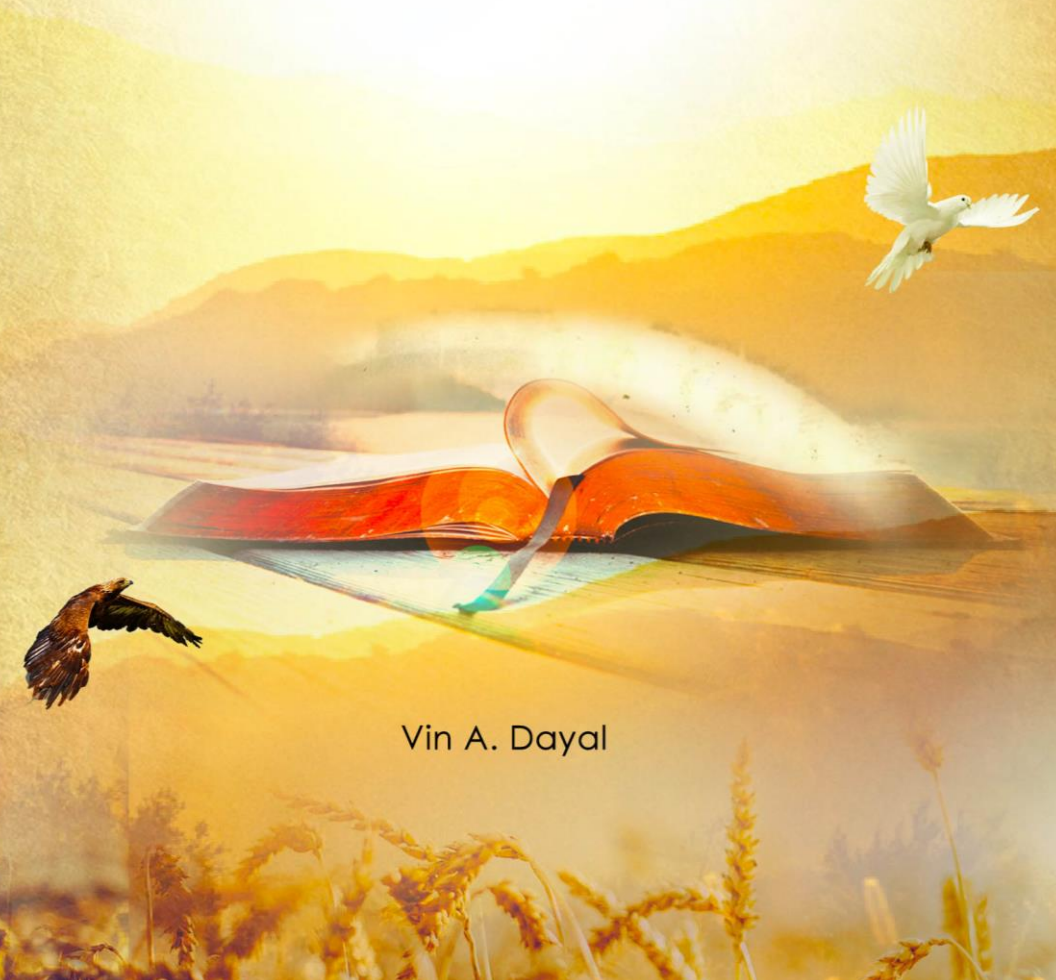

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[#135 Lead Me Lord - Songs That Live -Ed.]

... *go,*
You have called me,
And I will answer,
Lead me Lord, I...

Oh, I need His leadership today. Let us just lift our hands. You pray for me, I'll pray for you. Amen.

Lead me Lord, and I will follow...

Let us believe Him. I believe He could meet every need. He has already met it but He can give us the faith to move into it, no matter what it is.

... *And I have answered,*
Lead me Lord, I will go.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, it feels so good in here, Father, because of the expectations of Your children. Make it another wonderful time for them in Your Presence, Father. May Your Presence just come fluttering in and, Lord, alight upon each one, Father, Lord, where they could feel the streams of grace bathing down into their souls and bringing strength, might and power in the inner man, raising them up on another level to see with clearer vision, Father, Lord God, that they could have this Divine leadership and direction in their lives, dear God, the Bloody footprints can be made so clear,

their minds could be... [Glitch in audio -Ed.] and they could be so sensitive... [Glitch in audio -Ed.] May You grant it, Lord.

We thank You. We [Glitch in audio -Ed.] You. We just commit the service into Your mighty hands, believing and trusting, Lord, that You know each and every one. And Lord God, may You give the help, Father. Oh, where faith is not sufficient, if some devil is trying to hinder them or make them worry about something, may You break the hold, the grip of that enemy, Father. May the Holy Spirit, Lord, bring such liberty, for it is written, "*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*" There is emancipation. There is deliverance. Oh God, may we experience this with such reality this morning.

Lord, may You get honor and glory and may Your children be blessed and edified that when we leave this building we'll be walking closer to You, strengthened and with greater focus, oh God, Your will being made clearer and clearer to us.

And sometimes, Lord, we find ourselves in places that might be difficult, Lord, and we might need help, oh God, from You. We know You promised to help us. Lord, may we be able to draw on that help as we have need, if it is to walk away from things, if it is to separate, if it is to turn around, whatever it is, Lord, whatever is hard. Sometimes we have rivers that we think are uncrossable and mountains we can't tunnel through. Prove once again You are the God Who specializes in things thought impossible. It is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others in the Bible, He can do for us.

We thank You, Lord. We so appreciate how You blessed us last week and, Lord, we are looking in anticipation because we know God can do it again and again, and every time it can get greater and greater. So, may You have Your blessed way, Father. Pour out Your Spirit in such a way; that's what we need, Lord.

Send down such a surge of the Holy Ghost into our souls today as we sit in Your Presence. Take away all complexes. Make us relaxed. May we enjoy Your Presence, Father. Oh God, like when we go to the sea and we get in the water and it's so nice, it's a nice day and it's not too hot and the water is nice and, Lord, it's just a day where we can enjoy nature and everything else. May it be so in the spiritual for us even today: we could bathe in the River of God, (hallelujah!) this great River of the Holy Ghost today. Grant it, Lord. In Jesus' Name, we pray and we ask it, amen.

Praise His mighty Name. God bless you all and welcome once again. I trust, you know, nothing is disturbing you. Is anything disturbing anybody here? Everybody is feeling okay? When we have times like these, you know, it's times that's longed for. We long for times like these. And when it comes around, we don't want to be missing it or missing the opportunity. And we are just desiring that He would give each of us what we have need of. And I believe that He taught us to believe and to expect. Amen?

So, we serve a great God. I would like to read out of the Bible, Proverbs Chapter 6.

Last week we were speaking about *Marriage By Appointment or By Circumstance—or Marriage By Circumstance* [[2012-0930 -Ed.](#)] and, you know, we really couldn't finish it. And it is the kind of thoughts that sometimes we lay a little background, but we want to look at things.

And you know, I want you in meetings like these, don't get sensitive because of the subjects and the thing we are dealing with, just be relaxed. We need to know things in every area of our lives. Sometimes, the place where we lack knowledge and how to deal with things, that's where we fail, that's where the enemy could trap us. But when we have knowledge, we have understanding what God's Word says about that, what God's Word says about that, then we can go through

those areas without it being too bumpy and, you know, we are uncertain. God wants us to have confidence in every area of our lives.

And you know, sometimes this is education you may not get in school. This is education in church and a big general audience is not proper. I called a little church... I called an age group here and most of you all are single. Do we have any married people here inside this room? God bless you, my sister. This is fine. This is good, and you know...

Could you imagine I married my wife at seventeen years going on eighteen years back in 1977 and she had ten children for me? We had eleven pregnancies; we lost one. So she, as a young girl... And that was the second girl, so, as a young girl, you know, she suffered hurt and pain and grief.

You know, our lives are strange, but this is what earth is. God passes us places to reveal Himself to us. Sometimes we have to go through difficult places. Everything is not going to be nice; we are not in Heaven here. We are in Heavenly Places. But when we get in the real Heaven, there isn't going to be any sickness, any fear, any falling, any pressure on the mind, any nervous breakdown, any disappointments. But this life here is about this. But with good teaching we could handle things, we could face things, we could deal with things. And I just want to help you.

I don't have the time to be on a one to one with you all the time, but my first responsibility is for you all. And while we are here, I want to do my best to help you in the best way I can. And I'm not trying to help you out of my mind, I'm trying to yield and depend on the Holy Spirit that He can lead me in the places just to say enough, where enough needs to be said. Amen?

Proverbs 6, verse 26.

You know, we observe things in the world—and I guess we can observe that in church too because in the church environment here everybody here does not

have the Holy Ghost. You know that. And when we don't have the Holy Ghost, there is another ghost that wants to come in and rule our lives. You know that. Because he wants to live in man the same way God wants to live in us, (you know?) because spirits are powerless almost without a body. So, if God could get into us, God could do great things. If the devil gets in us, he can do great things, (you know?) his kind of great things. You know what I mean.

And these few verses in Proverbs here are speaking about a woman hunting a man and a man hunting a woman. You ever observed that? You ever see people trying to track you and you say, "You're tracking me? What, you're on my trail or something?" You see that. We see that in natural life. We observe that in the office. We see that in school. We see different things. We see it. We can't help seeing it. We wouldn't see that in Heaven but we see that on earth. That is on the earth we live in.

So, when we see these things—and not because you are a Christian, not even because you have the Holy Ghost you would be free from those things. Because sometimes Satan does not know you have the Holy Ghost because some of us have our Holy Ghost hidden away so far that we almost look like we don't have It sometimes. So, Satan feels kind of bold and comes right upon you.

Remember he came to Jesus, "If thou be the Son of God..."? But Jesus looked so meek, you know. And he found out that Jesus really wasn't that meek to be a pushover. So, this is what this is about.

And watch how It says here:

²⁶ For by means of a whorish woman...

And you always hear me say Proverbs tells you about every different kind of woman but It ends up with the last chapter: "*Who could find a virtuous woman?*"

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread...

Now, these are proverbs. So, sometimes you read a statement and you say, "It doesn't make sense to me." You know why? Because you are accustomed to reading papers and school books that have nothing technical about them. But God's wisdom—Proverbs are like parables. And in parables, there is always a hidden meaning in the way things are being said.

So, it says:

26 ... by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread...

What do you do with a piece of bread? Eat it. Eat it. You mean to say... You ever see a piece of bread on the counter or right there, nice, hot, baked bread or whatever it is, good, nice, whole wheat bread, and you just feel to eat it, and you take it and that bread bawls, "Don't touch me, don't touch me"? That bread has no resistance. It might be somebody else's bread. But that bread doesn't say, "Don't touch me, I belong to somebody else." If that bread could have talked and that bread knew who the owner of the bread is, the bread might say that, right? But if somebody sees the bread there, nobody is around, they are hungry, they want to eat that piece of bread, they take the bread and go.

So, it likens a man to that. You could imagine if this man is not a real man and he meets that kind of woman, a whorish woman? He is a piece of bread. Samson was a piece of bread for Delilah. For a thousand Philistines, Samson was, you know, he was like a plague. He was going to wipe out a thousand Philistines like nothing. But for that one woman, he was a piece of bread. When she finished with him, you know, he was blind, he was a prisoner, he was being used for sport. And it is only the riches of God's grace and mercy he was able to get back a second ride.

... and the adulteress [shall] hunt...

You see how God's Word is? Now, sometimes people want to read things that they kind of figure is mature reading. Well, this is mature reading right here. When you get the wrong kind of mature reading it carries your mind in a lot of places where sometimes you really get your mind messed up. But when you read here, God uses the word 'hunt' with a woman. He says, "She will hunt." But that is normal.

You know, in nature... If you ever saw National Geographic and you watch the lions and they, the females hunt. I saw it live on this last trip; we were there in Africa. She puts the two cubs and she hides them in a safe place and she starts to stalk. And she is stalking the prey. And you could see the animal is a little scared because it could smell them but it can't see her because she is so hidden. But she is coming after him. The only thing that made that fellow getaway is when that tourist van pulled up and everybody jumped out with cameras. They wanted to shoot this and catch a lioness stalking something. Well, right away he knew where the lioness was and he took off. And then the lioness, her hunt, she must have been really disappointed this tourist came. And her piece of bread, you know—that she almost thought was so certain she is going to have that piece of bread today.

