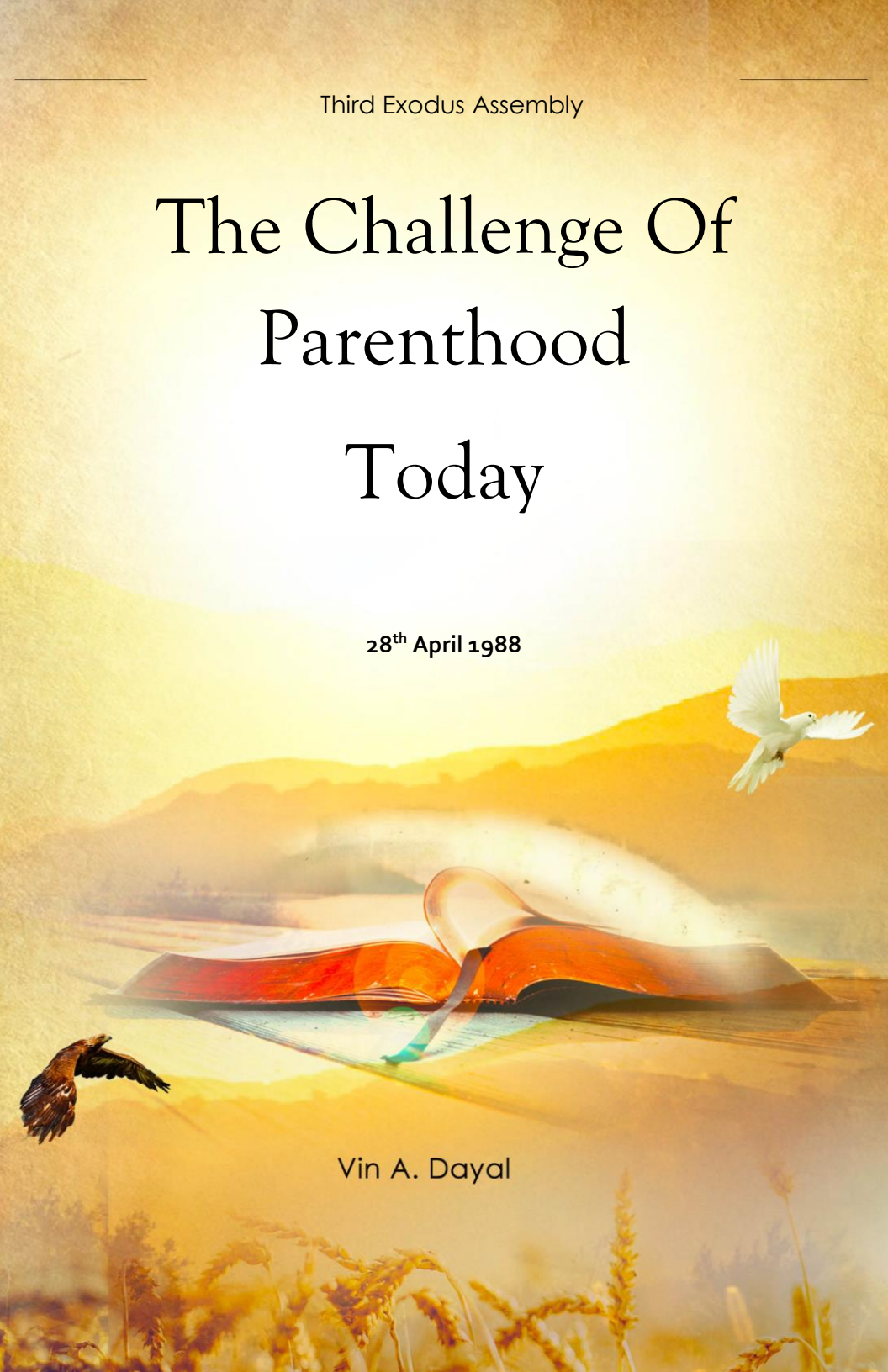

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Amen. Praise the Name of Jesus. How many came with a praise in their hearts tonight? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen. How many have the victory tonight? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen. I want to know what kind of message to preach. If I am preaching to a defeated church, then I'm going to preach something to give you the victory. Amen. If you have the victory, then I want to preach something for you to hold that victory right there and go on from victory unto victory. Amen.

This is not the Hour to be defeated, this is not the Hour to be down, (you know,) and you come in church all discouraged. You come with faith when you come through those doors. Amen. As wounded and as beaten down as you might be, you come with a determination in your heart, (amen, hallelujah, glory!) just to get into His Presence, just to reach forth and touch Him by faith tonight. Amen.

Touching Jesus is all that matters. Let us sing that little song. And your life will never be the same. We are getting ready to pray for these sick ones here.

Bro. Nathaniel is requesting prayer for a total deliverance from sleeping during the course of the service.

Many times I look at him out there, he is always sleeping, but thank God he recognizes that he needs help for that. Amen. May God drive that sleeping spirit so far from him and so far from this place tonight. People inside of here should be awake tonight. Amen?

Praise His wonderful Name. There was a man that was sleeping in the Bible at one time.

Prayer is requested for Bro. Chris Ventour's wife who is four months pregnant and had a fall last week, causing great pains in her waist and making it very difficult for her to walk. She is presently warded at the Mt. Hope hospital.

Sis. Claudia Richards is requesting prayer for Ms. Dorothy Otis... Will the person lift their hand, let me see if Sis. Claudia Richards is inside of here. Is she here somewhere? God bless you, sister. Amen. ...for Ms. Dorothy Otis who is suffering from arthritis and stomach trouble and is believing God for her healing. Did you testify to her? Amen. Praise God. That is the way to do it.

Sometimes you pray for a person and you don't even know if they believe in healing themselves. Amen. So we want to know that the people testified to them. Like I said many times, "If they can't come, bring a handkerchief or something, pray, do something in the Bible." Amen. You see, when you do that, you are putting your faith in the Word. You are saying, "He is still the same!" You are making the person's faith find a place to rest on a promise of God, a place that they can hold on to in the Scripture, amen, because that is the Thing that does it: the Scripture. "If you abide in Me and My Word abides in you, ask what you will." The handkerchief doesn't do it, but the promise does it. Find a place to lay your faith tonight. And if there is anyone here with a special request tonight, have faith and believe God.

Touching Jesus is all that matters. [#13 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
Let us sing that little song.

Oh, touching Jesus

Touching Jesus

Oh, that is all that matters tonight.

Just release your faith while you sing tonight.

...and your life will never be the same.

There is only one way to touch Him,

Oh, just believe...

Just believe when you call on...

Oh, as we get ready to call on His Name, all around the building everywhere, everyone singing that song tonight, with real faith.

Touching Jesus is all that matters,

And your life will never be the same.

There is only one way

To touch Him

Oh, just believe, friends.

Just believe when you call on His Name.

Oh, reach out and touch the Lord tonight.

[#375 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Reach out and touch the Lord

As He goes by.

You will find He is not too busy

He's not too...

Oh, believe on His Name tonight

To hear your heart's cry

Oh, believe that He is passing by, He promised.

...passing by this moment

Your needs to supply,

Reach out and touch the Lord as He goes by.

Oh, every head bowed, every eye closed, everyone reaching out tonight. Every heart centered upon Him, holding your request in your heart with faith, believing that when we stand praying, whatever we ask the Father in the Name of Jesus Christ, He will give it unto us. Believe that you have received the things that you asked for and you shall have them.

Almighty God, as we gather here tonight for service, we are so thankful to know it is not just in this physical location, but Lord, we are gathered in the only provided place of worship, in the place where You have placed

Your Name, a place Lord, where we realize that we could only come by the foreknowledge of God, by the call of God, and by the Word of God. And Lord, as we stand here tonight knowing that we are standing under the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, knowing dear God, that when our prayers would come up before You through that precious Blood, Father, You promised to hear and to answer.

Lord, as we stand here tonight, we come confessing our sins, our shortcomings, our mistakes, our failures, all where we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. Father, with a sincere heart we plead the precious Blood, that You would blot out all our transgressions tonight. And Father, believing now that our sins have been blotted out, Lord, and we stand justified before You, we place our faith upon Your Divine promise, Father, hallelujah, knowing oh God, that if two shall agree as touching anything, it shall be done.

I lay my hands upon these requests that have been read, Lord, knowing that they represent sick and needy people tonight. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Father, we pray that Your grace and Your mercy would reach out to those whom these requests represent tonight, and Lord, You would have compassion upon them, You would look down upon them in that affliction, dear God, and Father, the Holy Spirit, Lord, would move out upon them and You would quicken them and bring deliverance to them Father, as we believe and agree together upon the basis of Your Divine promise calling upon the Name of Jesus Christ, asking dear God, that You would bring such a deliverance to them, that would bring glory and praise unto Your Name.

And Heavenly Father tonight, even those that stand here in Your house, Lord, believing, oh God, even as they stand in the place tonight that You are hearing and You are seeing them Lord, standing there with faith believing, oh, confessing the promise, (hallelujah!) praising You and thanking You for it Lord, as a real

believer would do. Lord, we know that You cannot withhold it from them because You promised that You would recognize that Faith, Lord, that is exercised in Your Word tonight. And I pray, dear God, that You will meet every need according to Your riches in Glory. Oh God, may You grant it tonight, Father.

Lord, as we gather here to hear Your Word, Lord, we look to Heaven, that You would speak from Heaven and the Word would be reflected down through this sacred desk, across this congregation, every need being met in the hearts of the people, bringing everyone close to You tonight, Father.

Lord God, if there is any that don't know You in the service, I pray that before the service is completed, they would come to such a place in their hearts as the Holy Spirit, Lord, would deal with them this evening, that Lord they would confess You and they would receive the provision that You have made for them, Father, and Lord they would leave this place different from how they came in. May You grant these things tonight, for we believe, Lord, in Your Name and we ask these things according to the riches of Your grace. In Jesus' precious Name we pray, amen. Amen.

Amen. I would just like to invite your attention now to the Book of Proverbs. I want to continue speaking to the parents a little bit, amen. Proverbs Chapter 22. While you are finding it, I just want to read these notes of praise.

Bro. Harold Skeete would like to thank the Lord for bringing him safely through a hernia operation last week. He is not in the service here tonight but he is hoping to be here Sunday, the Lord's willing. May God bless him.

Sis. Nicola Franko would like to thank the Lord for healing her after prayer was offered.

Bro. Claude Allert would like to thank the Lord for healing his daughter on Sunday after prayer was offered for her also. Amen.

May there be a real healing, a Divine healing tonight by the Holy Spirit in the soul so we can leave here so strengthened, we can leave here so dedicated and so determined to serve God with everything inside of us tonight. It is nearer than when we first believed.

The Hour is late, but brother, I tell you, you know when we are coming to the end of the race, that is when the runners who have been running, you know, they ran this race with patience all these years, but we are nearing the end now and we see the tape and the incorruptible prize, and brother, you see them begin to pump those hands now, and brother, run with swiftness of feet, putting everything inside of it. I trust that is the attitude, amen, in every heart. Don't run like you don't realize the race is coming to an end now. You have saved everything for this moment. Amen!

There were a lot of people who didn't know what the race was all about, who couldn't endure until the end and they were falling on the side, they were falling off here and they were falling off there. But brother, you see those people who know what the race is all about, when they are coming around this bend here, it's with everything; that extra kick, amen! Hallelujah! Something extra inside of there; just feeling the Holy Spirit coming down there saying, "You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint." Amen. May it be like that tonight.

