, to move back. Because these, the sheep of God, these who desire to make their wrongs right, these who have come to the Fountain drawn from Emmanuel's vein, these who have come with tears of repentance, these who have come with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, these who have come here to expose the enemy, to separate from sin, to resist the Devil, because they feel Your pull, they have heard Your Voice calling them, and they know they have no peace outside of surrendering to You. And so, they have come today, Father.

Satan, in the Name of Jesus Christ, you who have deceived and manipulated, you who have exploited, you who have lured and seduced, you who have lied and influenced these children of God, you who have desired to make them slaves and shut them up in your prison, to defile them and desecrate them as you took the vessels from the house of God and took them down into

Babylon to desecrate them, and same as God never let those vessels stay there, and same as God came down in judgment, and same as God shook that place from its very foundations and brought every vessel back into the house of God, so today, you know Devil, that these that you have tried to take into captivity, they are standing apart from you today renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty, the things of darkness, separating from sin, coming in humility and sincerity and making confession. You cannot hold them any longer.

We, the church of the Living God, come against you and we rebuke you. We command you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to turn these loose. Take your filthy hands off of them and set them free. As we, the church of the Living God, standing upon the revealed Word of God, with faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority invested in us that by and through the members of the Bride, You will finish this work, we claim every one of these that stand here confessing their sins and calling upon the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ this morning, may you depart from this place, thou evil spirit.

Lord Jesus, may You give strength, Father. Like when that good Samaritan found that man wounded, needed oil and wine, put him upon his beast, tore off his own clothes and bandaged him and brought him to the inn where he knew he would be ministered back into a condition of restoration, so Father, we pray today that, Lord, You will pour out the riches of Your grace and mercy down into their hearts, that they could have that blessed peace that comes from sins forgiven and wiped away, and the sweet peace of God that passeth all understanding, God will be shed abroad into every heart where true repentance and sincere confession have been made. Will You do it, Father?

And dear God, they will be able to look back to this spot and know, Father, that they don't have to walk with their head down anymore. Lord, they could receive this

pardon, knowing a pardon is not a pardon if they don't accept it as a pardon. But God, the realization of what is happening here, even now, and what these things mean, and the value it has in Your sight according to Your Word, that on the basis of Your infallible Truth, they can receive this pardon and they can walk away from this place, Lord, with a new lease of life, knowing that mercy rewrote their life. They should be condemned, but You are turning them free, Father, that they may go and sin no more; that they may live for You.

And all those sitting in the congregation, crying out in their hearts, repenting before You, let it be applied to everyone that is in need today, I pray. And Father, in this Hour, just a closer walk with Thee. Grant it Jesus, is our plea. Close to Thee, close to Thee. Saviour, let us walk close to You. Nothing between our soul and our Saviour. Be our Rock and our Hiding Place. Be our Refuge, oh God. Hide us in the Secret of Your pavilion. Bring us under the shelter of Your wings, in the Secret Place of the Most High God. Set us upon a rock that we should not be moved. Plant us by the rivers of waters, oh God, where our leaves will not wither; that we will bring forth our fruit in due season. May You grant it, oh God. May You grant it today.

As Your servant, together with these servants of Yours, together with this church, we stand here, Lord, the Elect Lady and Her children, and God, we are standing in the gap for these. We are praying the prayer of faith, holding our Token with confidence, waving it over these, Father, with unwavering faith, that the blessing will come, will be made secure, and they will rise up from this ash heap and they will go on forward to serve You. Grant it, Lord. Grant it today, we ask. Grant it, dear Jesus. Grant it, Lord, we pray. In the precious and wonderful Name, the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask it, amen, amen.

God bless you. God be with you. Purpose in your heart: "I will live upright, I will be true in my conviction,"

and God will bless you, and God will send His Holy Spirit to you. Because God promised these things. Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart. Know that He is a merciful God, know that He is the Living God, and know that He is interested in everyone of you.

We lift our hands to Him, and just in thankfulness in your heart, tell Him, "I love You, Lord. I love You. I appreciate You. You are so good to us." He is our everything. He is everything to us. Without Him, we can do nothing. He is our all in all. We love You, Jesus. We praise You today. We thank You from a sincere heart, with a grateful heart, oh God. Truly, You are a God rich in mercy. You are a God rich in grace. We thank You, Lord.

Turn around and greet your brother and sister and say: God bless you; I will pray for you. Amen. God be with you. As our brother will come.