... [She] *will hunt for the precious life.*

²⁷ Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

You know if you have... If you see some coals on a coal pot or something, some coals of fire, you want to take it and somebody is coming, and you take it and you hide it in your coat, that is the wrong place to hide it, you know. That would start to burn through your coat. Next thing, a lot of smoke is coming out from under your coat here and it is known that you have coals of fire; the missing coals of fire from the coal pot are right under your clothes.

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

29 So...

See? These two illustrations are now going to be applied to something.

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife...

It is like a man taking coals of fire to hide it here in his bosom. It will be burnt, he will suffer loss, he will be greatly embarrassed and exposed because you really can't hide that kind of fire in that place. So men carry fire inside of them: coals of lust and things that they carry, and they are burning with this fire in them, and this fire in them carries them in the wrong places where they are going to suffer great loss and do great damage.

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

In other words, shall not be acquitted, shall not be guiltless; shall not be without condemnation. There is no way... In other words, if those coals of fire burn your clothes, so, if a man has fire and he goes in, he also will suffer great damage.

30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

People could sympathize with a thief who steals something because he is hungry. He doesn't have money. He doesn't have anything. If he has money in his pocket then you know he is a wicked thief. If he is starving and he is about to die and he sees something there to eat and he hasn't eaten for days and he takes it and then somebody understands the man's condition, then at least they could sympathize with that thief.

31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold...

That was the law in Israel. They would make that thief pay. He has to go and work. Because when he goes before the court, the court says, "You have to go and work, hard labor, or do community service, or go and do this here and make sure you pay back the last cent. And it will be seven times; if you ate two dollars worth of bread, you are paying fourteen dollars to the person whose bread you took. Because why? While you took what they had, they suffered loss. They experienced some of the same hardships. And you put them through that when you took, so you have to pay back what you took and then pay the damage, the compensation for the person who you caused to suffer, not having, by you taking what belonged to them and making them go through without." See? And that is how the law was.

... he shall give all the substance of his house.

³² But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

³³ A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

These are proverbs. It is showing us the consequences of doing things rashly, of breaking barriers, crossing boundaries, moving from where you stand legitimately, nobody could accuse you, nobody could condemn you, nobody could... If somebody lies against you and an investigation is made, it shows they are lying upon you; there is no such evidence. The court could never condemn you without evidence. No matter how many people accuse you, if they can't prove it, the court has to give you the benefit of the doubt. That is why it says, "Innocent until proven guilty." But when you cross your boundaries, you will suffer the consequences.

So it is teaching us here, the man who is stealing, who has to restore; the man who is committing

adultery, he lacketh understanding. Because if he had stopped and thought of what he was doing, he would have had a different attitude and opinion about doing what he was doing because he knows the consequences that are going to come with these things.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word. You may have your seat. God bless you and help you to be relaxed. That was just like my little background Scripture; I wanted to...

Quiet my interpreters a little bit. Let them go a little softer because I'm hearing the other preacher inside of there as well, you know. [Bro. Vin addresses the sound technicians - Ed.]

So, we don't want to get on a volume competition here because I want to be able to stand up and just talk to you a little bit, and stand where I could get a good, clear glimpse of who I'm speaking to and speaking with, and that it could be a wonderful time today.

I want to take for a title and call it, ***"THE HEAT OF UNHOLY PASSION"***. *THE HEAT OF UNHOLY PASSION*. And for a little subject, ***"What Kind Of Fire Is In Your Bosom"***. It didn't say having fire in your bosom is wrong, because it explained the kind of fire that is wrong here. You know we sing: *Burn, burn, Holy Spirit, burn in me, set my heart on fire. Fill me with the Holy Ghost, and God's full desire. Make me like the Christ of old, healing and raising the dead. Give me the power that Jesus had through His Blood that was shed.* [#133 Burn, Burn Holy Spirit - Songs That Live -Ed.]

So, this is what it is. This is what we want. We want the Holy Ghost Fire burning inside of us, burning in our bosom. And may God give It to us. But we read here that is not the only fire that could burn, or that burns in people's bosom. So, do we have a choice? Can we control what kind of fire is inside of us?

Now, have you ever studied the element of fire? Fire is a great, great thing. But fire is very complex, how it is used. You know if we used to have winter here in Trinidad, and we go like... Like some places out in Siberia and those places, you go fifty, sixty degrees below zero. In those places, if that engine of that car turns off, or those trucks, all of that thing freezes inside the tank; (you see?) it can't move, how cold it is in some of these places.

So, when you have fire in a place like that, something to give heat, that is a great thing because you could die. That is why one grain of match is a great, great thing. It may seem like nothing. You could be caught in a winter where there is no electricity and you have a grain of match, a grain of match will save your life. And you could have a bag with that grain of match with ten million dollars in it, that really can't help you. And to save your life, you realize the only thing to make a fire, you will start to use that paper to keep yourself warm because you are going to die.

So, sometimes under certain circumstances, something could be like wealth to you that you want so badly, and you would kill and maybe go and rob a bank to get that, and then you find yourself right away in a place freezing, and the same thing you risked your life for, you are using it now as a form to save your life, not by spending it and buying a nice, big house, but by burning it so you could get some warmth.

People, like in Europe, who went through the war and during the times of war, like back in 1939 to 1945, World War II, when the Allied Nations started to bomb Europe and destroy those countries to free the people from the grip of Hitler, the Nazi regime, the Third Reich, and they went in and six million Jews had died in the Holocaust already because they had a plan of genocide to exterminate all Jews in Europe. And a lot of these people now, when they were being captured, as they took territory, the Nazi regime, they

were putting them in the concentration camps. And when they put them in the concentration camps now, the people suffered real inhumane conditions. You might see pictures or books and read things about the Holocaust and so on. You see the people how they got so thin; how they were there. They used them as slave labor and everything else and they had them in such a condition.

And you could think, these people had families. These people were aristocratic Jews, and you know, who owned business and everything else; had their synagogues where they go and they worship and everything. And then a government came in, changed the law, they became slave labour and six million were being exterminated, just because of hatred for that race. Same way with the slave trade, all these things. We see how these things happened in history, and we see the cruelty of man in these things.

Well, when we see the value of heat, of fire, fire could cook food for you. Fire could keep you warm. See? Fire could bring protection because the animals—you light a fire and even a big lion will stay back behind that fire. They wouldn't cross that fire like that because like in their mind, they can't understand this. You see? Yet that one grain of match could destroy what is in a family for hundreds of years, and come down as property and inheritance. It could burn that thing flat to the ground. The labor and sacrifice and toil of father and grandfather, and a child comes in and inherits all of this and didn't understand the value and was reckless: going to sleep drunk or something, knocks down a lamp and starts a fire. And by time you know, children die and property is lost and everything else through recklessness. So, fire could be both destructive and fire could be a great thing.

And when the Bible likens to fire—because remember God is likened to Fire. The Holy Ghost came as Fire. We talk about the Pillar of Fire over the head

of the Prophet – God coming down there. See? Fire was Light to them in the night. A Pillar of Cloud by day, they were led, and a Pillar of Fire by night.

So when we look at what fire is, then we feel... Fire now is likened to passion. You say, “Man, you are cold, man. You are cold.” Because people know what coldness is, right? And God said, “You are neither hot nor cold, so I spew you out of My mouth,” because God wants you either hot or cold for Him. If you are cold, you show well you don’t believe in God to begin with. If you believe in God, God says, “I expect you to be hot.” Because you can’t be a real witness if you are lukewarm.

‘Lukewarm’ is looking for a middle ground between hot and cold. That is a person who is straddling the fence, who has not made any real decision; one foot in the world over here, one foot with God over here, and they are going through life. And they are going to always end up disappointed because they are trying to pursue two things at the same time, living between two desires. It doesn’t work. You can’t be drunk and sober at the same time. You can’t be going east and west at the same time. So, fire is a great thing.

And what you want to see now, we want Fire. The baptism... Fire purifies. You know that. It says, “Every man’s work will be tried by fire; that if you build upon wood, stubble and hay...” Then the Scripture talked about, “the fiery trial is more precious than gold that perisheth.” When you are going through trials and you feel like you just can’t make it because the heat, the fire, the intensity of it, is like somebody trying to stand up with blazing heat. You see? So, fire is used in many different ways.

The way we are thinking about fire here, we read the Scripture we read, and I am saying, “What kind of fire is in your bosom?” I believe in my heart, I have Holy Ghost Fire. I believe my Fire, at times, maybe in my journey... I remember one time my Fire wanted to like

get quenched. I used to have the little church; a small, nice, little group of us in San Fernando, and then we went out, started to go to Barataria, a new group started there. And I had just married, I didn't get chance even to settle down; my wife and children, I didn't, you know, get a place to live or anything and I had a whole next set of people now around me. And then I had to drive... I had to be preaching down in the South, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, and now, I had to go Thursdays and Sundays in Barataria and then—in the morning, and come back down South to preach Sunday night. Because we had people in the South who couldn't go to Barataria and we had to go.

And back and forth, now (see?), so you can imagine. And it came like things were happening too fast for me, and I wanted to give up the church there because I felt that I couldn't give my best either side. And we had some brothers that we were united with; I said, "You all take the church up here and we will come and have meetings, maybe once a month, maybe once every two months, whatever, and when we come, we'll have joint meetings and so on. But you all live up in the North; you all take the church there."

But when I thought I was going to escape from that, the people said, "No, no, no, no, no. Our experience is with you. Our experience is with you." So, then now, I got stuck into it, and then it is like, in there I began to find out, not that my Fire was going to out; God was going to give me more Fire. Because in Barataria is where God broke things out into a revival. It wasn't only me on Fire now; it was the whole church on Fire. And you hear about those days.

Well, let me tell you. You all who were there and born with parents in the Assembly, you were in your parents. You know how Jesus said, when He walked the earth, we walked the earth; when He suffered, we suffered; when He died, we died; when He rose, we rose, because we were in Him. Well, so you were in

your parents. So when your parents were being blessed, you were being blessed. When you were born, you were born under certain inspiration. When you were dedicated... And what a lot of children started to do when they started to grow up and God started to deal with them, they started to go back and see when they were dedicated. And they go back on the tape and they hear the prayer when they were dedicated, they hear the service, they see what was happening in the church at that time, and so, they begin to understand the circumstances in the spiritual realm that they were being born into.

Now, these things help you in life because life has a purpose behind it, and birth requires a certain atmosphere. And when God creates a certain atmosphere by His Fire, His Presence coming down in the church, it does that. And so, people start to get identification. And they say... Then you want to look into your name: "What does my name mean? Why did they name me this name?" At first, you are in a school and everybody has a name from Hollywood or some English name or some little doctor in the world name, or some famous sports person name in the world. And then you find, well, your name is not like one of those names. And then you say, "Well, I want to know my name." Especially sometimes your parents give you some Old Testament name. But sometimes, it is the inspiration on the parents.

I remember... Where is Emmanuel Stephens? Bro. Emmanuel in the back, his daddy... Because I was preaching the Book of Esther. And when that Spirit struck that way, he named one of his children Memucan because that was one of the names of the chamberlains. So, we used to also call him Memucan (you know?) because...

Now, sometimes a child is growing up and somebody says, "Memucan."

Say, "Where did you get that name: Memucan?" You know? And then you start to feel shame about your name because you don't realize; you don't look into it.

And then they start to tell you who Memucan was. And they start to tell you how this name came about and the Supernatural thing. And then you ask the person, "How did you get your name?"

"Well that name was in the papers, it says, well..."

Well, look at the kind of people who have that name. This name is rare and this name has deeper meaning, greater significance. And then you start to understand now, what is in a name. There is an influence behind a name. Because names are associated with behaviour, okay?

You see how it identifies a woman here? Look at the kind of woman. Now, she is a female species like any female species, but to give her a description and say, "A whorish woman," that has to do with her morals, not her beauty, not her education, not maybe necessarily her fashion. She can be, maybe, the most attractive woman. She can be highly intelligent. She can be wealthy and what you call 'successful' in the corporate world. Her pay level must be quite up here, what you can't imagine. She is drawing...