I love to see, (you know,) when we believe a Message like the one we believe, and we have an opportunity to serve God like we have, and then some of us came from the worst of places that we can come from — I believe that there should be something extra special with our Christianity. Amen. I don't believe that you would walk in the house of God like you are more weary than me and you are more tired than me, amen. I believe that when you come into the house of God, you'll come with some zeal and enthusiasm to say, "Amen!" and "Praise

God!” amen, to lift up those weary hands and thank God for the blessing. Hallelujah!

I know it is a serious Hour. I know it is a scary Hour, amen, but there is a joy in the Christian’s heart too; we are in the Rapture. Amen. Something is happening to us. That is the way that I believe it, so I am looking to see you take your stand there. You stand there and you fight the fight of faith, finish this course with joy. Amen.

So, we want to greet every one of you tonight in the precious, lovely Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you. Amen. If the service doesn’t even finish tonight and the Holy Spirit takes us out of this place, whatever God has, amen, brother, may God richly bless you. I believe that is the way it should be. Give every man a reason of the hope that you have inside of you. Run for your life. Sweep the Message unto the Coming of the Lord. Amen.

There isn’t a people like the Bride of Jesus Christ upon the face of the earth. Do you know why? Because It is Jesus Himself in Bride-form. That somebody will have a revelation that the Token is Christ Himself inside of there, there is only one God and that is the God of Glory Himself inside of them, brother, it makes all the difference.

You are not struggling and trying here and trying there. You learn to surrender. That has been your victory. Have you learned to surrender? If not, that is why you are struggling tonight. Just learn to surrender and you will have the victory, amen. That is what it is all about – learn to surrender. “I surrender, Lord.” Amen.

May God give you grace to break that self-will in subjection to God’s Word. That is it right there. You are going to experience things that you thought the world had and you were looking for in the world out there; you are going to find it right here in the Word of God. Amen. All it takes is a surrendered life and you get right into it, by the grace of God.

And then the joy of the Lord is your strength. Amen. The joy of the Lord is your strength. And if you lose your joy... We used to sing a song when we had just come to the Lord, (we came through from the world outside and heard the people singing it,) "Don't let the devil steal your joy. Don't let the devil steal your joy." Amen. I didn't know all that was in the Bible; when the palmerworm came to eat the fruits off. When you see somebody has no joy, there is a palmerworm on that tree, amen. If somebody can't come to church, there is a locust eating down that leaf, no fellowship. Amen. See? But brother, he said, "This is the Hour of Restoration." You are supposed to be seeing those things evident upon the tree tonight. Amen?

So, we want to deal with the family life a little bit here tonight. And remember that is for every individual inside of here, because God is your Parent too. And I am speaking about parents and children. It is just a relationship. It is just taking one of the relationships and looking down through that channel, so He is going to speak to all of us tonight, I believe.

So, we just want to kind of get in there, because the Word has to cover a lot of places and we want to build up some of these places. And that is why we have problems here, because the problems come from the homes. The people come to church with their problems and that is why they can't even break into the atmosphere here, because if those things were dealt with in the home, they wouldn't be here. Amen.

So in this home, we can't afford to let it remain here. We have to deal with it in this home. If the natural father in the natural home doesn't think it is his responsibility, then we will deal with it in this house here, when we come around this Supper Table, by the grace of God.

So may God give unto us something tonight by His grace. Amen. **"THE CHALLENGE OF PARENTHOOD TODAY"**. Amen. That is what I had been speaking on,

last week Thursday [1988-0421 -Ed.], and I'm continuing again this week.

[Proverbs 22:6 -Ed.]

Verse 6,

*⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from
it.*

Do you believe that? Every son of God that comes to God, must be child-trained and tested, must be under tutors and governors before he could come into Adoption. So we all have to go through child training. God brings us through those things. Amen.

May the Lord add His blessing to the reading of His Word. You may have your seats.

*⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from
it.*

I just read that for a text reading, but I have a lot of Scriptures that I want to get into and I just want to kind of speak a little bit and feel the inspiration, and then, when I feel the inspiration I will just try to go as the inspiration will lead me. Because things like these, you don't just want to give a lecture and some basic thoughts. You want the Inspiration to guide you, maybe pull you over in this brother's corner or pull you over in that home or pull you over in that home there, pull you down in that certain family there, pull you down in that delinquent parent or that delinquent child; you want the Holy Spirit to pull you in the right place. So that is what we want, by the grace of God. Amen?

Last week, I was speaking so just let me kind of take a little quote here from *Respects* and just refresh your minds a little bit and start from there, about in the home. Amen. I think I am going to start with this one over here in *Influence*. This is a good place to start.

Influence [1963-1130B -Ed], Shreveport Louisiana, page 5. The Prophet was speaking here, this great message of Influence. And what a tremendous thing 'influence' is,

because there are all kinds of influences in the world today. Everybody is influenced with something. By the way that a person dresses, you know what kind of influence they are under. By the way a person combs their hair alone, you know what kind of influence they are under. Amen. By the kind of shoe that they go in the store to buy, (one with a high, high heel,) you know what kind of influence they are under. By the kind of books they read, you know what kind of influence they are under. By the kind of music they listen to, you know what kind of influence they are under. By the kind of company that they keep, you know what kind of influence they are under. Amen. Everybody is influenced some way or the other.

So we want to look at this; this great thing that was coming forth in this Hour. And the Prophet says here: *One of the great lackings of our day today, in America and the rest of the world, is godly parent, to set an influence upon their children.*

Now don't just... Be spiritual, catch it in all directions. Catch the Word in all It's variety tonight, because right here in the house of God... The Bible talked about the Elect Lady and Her children. John was writing to that Church and he said "The Elect Lady and Her children," amen. The Church is a Lady and those born of the Church, out of the womb of this Bride here, (amen,) are the children. And if a woman doesn't know how to raise her children... Bro. Branham said, "Every little mother there, she is a preacher. She has her own pulpit at home and she trains up those children in the way that they should go." Amen.

The same way in the house of God here, this is our pulpit here. This is the Elect Lady's pulpit and She is going to make sure that we don't have any delinquents inside of here. Amen. And She is going to have the great Family Planning Book here. It tells you about family life and everything inside of here; the Bible. The great family that God started off with in Eden and the great Family

He is going to end up with in the Millennium. Amen. And how He is carrying out these things and setting everything in order and the children are growing up and coming to Adoption and responsibility, finding their place and all these things. It is a great thing.

Then also, naturally in the home, God gives you a channel. You see the things of God, God doesn't want to keep it away from you, He wants to bring it close to you. That is why I was saying last week, God is a Father, so he makes you a father, that you will know how a father feels, you will know what a father is faced with, you will know the responsibilities of fatherhood. Amen.

God likened Himself to a Mother, also. Amen. He also is the great El-Shaddai with both breasts, he knows how to nurse those fretting children. He told Abraham that when he was ninety-nine years old on the verge of the promise, but kind of tired after struggling for twenty-four years in the midst of criticisms, (amen,) after going through all those pains and heartaches and hard times and opposition and everything, but trying to hold on to the promise regardless.

When the time came, he was kind of fretting a little bit. You know, like in Psalm 37, David said, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers." People fret for all kinds of different things. If you meet a fretting person, brother, I tell you, it is something to run away from, quickly! Amen. You see, if that spirit gets upon you, it is trouble. You had better be sprayed up with the repellent of predestination. You had better be able to have something to handle those fretters. Pour faith inside of there, (amen,) say, "Stop your fretting and believe God!" Amen. Hallelujah!

David said, "Commit your way unto the Lord. Rest in the Lord. Trust in the Lord. (Amen!) He will bring you out. Take your burdens to the Lord and leave it there." Amen! He said, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken neither his seed begging bread." Amen. This Bride is not going to be begging bread, brother, because

the Bread of Life Himself has come down amongst Her. She could eat, (amen,) and feed upon the Unfailing Body Word, the living Bread of Life, the Son of Man being revealed. Amen. See?

And in your home, that is the very One that is right there. If you know Jehovah Jireh is in your home, you don't have any problems. If you know Jehovah Jireh is inside of you, you don't have any problems. You say, "Well, I am going through a hard time right now, I have a need." Yes! Because Jehovah Jireh wants to go into action. That is why He brings a need there. He wants to test you to see how much you believe in Jehovah Jireh. Amen. And all of Abraham's seed could stand the test tonight. All of Abraham's seed could stand the test, even to the final point!

And let me tell you, every Christian loves a real test. Every good soldier loves a battle, amen. Hallelujah! Glory! Any great champion, amen, brother, he doesn't want to be a kind of paper champion with all the sport writers talking about how big his muscles are and how big his chest is, or how many miles he runs a day. They want to put him in the ring, amen, and send in the opposition. Let him prove that he is a real champion. Glory!

That is what the things of God are. But sometimes you get a lot of people, they don't want to be a real Christian, "Oh, we are the Super Race," they only want paper names, paper names, (amen,) a lot of little titles they have. "We are the Super Race, we are Jehovah's masterpiece." They tack a set of titles to themselves. That is just like LLd, and Qsd and Phd and a DD and everything else, amen. If you can't stand the test, it is just a title. It means nothing! Amen. But when God sends the test, (amen,) when God sends the opposition, whether it's in the fiery furnace, whether it's in the lion's den, whether it's through the wilderness, whether it's under the Juniper tree, amen, wherever it is, a real

believer is going to stand there and prove that God lives inside of them. Hallelujah!

Do you know something else? You also find out if you are a believer or if you are not a believer when the test comes. Amen! Hallelujah! And God loves you so much, He will not let you deceive your own self. He will not let you go with a false conception, He loves you too much for that. So He sends the test to let many of you see that you don't have what you say you have. Amen. He lets you know what your need really is, He lets you concentrate in the right place. He lets you know how to pray now, otherwise, you would pray for all kinds of things but you need to have knowledge to know what to pray for, so He sends the test. And the test comes and exposes what you have inside of you. Amen.

The devil tests you in all points to see where the weak link in the chain is; "Put the pressure there, Satan." Amen. But you have the Shield of faith, you could quench all the fiery darts, every one of them. Amen! Hallelujah! Lust of the flesh. Boom! You put the Shield there. Amen. The pride of life. Boom! You put the Shield there, amen! You can quench every one of them with the Shield of faith. Paul said, "Every fiery dart." Amen.

So, this is a place where a lot of darts are coming to a lot of people, because you know, people get so self-centered many times, they don't realize they have a responsibility, they don't realize that they have to take all the Word of God. There are many other promises other than just 'you'. The Bible said, "You and your household shall be saved." Some people don't have faith for that promise, but when you don't have faith for that promise, then that is part of the Word that you can't fully believe. But you don't see it as part of the Word that you can't believe. You see? You think that you have more faith for this, but He said if you have faith for yourself then you can have faith for them; same faith for them. Amen! Hallelujah!

What a challenge that is! This is an Hour of challenge and God loves to test His children, He loves to bring them to trouble, (amen,) and try them and see, because He wants to give the world a testimony. You see? Who else is He going to reveal Himself through other than His Elected called-out? Amen. He wants to give your boss a testimony that Jesus worked for him. Hallelujah! He wants to give your neighbors a testimony that He came to live right in their very neighborhood, amen! Hallelujah! He wants to give them that testimony that He put on your robe of flesh, and walked the streets right in your neighborhood and caught a taxi and came to town. Amen, hallelujah!

Walk like a Christian out there, don't be looking and lusting and straying here and straying here and looking at somebody else's business. No sir! Jesus walked right down through there and took his taxi and went on His business. Amen. About the Father's business. Amen! Yes sir!