Like there was some woman in the papers recently here, working in some government position, was drawing something like fifty thousand dollars or more a month, or whatever it was. And when you watch that now—and she must be driving a Ferrari outside or something, and that type of thing. And you may admire all that but God's eye is different. God watches differently and God classifies us differently. And hear the reason why. Because it is God Who made us. And God Who made us and gave us life, God knows what He made us for. He knows what He made us for.

Now, because we're a free moral agency and God didn't want to make us robots, then He wanted you to choose. He wanted to show you Who He is, What He is;

hear His side of the story and tell you about Himself. And then you say, "I'm impressed. Lord, I will serve You." Because He made Himself known to you. He didn't want to make you where you can't do anything else.

So, sometimes you say, "I don't think I want to serve God." Now, He would not give up on you because He is not that kind of person. Because He knows that you are saying that now because of what is predominant in your mind and what you are being influenced by. But He knows now: let you get on a sick bed, you wouldn't call for help from the thing you are following, or what is influencing you; you will want God to deliver you. You understand? So, He knows, "Okay, I can't get to talk to you here. I'm going to be standing up down there because I know where your journey is passing. Because the road you are on, I know where that road is leading to. So, I'm waiting right under this tree here, reading My paper. And when your car crashes there, I will come by the door and take you out, where your hands are wrapped around the steering wheel, and your back is broken in four places, and I'll take you out and bring you to safety here, and I will look at you and tell you, 'Don't fear, child.'"

He is not going to come and say, "Look at you. You would not have had to come..." No. He says, "I am going to get you out of this, don't panic, I'm right here." He is not even going to use that as a way to say, "If you don't serve Me again, you are dead next time." No. He wants you to recognize for yourself. He wants you to look at yourself. He is going to allow now, a couple more circumstances to get you to look into your heart.

Because you see, sometimes we don't realize we are looking at our bodies, we are looking at our faces, we are looking at our shape, we are looking at this, we are looking at our money, we are looking at our looks, we are looking at how handsome we are, we are looking at

our height, we are looking at our voice, we are looking at the hair coming out on our faces, we are looking at how we've started to shave (you know), we are looking at what kind of car we want to drive. And we are looking at these things, but He knows He wants us to look into our heart because we are really what we are in our heart, not in our face, not in our looks.

If it is a basketball coach, he will be attracted to your height. If it is a cricket coach, he will say, "You might make a good fast bowler." You understand what I'm saying? He will look at maybe, your built, your physical built, and see how he could use that to bring success. If it is an advertising agency, they are going to look at your face, look at your shape, look at these things, and say, "Okay, you have the kind of face for lingerie." (No, I'm saying it wrong. Lingerie. Forgive me. I know the word, it is just that it didn't come out right.) You see? Or he would say, "Yeah, you have the face to advertise, you know, cereals or something. You look like a kind of health person." You know? And then he says, "You have the kind of slender hands for wristwatches and so on."

So, they are going to look at different aspects of your body, but God doesn't deal with us from there. God wants us to look inward to see what kind of person we really are: our ambitions, our desires. Are we humble or are we proud? Do we want to be simple or do we want to be not simple; we want to be, you know, high and lifted up. Do we want to serve and raise a family, or do we want to be outside there to become the next female Prime Minister or something? You know? The Lord wants to make us look inwardly.

Now, it is important with you at the stage in life, at your junction in life, where you are looking, where you are looking. Because where you look is going to determine where your values are, where your mind and your thoughts are directed.

Now, like I told you last week, I said, “Some of you all will serve God better, married.” You understand? Because some of you really just want to settle down in life. In other words, you have salvation and you are conscious the next step should be marriage, home and happiness. Could you imagine you have step one right... Now, once you have step one right, step two should not be too difficult. You agree to that? Now, I know that is a “yes,” but I don’t know if that is a ‘thinking yes,’ because I have a thought in my mind of what I mean.

If you have salvation, the Holy Ghost inside of you checks everything. The Holy Ghost inside of you will give you a discernment of spirit. The Holy Ghost inside of you... Now, going to church is good. A lot of people think, “Well, if I get a nice church girl, or if I get a nice church boy...” I trust this week...

I’m just taking my time with you. You see, I want to get us all in one mind. I want to get us all to feel what—we can move into a certain channel. Because I’m not here to preach a sermon; I’m here to kind of talk with you, but talk with you through the Word.

What we really need is that we can see when... Because remember, we are living in an Age where Satan knows his greatest success has been like in the days of Noah, in the time of Balaam, in the time of—in the Book of Ezra and Nehemiah when they came out of Babylon. Those were the days of false union, where the real Seed of God, the Elected people, got really tied up with the wrong set of people. And all those days are put in the Bible to forewarn us of this Day.

This is the Day when we have the most divorces in the world. This is the Day when marriages don’t last. This is the Day where because of relationships, marriage has no influence as far as the world is concerned. Your marriage does not disqualify you for any political office. In other words, if you are a homosexual, your partner is a woman, or your partner

is a man, and that is perverted, that is not something for discrimination. That is something...

The people who make the laws are the politicians and they, and they make these laws. The churches who are supposed to be giving salvation, they endorse these laws. Because politicians don't marry people; they make the laws. But then, the churches now become liberal because the churches are influenced by the politicians. Because it is the same spirit, so... That is why church and state are coming back together; religion and politics; that's Pergamos: the church marrying the world and the world marrying the church. That is hybrid religion. So, it is not relationships going out of existence; it's what we call relationships, today.

Remember when I talked to you last week, I talked about relationships and marriage. Well, that is a loaded statement, you know. Now, there was a time that wasn't loaded at all, you know. If you said relationship and marriage back in the early days of civilization, well, everybody understood it is one man and one woman. When you see 'relationship' today, you have to say, "What kind of relationship do you mean?" We have to define that now because there are all different kinds of categories of relationship. And when we say marriage now, what do we mean? Because now they have same-sex marriage and all these things. So to use the word like that, if you are really living in the twenty-first century, people will laugh at you if you are thinking when somebody makes that statement, that they mean a man and a woman, you know.

Now you know with me standing up here in this meeting here, I'm talking about marriage and relationships, you know it is only one relationship I know, and one kind of marriage I know. You know? So... Because I am trying to teach you some of this from the Word, that when you see this, not only is it

for you, you know. You will understand why the world is the way it is and then you will understand how the world wants to defile the believer.

There were believers in every Age. The Lutherans were believers at one time. The Methodists were believers at one time. The Pentecostals were believers at one time, but you know what happened? The world defiled all of these and they became organizations and they are just worldly now. And God has left these places and this is just an intellectual gathering. The last place to take is churches like us. The moment the devil comes in and defiles us, then the righteous Seed is gone. And hear what the Scriptures says, "If God didn't preserve a Seed, we would've been like Sodom and Gomorrah."

That's why God had a man who He could get to deal with outside of Bible school and outside of religion. If the messenger had remained a Baptist, we were finished. If the messenger had joined up in the Ecumenical Move, we were finished; he was finished too. But because it is a Scriptural war, all hell is against this Truth. If Satan could take this Seed -

Now Satan controls all the seeds. How many ever read about Monsanto? This is a big corporation who is controlling all the food, any part of the world because they patent all the seeds. So farmers who're growing, they have to get their seeds from Monsanto. When they get the seed, they plant it. Long ago, before Monsanto took over - and he took over because of government and backed by government, because who controls the food controls the people.

You heard me preach on *Genocide by Famine*, and *The Economic Judgement* [2008-0413 -Ed.] and *The Adopted Son in the Time of Economic Recession* [2008-0404 -Ed.] and these things. We come through those kinds of messages showing you the age we're living in.

And our food today, whether we're growing it here or whether we're importing our food, our food is no longer

original because now they're giving you the seeds. They're making the spray. They're controlling the market for it. You see? They're setting the prices for the food. So countries that are in debt, like 'Third World' [Developing countries -Ed.] countries who have great population but small income, just now they won't be able to feed their people.

Right now, there is a big noise over the budget... Right? Now when budget time comes around, this is going to determine cost of living. Cost of living is going to be determined by... Your class of living will be determined by your cost of living. And your cost of living is coming from what you're earning. If you're not earning anything to meet the cost of living, then you will be like on a pole: you were kind of skating going up, trying to come from poverty, to above the poverty line, to come up into middle class, and one day you're hoping now, you'll come up at the top of the pole where you have a nice car, live in a nice neighbourhood and what you call, 'doing well' and 'well off'.

Well, when they start to deal with the budget and these things so, you drop down; you skate back down. And when you skate back down that is hard to deal with. Sometimes children do not feel that but their parents feel that. Because now the parents are sacrificing to give their children because they figure they have lived half their life already, "I want to see my child dress nice. I want to see my children have this. I want to see my girl look good when she's going to church. I want to see them look good when they're going to school. I want to make their room comfortable for them, make it a little nicer and everything else". Parents want to do this.

But when that price goes up now and the parents' salaries haven't gone up now, all of that start to go out. Then debt starts to accumulate. When debt starts to accumulate now, then you find now, your credit

rating now is under real strain, because you are taking things that you can't pay back for. You see? That is a tension and pressure in life. But where we are looking from, we want to know that here... If the world gets ahold of us as a church, begins to devalue what we have, our atmosphere... That is why when we say, "Worship God! Praise God! Have faith. Get the Holy Ghost!" That means, we will be able to be a little ahead of the enemy.

So what he is bringing, we're into a condition where we cannot be paralyzed. Because remember, the more people Satan gets in the world is the more the darkness spreads. In the end, only the Elect—if it's possible even the Elect would have been deceived. But the whole world is going to be deceived. So what is going to happen? You are going to find out now; you're facing pressure that the rest of the world isn't facing; you're facing bombardment in your mind, and the only thing between there is to take a side. Or if you have the real Thing, you stand up and you have a testimony.

Well, I am trying to bring this to give you something that you could have a testimony; that your testimony could grow stronger. Because, it doesn't take anything in an organization—you start to date, you get into a relationship, you cross certain boundaries; some girl gets pregnant quick, so they have to marry them to keep the shame off; make things look good. From the time that happens, you know the next thing? Marriage falls apart. Well, you know what the preacher says? "A nice young girl like you? No man. God doesn't want you to sit down like that. Girl, try and get somebody else in your life because you're staying there and pining. Let him go his way if he thinks something." You see? Or give you some kind of carnal advice, not knowing *that* advice is damning your soul and sending you to hell; because no adulteress will be in the Kingdom of God.

Now you could commit adultery and still be saved. You say, “Well, you just contradicted yourself.” No, in other words, if you make a mistake, and you repent, and God forgives you like David, your sin is gone. You continue your relationship with God. You’ll suffer the consequences. It went all through his family until he died. Next generation, among his own children, the thing was still going on for that one sin – for that one sin.

So when you look and you see how things move in families. We are a family here. We are a church family, because we’re all born by the same Seed: the Message of the Hour. We call each other “Brother” and “Sister” inside of here, not as a religious term. You don’t really have to use that if you don’t believe in it, you know. But because we believe that we are a part of a family gathered here, and in the spirit of love for each other, we use the term ‘my brother, my sister’. We use that term but if you only want to use it biologically, well, I don’t think anybody will have to force you to say anything, because it is not about that. Because when you get a revelation, you feel you love somebody there—because we have a Heavenly Father, (see?) we all have a Heavenly Father and you recognize that this is one of God’s children. That is one of God’s children. So it is a wonderful thing like that.

Now this HEAT OF UNHOLY PASSION. I wanted to show you last week how *Marriage by Circumstance* and marriage by convenience. Now, you don’t get married by convenience. We found out last week that lust and self-will was the root of marriage by convenience. And prayer and Divine leadership was the root of marriage by appointment. We found out that last week. This one started with prayer. This one started with Divine leadership. This one started with God coming down and providing the right person. The next one started with lust, sexual desire and then looking for marriage after. Do you understand?

So, when we find this out now... Why is this put in the Bible? Because God is interested in how people come into a relationship. Now if you don't relate to this right, you could think well, "We're only talking about that." No, we're not only talking about that. That is put in the Bible because this is the Age most people are going to get messed up there. "As it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be..." Not might be or could be. It shall be so! This is the Age of false union.

And the thing is, this does not mean, just getting trouble with somebody in the world. People could get trouble right here among their own brothers and sisters. You say, "Bro. Vin that can't be. I don't think so." Do you know there is incest in families? Do you know school teachers go with students? Do you know men who support children, buying school books and helping them there and giving them money to spend and different things are manipulating and using people, exploiting them sexually for favours? You know that. Now, this is normal.