He wants to give them that testimony. That is why He ordained you to live where you live. You see, you had no choice in being born in any certain Age. You had no choice of being born in any certain family. You had no choice of being born in any certain village, amen. All of that is pre-arranged by God. You accept that. You had no choice in being born in a certain race. You had no choice whether you were male or female. God determined that for you because He had a purpose behind it. Hallelujah! He wanted to give witness and testimony, and because He put you there, He comes right there and brings the Message your way. He comes right there and quickens you, (amen,) puts this great revelation in your heart right there, because He wants to...

Do you think it is only Nazareth that He wants to grow up in? He wants to grow up in Belmont too, He wants to grow up in Woodbrook too, He wants to grow up in Laventille, He wants to grow up in Barataria, He wants

to grow up in San Fernando, not just Nazareth. He wants to grow up wherever He could find a place to grow up. Amen! He is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. You see?

Brother, He wants to show Himself. Do you think He just wants to be the great Parent—the great God Spirit who had attributes in His loins; do you think that is the only kind of Parent He wants to be? He wants to come down there and raise a Family. Apart from that big family, for six thousand years, He wants to come and raise another family, one little family right in your neighborhood. Amen. But you see, you don't see it that way many times and because you don't see it so, you find that when the troubles come, you have no inspiration to combat it. So you get frustrated, you kind of fall back, you get depressed, you don't know what to do, because you feel God is not a parent. You think that God is only a preacher in the pulpit. You think that God is only a Prophet who had a sign of discernment. Get that understanding out of your mind. That is not the Bible!

God is a farmer, God is a mechanic, God is a welder. Amen! Hallelujah! Glory. God is unemployed and all. Amen! Hallelujah! God could go through unemployment and not steal, and not beg, and have faith, (hallelujah!) because He is Jehovah over everything. He doesn't complain and murmur when He doesn't have. God wears one pair of pants with a hole in it. Glory be to God! God wears a shoe with a hole and puts cardboard inside. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen!

We are talking about a real God, a Bible God. If you don't believe that, I'll carry you back in the Bible. "They wandered in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, of whom the world was not worthy!" Not mohair and crimplene and gabardine, not terylene and wool; sheepskins and goatskins, of whom the world was not worthy." They were living in caves and dens and

mountains, not split-level [houses -Ed.], not any big hotel. Glory! God, the Word for the Age, hiding inside of them.

He lived in kings' palaces too. He is worshiped by angels too. That is why we love this God; He covers everything, all space and time, comes down close, comes down personal, comes down right amongst us. Amen. That is why this is the best religion in the world; Old Time Religion. You are serving a real God! Not a God in a picture somewhere there. No sir! Not a fictitious thing in the mind; God, Who wants to come and live in you and walk in you. Amen! You are the temple of the Living God. God wants to come down and live inside of you. God wants to do what He does.

The things that you complain about, God says, "I want to come down and do it for you. Move, give Me a chance, stop complaining. I don't complain, let Me do it." Amen!

The thing that you can't pray about and can't confess, God says, "Give Me a chance and let me come in. I will confess it, (amen!) because I have faith in My Own Word. I had faith in My Word to create a world. I have faith in My Own Word; if I confess My sin, (hallelujah!) I will show you how effective My Blood is!" It is He who comes and confess your sins for you, gives you grace, puts grace there. Hallelujah! Because when you confess your sins, you confess His Word! You are showing that you believe in the propitiation that was made for those sins. You are showing that the Saviour was before the sinner, amen! Hallelujah! The Saviour permitted the sinner so that He could come and reveal Himself as Saviour. You identify yourself with God's Mystery. Amen. You are not ashamed of Him.

That is what it is. But people want to leave God in a book, people want to make God an education, people want to make God a theological concept, people want to make God, (you know,) some little idea in the Message. People want to make God some new interpretation and get a clique around it. But we want to talk about a Living

God, walking inside His people, veiled in skin again, on the face of the earth in this Hour. God, in Trinidad dirt, walking the streets, being in subjection to Caesar's laws and these things, the same God. Yes sir. Amen! Yet that same God has the power to say, "Lazarus, come forth!" at the last Trump again. Yet that same God has power to change this body, like He changed Abraham's and Sarah's also. The very same God, the same Person. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.]

My! What kind of influence we ought to have on our children. If we are having that kind of influence upon our children here in this home, then it should be a heritage handed down. When you go in your home then you put that same influence on your children there too. Amen. It is going to keep them, I tell you. See?

You don't know what is going to happen to you and you have the time now. You don't know if tomorrow God is going to call you home, but you have the time right now to put something in your children's hearts; let them know what is Truth. A lot of people feel that all their children need is food and clothes and a good education. The Bible said, "Train them up in the way of the Lord; when they get old, they wouldn't depart from it." Amen.

So one of the great lackings of the world today is godly parents, to set an influence upon their children.

The parents of this day got away from the principles of the Scripture. They went more to the fashions of the world. And the churches did the same thing.

A home feels it is a better home because, "Finally, daddy saved up enough money to buy a TV, a coloured TV, and we are going to improve our social status because we have saved enough money now and we are chipping in to buy the video. Then we are going to try to get a dish [Satellite dish - a dish which receives direct-broadcast satellite television -Ed.] because the rest of the people in the neighborhood have a dish. And we are going to try to get a dish, so we could get our own thing directly from

America and be ahead of some of the other local people.” Amen.

That is in Sodom. That is not God’s Word. Amen. No sir! That is a perversion. People bring in those things when there is something lacking in the hearts of the parents; when the parents lack the grace to communicate with their children, to train them up. When the parents are so occupied with other things than the sacred responsibility to raise those children, then they look for a substitute to hold the children’s attention while they play themselves. [Satisfy their own personal desires -Ed.] Amen.

This is the Day of day nurseries and all kinds of daycare. Why have these things become popular in this Age? Because the working wife, she is outside there. She can’t obey her own husband in the house, but some boss out there could be suggestive towards her, criticize her, bawl out and embarrass her, a man that is not her husband, that she is not part of at all. See? But she can take that humiliation for the money, not because of her virtue. But when she gets home and her husband asks her to do something, she is too tired, she throws it back, “You do it yourself, I am tired. Give me a chance, you can’t talk to me so, because I am working for my own money. I am independent.” Amen. Do you see what I mean? [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

...it doesn’t mean anything. Why? It is a blind Age too, they are blind, they can’t see it. Blind! The home has been broken down. Modern living, too much of television, too much of the import of Hollywood. See?

Hollywood makes the pictures and these things, sets the trends of how they should think. Everybody focuses into Hollywood: what they are going to wear, they will see it on T.V in some movie and that is going to be the new trend. “We have to wait until it comes down, and when it comes down, we are going to wear something new.” See? Then they are going to maybe do a new kind of dance, everything new that Hollywood gives them,

because they set the pace for them, they set the trend for them. And the world has fallen into that mold, so they follow after that order. Because why? It started off with delinquent pulpits, then pulpit delinquency, then we had parental delinquency, and then we had juvenile delinquency. Amen. See?

When the Pentecostals, who had the Truth back there while the television was being invented, if they had stood there with the Word; they blast the cinemas, they blast all the different going to shows and these things, but when the TV came in, they brought it right into their homes. Amen. And when God sent a Prophet there with a Message to bring back Bible days, to bring us back to the original foundation, to get us ready for the Coming of the Lord, they were so glued to their TV. Then the preacher was Hollywood preaching. Amen. Then all the women were wearing Hollywood hairstyles right in the church and everything else. And it was more about the membership than preaching the Truth. It was more for a meal ticket. Amen.

So pulpit delinquency began to breed those things, and began to allow it, where you could do this and you could do that and you could do the other. On one side, they tried to be so holy and right, and on the other side they were being so deceived.

And he said: *In doing that, we let it loose, and brought the world into the church. And that's the reason we have got this great day of... I say it respectfully here before these young people. The reason we got so many hoods, and so forth...*

Brother, it is amazing to know what the little boys and they could know at that tender age. They were saying last week that one little boy was watching the TV, (*TIME Magazine* documented it,) and they had conducted a survey on it and they were telling how many thousands of murders he saw just by looking at the TV. Because every picture is not interesting unless it has some killing in it now. Every Action [movie -Ed.], killing; from the start

to the end is killing. And every hero is a man who could really kill; a Rambo, who is an expert killer in some form or the other. Or some policeman who is hunting down somebody with a big gun, a Magnum; like Dirty Harry [action movie -Ed.], a man who could blow criminals off of high skyscrapers with a magnum or something. Or then you have an assassin or paid killer or something who is the hero, with the telescopic sight who could shoot you from a distance. Everybody wants this. Hollywood created the characters to impress it upon the young generation, to replace the heroes of the Bible.

If you ask them about Jesus, they don't know anything about Jesus. If you ask them about Rambo, they know everything about Rambo. 'First Blood' [1982 movie starring Sylvester Stallone as war veteran John Rambo. -Ed.] and second blood and how much blood, every other different thing. Amen. They know about it. You see? It started to come like a little entertainment, but it was a brainwash. It was a brainwash to take away this generation. They failed to realize what was happening.

They had no revelation of the Bible to see when that bottomless pit was going to be opened and all those demon spirits were going to come out; take over the world. When the mini-skirt started to come in, (see?) when the drug era began to come in, all those things, when the Beatles [1960 English rock band. -Ed.] and the pop music and the rock music began to come in, all those things were those spirits that came out of the bottomless pit there being loosed upon the people, changing everything.

It came like 'free thinking'; "Express yourself. Do your own thing. Do what you want to do." See? It became the mentality of the people. The era of revolution, everybody's thinking began to change, all the absolutes, all the principles that they lived by, they began to put these things aside. It was a perversion. See, it was a perversion. God was really doing something like that in the Spiritual. See? God was bringing the Bride back to

the Original, but that inspiration falling there began to pervert. Everybody wanted to go back to here and go back to here and find back their roots and go back here – it was all kinds of perversions.

And then, people no longer had principles that they lived by anymore because the Bible had become outdated for them. People can quicker believe by buying a little Newspaper. I mean you could just test and see where people's faith lies. They may not confess it, they may think that they are so educated, oh my, and they made a good stand, but you watch where their faith lies. They pick up something in the newspaper and they read it right there in the headline in the morning, and they believe that. You preach to them God's promise for the Hour, they can't believe that. God wrote this [the Bible -Ed.] and the record that this has is that It is correct and has been vindicated in every Age, for six thousand years. And then you watch and you find the person writing the story; half of the time it is influenced, or propaganda or some political thing going forth or some smokescreen to blind somebody or the other. Exactly.

Now, why do they find themselves in that condition? Because they have been brainwashed psychologically. And you see, parents are supposed to have a revelation to guide their homes, to keep the right influence in the home. I mean, if they can't change the neighborhood, they can't change the community, they can't change the city and they can't change the nation, at least they have control over their own home. They could start with their own home. See?

But when they get caught up in the big fanfare, when they get carried away in the tradewinds of those things, then they have no resistance. So then they just kind of follow suit. Then if they are not down in the Word and have a real experience, when the children ask certain questions, "Why can't we do this? Why can't we do this?" then they have no revelation. Then they use force to subdue the children, to pressure them to be in

subjection, through fear. Well, they are going to keep them in fear as long as the children are a certain age. But from the time they get to a certain age, watch those children start to react and rebel because nothing has been done there.