Now sometimes because of how we grew up, we don't know these things, you know. If you just talk to some social workers—when they put the statistics in the papers, they say, "In the last 6 months, pregnancy in children 12 years [old]... The father or the grandfather." You see the... What is it? Something has happened to the human race.

Now, that is what we are talking about in the Bible. The Bible is not talking about something in the past, you know. It's a prophetic Book. It is not a history book. A history book points to something in the past. A prophetic Book tells you what is coming. So the Bible is showing us a true picture of the world today. The Bible tells us about Sodom and Gomorrah since Abraham's time. And when Jesus came, He said, "As it was in that Day, so it shall be." And Jesus said, "That time is coming back." Thousands of years passed, and we're in the midst of it. And in that time it was a city.

Today it's the whole world. So this is a thing you have to wake up and realize.

Now when that's coming on that way, that is a spirit, you know. Spanish flu after World War I killed fifty million people. World War I had about fifteen million deaths and about twenty-five million casualties. And after the war, right after the war in 1919, (the war stopped in 1918) Spanish flu struck (the plague after the war) and killed fifty million people around the world in no time. It was more destructive than the war itself. You know why? That's a virus. And people sneezed on people; people got in the environment where those people were, and all of them got the disease and got wiped out.

Well that is how a spirit is. You get among people with that spirit. You don't know that spirit. People don't have a label on their heads saying, "I'm bisexual, or I'm trisexual, or I am into bestiality." People don't have that, you know. When we're finding out today and they say... Like this man Anderson Cooper, the CNN man, when he stands up and says, "I am gay." Well he has already become so popular; he was in Haiti when there was the earthquake; he was over here when there was war; he was down here when there was hurricane. Well, where were you? You were not anywhere. "Well, this man loves humanity. This man loves the world. This man is bringing the things of the world." So this man, he is entitled to live that way. And these are people who could be emulated.

Because to spread this, they have to get the most influential people, you know. So now recently, the last one who came out was—there was a fellow, a boxer, and just before he goes to make this big fight he comes and says, he says, "I'm gay." So they realize now, "Well, look at men in sport..." Where you figure this is men with strength, men who fight—"You want to take me on. You want to test me out." You know, you realize they're that way.

Long ago that used to be associated with, if you end up in prison and because everybody's locked up in prison and frustrated, they turn on one another. But now, you find out that is not so. Now don't take this as carnal. If you take this as carnal here, you are wasting my time, you know. I am not on carnality here, you know. I'm talking things that you all meet in school.

But when you have the right understanding; how to deal with it, and when you have to face with it, and when you don't understand why you need the Holy Ghost, and sometimes you say, "Well, I can't be turned. Nobody can carry me there." Well, you may not be there, but there are young girls who haven't come out of school yet and already passed through four or five fellows already, in church.

I am the Pastor. I have had to deal with things over the years. When you have a plague and you're seeing plague, and you're seeing people who don't have immunity to the plague, you know what you do? Hear what you do. You go in your laboratory and try to get a serum that you could give somebody an inoculation, to give them the immunity to boost them to resist that virus! You don't go and try to kill them when they're already dying and burn them. No. You try to give them something to keep that out of their life, to push it back out of their life, because people can make a mistake...

You might lose your virginity, but you don't have to lose your respect and your dignity, you know. You might make a mistake. You might not have been taught the Word and you might have been careless with your life and being led astray and influenced, but that doesn't mean to say now, because you did that, you're bad. You are not bad. You can draw from this and pull yourself up. And God can make you into a more influential woman than a woman who is a virgin – for Christ.

The woman at the well brought the whole city out to see Jesus. Which virgin brought out the city? Do you

think a virgin was interested in bringing out the city? But this is the thing. And when the Lord forgave the woman sins and those Pharisees were saying, "Look at Him. If He knew what kind of woman that was. He is saying that He is a Prophet, and He is the Messiah." And He turned around and said, "Simon," He said, "I came in and you didn't even welcome Me. You didn't wash My feet. You didn't give Me any perfume. You didn't greet Me or anything." He said, "Since I came in here, she has been doing that because you failed to do it." He said, "And furthermore, who is forgiven much will love more." And the Lord showed He was so interested in that woman. He stood up to the Pharisees to protect and stand for this woman. Why? Though she was in a fallen condition, He wanted to let her know she doesn't have to live down in the bottom there. He can raise her back up.

This is the beauty of the Gospel; that Mary Magdalene, so beautiful – a beauty queen – had seven devils, and when the Lord cast those devils out, she became His most faithful disciple, that she was the first one He appeared to in the Resurrection. And when she started to testify, Mr. Peter, Mr. Philip, Mr. Matthew, Mr. John, Mr. Andrew, all these people who were on Mount Transfiguration and things – He didn't appear to them first, He appeared to her first.

This is God we're talking about. Why? It shows how God is interested. So it's not an 'I'm better than you' thing, it's what the story of our life is. We all have a story, and when we know our story and we see how God is writing His story through our lives, we know how to represent Him, and how our influence can bring others to know Jesus Christ. Because one of the real things in a real woman and man is the faith of God. They don't amount to anything if they don't have faith, because without faith the world will overcome them. "Faith is the victory that overcometh the world." So this faith now... Isn't it great that...

Now, how many know there are women that have more money than men, too? Some women have more money than some men. Okay? Why? Because money has no favouritism of man or woman; money will go with those who treat money well, and know how to work with money. Money will go with that person, whether it is a man or woman.

Well so it is. Faith—God will give either one who believes Him, faith. If the man doesn't believe, God will give the woman the faith, and she will have faith to believe God. This is the great thing. So, God is not like, 'Faith is for men and beauty is for women.' No, no, God has handsome men, too. Look at some of these brothers here. I mean to say they are very handsome brothers. See? So God is on both sides. He wants to give us something.

Now the place is... I am surprised sometimes. I feel we have some of the best young people here in the church, but you know what I get trouble with sometimes? And the trouble is this: you all seem to, sometimes, not have the confidence you all are supposed to have. And with the lack of this confidence... Now, confidence doesn't have to be kind of... The Bible says, "*In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.*" Confidence is not like, "I am trying to play that I'm positive," you know; you're trying to send a positive message. No.

Sometimes, you're full of confidence and you're calm. And, you know, you're so powerful in your own self because of what God has done for you. And your convictions go so deep, you know, "No person is going to come to mess up my mind and I'm all defenceless. No, no, no." You say, "The church that I'm in? The ministry that I'm sitting under? The Word that I'm hearing?"

Now I know this Word, what position this Word can put a sister in, too, you know. So when I see one of my sisters getting manipulated or fearful or cagey, I say,

“Well, she didn’t listen to the Word, boy. She isn’t really hearing what is being said.” Could you sit down in a church like this and hear the Word and the things that are being said, and can’t walk with confidence? I feel my girls here in this church are supposed to know exactly where they’re standing – exactly what they want.

Let me read a quotation for you. It’s from *Choosing A Bride* [1965-0429E –Ed.] And the Prophet said:

Now, if the spiritual, or the natural is a type of the spiritual, then the choosing of a bride in the natural is a type of choosing a Bride in the spiritual.

Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife...

Now to me, the thing about the Prophet is: we all were in ignorance but God had appointed a man on the earth, ordained a man, to bring His Word through, because that is the Bible way. We read about Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, John, Paul; this is how God works through a prophet. So when this generation comes, God knows we are going to be faced with these things. He comes now, knowing this is the Age that sons and daughters of God will be tested and tried, and many will fail – He comes to teach us about ‘choosing a mate’. That is a great thing.

A Prophet came, went in the Bible and brought this out. A Prophet who God appeared to, and gave the revelation of *Marriage and Divorce* [1965-0221M –Ed.]. They dismissed the whole school to go and watch the Pillar of Fire on the mountain, coming down like this in Arizona. [Bro. Vin illustrates by moving his hand up and down. –Ed.] And the little boy in the classroom...

The teacher said, “But this is a phenomenon.”

He said, “That’s God talking to Bro. Branham up there, His Prophet.” Because his father is in the Tabernacle... This little boy goes to the Tabernacle. So he is in the school; he knows what that Pillar of Fire is doing there. You see?

Now this is us. We didn't live there, but this is us. This is our reality. And if he is teaching us about choosing... It just shows that one of the things God is interested in, is that you choose the right person. Now, the thing in this is, you can't choose twice. Now this is what happened with people. In other words they want to live where, "I could choose. I choose you." After two days, "I find I don't like you again. I choose somebody else." Next day, they say, "This one chose this one here." She says, "No. I get to find out he doesn't have a job, and he doesn't like to work." Well, you must do your research first.

Who ever went to the natural market? Have any of you ever gone to the natural market? Looks like there are plenty of people that go to the market. Okay. You go to the market. Have you ever seen how people in the market buy things? They see a whole, big heap of tomatoes like this. They don't go and take out all the soft ones and throw it into the bag and put it on the scale, you know. They're picking out. They don't care if three or four fall off; that is not their business. They pick it up and put it back there. But they're looking for the big ones. They're looking for the nice ones. They're looking for the fresh ones, you know. They dig up all the different things. The potatoes; they check this one, there is something... This side was looking good on top but when they turned it over, it had something.

Now, if you're so particular to choose and search through that whole heap to make sure you get the right one, and then that is just to cook and eat and go out in the draught by tomorrow (the next day), and you're so particular to choose; you mean to say, when you have to make a choice for life, once in a lifetime, you're just choosing, "Boop". A nice tie matching pants, you choose that; or you watch a nice hair comb. You can't choose that way. You have to be a little particular. In this, you have to be choosy.

And when I say 'choosy', I don't mean fussy. 'Choosy' means, "No, I know what I'm looking for. I have a concept of what is appointed of God for me. I'm looking for character. I'm looking for loyalty and faithfulness. I want to be convinced of this first. Height? If I'm taller than him, well I am going to wear flats." You're willing to... No, you see some of you laugh at that.

Let me tell you this. I see for myself as a Pastor in the church, this brother had liked this sister. They were a nice couple. The brother really liked the sister; the sister kind of liked the brother, too. But the big thing was she found that he looked slightly shorter than her. And they mightn't look good in the pictures or if they're walking the road. Tell me what that has to do with it? That sister up to this day isn't married and she is going into her fifties. She suffered a lot of sicknesses and hardships and all kinds of different things. She bypassed her vision because she didn't apply the Word.

What's the use of getting somebody tall to look good in the picture but isn't faithful; doesn't want to work; cheating on you? When you find out and you have to live with him now, you see the beast you're living with. He doesn't pray. He wants to eat. When he has something, it's himself he is taking care of, first.

Because remember, you can't be shallow. When you're in church, remember you're not seeing anybody snoring in church. You are not seeing anybody 'getting up lazy' in church. You are only seeing one kind of behaviour for so long on the compound. If you think you use that as criteria for judgment, it shows you aren't ready yet. You have to be taught; what you choose, how you choose; what to look for. Because that is a person very inexperienced, untaught, unqualified to choose; who is going to make the wrong choice. If you give them nine times to choose, they are going to make seven wrong choices. Because it shows,

they haven't come to the place to know what it is they're looking for yet. And what you're going into is not a business contract. The clause you're going to—when you stand up there in that ceremony, they say, “For better or for worse. In sickness or health. In riches or in poverty. Till death, do us part.”

And as you see a little sickness come, maybe the person loses a hand, you say, “Well boy...” and there is pride in there or something; you have a self. “I don't want a one-hand woman, boy. A person...” you know. You don't think there but just look around the world and see why a lot of people have been left and abandoned and forsaken. You know why? They who they thought were loyal are not loyal. And sometimes, God is trying to save you. God brings conditions before you could even choose, before you could make a vow, God lets things come up so you can see: “Wrong person. Wrong person!”

But then, if you're under peer pressure: “Who is your boyfriend? Who is he? You have no boyfriend? Girl, what happened to you? Brother, who is your girlfriend? You don't have any girlfriend?” You have to check yourself. If you feel embarrassed about that, something's wrong. Now tell me, why should you feel embarrassed about that? Give me one normal reason why you should feel embarrassed about that?