And I want you to see tonight, why many people have a lot of problems today. It is because many people fail to recognize that they are entrusted with a sacred responsibility to train their children in the way of the Lord. Not just to feed them, not just to give them a good education, not just to buy clothes for them, not just to give them toys and kind of stuff them with that and send them to Disney World or some kind of national thing, some excursion, some little thing to get them busy a little bit. No. They have a responsibility before God that they will be held accountable for. You wouldn't be held accountable so much for giving your children an education as much as you would be held accountable for training them in the way of the Lord, you know. But it depends on what kind of conviction the parents have.

Okay, now watch. When the Eye of God began to look through that Prophet and diagnose the case of this generation, diagnose the condition, the hearts of the people, to find out why the delinquency, to find out why the perversion, he said, "Lack of Godly parents to set an influence upon their children." Just like in the church, lack of Godly influence from the pulpit to bring the Christians to be real Bible Christians. Oh, church membership is fine. Oh, just church attendance, and people have a lot of these things and they just get a kind of religious spirit and they feel, "Well, I go to church and I do this and do the other," and that is going to get them to Heaven. But watch.

So he says, *In doing that, they let it loose, and brought the world into the church.* And that's the reason we have so many hoods.

Everything... The crime has become so organized now because, you see, all it takes now is just minds,

educated minds... Just as educated minds set up a police system and say, "We are going to run it this way and we are going to catch the crooks and so and so." Well, educated minds set up a crime organization and say, "Okay, we are going to get ahead of the police here and we will get ahead of them here and we will get ahead of them here and we will do this." It is the same thing, it is just people thinking. Because it is not coming from God in the sky, it is man. And wherever you have the brighter [more intelligent -Ed.] man, that is where you will have a more shrewd operation.

And if maybe long ago, the police had the availability of modern weapons or so, well now the crime organizations have ways to get their weapons too. So then you find out, it is the whole world, like God verses Satan. It is good and evil all the way down. Now watch. See.

So it has come to a place where the reason that we have so many hoods is because they learn it on TV. They learn it in the cinema. It is being shown there, how to make a bank robbery or what to do. See? It is being shown there, how to, maybe, get into the occult and into drugs, or how to drug somebody. It is shown there how to operate a car [theft -Ed.] ring and stealing cars or whatever it is, it is all shown there. And it has become the thing that wets the people's appetite today. They like those things, it excites them, they want some action in their lives, they want some excitement in their lives. Sometimes their lives are too dull so they want something that they can do and, you know, maybe get by and be a little hero or something, be a little Kingpin. [Movie character (the chief person in a group or undertaking). -Ed.]

You get some little boy going down the street there and maybe he steals his mother's money in the home to pay the rent, and the next thing he goes and buy maybe some drugs or something and now he gets two younger ones and tells them, "Okay, you go and sell some of this up there and you sell some of this down here." Now the

next thing is, he is like a little Kingpin, he is a hero already, he is just working his way up. Now it is certain thoughts that he is getting and the home that he comes from doesn't have anything inside of it to arrest that, (you see,) because he is in contact with the devil, but the parents are supposed to be in contact with God. And God is more powerful than Satan everytime. It is faith in God's Word to make it operate.

The problem is that a lot of people, their minds get channelled through education in the Message looking for a Third Pull ministry, when the Squeeze comes and we are walking, speaking back missing limbs, doing this over here, doing this over here and the devil is destroying their homes all now. And they have no faith now to operate anything and to hold the home together. They have no faith to keep the devil off, but they sit down there looking for something down the road and God didn't promise them that down the road.

God didn't promise them that they will be walking, clearing up the hospitals and clearing up this over here. No. He didn't promise that. You may never even see one of those before you go in the Rapture. But what you may see, you may see it operate right in your home. You may see it operate right with your children. You may see it operate and fill your breadbasket right there in the time of need. It is right there you are going to see that happen, to know that God is God.

But if your mind is blown with something and you have a TV version of the Message too... Because you have to get a little part to make yourself a hero, so you have to get a few sick [people -Ed.] that will be healed and a few people will say, "My, you all are powerful up there," or you will get some little glory and they'll put it in the papers or something. And when things happen in your home right there, you can't handle it. And the same faith to do those things down there, right there to take care of those things in your home, the faith is not taking care of it. And God is trying to show you, you are

out of the channel and you don't have anything. That is what He is trying to show you. You are out of the channel and you don't have anything and the devil is beating you day and night and you don't have a hold of anything.

But if you can really get channelled into the Word, and be able to... The same way a minister, trying to pray for the sick, could reach out there and see the Holy Spirit come down through a promise in God's Word and deliver a person out of a wheelchair or throw their crutches or a sick person be healed, don't you think that a mother, who has the responsibility before God the same way for her children in her home, can see God come down through there and bring deliverance to those children if they are delinquent or something? Don't you think God can do that same thing through there?

Well, that is the way God wants to work through there, but half of the time, not knowing God's will, they start to prepare now for the big showdown when the showdown comes and they are not even called for that. What they are called to give account before God for, is your own family right there, in your own home right there, to see them get ready for the Coming of the Lord.

That is why the Bible says if the wife doesn't understand something in the home [church-Ed.], when she goes home, she should ask her husband. If the husband is sleeping in church, what is he going to tell the wife when he goes home? If he is getting up and going outside for water every minute; if when he sits down in church he doesn't have any revelation, when his wife asks him something, what is he going to tell her? If the husband hardly wants to come to service, when the wife asks him about the Mystery of the Faith and certain things in the home, what is he going to tell her? Nothing. Yet he is looking for the Power to fall. He finds that the Power isn't falling, and he is not seeing the Power moving yet. Because why? His mind is already blown

with some funny version of the Message that doesn't exist. See?

You are the Joshua to lead your own family across the Jordan and take them to the Promise right there in the home. You have to place them out positionally right in your little portion of your Canaan Land right there in your home. And you have to teach them to possess their Land right here, if you are possessing yours too. But if you are not possessing any land, what are you going to teach them to possess? See? Now watch.

So he said, *The reason we have so many hoods, and so forth, as they call it, and bad characters, too much of it is because of the home life that they were influenced by, in their earlier days. I'm still a believer, that, "Bring up a child in the way that it should go, and when it gets old it will not depart from it."* Amen.

Then he talks about Abraham Lincoln. He said, *Look at one of our greatest Americans that I can think of, was Abraham Lincoln. He was certainly deserves all the credit that's given him, and more. He had a bad start; born in a poor home, had no way of making an education, wrote in the sands. We understand that the only two books that he ever owned in his life, until he was about twenty-one years old, was the Bible, and Pilgrim's Progress or it might have been Foxe's Book of Martyrs, it was one of those books. But, you see, what that man read, it influenced his life. See?*

And that's the same thing it is today.

Because it is a seed. The Word is a seed, any kind of word. And the mind is a womb. And what it takes in, is what it is going to put back out. Because the law is "Every seed will bring forth after its kind." You are not going to read Dick Tracy and Phantom [fictional comic characters in the daily newspapers -Ed.] every day and then face the devil outside there, and be able to overcome temptation. No sir. You had better get something with Life inside of it, because that is only imagination. That doesn't exist! That is only imagination. That isn't faith, but *this* is

faith. This has a Substance, this has God's Own Life inside of It. You see?

So he said, *And that's the same thing it is today. Our markets are loaded with vulgar and filth, to poison the minds of our young children, and then we lay the fault onto them. When, I think, many times it belongs in to us, us Christian people who will not stand up for the thing that's right, and have those things lawed off of our shelves, and so forth. And then in our homes, also, that we let loose and permit all these vulgarities and things to come into our home, to influence the children.*

From the time one of the boys gets kind of big, you think well, he has reached a certain age, he is a young man, he can bring in what he wants. No. You are a parent, you are responsible for others too. Amen. As long as he is under that roof, there are certain principles he has to live by if he wants to stay under that roof. Amen.

No wonder he said those children there, when they sat down at home and they heard the father and the mother laughing and talking about old baldhead Elijah, and this same Elisha was talking something about Elijah going up, and the children were laughing too, you know. So they were making their little jokes and they were kind of hearing mammy and daddy talking about God's servant and all these things like that. And then, what happened? Then, the children went outside there now, and started to carry on in that way with disrespect. Now they didn't sit down and try to teach them and say, "You must disrespect them. Don't even believe what they say." They wouldn't tell their children that, so as far as they thought, "At least, we didn't put that in their minds." But they failed to realize that their actions, the very spirit that they entertained in that house, that anointed them, that made them behave that way, they threw it as an example before their own children. And their children who were their offspring, who were part of them, who were a product of them, could...

There is a nature in the child to walk and follow in what the parent put as an example before them. That is a nature in the child.

You see a hen give birth to some chickens there. Do you think that those chickens, from the time they are small, they would run anywhere and go about their business? No sir. You watch them, they always follow that mother. She walks here, they follow there. She goes and she scratches, they go and scratch there. Wherever she goes, they follow right there. It is a law in nature, until a certain time, just like a parent when they start to wean the child. See?

Now look, this is another one here on page 18, *Possessing All Things* [1962-0506 -Ed.].

The promise is yours. But, if you ever get it, you ain't going to get it easy, I'm going to tell you that. You're going to have to take it away from Satan. Satan captures your health, you've a right to go to Satan, say, "Give it back! Hand it over! I come in the Name of the Lord, the Possessor of Heavens and earth, and I'm His heir. Give it back! You took my child, you got her mixed up with the wrong boy. You took my boy and [got him] mixed up with the wrong girl. I claim them! That's right. I claim my children, I claim my brother, I claim my sister. Yes, Satan, you've took them from God's house, coaxed them out there, but I'm coming after them. I claim them. Amen.

If it is revealed in your heart that God gave you them; if it is revealed in your heart by revelation, after you put them in the hands of God there. Amen. You see? And then Satan just wants to come and take them and carry them away and you stand up there confused and frustrated and depressed.

You notice that in parents today. They tend to become so frustrated many times when they find that the teenage children begin to manifest all this disobedience and rebellion. It gets them frustrated. They say, "I don't know what to do with the child. I don't know what to do with the boy again. I don't know what to tell them again.

I don't know what to tell the girl again," you know. So they get vexed and they may even get violent. You see? Now watch.

But you see, it is only reflecting to the parents how insufficient and incomplete their child training was in the time when they were to train that child. In their mind, they thought that they were raising up the child; they were feeding the child, no doubt maybe buying clothes and giving it food and sending it to school, but they weren't training the child in the way of the Lord while they were growing up, that when they get old, they wouldn't depart from it.

And if they did it with one child and they see where the child is going, then, they had better 'band their belly', (if that is a good expression to use,) amen, and get down inside of there to make sure that they double train the younger ones. Because if that kind of training didn't keep the first one, then you know that is not the training that God is talking about in the Bible, because that is a Promise. He said, "If you train them, they will not depart." It is either God's Word is true or God is a liar. It is simple like that. That is a promise to parents who will take that responsibility, that when they get old, they will not depart from it. That is a Promise!

But watch. Because of a lack of revelation, because of a lack of conviction of the Holy Spirit and the Word in the life of the parent, they lack the discipline to dedicate themselves to the responsibility of raising up their children. They don't see it as a responsibility, they don't see it as a constant job. They don't see it, as that mother eagle there has to be watching them. They are playing down there but she is watching them, the eyes pinned on them. She is watching all around the environment, she is watching everywhere and the slightest little danger she sees, she flies down there and picks them up. You see?

Now watch. Last week we took Deuteronomy and It said, "When you lie down on your bed, when you sit

down in your house, when you walk with them by the way.” Is that what It said? We took Abraham where He said, “I am not going to hide these things from Abraham.” When the Son of Man was being revealed, just before Sodom was burnt with fire, just before the Resurrection, the change of body, what did He tell Abraham? “I am going to reveal all these things to you because I know you are going to train your household right, to stay with the Word.”

And if we have had that same visitation, if that type has been fulfilled to the letter back in this Day, then where are the children who have (from the opening of the Seven Seals,) been able to bring forth a household that is going back to Eden? Where are the parents whose heritage is their children? “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. Children are a man’s heritage,” the Bible says in Psalm 127 and Psalm 128. “His wife is like a fruitful vine at the sides of the wall, his children like olive plants, ornaments in the home.”

We all get little plants in the home and we kind of put one here and we may have a little floral arrangement here and have some plants here, you know how the wives like to... Because it has been in them since Eden, when God told Adam and Eve to dress the home and keep the garden nice. It is inside of them, it is a heritage that came down in them and they have to arrange this and they want a little botany life here, and they want a little thing here. And David was saying, “Your children are like olive plants in your home.”

In other words, your real ornament in your home, the real beauty of your home is not all the plants that you have there that you water and make sure that you water it every evening, you want to make sure you have some peat moss, you have to make sure you get some manure, you have to mix it in. You want to go by this flower shop here and get some of these orchids over here. He says, “That is not the real beauty of your home.

The real beauty of your home is your children, like olive plants.

Somebody walks in your home and they see the children right there, “Come in, good evening,” with respect. You see? Brother, courteous, kind. One says, “Daddy, I am going to... Daddy, somebody is here.” Children that are trained right. Children that have been cultured and nurtured by the Word, (amen,) that right there you can see the labor and the time that was spent forth by the mother, training those children in the home. See? Not training them to be idle or kind of push them off in a corner and just block them out somewhere. No. And to do that effectively, parents have to get down in the children’s world. Parents have to be interested to humble themselves and get down into their world and communicate.

As I said last week, a lot of parents are interested in giving instructions, like in the police force, “Do this, do that, do this, do this, do this, don’t do that, stop doing that, come here, do this,” but no communication, no fellowship. See? No fellowship. That is why people are quick to tie tubes and people are quick to do this and quick to do the other, people want this operation. Because why? They don’t have a real revelation. It doesn’t mean anything to them. Not parents; their reproductive organs are just working, that is all. See? My. That is hard, isn’t it?

Now it is the revelation in the life of the parent. If the parent doesn’t have a relationship with God, Who is the real true Parent... That is why He said, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father, which art in Heaven.’” That is why Jesus said, “When your children ask you for a stone, you don’t give them a fish and you don’t—if they ask for a fish rather, you don’t give them a serpent. When they ask you for a bread, you don’t give them a stone. When they ask you for an egg, you don’t give them a scorpion.” He said, “And if you who are evil, know how to give your children good gifts, how much more the Heavenly

Father. Seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you.” What was He teaching them? In other words, He was saying, “I am a Father too.”

When Jesus was teaching them and said, “You are too anxious. The birds neither sow nor gather in barns and God feeds them. What are you worrying about? God will feed you.” If God feeds the birds, how much more will He feed you? A bird doesn’t even have a soul to begin with. You are worried about what you are going to put on, you are vexed that you have nothing to wear to come to service, you have nothing to put on here, you have no clothes, you are complaining. Clothes are a big problem in your life, this is not looking good on you. You want that, that is looking good. This one is wearing that and you are wearing this and you want to kind of upgrade your clothes and all kinds of different things. He said, “And the lily neither toils nor spins and Solomon in all his glory was never arrayed like one of them.” He said, “What are you anxious for? Isn’t your body more than the clothes?”

Brother, they stand there and if that dress has a little thing, they carry it by the seamstress, “Fix that!” When they iron it down, they stand in front of the glass and they check themselves back and forth and they turn around about ten times to watch themselves. And then, half of the time, they didn’t eat on time; gas pain. See? Half of the time they spend the money – when they could nourish their body to serve God good, they buy a set of clothes and different things. When they come in service now, they can hardly keep up and concentrate on the Word. They need some nerve food, all kinds of different things. They are not eating right, but they dress up, when the body is more... It is a sin before God! They don’t even know it.

It shows that they don’t know what their values are. He is trying to show you that you have the wrong values. Exactly! Because the body is more than... God comes to

live in the body. God does not live in that clothes, God lives in that body! Amen.

And then, some of their bodies now, brother, they have to exercise ten times a day, lift so much weights, run here, run there, go and get a swim, come back down there and grease down. They have to get Lanolin [wax derived from sheep -Ed.] for this, they have to get something else for that, they have to get this kind of shampoo, any little thing comes out on their face, they have to get the cleansing formula, they have to get this over here.

And He said, "Isn't the life more than the body now?" He said, "You manifested some kind of old attitude, you got vexed, one old temper the other day, one irritable attitude, but you are not studying that at all. That is nothing to you. But you dare not go out and somebody sees that pimple on your face. You dare not go out and somebody sees that dandruff in your head or something; you are on the flesh. And you have the old temper, you are fuming, you have one old attitude, you don't even have a little manners. And you are not even studying the life in that body now." Exactly.

That is what Jesus was telling them. He said, "Get your values right! Don't put the emphasis on the minor things. You are majoring on a minor and you are minoring on the major." He said, "Put the emphasis on the major." Amen. What is important, deal with that first. What is not important, you will deal with that afterwards. Exactly.

And let me tell you, that was Jesus' ABCs. He wasn't talking about, "I and My Father are one. When you see the Son of Man ascend into Heaven," and these things, all those mysteries; "Destroy this Temple and I will raise it up in three days time," He wasn't going into those mysteries as yet. That was the ABCs of His message. And they couldn't even live the ABCs. Exactly! You see? Now watch.

Lack of revelation, lack of conviction, because if they have that conviction in their heart, they will know God

is a Parent. They will know that He is the true Parent and in their relationship with God meeting their needs, directing them, forgiving them for their sins, knowing how to deal with them, they would be able now to know how to raise their children. Because God has shown them in their own life, (to equip them,) how to deal with their own children.

You see, you don't have to go and read a parent book out there. No. The revelation that you have of God is what you are bringing to your children. What you reflect on the children, is your revelation of God. But the thing is, a lot of children don't see God in their parents at all. They hear a lot of God-talk coming out of their parents' mouths, but they don't see God. Amen.

And when the children's delinquency begins to manifest and show itself, it is just parents reaping the fruit of their negligence towards their responsibility of training up their children. It is God telling you, "Readjust and get a true revelation of how to train up your children." But you see, you have to be in the way of the Lord and your life has to express the way of the Lord, to train your children in the way of the Lord. But if your life is not a reflection of that way, that this is the way of the Lord, then what are you going to bring to your children? Amen, exactly. What are you going to bring to them?

Because, as I said, '*train*' means '*to mold the character*'. It means '*to instruct by exercise, to drill*'. Have you ever seen those soldiers go on a march-past or something? Brother, they drill them for two hours there. Left-right, left-right, left-right, left turn, about-turn. They drill them until it becomes automatic like that. Train them. '*To make obedient to orders*'.

"I want you to go to the shop and come back." Like the woman [Elisha -Ed.] told the servant, "Salute no man, talk to no man there. Go ahead." [2nd Kings 4:29 -Ed.] "The king's business requires haste."

“Go to the shop and bring this. Mammy needs it right now and come back.”

If he is trained properly, he is not going to go outside, see some partners pitching [game played with marbles -Ed.], stand up and watch the game so, [without consciousness of his real task -Ed.], mammy’s pot is running [bubbling -Ed.] over on the fire, then she starts to steam more than the fire. Then, she is watching the clock, (so long he is outside,) and her temper is in a rage there by that time, and she is with the swizzle stick, [a wooden stick used for mixing sauces -Ed.] from the time he comes through that door... [Bro. Vin and congregation laughs -Ed.] You see?

Now, she may beat him and almost half-kill him, but if she trains him right, brother, he will go out there and when they say, “Let us pitch,” he’ll say, “I can’t play now. I’ll see you all when I get time, but I have to go home right now.”

And he doesn’t feel ashamed to say that, he doesn’t feel embarrassed, he doesn’t feel belittled before his friends. He is trained properly to go right back home.

Because if God doesn’t train us like that the same way, and you go about God’s business and you go away to preach the Word, next thing you pass here and they pass by a mall. The mind gets blown and by the time they make two more stops, you are looking for handouts because your mind got blown in the first stop by a mall, and you forgot that you were on a trip and you have about three more stops to make before you reach home. Then, you get stranded in an airport or where you have to get a hotel or something. Because why? You are not trained. Exactly!

That is why, for God to use people, he has to train them. And when God had finished training Moses, brother, Moses was so surrendered that he couldn’t do anything of his own ability. All of his ability was gone. It was just going to be an expression of God. He couldn’t respond to anything else.

It means *'to put or point in an exact direction'*. You don't train a person and when you are finished with them, they are unstable, they are double-minded and they are not sure what they are about. No. They know the precise direction that they want to go. See?

It means *'to prepare for a contest'*. And we know about the contest; a test of strength. This Age is the Age of the contest. And every one of those children have a contest when they get out there in school. They have a contest when they get out there in the neighborhood. Because why? They are going to meet a different kind of spirit that wants to influence them differently to the way they are trained. And if their parents train them with any real insight of the environment the child is going to spend a lot of its time in – what kind of spirit, what kind of influence in that environment – then, they will know exactly how to instruct their child. Okay.

So, there is a distinction between training and teaching. Because if a child is only taught the way he should go, then he could hear another teaching and depart from that way. So God is not saying "Teach a child the way it should go." He said, "Train a child in the way it should go." They have to be instructed by exercise. It has to be an example before the children. It is not just somebody just giving the children orders and saying, "Do this and don't do that and don't do this and don't do that and when you do this, don't do this and don't do that." Then somebody else can come and tell them something else and play right there in their reasoning. But when they see the right thing exemplified before them...

That is why you see, God didn't send a Pentecostal preacher for us in this Day, you know. God sent a man that was a prisoner to the Word, a man who lived what he preached, a man whose life was the reflection of what he was saying. Because here that is off the scene, and what do we have today? Everybody is saying, "Well, that doesn't mean this and that means this, and that means

the other,” and so many people are getting diverted away into some interpretation and some man’s influence. Because why? They have never seen the real thing. They have never seen the real example.

But those who have seen the real example by a revelation, no influence is going to carry them away. Because nobody could come and say, “Well, this is what he meant over here.” They will say, “No. We know what he meant, we saw how he lived. What he lived was what he meant.” Exactly. Do you see?

Now that is a promise. The promise to the parents is “Train your child and when he is old, he will not depart.” That is the promise, “When he is old, he will not depart from it.” What a peace and an assurance that is for a parent. Because why? You are doing it with the conviction, “Lord, I am obeying Your Word.” You are trusting the Lord; against maybe your own better judgment, you are trusting God’s Word. You first, are bringing yourself in obedience to God’s Word, knowing that God is obligated to every promise that He has made.

Let’s turn in the Bible and look at a little example here of teaching and training. 1st Samuel. 1st Samuel Chapter 1, we will begin at about verse 9; a story about Hannah. And really take it in, open up your heart and say, “Lord, just fill me with the Word. Fill me with the Word tonight.”

⁹ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

And you know the story about Hannah. Hannah was the wife who couldn’t have any children, and she wanted a child so badly, to raise him for the Lord. She had served the Lord faithfully, she was a faithful woman. And she had an adversary, another woman there, the concubine, who pressured her day and night,

day and night, day and night. And the husband tried to comfort her many times and couldn't really comfort her.

¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept [bitterly] sore.

¹¹ And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Hold the Scripture right there, let me just say this. Now watch. Not for one moment, while she was praying, did Hannah ever doubt (for one moment,) that Samuel would do anything other than what she would choose for him. Listen to the prayer, listen with revelation.

She said, "Lord, I will lend him to You all the days of his life."

But a child has his own mind. Parents would say, "Well girl, you could make the child but you can't make the child's mind." The Bible doesn't say anything about that. The Bible says train up a child in the way that it should go and when it gets old, it will not depart from it. It is a challenge for Christian parents. It is a promise. Listen.

If it is your children that God gave you, how much more you should believe for it, because the Bible says you and your household shall be saved, if you are a believer.

Now listen. It says here, she said, "All the days of his life, I will give him unto the LORD."

Now she wasn't trying to get by the Lord with something. She believed, "If God gives me this child, I will so dedicate myself to raising this child to fear God, that this child will be a testimony for the Lord all the days of his life. I will train this child and be such an

example before this child, and raise up this child in such a way, that Lord, this child will never depart from You all the days of his life. He will be lent unto the Lord all the days of his life.”

The boy will see the beauty of a real Christian life, a real Christian home; the care, the attention and the example he is going to have before him, that by the time he reaches the age of accountability and knows what is wrong and right, he will be so filled with the right thing and he would so see the beauty of the right example, (so far above some perversion,) that he will never go with that other thing. That is what she had in her heart. She said, “All the days, I will lend him unto the Lord.”

...and there shall no razor come upon his head.

What if the child wants to take a GI [military style haircut. – Ed.] now, or he wants to take a crew cut or something for his own self? No. She, the mother, is saying that even before she gets the child. It showed the virtue of motherhood being reflected in the prayer. It showed the depths of motherhood.

You know, many times you see people who don't have any children and they see a baby, (somebody with a baby,) they are quick to—some of them reach for the child right away. They always want to hold it, they always want to maybe kind of give it a little bath or something, they want to take care of it. They have none of their own, but it is a virtue of motherhood coming out.

Then you see some who have one and their child is untidy, always unkempt, never cared for. Brother, if the parents could always find somebody to take care of their child, they are glad that they don't have the responsibility of seeing about it. You see that. Why? Because they could make a child but they don't have the virtue of motherhood. You see?

But Hannah, she had none, but she always, (no doubt,) saw herself, that if she had one, how she was going to raise him. Do you know why? Her revelation of

the Lord. All you have to do is read Hannah's prayers and you will know if Hannah had revelation. You will know what kind of life she was living. Just read, just see the prayer she was praying, then you will realize what kind of heart that that prayer was coming out from and the kind of conviction, when she said, "Lord, I will lend him unto You, all the days of his life."

And when a parent has a child and they are coming there to dedicate that child, they come and dedicate that child as a formality many times. And then you see the parents living all kinds of lives, the parents backslide, the parents in the world here, but they are dedicating the babies. Because why? In their minds it's like, "I don't want the child to go to hell. I want to get the child dedicated," kind of way. But dedication – to dedicate the child – when she came out there that day, brother, she was coming with conviction, "This child will not depart from the way. All this child will see with those eyes as long as he is around this house, is Christianity, is sacred motherhood, is a virtuous life. All the child will hear coming out of these lips is something glorifying to God, when it sits down there. When I am laying down on my bed, when I am walking by the way, when I sit down in my house, I will train that boy." Watch and see. You go back in Proverbs 31 and you will find out.

Verse 12,

¹² And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli [observed] marked her mouth. [That is the priest].

¹³ Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she [was drunk] had been drunken.

¹⁴ And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be [intoxicated] drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

¹⁵ And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit:

I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

¹⁶ Count not thine handmaid [as a wicked woman or] for a daughter of Belial: [that means 'a wicked woman'] for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I [been speaking] spoken hitherto.

¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

Brother, the conviction that that woman spoke to him and told him, she said, "I am not drunk, you know." She said, "I am a woman..."

Because there was no open vision in those days. People had gotten so formal, Eli's sons were in sin, his eyes were dim. He never saw a soul pray and cry out before God like that. How did the brother say it? The forgotten art of praying. Brother, when they saw that person pray through there, he said, "That person has to be drunk, people don't pray like that again." People are like "Yes Lord," [Bro Vin demonstrates how they would rattle off something. -Ed.] and go back out, make their vow. But he saw that woman holding onto the horns of the altar, crying out, pouring her soul out.

And she said, "I am not [just -Ed.] of sorrowful spirit, you know. I am a woman grieved. I am a woman longing for a child from God. That is why I was praying and pouring out my heart to God there."

He said, "Girl, God grant you that because it doesn't have any like you in this time here." See?

¹⁸ And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

¹⁹ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah:

and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

²⁰ Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, [and Samuel means ‘asked of God’] saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

²¹ And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

²² But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

Do you see the conviction in the woman’s heart? She was determined to keep that vow before God. It reflected the kind of walk and communication and relationship she had with God. She said, “I don’t want to carry any nursing baby up there. He bawls in the night to get breastfed and these things.” She said, “I will nurse him right here. When he is finished nursing and he reaches of age and I wean him – after I wean him, I know when he goes up there, he will be able to stay on his own. If somebody has to make a cup of tea for him up there, he could take that. He will not be looking for mammy’s breast in the night and fretting and carrying on anymore. I will stay here and do my duty because when I go up there with him to dedicate him, he will abide there forever.” She was still firm after she had the child, after she was raising him up, that that child was going to abide there forever. Watch and see.

²³ And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode,

and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

[Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

24with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a [skin] bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

She is identifying herself to Eli now, the same one who had talked to her when she had prayed the first time.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

Now watch. Let us drop down to verse 12, Chapter 2. Now watch, Hannah, we see that she didn't just teach Samuel. The training in his life, she was so persuaded and confident that that child would not be a runaway; that after he got to be a few years older, he would slip through some window in the night, Eli would be looking for him the next morning to help with work in the temple and everything, but he will not be anywhere around. He will be out in the village spinning top [playing -Ed.] or in some kind of delinquency. It wouldn't have that at all. She knows that he will remain to the Lord as long as he liveth. Because why? Moses had already given them that promise back there in the Scripture, about how to train their children when they go over in the land. Watch what I am saying.

1st Samuel 2, verse 12,

*12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial;
[or worthless men] they knew not the LORD.*

Now, these are the priest's sons now. So you could imagine how I am standing here. [Bro. Vin chuckles. -Ed.] So It says,

...they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was [boiling] seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have [boiled] sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

Now watch, the sins of Eli's sons were great before the Lord. They didn't know the Lord, first to begin with, they were worthless men, and their sin was great before the Lord.

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat...

She didn't go and buy one by Kirpalani's, [local variety store. -Ed.] or some place, you know. She made him one. She never ate the bread of idleness. Proverbs 31, take flax and wool, It says; do something for your own children. "Mammy made that for me." See? Mammy, laboring for her own children. Maybe the money is hard to come by. See? Maybe what daddy is working for is just enough for them to get by in the house, but the children need a few things here and there, so mammy is looking for a way now to find it, and the children are even seeing, "Wait, mammy isn't neglecting us. Mammy is thinking about us. Winter is coming on, we need a little wool coat or something." Whenever she went up, she used to carry a little coat for him.

...and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

No doubt she would be teaching him more and more.

²⁰ And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

Now even the priest is commending them that the boy is really lent to the Lord, because the priest is seeing the dedication of the boy to the service of God by the training that the boy got from the home that he was born in; by the dedication of the mother to the responsibility of raising that child to the Lord.

²¹ And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

²² Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

So now, they didn't know the Lord, worthless men, their sin was great before the Lord, and they were even very immoral.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

Now he was bawling them out, scolding them, maybe embarrassing them; bawl at them, shout them down. But that is not training them, you know. A lot of people do that to their children; shout them down, try to embarrass them and bawl them out. But they are not really training them. Scolding is not training. As they say, "You are trying to bend the branch after it's gotten old."

24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

And I could imagine, he was kind of stern when he was saying it too.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall [mediate] intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

They didn't hearken to the voice of their father. All the shout that he shouted them down with, they stood up and they listened, like this. [Bro. Vin demonstrates some rude gesture. -Ed.] "Let the old man talk, give him a chance to talk. Are you done talking? Alright." And they went about their business. Now watch. He is teaching them, you know, he is not training them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on...

Every time they show you what is happening there, look at this boy here, growing on, growing on before the Lord.

...and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

Because of a prayer from a mother's heart, who had a walk with God, to dedicate that child, to lend him unto the Lord, to dedicate herself to raising that child in the way of the Lord.

1st Samuel Chapter 3, verse 11. Let us read from verse 1 maybe, a little bit.

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was [rare] precious in those days; there was no open vision.

You see, there was no prophet for the Word to come to as yet.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And [before] ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

Oh my, you could imagine, he had a hard day helping here, doing this back and forth in the temple, people were coming up for the yearly sacrifices back and forth, and it was kind of busy for the little boy helping out there. And finally, at night now before the lamp of the Lord went out, he was going to lie down to sleep.

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. [Get this now.]

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me.

Watch. Eli's sons never obeyed the voice of their father, but watch this boy, he was trained to obey. He only had to be spoken to once. He was going to sleep and he jumped out of the bed and he said, "Did you call me?" Prompt response. Some of us, to get our children to obey, it is so difficult. We train them to wait until we talk to them twice.

"Go inside and brush your teeth." They stand right there.

“Go inside and brush your teeth. You didn’t hear me?

[Bro. Vin impersonates a parent shouting. -Ed.]”

Next thing, they get in an atmosphere like that. That is how they are training their children. They did not train them to respond at the first time they spoke to them, normally.

He heard, “Samuel?” He jumped out of the bed.

He said, “Did you call me?”

Some of us train our children to wait until we raise our voice before they obey. The children get up to go to school in the morning, and brother, they start. This one doesn’t want to bathe, they start to cry. This one has a belly pain.

“Mammy, I have a belly pain. I don’t want to go to school today.”

This one, “Mammy, the boy beats me up in class.” And the mother becomes the wrestling champ of the hour. And she starts to wrestle them down now.

“Get in there before I break your hand. Do this right now!”

And they train their children like that. And then the children now, start to relate to other children like that. They are rowdy. You say, “But those children are rowdy.” And you walk in the yard and you see the children, you see how they are playing; who is jumping and throwing a kick or who is bawling at the other one or who learned it is ‘dog eat dog’ and take from the other one, grab away their thing and run with it. Because why? It is how they trained their children; what they put out there.

Now watch. I am going to give you the Scripture for this just now. I will give you the Scripture for it. Some of them train their children to wait until they threaten them. When they see fire and brimstone and the mother fuming or their father fuming, then they get them to obey. Because they know it could be a tap, it could be a pushdown or something. Not knowing, they are training their children.

Now, as I was saying the other day, a shepherd only has to walk. But you see, shepherd means ‘grazer’. They told Bro. Branham it means that in the East. He said, “I thought a shepherd minds...” [takes care of -Ed.] They said, “No, anything that grazes: donkey, goat, sheep.” You see. So that is why you find that some aren’t moving. He said, “But in the evening time when the shepherd is going, he leaves all of them in the field there, but the sheep follows him... [inaudible -Ed.] Then the shepherd lies down at the door and blocks the sheep. You see? I trust that we have only sheep here. Alright. Now listen.

Now, real training, if we really train them properly, it would be for them to obey immediately when you speak to them in a normal conversational tone.

“John, mummy wants you to go inside and get ready right now.”