Somebody wants to give me a good reason? Let us say, well maybe, I'm not thinking any, right now. No it wouldn't mean anything bad. If somebody wants to say... Tell me one of the modern reasons then. Because, sometimes I don't realize how much I'm living away from the influence of the world, you know. But to me, as far as I see, that is nothing—“I don't have one now. Today I don't have one, but tomorrow when God gives me the one that is for me, I will have *the* one and she will be my sweetheart and my darling until death, do us part.”

But if you want to be Elvis Presley, and you want to have a sweetheart today, a next sweetheart; and you're enjoying two girls fighting for you. You're enjoying... Then you are somebody that people have to run from, because you are not man enough. You've come out to hurt people. But the influence you're under, you're still in a place where that is like a reputation and a special kind of praise because you are not a 'one woman' person.

Now all God's sons in this Age of perfection, when we come back to the original Word—Adam the first man was a 'one woman' man, you know. Isaac, the type of Jesus Christ, who was the bridegroom that Eliezer got the bride for, he wasn't like Abraham and Jacob, you know. Abraham had three wives. He had Sarah. Then Sarah let him go with Hagar. Then when Sarah died, he went and married Keturah. Jacob had Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah because the women and they wanted children and they couldn't have children; because they were in a woman competition for control of the man.

So in this kind of situation... Now, this is instincts. Now the thing is we have instincts. As men we like certain things. I'm a man and I like my wife a certain way. And my wife, I guess, she likes me a certain way. She never really said anything, but I guess she likes me a certain way, too. And we have a real good thing going on, for the last thirty-five years. We have a very, very, sweet, nice thing. And she is going to spend a week here with me this week, because I am up here in the week, she'll be there, but she is coming to spend the week with me.

And she only thinks about, "I want to make sure I wash your clothes before I go back down home. I want to do this. I want to make sure I get this."

I say, "You came to relax. It is nice to see you getting away from the stress of life. You get back down there; you are driving here, you have to drop this one to

school, you have to go and pick up school children, you have to do this; you have to run out in the grocery here. Take a little week off. It was eleven children, you had.”

She was physically nicer looking in that natural sense when she was younger. She got a little fat now, but the thing is... It’s strange how love is. I love her more now. I love her more now because it’s not a physical love. After these years of walking with God, and serving God together, it is so cemented: God gave me this woman.

Think of it. I travel around the world. I preach. I have influence. No young lady could say that I disrespected them; tried to play a thing around them; playing big preacher, moving around; internationally known. Some of these sisters travel with me when we go out on the field and so on. If I’m crooked, they will see me out there crooked too, you know. In other words, they will get a chance to observe me outside and see if I have two selves: one outside and one inside. And I play a thing here and when I go there I am a different kind of man. They get a chance to peep and see, “Look at him. Look at him out there.” See? No. You see, this is real to me.

And if I have something real, I want my brothers here to have that. You know why? Because God is going to use them mightily. But sometimes, what we’re finding today, a lot of people, they’re not thinking about God using them; they’re not thinking about their service for God. They’re thinking about: they want a girl. “We want a girl.”

When we came in the Message, we were not thinking about girls. We wanted God: the Holy Ghost. We wanted to know the Word. We wanted to know where somebody who is sick and wanted to be prayed for. We had this. And when we seek first the Kingdom, God gives us all the other things that we needed. And we came off the street with nothing—right Sammy? And

God proved: you, *“seek first the Kingdom of God and Its righteousness, all other things shall be added unto you,”* because God’s interested in every need.

This is a peace that comes. A lot of people today have this pressure because they lack this peace: that God wants to give them the things that they have need of. Be convinced that God knows what you have need of. Do not think... Do not say, “I have to get married before twenty-five.” You don’t make your own plan with this. There is no shortage of men. If you want to get married at fifteen, you could get that. It wouldn’t last. In other words, there are a lot of men outside who want a young girl.

There are a lot of unmarried people who are in marriage but want to come out of their marriage, if they are getting somebody else to support them. Some are stuck in that marriage and are ‘eating humble pie’, because that man, though they don’t like him, he abuses them, he ill-treats them and everything else and they know he is running around and these things; but he pays the rent, buys the food, and keeps the car in good condition for them to use. So they come down to living this life.

You all aren’t called to this. That is not the life for you all. You all have the opportunity. You all are facing the Word of God where you could walk straight into the Word of God with faith and know, “God, You have the right person for me, but first I want to be convinced that You’re in my life. I made You a place...” Because if I don’t make a place for You in my life, and I am going to make a place for a man in my life, or a woman in my life, and I don’t make any place for God in my life, tell me where that is going? That is going nowhere because the Power to lead you, the Power to keep... You will have to carry her to work with you all the time. You can’t leave her home, because you will have a fear. When the devil comes in and starts to tell you, “She is with somebody else.”

Somebody comes and says, “Hey, I think I saw somebody like your wife, you know. I saw her in the mall.”

You say, “My wife... in the mall?”

Next thing, that seed is sown in your head. You start to worry. You don’t know, because it’s built on nothing. You want God in your life first. Hear what God sent the Prophet to teach us about this.

... for the vows here is, “until death do we part.” That’s how we should keep it. And you take that vow before God that only death will separate you. And I think... A man in his right mind that’s planning a future, [We have men in their right minds here, planning a future?] ...that he should choose that wife very careful [He should choose that wife very carefully]. Be careful [The Prophet warns] what you’re doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she’s doing [He says] and especially in these days.

Now hear how I relate to the Prophet. This was a man who could see people’s past, present, and future. This was a man who God used to come down in a Pillar of Fire, and the Angel stepped out and started to talk to him face to face. This is the man that is ordained in the last days, that through his sounding, this Book is going to be opened to us. This is the man that God sent to warn us in this Hour, and to teach us how we should be; to prepare us to meet Jesus Christ. And that’s what I am trying to do.

My faithfulness is to the Word that God has vindicated and He established by a Prophet. If I leave that Word, we have no salvation here. If I stay with that Word, everything God promised is within our grasps right here. And when I see you and see how many of you are there, I don’t think there is anything in this world can make me leave this Word. Because I see your faces, I see you here in the Assembly, and I know, “No, if they’re here, they are God’s children. And

if I stay with this Word, we all will be in Glory by the grace of God.” And that’s my contention. That’s what I am striving for.

And he is now telling us, in choosing; he is teaching us about choosing. And that’s why, I want to make a critical analysis of what we spoke last week and this week. And I want you to feel the liberty to help me in this critical analysis because we have ‘Isaac’ sitting down here and ‘Shechem’. We have men... Now when I say “Isaac” and “Shechem” sitting down here: this is Shechem [Bro. Vin hits his body and refers to it -Ed.] and the soul is Isaac.

The soul, if that is part of the Word will never leave that Word. But this flesh wants things that this man inside doesn’t want. This man really wants to stay with the Word. But if this fellow overpowers this man inside, and this man inside gives in and lets this fellow have his way, that’s how you fall. That’s how you make mistakes. That’s how you get messed up. Not that you wanted that sometimes, but you can’t tell which one is you. You can’t tell what is you and what is of the enemy.

And Shechem’s urge—Shechem wanted sex before marriage. The root of marriage by convenience is self-will and lustful desire. The root of marriage by appointment is prayer and Divine leadership. Prayer and Divine leadership lead to the right person. This person; he only wants this girl after he lived with this girl, and there is no guarantee he is going to keep this girl because both of them are of two different faiths. He is a Hivite and she is in a covenant family. She is walking in the Light of the Hour, and he is a man of the world.

We looked at that last week. And I want you to think on these things because this is important in your life. This is even important in my life, because I am not... I am still subject to temptation because my body hasn’t changed yet. And where I am standing, I have to live

by the Word every day. And the knowledge that I've come to receive through experience, through growing up, through trial and error and failures, as a man coming from the world too, that God saved and cleansed, then I know where to stay my ground. And my responsibility, and my commitment to responsibility, and my love for God, is what empowers me to stay true to this Word.

I want that conviction that you feel about God the same way, and you feel about yourself the same way. If you don't love God and you don't love yourself, you're going to love the world. Well, you have to love something. But if you choose to love God, and you choose that you will live in a way to honour God, you will find the strength to do that. But if you say, "Well, I don't really want to be in church." You know me; you hear me say it: I am not about 'church'. I, myself, don't want to be in 'church', because I don't believe in 'church'. I believe in the Word.

I am not here because I associate with religious people; I am here by a conviction that I found the true way of Life. I have found the Way—"There's a way that seems right unto man; the end is death," but I found the Way that is the Truth and the Life. That is what I found.

So I don't want to go along and then get disappointed in the end, because I already know that way. God reached down His hand and took me out and God showed me this Way. And if God showed me this Way in the Word and now I got to see It and know It, well then Satan can't make me doubt It anymore, because he has become clear to me. He has become clear to me. You see Satan, to some people, doesn't exist or they wonder if he exists. And very quickly they get in places; you find out, they realize how real that devil is, because he is going to come in, in many forms. And that's why the Prophet warned us about this.

He said: *A man in his right mind that's planning... [And hear how he says it.] A man in his right mind that's planning a future...he should choose that wife very careful...And a woman...accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing and especially in these days. A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.*

I think today what's got so many divorce cases now... we lead the world in America, in divorce cases; [And that is our... America is our influence.] ... we lead the rest of the world... [I'm talking about nationally.] There's more divorces here than anywhere else in this nation, and supposed to be, and thought of, a Christian nation. What a reproach, our divorce courts. I think the reason of it is, [Get the reason.] ...that men has got away from God, and women has got away from God.

And we find that if a man prayed and a woman prayed over the matter, not just look at a pretty set of eyes, or big strong shoulders... such as that, or some other worldly affection, but would look first to God and say, "God, is this Your plan?" [God, is this Your plan?]

And if we would study what we were doing when we were going to get married, when we choose our wife or husband, if we'd study it over... A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life. Remember the vow is "until death do we part"...

Now, which one of you girls and which one of you men say, "I have prayed and I'm praying earnestly about this." Or you're saying... Or you're looking around the congregation and you're kind of doing your private investigation.

"She has a boyfriend? Who is she with? Who drops her home?

"And what about him? What is his name? Yea, that tall one there," you know.

Which is our way? Now this is the way God gave. If you don't have that way, you're not living by the Word. Now hear what living by the Word is: everything you

have to do in life is written somewhere in the Bible. If you're coming to get baptized and I tell you, "Ah, it doesn't make a difference, man." I sprinkle you with some water and you're baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

You walk around, "I am baptized. I am baptized."

Somebody says, "Baptized where? When did you get baptized?"

You say, "Friday."

Says, "But I didn't see... They didn't even pull the curtain. There was nobody baptized in the pool on Friday."

You say, "Well, the minister baptized me in the room."

"But there is no pool in the room— how did you get baptized?"

"Well he sprinkled some water on me."

You'll get real pressure with that, right?

Somebody says, "Girl, 'baptism' means, '*to bury, to immerse*'. And look how they baptized in the Bible."

You could say, "No. If the Minister says I'm baptized then I say, I'm baptized. I believe in him. He is a servant of God."

No. If you are sincere, you'll say, "Bro. Vin, why did you do that? Why did you tell me I'm baptized when you just threw some water on me? Because look the Word of God says so, so, so. Isn't this the way that other people got baptized in the Scripture?"

So I say, "No, this is not like one size fits all. This is, everybody in their own experience. You have less sin to wash away." You know.

And you say, "Or, I get it now."

And you go out the room happy. Right? But then now, something's telling you, "I'm baptized wrong. I'm baptized wrong."

Well, wouldn't you want the right formula for baptism, because God has a Word to tell you how to

get baptized? Well the same God has a Word to tell you how to get married. You understand?

The same Word—Then you say, “I got the Holy Ghost last night.”

“You said you got the Holy Ghost? What do you mean?”

He says, “Yes. Bro. George prayed for me and he shook me. And when he shook me, I fell on the ground.”

He says, “Are you sure when he shook you, you didn’t lose your balance?”

Say, “Well I don’t know; when I hit the ground I saw stars. And when I see stars, I know I’m in Heavenly places because only stars are in Heaven.” You understand?

So I say, “No, no, no. You don’t get the Holy Ghost that way. What are the results It brought in your life?”

You say, “Well, I have had some serious headaches since that fall, you know.”

So I say, “No, we’re talking about, your life has to change.”

You see? So the thing there is, there’s a way to get the Holy Ghost too. Right? Well there’s a Word for everything.