“Okay mum,” and he runs inside.

“Harry, Dad wants you to go inside and change your clothes right now, because you have to help me clean the drain here.”

“Sure, Dad.”

They should be trained that they could obey with the quickest response. Watch Samuel’s response. Let us watch it – his training.

Verse 5,

⁵ And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

⁶ And the LORD called yet again, [maybe as the boy began to fall asleep and kind of doze off] Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; [respectful, polite, prompt response] for thou didst call me.

He had learned to respond promptly at the first time his name was called. And even though he could be

sleeping and half sleepy and tired, he could jump out of that bed and come very politely and respectfully also.

“Don’t you see a man is sleeping?” Or pulls that cover, “I don’t want anyone calling me. I’m tired!” [Bro. Vin imitates an annoyed tone. –Ed.]

No. Watch, he was trained. That woman had been determined that she was going to lend him to the Lord all the days of his life.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, [the third time] and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

Do you see obedience? Even when Eli talked to him who he had learned to respect and was around, even when he said, “Okay son, you go back in your bed and you say this when the Lord talks.” And when the Lord called, he said it. Because the boy was trained, the spirit was trained to obey. He never had to be bullied or beaten, or shouted at, or bawled out, or threatened, to get him to act. No.

10 And the LORD came, and stood...

Right. Verse 11,

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; [Eli had known the iniquity] because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

He wouldn't correct them. He knew it, but he wouldn't correct them. He knew of the iniquity. Just take a look over—take a glance over in 1st Samuel 2:29 when Samuel [Eli -Ed.] was speaking to his sons and them. He said, "Why trample you upon my..." No, let me read from verse 27 for you.

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, [this is before God had spoken to Samuel] and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me...

You see? He loved his children too much. He just loved his children so much, that if they were going

contrary to the Word he wouldn't take a rod and drive that foolishness away from them. He just loved them too much.

*...to make yourselves fat with the chiefest
of all the offerings of Israel my people?*

So the sons didn't know the Lord, they were worthless, their sin was great before the Lord, their lives were immoral and here was Eli honoring them above the Lord, knowing of their iniquity and yet, he never would restrain them. No doubt Eli was a sincere man, because he even performed the office of a priest. He had a little, (what should I say,) discernment, he could see the woman there and you know, he told her, "The Lord is going to bless you, you are going to have more children," and it happened and these things. Maybe he saw a little Spirit operating in his life, but he didn't train his children to obey. Because the Bible said, "They hearkened not to the voice of their father."

Now turn with me to Psalm 32, verses 8 and 9. I want to close because the time is up already. Psalm 32, [verses -Ed.] 8 and 9 says,

*8 I will instruct thee and teach thee
[instruct, train. Instruct thee and teach
thee] in the way which thou shalt go: I will
guide thee with mine eye.*

Some parents only have to watch their child like that, with the eye alone, and that child will check itself.

*9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule,
[stubborn] which have no understanding:
whose mouth must be held in with bit and
bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

You have to put a bit in their mouth and you have to put two blinds over their eyes and you have to pull them this way; jerk them to go this way, you have to jerk them to go this way. God says, "I don't want to train you all so." He says, "I want to guide you with My eye, I only want to look at you. By the time I look at you, you know

exactly when you are stepping over your boundaries.” See?

Now that is the kind of response that we want to see in our own lives before the Lord. You don't want the Lord to chastise you and beat you to do this and bawl you down to do this and pressure you and punish you. No. We want the Lord to speak, “Speak Lord, Thy servant heareth.” And we just want to walk in obedience, knowing that, “If you love Me, you will obey My commandments.”

The highest expression of love is obedience. Real genuine love will bring real genuine obedience. “I do always that which pleases My Father.” Now that is the kind of response we want to see in our children also. God says training them is not training them in the way that you have to talk to them three-four times before you get them to obey. No. Like a mule that has no understanding, you have to drive him to do this and drive him to do that. No.

Let us look at one or two Scriptures here and close. Proverbs 22 again, verse 15. Because I believe God's Word means just what It says. It is a commandment with a promise, “Train them up in the way that they should go.” And that is why you see here in the house of God, we try to train you by the Word, train you to the Voice of God, train you to know God's Word and walk before you, to leave footprints for you to walk in.

The Prophet talked about that father who was drunk that time coming home with his son around the Christmas time and he was wobbling out in the snow and he was coming like that, drunk out there. He had had a good lime and the hospitality was too much and he didn't have any resistance, he had no temperance to say, “Well, I have had enough.” He shouldn't be drinking that in the first place, but wine is a mocker and a strong drink. So he was coming down in the snow and he was just wobbling and waving and coming through like that,

you know, drifting, and the little boy was coming behind him like that.

And the father stood up and looked back at the little boy, he said, "What is the matter, boy? Why are you walking like that? Why are you wobbling in the snow like that?"

He said, "Daddy, I am only trying to follow your footsteps."

And right there, the father broke down and began to cry. Because he realized that every step we make, is footprints that we are leaving for our children to follow in. We had better leave the kind of footprints for them to walk in that could be a real example, because any God they have to know has to be a God in skin. It has to be God in you, any God that they have to know. See?

Proverbs 22:15, It says,

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

You know Paul said, "When I was a child I talked like a child, I thought like a child, acted like a child," how foolish, whimpering. You see? He said, "But the rod of correction will drive it far from him."

The child sits down there full of mischief. You know, sometimes the parents say, "But that boy is wicked." No, they are not wicked, they are mischievous. It is foolishness in their heart. Some parents will say, "The child is wicked, the child is wicked." No, the child isn't wicked; a little naughty, a little mischievous. Wicked is like a premeditated thing there, a little child there thinking up things. No. And you see right away when the parents start to see the child in that way, they can't relate to him. They will only relate to the child the way that they see him. You see?

Proverbs 13:24, It says,

24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son:

Now, this is God's Word. These are the thoughts of the Holy Spirit.

*...but he that loveth him chasteneth him
[early] betimes.*

Now that does not mean child abuse. That doesn't mean that you should beat your child in anger. Because remember, the Prophet told Billy Paul that day when he hit the boy; he said, "Come on Billy, let me talk to you." Because the Prophet spotted that parental delinquency. He said, "You beat that child just now in anger." He said, "You are the father of the child and you have all rights to correct the child, but never hit that child in anger, because you are striking that angel who is with the child." Because the Bible says that they have an angel with them. Is that correct? The Bible says, Jesus says, "Their angel beholds the Father's face in Heaven day and night. And take care that you offend one of them, otherwise it is better that a millstone be hung around your neck and they throw you in the sea and you drown, than you offend one of those little ones, whose angel beholds the Father's face, day and night." He says, "When you beat that child in anger, you are striking that angel next to them."

And I was thinking about Suzanna Wesley. She had seventeen children and she found time to pray two hours a day; had no washing machine, had no kitchen assistant, had no vacuum cleaner, had no dishwasher. She had to pack the water from the well, had no pipe-borne water in the house. And she chastised those children with the rod of correction when it needed to be done. She trained them up, she taught them herself to read and write and she taught them to take correction without even crying. They didn't go out and scream and bawl like mammy half-killed them. They stood up right there and they took that licks and it pained them there and they knew mammy was chastising them for what they did wrong. And she was purging away that foolishness, driving it far from their heart because she knew that that rod wasn't going to kill them. Out of there came forth one of the greatest missionaries that

ever walked the face of the earth, which was John Wesley. I was just reading some of the history in the history book about him today.

It says,

*24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son:
but he that loveth him chasteneth him [early]
betimes.*

Do you see what we are talking about? Early. 'Betimes' – early. You don't try to bend the branch when it gets old. You don't get frustrated and say, "I don't know what happened to the child, I don't know what happened to the girl, I don't know what happened to..." No, you don't get frustrated here now. At that time, you say, "Lord, I thank You that I had obeyed the Word. Lord, I am seeing the fruits of being dedicated to my responsibility and training them up in the way that they should go, taking time off to spend with them and communicating with them and setting a real example before them."

Proverbs 23:13 and 14. I hope you are taking down these Scriptures too.

*13 Withhold not correction from the child:
for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall
not die.*

He is talking about a parent who is training the child. He is not talking about a parent who is trying to half-kill their child with licks because some will really beat them and kill them. But this is talking about a parent who is driving foolishness far away from their child, correcting them, because if they are without chastisement then they are illegitimate children, even Spiritually. Do you know that? Hebrews 2, It says that. You see, I am talking about Spiritually too.

That is why, you see, if it is a real Christian, sheep don't get killed with the Word. If you preach the Word to a sheep, you wack their hide, they will fall right back in line; break their foot and bring them up close, they

will stay close to the shepherd right after and never go straying all about afterwards. Exactly right.

Just like you do in your own home, you do right here in the church. It is a principle.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Exactly. See? That is why they say ‘pulpit’ – to pull them out of the pit. See? A weak pulpit will get them down in hell, but with a strong pulpit, you could deliver them out of hell.

Proverbs 29. So I trust that you go and start to apply this in your home, because if you are not doing it, you are a delinquent parent and God will hold you responsible. And maybe that is why you can’t have the victory in your own life. Maybe that is why you are stagnated and your revelation can’t really be deeper than what it is. And all the imaginary ‘Third Pull’ and thing that you are looking for down there, you are missing the whole boat right now, because it is going on right now. You can save your household right now.

Bro. Branham said, “The reason that we have all this delinquency: parents can’t get their children under the Blood.” See? They have no Token, they have no faith there to apply with confidence for their own children. “They need a buddy,” he said. He said, “You have got to think eighteen-year-old thoughts.”

[Proverbs –Ed.] 29, verse 15,

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Do you see that? It will bring shame to the Elect Lady, the Church, and it will bring shame to the natural mother right there too. Why the mother? It is her responsibility there to train them up in her pulpit, in her home, to train them up right there.

And verse 17 says,

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

You don't have to wake up in the middle of the night looking for bail here, running down here, picking up offerings around the church to bail out this one and bail out this one. You wouldn't have to be going through that kind of thing. No sir. You obey the Word here and stay with the Word, you will have peace. You will sleep good in the night. You are relaxed. You are getting sweet heavenly dreams. Nobody will have to ring you up and say that your son is in jail or this or that or the other: sweet heavenly dreams. Amen.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 19. Are you enjoying the Word? [Congregation says, "Amen!" -Ed.] Amen. Yes sir.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

I see I have had that many times with people in the office. From the time some of them walk in the office, they start to cry, "Bro. Vin..." [Bro. Vin mimics someone crying -Ed.]

I would say, "Stop that crocodile tears right now."

And some people would say, "But he is hard, isn't he?"

I am delivering their soul from hell. I am driving away foolishness from them. I am not letting their crying bring me down and I start to cry too and then we don't even deal with the case and they go back out in the same shape that they came in with. See?

It says,

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

A lot of parents, as soon as their child starts to cry, they say, "Okay boy, don't do it again. Go ahead." So he knows that anything to get past mammy now, is tears. And they have a saying now, "He is tears, yes." Exactly. And do you know what 'tears' end up to be? 'Tares' that are going to be burned in the fire too. Amen.

So God's Word means just what It says. If parents by faith obey God's Word, whether it is for healing, whether it is for Salvation, whether it is to get the Holy Ghost, whether it is to train them right in your house; God will fulfill every promise He has given concerning child training, because God is obligated to every promise. Then you are only expressing your faith in God's Word. The same faith I have to preach to save your soul inside of here, is the same faith every father and mother have to have for their own children, to save their souls right there in their own home. And if it is going to take Seven Thunders to give me that kind of faith, then they have to have the same revelation in their own home for their own children right there.