If you come to say, “What is your dress code in church? How should I dress? How long is long? And how short is short?”

I say, “It doesn’t really have any tape saying how long and how short; just look modestly. When you could sit and cover your knees comfortably with your clothes and so on, that’s fine. You don’t have to be pulling down and stretching and crossing your legs as if you’re doing some kind of gymnastics or something, you know. You’re normal. And when you’re walking, you could walk free and everything else.”

So then somebody says, “No, no girl. You could wear pants sometimes if you want; just don’t wear it in

church. Don't let any believers see you in it. But you could wear it if you're... Otherwise..." You know.

You say, "Is that true?"

You say, "Yea, we don't tell everybody that but we just tell the faithful believers that." You see?

So you say, "Or."

Then next thing you find out now, you bounce up with Deuteronomy 22:5: "It's an abomination for a woman to put on a garment pertaining to a man."

"So how could you tell me that? You want to send my soul to hell. You are not teaching me right."

Well then, you're discovering, there's a Word that tells you how to dress.

So there is a Word that tells you how to dress. There is a Word that tells you how to baptize. There's a Word that tells you how to get the Holy Ghost. There is a Word that tells you how to marry, too. So if we're talking about marriage, I have to find the Word and then show you. And He says, "Pray earnestly about this." I have to say, "Well, didn't Eliezer pray earnestly?"

Says, "Oh yes."

"And didn't God answer?"

"Oh yes. So I see prayer goes with finding the bride and in marriage."

When It says, "The adulteress hunts the precious life," which part of the Bible could I see that? Well, Potiphar's wife started to put pressure on Joseph every day, every day, every day. And then one day she got him by himself in the room. And when she said, "Joseph, come here. I am not feeling too well. Please help me." And when he came, she grabbed him and she held on to his garment. And when he realized what was going to happen, he took off with a speed. And when he took off with a speed, she didn't let go of that garment. And she ended up with the garment.

She had hunted him for days and then finally got him backed up in a corner, and was about to pounce

for the kill. But he was alert, and in his heart he was determined not to be caught because he was a man with respect, knowing, “I was on an auction block and your husband took me out of that misery. And I was working here and he put me in the house in charge because he trusts me. And I grew up with a father who taught me. And in our family, I saw what happened to my sister Dinah, and that trouble. And I saw what happened to Judah in our family. And I saw how God dealt with sin in our family when I was a little boy. And I saw the hurt and the pain it brought my father and my mother. So I’m not going out and trying to do that same thing because I’ve seen the consequences of that.”

He ended up going to prison on a rape charge when he was totally innocent. You understand? But God blessed him in such a way and God put that story in the Bible for us to see: you stand for righteousness; you be sincere; you be truthful; God will bring you out. And though all the world tries to keep you down, they can’t keep you down. And then you start to realize, how God honours a person who would bear persecution and suffer for righteousness sake—how God exalted Jacob so high. And He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If you read the Scripture and see somebody stood for righteousness and God exalted them that way because they suffered for it, then you know God is obligated to you, to do the same for you. If you see you’re sick—somebody was sick in the Bible and cried out to God for healing and God comes and heals them – when you’re sick, you could cry out for healing, because those things were written for our examples. You see people were seeking God for the Holy Ghost and God sent down the Holy Ghost in the upper room and filled His children. And when they obeyed His Word and were baptized in Acts 19, He sent down the Holy Ghost again. And then you’re hungry for It; and

when you get baptized, God will give It to you too. That's why it is put in the Bible and It tells us, "Heaven and earth will pass away," but that can't pass away. It's sure for you. This is the way you relate to it. You see?

So the thing here now is... He is telling us, "A wrong choice, a wrong decision could ruin your life."

But if he knows what, he's making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault. If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband...then that's your own fault after you know what's right and wrong. So you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

So watch this. What's wrong with that? That's the greatest assurance. You have to pray through. Do you know why? You could only make this choice once and God knows the person. God knows the person.

Now in other talks, we're going to get to where a young man should know marriage involves headship, leadership, protection, and support. That when he is thinking of a girl and he is thinking about marriage, and he is thinking of a relationship, he has to know, "Can I lead her? Am I going to take her out from under her father's house? And if the father dies in the morning, he will give his right hand to be cut off for her; and I am going to take her, and the slightest danger comes, I'm preserving myself? If she has to go, that's it because I'm not ready to lay down my life for any woman. Because there is a next one, if she dies. I could get a next one because I'm nice and I have money." You understand what I am saying?

Now, if a woman now has a low self-esteem, a low self... There are all kinds of complexes, you know. You will be surprised to know how many things are in people's head that hinder them from things, and how many things they're in fear of. Like some people say, "I don't like Trinidadian men." Well you want a foreign.

What do you know about foreign? You understand what I'm saying? Faith is based on the Word. Faith is based on the Word. It's something that God is revealing to you.

Let me move into my Scripture. I want to get to: 2nd Samuel 13. My objective today is to make a critical analysis of this. What I did last week, I showed you two approaches to marriage. And this week I'm showing you, the nature in people that is described as we read Proverbs 6. And this Scripture is going to bring out Proverbs 6; that we can see how people can take fire in their bosom and how they get burned. And we have to know what love is and what is not love.

Infatuation is not love. Obsession is not love. But these are very strong passions in a person's life. A person can get obsessed with another person. And this is how you have serial killers; how you have sadists; how you have all these kinds of 'nuts' that's on the street, because they get taken up sometimes with people. That is how you get those men, who go in the night and stand up by a woman's window and watch them, and stalk them. Why? They get taken up with them. Maybe the woman's eyes; maybe something about her. Maybe the way that she looks so sad and that person sees themselves with that person and figures, "I want to take care of that person." And they are a 'nut' themselves.

You know there are a lot of people in the streets loose up here, you know. When you meet a person with a split personality—and that is why you see with me, I don't just look at the book on the cover because God doesn't judge on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart. And you have to look into a person's heart. Too many of us judge from the outward appearance and then we... Because in today's world, we are conditioned by the world. Everything that's advertised, everything on the internet, everything on a billboard, everything in a magazine; everything that

the world popularizes and glamorizes is some, nice, sexy—until young men, they want their Christian wife to be looking sexy. Because why? They drink in so many of these images of sexiness, that when they're looking at a sister, they aren't looking at their faith and their virtue and their love for God, they're watching their body.

Now, come on brothers, help me. Don't play any saint in front of me. We're not putting down one another here. This is a family. That's why I'm not having this service inside there. The reason I came to the back here to have this little talk with you all—I want to talk with you all. And the crowd is a little big too. Because we could have all kinds of people inside of here who really need a good shake down themselves. But I want to talk as a father with his children at this junction.

Because when people are having battles and faced with problems, or, are vulnerable and can be influenced into making the wrong decisions; and some are building up complexes because sometimes they like this boy, and this boy is not interested in them. They like this girl and this girl is not interested in them. And because they themselves can't come out—and they're not praying, so quickly, from the time they can't get what they want they get like a spoiled child. And next thing, they get fed up and they get, you know, "I don't want to serve God again," and, "Not me," and you know. And they get vexed with... Now, that should not be so. These things are spirits—because, that is not your world. Don't make that your world. The thing is, your world is God and when God comes in your world, God has the person for you. And God knows how to work that.

But God doesn't just say, "Well, I see you're starving for a relationship with somebody," or, "You're starving for affection and attention; so okay, I have a good attention-giver here." You know. No. Sometimes, what

some of you girls need is to be a little more conversant, but a lot of us grew up the wrong way. So, you put a boy and a girl there to talk; well, they could talk about a lot of things: about the work, about the Word; even about individuals and so on. But with godly respect they know their boundary.

I am not going to start to get inquisitive into a life, and want to dig down this, and know this, and know that. Because, in other words, in our relationships that isn't called for. Then you realize the shallowness of people. After five, ten minutes; "You believe in the Seven Thunders? Do you see yourself in the Word? Do you understand the Seven Seals?" After five minutes and that runs out, the thing is like, "Who is your boyfriend? What is this here? What's this going on here?" You know. "You have anybody? Were you ever in love before?" And then you realize now, look how shallow that is.

That's a person that is empty. They can't even have a conversation for five or ten minutes about something; about what's going on in the world, about the person, about their ambition in life and what they're striving for, about how they're handling their experiences in growing up; what growing up was like. And, you know, their desire to do something for the Lord, and how the Lord has been dealing with them or something. You know, or maybe what they're reading or what they're studying and so on. It has to get personal very quick, because some people feel that is the only way to talk with somebody.

Now, sometimes when you're going through something in your mind, you think everybody is going through that same thing, you know. And that shouldn't be so. But this is where we need a lot of help and that is why I am saying: "We need to evangelize our own people." Sometimes a person has a complex; they grew up with a complex. They grew up in a home, maybe by themselves; the only child or the only one

that maybe wants to serve God or something. And then they are under a lot of pressure in school, and they don't have many friends. Because people look down upon them, and they criticize, and ridicule, and so on. And they're trying to make their stand.

So next thing, you go to try to relate to a person like that, you know; you're going down the wrong road with them. You want to carry their minds into a place to further weaken them or make them think that maybe their life is missing something at this stage. You meet a person happily serving the Lord, and you don't even want to find out about that; and realize they have a joy you don't have. They have a satisfaction that you don't have. They have a sincerity that you don't have. And instead of trying to draw from them to get that in your life, you want to treat that like nothing; like that's just religious life, and what they need to know are the ways of the world that you want to teach them.

And then sometimes, a girl or a boy, either side, we read (because Proverbs 6 shows us that); you make yourself vulnerable. Now I want to (as I say) have a critical analysis on something here. And when we look at it, I want you to tell me what we're going to read: if that is infatuation or if that is love. And if this girl is in a Spiritual atmosphere, how is it she—somebody could come with a whole spirit of pretence upon her and she can't realize, "That person is pretending to get me under his influence and I can't see he is pretending, and I am walking blindly, straight into sorrow and grief, and can't see it, because he is up to no good. Because he has somebody he is hanging around with, who manipulates a lot of people and this person is teaching him his ways. And I'm the subject of his experiment."

How do you know the person that's coming to talk to you is not under somebody else's influence, and you are the target? If you're desiring attention; if you're desiring love; if you're desiring somebody to make an

advance or something, and you do not know that what is happening there is not real, and you—it's a pit you're about to fall into, and have sorrow and grief like you never had before in your life.

What we are going to read here—I'm telling you so when we start to read it, you will see what we're talking about. That is where a lot of girls get hurt today, and get disappointment, and get broken hearts, because they grow up, and they keep themselves too vulnerable. The Word of God... You can't imagine the fortification the Word of God gives you. You can't imagine the independence the Word of God gives you, that you don't feel like, "My life will shatter if this boy doesn't like me." That when some boy comes with a lot of talk, and you know, cocky and trying to play confident and positive, and you know; like you need him in your life because your life is like a dark night, and he is the rising sun to drive your darkness away. He is going to brighten up your life now, when he rises upon you, you know.

You have to realize, "No, no, no, I'm not falling for that flattery. You're as empty as empty can be. You need to be on your knees somewhere in a corner. You need an experience with God. You want to come and lead me around? I could give you some counsel, free of charge. You know I wouldn't charge you for it."

I feel this is the way some of my sisters need to be. I can't see you coming from fifteen to twenty [years old] and have about four accidents. I'm trying to keep you accident free. I'm trying to deal with the bumps on the road, and those narrow bridges ahead, and those steep curves, you know, where people can't keep control of the vehicle. I want to give you advice that could take you straight to your destination.

Let's read this and see. This is a scene. Isn't it strange how God puts these things in the Bible? Everything you have to pass through in life is in the Bible, you know. Don't ever feel what you're going

through is not in the Bible, because the things in the Bible are the things that are happening in the earth.

Watch. And this is happening now, not in the world—right? Shechem... She went down by the city. Shechem is the fellow she met outside who was looking for Christian girls. *This* is happening with a brother in the family. This is in the kingdom. This is happening in the kingdom.

2nd Samuel 13, verse 1:

¹ *And it came to pass after this,*

"After this" was eleven and twelve. Eleven and twelve was where David committed adultery. He went after his neighbour's wife and he couldn't remain innocent. Remember Proverbs 6: "So is he that goeth into his neighbour's wife and touches her shall not be innocent"? Well, David had done that.

And the adulterous woman – the whorish woman who hunts the precious life was like Potiphar's wife who hunted Joseph. She saw this nice, young boy; intelligent, gifted, inspired, leadership qualities and everything else; humble, nice, attractive and everything; manly. And this woman went after Joseph with such a passion. But he didn't just give in. He didn't say, "I'm a slave, man. Life's hard for me already. Let me take what I can get, and have things easy. I will control the house, because the boss already likes me, and the boss's wife likes me, too."

No. This is not in carnality. He knows, "I am down here. My father isn't seeing me. My brothers aren't seeing me. Nobody is seeing me down here. I might be down here, but I'm like the African king's son in a strange land. My father is a prophet back there – Jacob." He said, "I know how to carry myself. And God—the God we serve is the real God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is Who I'm serving, and that God is seeing me down here."

So watch the two. We have those two already. And this one now is what was happening after that.

¹ And it came to pass after this, that
Absalom the son of David had a [beautiful]
fair sister,

The word ‘fair’ there, in the original, is ‘*beautiful, lovely*’. The reason they’re telling us about—It didn’t just say, “Absalom had a sister,” but “a beautiful sister”. It wants to show to us something about her beauty, that was what caused that to happen after.

All the brothers like to look for what they consider, ‘the beautiful sisters’. “That one’s nice. If I get *that* one. If I get *that* one...” And sometimes what they mean is ‘beautiful flesh’. And all the sisters look for the handsome brothers, and again, it is flesh attracting flesh.

Now don’t take this as condemnation; take this as I’m trying to help you to evaluate. So when you have to choose; when you have to approach God, you must be able to know you’re praying, “Lord, the right person for me. And Lord, when I am saying ‘the right person’, I don’t just mean outwardly. I want somebody who will love me, and who will respect me, Lord; who will treat me as a lady, Lord, because I’m Your daughter, and my body is Your temple. And I want to serve You and, Lord, I am willing to serve. And if you give me a son of God to be my head, Lord, let it be somebody who could lead me and I could respect. Somebody who will lead me right, and keep me in the way of the Lord and I will have no pressure serving You. Somebody who will be faithful to me, that even though we are apart from each other, he is on his job, or I’m at home or whatever it is, we’re not going to be hearing any stories; but somebody that has the Holy Ghost.”

In other words, this is the kind of mindset. If we’re not going there and we’re getting influenced, and then we’re getting ‘hooked up’, and when we’re getting ‘hooked up’ now, we’re asking the Lord now, to help work out things for us: “Lord, you know we need a house. And Lord, you know—because when we go to

the Minister, he is going to ask us what we have. And Lord, we have to get this.” And you’re making plans and you’ve gone hunting your own thing. You hunt your precious life. And when you’ve hunted your precious life and you think you’ve gotten your precious life now, you want to legitimize your precious life. Leadership. *Marriage by Circumstance; Marriage by Appointment.*

Watch. She was fair; she was beautiful.

... *whose name was Tamar,*

You know what ‘Tamar’ means? Palm tree. A Palm tree is a beautiful thing, you know.

... *and Amnon the son of David loved her.*

Now when you’re reading the Bible about love—remember in the Hebrew and the Greek, they have different words for love. In English when we say ‘love’, we could mean lust. We call that love. Say, “Those two people were making love there.” No. That was lust.

In the Greek, you have one word called ‘eros’; that is ‘*erotic, eroticism, sexual love, sexual passion*’. Then you have phileo love; that is ‘*love for your brother, love for your sister, love for your mother, for your father; a husband’s love for his wife*’. Then you have Agapo Love; this is God’s Love; this is a Divine Love. You can forgive your enemy who hates you, and persecutes you; you can love that person still.

Phileo love: somebody insults your wife and so on; you already get angry and you want to throw that person down. Agapo Love will say, “I forgive you for that, but that wasn’t the right thing to say. This is my wife. You should have more respect than that.” You see?

Erotic love now, is lust: a person seeing and coveting. “*Covetousness*” the Bible says, “*is idolatry*”. Why? Because a person who... ‘Covetous’ starts with the eye; you see it. In your imagination—you start to desire it, in your emotions. In your reasoning, you want that satisfaction, so you are trying to reason out

and figure out a way to get it, so you come out with a plan. But what is the object? To get what you're seeing that you want. "When lust is conceived, it brings forth (what?) sin. When sin is conceived it brings forth death." It starts as a thought. Everything starts as a thought, but it works from a thought. If it's a carnal thought, it goes with a carnal desire. Then the methods to bring it about, would be the wisdom from beneath that is sensual, and devilish, and earthly. It will be like 'playing smart'. It will be, like working a scheme to get something.

Real love is based on trust. It is based on respect; "I am not trying to scheme you. You are not trying to scheme me. You do not have a plan to get me a kind of a way, because you sit down there and get obsessed with me. And then you reach a place, you must have me at all costs, so, then now, you find a way to eliminate the opposition. And if to give me expensive gifts and different things, you want to start to give me things to put me under obligation."

And people who like to receive things; (whoo!) that's where the trouble starts. You like to receive things because there is no discernment. You want the thing, but you know the person is giving the thing, to get something. And you aren't planning to give him the thing he wants, but you want to take the thing, too. Now, that is two people being smart with one each. You're going to fall out right there and you're going to have real trouble right there. That would lead to trouble. Because you're coveting the gift, and he is coveting you; and you don't see that the gift equals you. But you're seeing, since he wants to 'play generous' and you need that too, that is going to fit in somewhere in your plan. Then each one is trying to use the other one conveniently. That is not marriage by appointment. That is not marriage by appointment.

In other words, it takes a certain nature and character to 'work scheme'. God doesn't 'work scheme'.

You could want something, and God says, “That’s not the one for you.” You say, “Thank you, Lord Jesus. I would have made a (wrong) mistake. Whoo! Lord, You’re good. You’re always on time.”

Now, instead of getting vex now, you get happy! But right there you discover, “My life isn’t really surrendered to God. I’m in self-will already.” What is the route to marriage by convenience? You start off with self-will: what you want. What are you supposed to start with? Prayer and Divine leadership.

So watch. So when he says he loves her, don’t take that love like that is, “Boy he really loves that girl.” No, he doesn’t really love her. The word there—she is beautiful. She is so beautiful that when he sees her... Oh my God! There were plenty other girls in the kingdom, but his eyes were fixed on that one, and he got obsessed. He was growing in an obsession.

² And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar;

She was Absalom’s sister, which means she was David’s daughter. He was David’s son but they had two different mothers. The Word of God said that it was a curse to marry your sister who is your father’s daughter. Catch the thought here. But her beauty is so tantalizing. (They are streaming this, so I should say, “hypnotic”. Right?) Her beauty is so enchanting over him that... He now finds, “Why can’t I marry her? Didn’t Adam marry Eve?” See where we are going?

So now you have a question. “Isn’t God the same yesterday, today, and forever?” You see? Why? Now, this is somebody building a case to get what he wants. In other words, “I must have this. I like her...” Why? Because now... Catch this. This is deep you know. Beauty struck the eye. The heart got aflamed with this desire. He is taking fire in his bosom. This is unholy passion at work. But the heat—he is starting to burn because he already got vex, and from vexation he got

sick. Isn't that a strange thing? Love... And he loved her, and then he got vex, and then, now he is sick.

Whew, what a progression! Could you write that symphony? Love, vex and sick. You're talking about 'the brother is going through an experience'! God, that brother is having a hard time. That brother needs some counseling. Amnon? They behave as if Amnon isn't in this room. I tell you Amnon is this fellow here [Bro. Vin refers to his body (the outward man). -Ed.]. This is Shechem and his second name is Amnon too; this same fellow. Amnon – Amnon. Right?

Amnon now... Now, you think somebody could go through that with a pretty girl? Brothers, tell me something. Help me here, brothers. Of course! You see the Scripture can't lie. The Scripture is God. God is the Word. We all go through that.

I tease my wife up to this day. I say, "Girl, when I came up Woodbrook and saw you..." (Because we were from the South and she used to fellowship in Woodbrook.) I say, "... and I met you by the gate that day..." and I described the blouse she had on and the skirt she had on, so she knows it. I say, "... And I shook your hand..." I say "... you didn't even give off a thing 'self' [at all]." Because if this is like the ranch boss son, you know, looking for a bride; choosing, and you see somebody with character...and she was like, "God bless you, brother." But I wanted a little more than "God bless you, brother." I mean you could say it, but say it in a way... It's the way she was saying it. It's like, "God bless you, brother." So I got a trouble.

So one day the Pastor told me—Bro. Carl De Souza; he is a precious brother. We're looking forward to see him in the Resurrection. I always say, "He is with my group over there as the leader with them over there, until I get there, because we were all in the Move together. He is there. I preached his funeral, right here.

So when—he came and told me, he says, “Am...” You know he had a way he used to talk. He said, “The sister is going through a ‘force’ with you, you know.” I say, “A force?” Well, that is the way he expressed it, you know. And he had a way he used to say – he used to preach in the church, (this is a little humorous, but I must say it) he says, “This is the season you’re possessing your land. You have to take your land, you know.”

So a sister came to me and said, “I see my land.” She said, “I see my land.”

I say, “Who is your land?” When she told me who her land is, it’s like... I say, “That is your land?” I say, “How could that be your land? That is not your land because somebody else already has that land fenced around and marked ‘trespassers shall be prosecuted’. You want to remove somebody’s landmark?” You See? So this is people just looking at a glance and picking out. You don’t find it that way. You don’t find it that way.

So he comes from love, to vex, to sick.

² And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin;

So she is beautiful. She is a virgin. She is a princess.

... and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

In other words, he started to get a problem. If he is not supposed to marry her and she is a virgin, she is eligible to be the wife of somebody else. Now catch this. But he gets so obsessed with her, and according to the Word, he cannot have her. But that obsession is so strong, he wants her though he can’t have her. So look at the move he is making now. He decides he has to get her because nobody else can get her. In other words, “If I can’t have her, nobody else can have her.” So he starts to cut his tracks to get control of her.

Because as a virgin she could be eligible—because remember in those days, men were looking for a virgin girl. It should be the same here today, too.

But watch.

³ But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother:

So that's his cousin. That's his father's brother son. Jonadab is the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And David is Amnon's father. So he has a cousin. So this is a cousin here, and this is a sister here. This sister is beautiful. He is sick over this sister because he became obsessed with her. This cousin, well, he doesn't care about family because he is a vile man. He is a vile man. Watch what they called this fellow.

... and Jonadab was a very subtil man.

Who is the first person in the Bible they called subtle? [The young people respond, "The Serpent." -Ed.] Ooh boy! We found somebody we could put the blame on and beat today. The Serpent. So if they called him 'subtle', you know what's going to happen again? The same thing that happened in the Garden will happen here. Girls get trapped because of young men's (say it) subtlety – subtlety. Girls get trapped because of young men's subtlety. Eve crossed the line between innocence and knowledge; she went seeking sexual knowledge. It's what she wanted. And she crossed that line in there and she got defiled.

Watch. Look how subtle this man is.

⁴ And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day?

"Brother, you're the son of a king. You are a prince in Israel! You're not smiling; what happened to you? You're walking with your head hanged down like somebody did you something. Look at how you're looking. What happen? Are you sick or something? What's going on with you?" This fellow is more experienced than him. So this fellow now could 'read

this fellow's files', as we say. So, he realizes something is bothering him. And after a couple days of observing him—when Tamar passes, he is staring and she is going, and then he kind of comes back his normal self. So he says, "I see you're watching that sister like that. Like you're go through a thing when you see that person, boy?"

You see, sometimes like the ostrich, you think your head is buried in the sand and nobody is seeing you. But there are people who are seeing that behaviour. From the time you make that shake hand or that smile; from the time you walk off and put yourself in a position and you stand up here like that. As church is over, you grab your Bible and you head out, but where have you gone? You positioned yourself here. You know, "Somebody's passing there, boy. Keep your eye on him. Keep your eye on him." He is playing draughts. He pushes a thing here. He stands up right here for somebody passing here. See? So there are people seeing that.