And if I have to make sure that this Elect Lady doesn't bring forth delinquents here, juvenile, spiritual delinquents, (see?) then I have to make sure—you have to make sure also, in your own home, that you don't bring forth delinquents in your own home too. It is something you have to be dedicated to. It is something that you have to take time off for. It is something that you have to recognize that God is going to hold you accountable for. It is something that you have to recognize that God is expecting it of you. It is something that you are going to know, that you are going to reap the fruits of your negligence, if you fail to do it. May God help us all.

The song says, "He will guide us with His eye and we will follow till we die." That is the way we should train them, just to look at them. All daddy has to do is just look at them and they will want to break down in tears and they are repentant. That is the way they should be. That communication, that bond, that relationship should be so close, that the same way you feel in your heart, (who love God,) when you hurt the Lord and you get to crying because you brought a shame to His Name, and you repent in bitter tears, it is the same way a child, when they hurt their parent, should have an experience

like that too. Because God trained you in your walk with Him to bring you into that kind of relationship. Then you, to bring your children in that same kind of relationship with you, are training them in that same walk.

But do you know why it doesn't happen in the homes? A lot of people only have head knowledge of the Message; argue little doctrines and little ideas, but they can't apply it in their life and they cannot see it operate and become effective in the home and can't see it have influence upon their children.

He said, "Because of a lack of real parent example and influence upon the children of today, is why we have all these things; Spiritually, in the house of God and also in the home."

Let us all stand to our feet. Let us sing this little song, *By and by when the morning comes*, (#32) when the saints of God.

Do you appreciate Him tonight? Some of these things are good. We can sit and talk about it to help us all; from the pulpit all the way to the backbench. Don't think that I am leaving myself out, I am right inside. It starts with me first, all the way, because we are going to stand before the Lord Jesus Christ one of these days. Those children that we have, they are our heritage. They need us. The kind of footprints we leave for them to follow, is what they are going to walk in. And we could only reflect to them what our revelation is, of what God has said, "As I have loved you, so you should love others." He is the real Parent. Look at the kind of love He exemplified before us. He has faith for us. God has confidence in us.

Look at Job, His son whom He trained. God told Satan, "Do with him what you want, but don't take his life. He will never deny me." Do you know why? Job was trained to obey God's Voice. Satan took his health, took his money, took his family, took everything that he could take, and Job stayed there. He never deviated

from God's Word. Train him in the way that he should go and he will not depart from it.

Look at Jephthah in the Bible. He made a vow to God, that the first thing that came through the door after he came back from the battle, he was going to sacrifice it to God. The first thing that came out was his only daughter, his only child. His heart was so broken that he had said a thing like that, but he told his daughter.

She said, "Daddy, do what God tells you that you have to do. Keep your vow before God."

It showed the kind of parental influence that that girl grew up under, that even if it was her own life, like Job, she was going to trust in the word of the parent. That should challenge every heart here tonight.

Look at Samson, [Samson's father -Ed.] read it in the Bible, when the angel came to him and the wife told him, "The angel came to me and told me that we were going to have a son. He would be a Nazarite son to deliver the people." When the angel came back, he said, "Teach us how to order the child, how to raise him up, what to do. Tell us." They were enquiring from the angel, "What should we do to be able to raise him up?" It is all through the Bible. I am just trying to bring you little different areas that we can look at in the Word and we can see that we can have a channel in this Hour, opened up to us, to minister unto our children. You have a ministry to minister to them, to communicate with them.

As I was saying exactly that in the young people's meeting – to try to communicate to them, to minister to them. To minister to the need, to reach that heart, that soul inside of there, that it could be touched by something, by a hand so warm and tender. They can be touched by the love of God that it could break that stony heart and humble them to walk in obedience.

This is what the Gospel is all about. This is what the love of Jesus Christ is all about. It is not a thing for argument and fight and strife. No. It is to show us a

way, make it so clear, make it so desirable, that to not have that, Life would not be worthwhile living. It will be everything to us, to have It. That is the way that we want to be.

Don't you want to be that way? Don't you want to be that kind of Christian? Don't you want to be that kind of parent, have that kind of testimony? Amen.

[#663 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

We are often tossed and driven...

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On the restless sea of time,

Sombre skies and howling tempests

Oft succeed a bright sunshine;

In that Land of perfect day,

When the mists have rolled away,

We will understand it better by and by.

CHORUS

By and by when the morning comes,

When all the saints of God are gathered home,

We will tell the story how we overcome,

For we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute...

Of the things that life demands,

We have no reason to complain now.

Want of food and want of shelter,

Thirsty hills and barren lands;

But we're trusting in the Lord,

And according to His Word,

We will understand it better by and by.

Oh, everyone sing now with faith, believing it.

CHORUS

By and by when the morning comes,

When all the saints of God are gathered home,

*We will tell the story how we overcome,
For we'll understand it better by and by.*

Oh, trials dark on every hand,
And we cannot understand,
All the ways that God would lead us
To that blessed Promised Land;
But He guides us with His eye,
And we'll follow till we die. We are trained to obey.
For we'll understand it better by and by.

CHORUS

*By and by when the morning comes,
When all the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we overcome,
For we'll understand it better by and by.*

*Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed,
For many a thoughtless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test
When we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by.*

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When all the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we overcome,
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Trials dark on every hand...
And we cannot understand,
All the ways that God would lead us
To that blessed Promised Land;
But He guides us with His eye
And we'll follow till we die.
For we'll understand it better by and by.

CHORUS

*By and by when the morning comes,
When all the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we overcome,
For we'll understand it better by and by.*

Oh, let the sisters sing.

Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed,
For many a thoughtless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test
When we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by.

Oh everyone now,

CHORUS

*By and by when the morning comes,
When all the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we overcome,
For we'll understand it better by and by.*

Oh, hallelujah. Have confidence, believe God's Word. If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out. Oh, hallelujah. May we have that kind of response to God's Word. He wouldn't have to take a bit and put it in our mouths or bridle us, to pull us here and pull us there, but just guide us with His eye, and we will follow till we die. Every head bowed, every eye closed.

Glory and praise be to Your precious Name. Father, we thank You for another service, another time that we can come and sit in Your Presence, to speak of things pertaining to Your Kingdom, Lord, in this preparing time, making everything ready; just like it was with Joshua and they when You said, "Sanctify yourselves, wash your clothes, make everything ready, for tomorrow I will do signs and wonders among you." Every man had

to go to their tent, every family had to get themselves ready, everyone had their responsibility. Lord, that is the way we feel in this preparing time. We know Lord, we are fixing to cross over from here into that Land beyond the river.

Lord, You have sent forth this Message in this Hour, sensing how the Holy Spirit is doing a specific work amongst us right now, getting down into all these areas that need to be attended to, focusing in upon these things that we will not be wanting, found wanting, we will not be lacking in any way, but Lord, we will have a true testimony in this Hour.

I pray, dear God, that the Word that has gone forth tonight would fall into rich fertile hearts, Lord. It will bring such an inspiration to the lives of Your people, those that are parents and those that are children, for You are our Great Parent and we realize now why You deal with us the way that You deal with us. When we look for parental care for a baby, we realize that You could commit some of us to suffering as You did Job, some of us to death as You did Paul; that is Your prerogative. But how do we show our love to You? By conducting ourselves with joy amidst the trials that You in Your wisdom allow to come to pass. For as many as You call, You child-train them, You test them. As many as You love, You scourge and You chasten, dear God.

And Father, so many of us fail to recognize that chastisement. We got it confused many times with trials. When we are being chastised, we think that we are being tried, because we are not conscious of what our sins and our wrongs are. Lord, when we sow to the flesh and reap corruption, we say that we are going through a great trial and a great test, but it is just the corruption that we are reaping for what we have sown to the flesh. But Lord, we know that when we are tried, it is only to give us a testimony, it is only to show Your glory in our lives, it is only to increase the faith in our hearts, it is only to prove that Your promise is true to

us, to give us more confidence in the *He* that is inside of us.

I pray, dear God, that the Holy Spirit would give us understanding, would help us all in this Hour, that Lord, we can be so thoroughly furnished unto all good works, so equipped, so fortified by the Word that has been ministered unto us in this Hour. For You said "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil of this evil Day." And what a great challenge it is for each and every one of us, whether it be a single [person -Ed.], whether it be a parent, whether it be a husband or a wife, it is a great challenge, Father, and the only way that we can overcome is with real Divine revelation, for this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith – our revelation.

You built the Church upon that Rock that the gates of hell shall not prevail, even as Hannah, Lord, when she worshipped and magnified the Lord, she spoke of "There is no Rock like our God." You were her revelation, Lord. You were her Rock that she was established upon. Your Word was revealed in her heart. That is why she could minister to her little son, train him up in such a way that she had confidence she would lend him to the Lord all the days of his life. She was fully persuaded that he was not going to depart from it because she knew every seed would bring forth after it's kind. She sowed those seeds in the tender fertile soil of the little...

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...raising up children to fear the Lord. May in this assembly, Lord, there be real children raised up to fear You. May there be in every home that is represented here, real children also raised up to fear You. For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Bless Your children tonight. Let these words never depart from them. May they hide them in their heart tonight. As we leave this place, may Your never-failing Presence go with each and every one of us, watch over us, take us safely as we travel along the way. Take us

safely back to our homes. And Lord, let our homes be the real training ground where we can take these things and apply it in our lives and in our experience and so see it have a real godly effect in the lives of our children to bring glory to You. Grant it, Father.

Give us that conviction, give us that power in our lives. We look for power, Lord. May we not be confused tonight of looking for things in our imagination and missing what was happening. You said nine out of ten times, what we are looking for down the road, we fail to recognize what is happening right before us, we stumble over the simplicity of God. I pray that we will understand by the Holy Spirit tonight as we leave this place. We thank You for Your Presence. We thank You for the assistance of Your great Holy Spirit that is here. We feel that it has been good for us to be here tonight Father, and we thank You for it. I commit the people into Your hands now, in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen. Amen.

Amen, you may have your seats. Learning to lean. I am learning to lean on Jesus. Gaining more power than I have ever dreamed. Oh, it felt like you have received more strength tonight; more power to face the challenge in your home; more faith to step out there, "Satan, give me back my son, give me back my daughter!" Go after them, your family, your loved ones, your nephews, your nieces, bring them all under the Token with real Godly confidence. That is an expression of your revelation, so you could apply the Token with unwavering faith to see them receive Redemption coming under your Token – the Life of Christ being revealed in you in this Hour, showing that in that Day, you will know I in you and you in Me.

Oh, it is a great thing friends. This is supposed to be so real, not just in one aspect of your life, but in every phase of your life. This Jesus Christ that we talk about is to be seen, is to be manifested, is to be felt by everyone that comes into contact with you, walks into your home;

feel that same Presence there in your home that they would feel right here in the building. They will see that same order that you see in this church right here, in your home; everything. They will see that same respect for the ministry right there, see the children having respect for you also, because this is only a Spiritual type of that natural. That is to reflect Christ and His Church. And if we could understand that there, we will have no problems here. We only have problems here because many people don't understand that there, that is why they have problems there and they bring it here.

But may God give us overcoming grace in this Hour and may we take the challenge and face the challenge and know that we have what it takes to overcome the world. Amen. God richly bless you.

Learning to lean. [#313 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Learning to lean,

Oh, as the ushers would dismiss you quietly.

I am learning to lean,

Oh, I'm learning to lean on Jesus. That is the Word now.

[Bro. Vin leaves the pulpit -Ed.]