So he says... He starts to 'pick the mouth'; what you call 'pick your mouth' [Local phrase: asking indirect questions to get answers -Ed.]. He starts to 'pick the fellow's mouth' now. He says, "How are you so lean? Are you getting... How are you getting thin? Something's bothering you, boy!" He says, "Don't tell me you're going through nothing, you know." He says, "You know me, I am an experienced man. How many friends do you have? Am I not your partner? Don't I share things with you? Look, you could tell me. I won't tell a soul. This is just between you and me. We're keeping it right here. We're locking it down tight. But tell me, what's going on with you." Well, he will spill the beans. He is going to spill the beans.

Hear what he says. He says:

... wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

“I love Tamar.”

He says, “Ah ha.” Instead of him telling him, “You know what the Word says. Come on, man. Choose somebody else. That is not lawful.” You know what he told him instead? “Good choice. You’re choosing the best, boy. You like tenderloin. You’re looking for the best cuts.” You know, because these are two wicked fellows. These are two wicked fellows.

Watch how, ‘birds of a feather flock together’. Watch how, ‘you lie with the dog you pick up the fleas’. This is the story here. Watch, ‘show me your company and I will tell you who you are’. Watch how, ‘*evil communication corrupts good morals*’. Watch all of that right here. Watch how somebody’s destruction is being planned between these two people right here. Watch how he is going to give him advice now to destroy her, who is also his cousin.

Watch how we could be in the kingdom, brothers and sisters, and because we don’t like that one too much or we don’t find this one so, we could get together with this one and discuss that one. And we could say things about this one and that one. And then we can even give advice that will mess up some of them. Watch and see if all of this is not in the Word of God here.

Now, when you’re inside of there, you see how you handle these situations. Or if people could pull you in to talk about other people; who likes who and who doesn’t like who, and you could find out. And you know how to pick people’s mouths to find out who likes who. All of that is in the kingdom right here.

Around the church? You say, “Bro. Vin, Third Exodus [Assembly] here?” Of course. King David is here. Amnon is here. The Presence of God is here. This is Judah. This is Israel. This is where the Messianic lineage is. Here. This is the lineage the Messiah is coming through.

5 ... Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on the bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come,...

He is getting him to lie to his own father, you know. He is getting him to lie and deceive his own father. It's part of the advice. And this is only the means to an end. And the end, the objective, what he is formulating this plan for, is to get this beautiful girl that he got so obsessed with. She can't help being beautiful. God made her beautiful. But because she is put there, it does not mean it's for anybody with a covetous eye. Do you understand?

Now, are you ready to walk in some of these things? This is growing up, you know. This is growing up. What I am bringing out here, is to show you: look at our inwards. If our inwards are operating this way then that need washing, you know. If the means to the end of getting to a relationship—watch how a boy is working. This is not a pagan boy, you know. This is an Israelite boy from the house of David. This is the Messianic lineage: the lineage the Messiah is coming from. You mean to say, in this kind of lineage, this kind of Message, this kind of Promise, this kind of Elected people, we could have this working? Yes. Because we have this [Bro. Vin refers to his body (the outward man) – Ed.]. As long as we have this, we have that. But, this is seeing the wrong way. God shows the wrong way, so we don't get trapped in the wrong way; we could see the right way. We could see the difference of God's provided way, and a way that seems right. One has the end as death, and one has the end as blessing and Life.

The problem is we can't tell the difference because of inexperience and because of lack of discernment. Watch how she is going to fall for this. Watch how she is being discussed.

You think you could be discussed like that by two brothers? You think one brother wants to get that sister for you? You think that *that* brother is unable to get you for himself; he gets so sick, but he has somebody who knows how to get you for him? Am I stretching the Scripture? Or am I explaining it?

I am not stretching the Scripture or bending the Scripture. I'm trying to show you what's inside of there. And this is a picture God took, you know. When God took this picture, (whoop!) and puts it in the Bible here, just like He took the one with Shechem and He took the one with Isaac and Rebekah, is because now, we who are at the age of life in this deceiving Age, when all hell is against the Truth, and Satan knows, "If I can't get you to deny God, I will put you in a wrong relationship. I put you in the wrong relationship, you're finished. I unite you with the wrong person; I make your life miserable (for you) for the rest of your life."

You aren't going to become a Roman Catholic. You're still saying, "Malachi 4:5". You understand what I am saying? You are still saying, "Let eagles fly". You are still saying everything about 'eagle'. But the thing is, your life's tangled up.

Watch it. All Scripture is given by inspiration; for instruction, for doctrine and for examples. He says:

... make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

⁶ So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick:

He comes under the influence of the plan because when he gets that explanation, he says, "What a plan! What a plan! How couldn't I think of that? Thank God you are my friend, boy. Thank God for good advice; sound advice." He was getting this fellow killed, too,

you know, because she was Absalom's sister. You don't do Absalom's sister that, and get away. Just like, you don't do Levi's and Simeon's sister that and get away either. Shechem ended up dead. He is going to end up dead.

When you think it is talk – small talk about a pretty sister; that is the seed for murder, you know; that is the seed to break up family; that is the seed to bring brother against brother, you know; that is the seed to bring shame in the kingdom, you know. But watch where it started. When the Serpent started to talk with Eve, that was to bring death and destruction in the world, until God had to become flesh; to come and die to save mankind out of that, you know. Do you see, in the light of this now, why when the Word says, “Pray about that,” how that is the best advice; to have leadership? That's what it is. That's what it is. Pray about it: leadership of God.

And it's easy to pray for it. You know why? First, we're instructed to pray; God is a prayer-answering God; and then, we're praying to a God Who promised, “When we seek first the Kingdom of God and Its righteousness, all other things shall be added”; and He knows what we have need of, before we even ask. But notice how, not that we don't want to pray about it, you know, but there's a spirit in the Age; instead of taking this route, we want the shortcut to walk into somebody's life. And we're using deodorant; we're using toothpaste; we're using perfume; we're using matching clothes, and we're using body language. That's what we're using (male and female, either side, because we took Proverbs 6) to do this.

Why are we taking this method? Most times we're unconscious we have this influence and is motivated this way. Because first, we don't know the Word; these things are not taught to us as it should be—and I'm guilty for that. I am one of the guilty ones for that. I'm trying to catch... I'm playing catch up here. I should

have been teaching you these things long ago. Maybe I'm travelling too much. But I'm taking this opportunity (last week and this week) to make you look at relationships in a Scriptural way, because everything is in the Bible.

And the reason I am using this Scripture, it's a basis for your faith, that when you go to pray, you could say, "Lord, I don't want an Amnon. Lord, I don't want a Shechem. Lord, because if I have ways like Dinah, and if I lack the discernment that Tamar should have had, give me the discernment. I don't want to fall into what Tamar fell into, neither do I want to be like Dinah, and then... I find I get bored. I do this. I'm going to see the world, and I step on the enemy's ground, and I end up into problems."

So when these circumstances confront you, you are in a Scriptural atmosphere; you're seeing the spirits at work and you could have the right defence, to know how to operate and come out victorious. And then when you know the Word too, and you see a weaker sister, you can say, "Sister I think—remember the Word that we were talking about, I think you should test that first. Don't just run into that gullible like that. Sister, do your research. Do some of your homework. All that glitters is not gold. And just don't look on the outward appearance."

Sometimes you don't have to say anything about anybody, but that's enough, and when you say enough there, a person could know, "That's telling me something, because that person sees I am being lured." Because the same way Amnon got sick, so sisters get sick too, you know. Same way a boy gets sick for the girl, the girl gets sick for the boy too, you know.

Some girl sees a boy, and she sees like he has no girlfriend. And she starts to like that boy. But why she got to like him so much too, is because she kind of realizes, "I don't see any girl around him." So it's a

kind of musical chairs: vacant, I sit in it quickly. No you don't look for that. You don't run to a girl for that, like that. That is not the leadership. That is not the leadership.

What I'm saying is, you have to have confidence that God will give you that; that God will give you the mate. If you're doubting that God has the right person for you, you will seek the 'right' person for yourself without God's leadership. And then you would be putting yourself in a place where there is no coming back, as far as marriage is concerned. You would actually have to go out in the world, if you want it, and get married to somebody. And when you're doing that now, you're sinning wilfully after you've come to know the knowledge of the Truth. So you're putting yourself in dangerous ground there.

And then today or tomorrow, that girl... I had a—I was exposed to a situation recently. A young lady had three children out of wedlock, and then the boy abandoned her. He lives in the same street. He goes and has three children with a next girl. Next thing, she finds herself sick, real bad: the chastening hand of God. But God let her see with her own eyes, "Look at what you abandoned God for. Look at the rascal. Look right down the street right there, without any shame, without any reproach, without anything, and that you called love. And you let that person go into you three times. First time, you didn't learn? Second time, you didn't learn? And that person isn't promising a thing." Whatever sweet talk that person is telling her, she's just eating up that sweet talk and believing him like if it's God talking.

You don't have things like that. You don't have things like that. You have to know discernment in your life is important. Discernment in your life is important. Like I told you about the tomatoes, right? Well, when you put the tomatoes through the test and know, "This one isn't going in my bag. This one isn't going in my

bag.” You have an elimination process, because you know exactly what you’re looking for and the price you’re willing to pay to have the right thing.

Well, be willing to pay the price. Get before God. Put your life into God’s hands. Put these things before God. And you keep on serving God and God will knock on your door when He is ready for you. You don’t have to be getting vex with God and say, “Nothing yet? What’s going on? I prayed three times last week.” And then you say, “Well, You’re taking too long to answer for me, you know.” No, you have confidence. This is a thing, you have to have faith.

You heard me say this morning there, I was saying, “We have a sister here, going into her forties now, desiring a baby for so long, and God comes and gives her the baby.” God is showing you. Now, when that happens... If she got a baby the first six months after marriage, that is normal; everybody that is married is having that. But there are other people sitting down here and they can’t have one, and they see one at forty who does—do you know what is going to happen? They will start to have faith.

Well, this is how God does it: God uses our lives to tell stories to others. We are written epistles read of all men. So sometimes, God is fulfilling His Word through your life. So you can’t give God an ultimatum and say, “If you don’t do so and so for me, Mr. God, I tell you...” For thirty-six cents?

You say, “What do you mean ‘thirty-six cents?’”

It could be cheaper than that now. They say, when you take all the elements that make up the human body, it’s about thirty-six cents in chemicals. So if you’re doing all of that for a piece of flesh... Because remember the soul—if that flesh dies, they’re done, you know. But God can’t die. So this is the thing.

Do you see how advice—you have to know who you’re taking your advice from. Now, this is what people call, ‘a friend’, today: somebody who will feel

sorry that you're feeling sick; somebody who you feel that you could confide in; you say, "I find a person to confide in. I could tell him my personal business." You're so naive. What you met? You met the slickest 'mouth picker' there is, and you have no defence. And he picked your mouth, opened up your heart, came out with all your secrets, and now he owns you by being able to do that. And you sit down there, not realizing that is what he is doing. And you're under the impression that you found a good friend. No! Look at the advice. Look at the advice.

That advice is making him break the unity with his father; to lie to his father, now. And, why is he lying to his father? To deceive his sister and get his sister. Why? Because he isn't really ready to submit to the Word of God. Why? Because he stayed there lusting after this girl so much, until he got obsessed with the girl, because he was not seeking God for the right person. He is seeing what he likes and desiring to get what he likes. God can't choose for him. He wants to choose for himself. And he has a good friend who is a good manipulator and exploiter. That is like, "He could crack any safe. He can open any locked door. I know a man, boy."

And you see sometimes, fellows in the world, they have some bum out there, some criminal, and then they feel kind of, "Boy, you don't know that man. That is my partner. He is selling guns, you know. I don't have a jokey friend. Anything happens to me, I'll go and call him up, you know." What he is actually boasting is that God is not his friend; the devil is his friend." He is so stupid to see—he can't see that. Do not think... "Friendship with the world is enmity with God."

This man was a worldly man though he was in the kingdom. Do not think that because we're all wearing a tie, with a clean shave, we are Christians. We want to be Christians. We are all striving to be Christians.

But we're all not Spirit-filled Christians, so the devil has access to quite a few of us. And a lot of lives could get hurt because a lot of people want to 'drive without license', and they don't 'obey the speed limit'. (I'm talking spiritual talk here. You know that.) They're paying no regard to the laws. He was paying no regard to the Word of God.

How many know what "concupiscence" is? Did you ever read that word in the Bible: "evil concupiscence" or "lasciviousness"? Have you ever read the word, "lasciviousness"? Well, that is the word; this is the manifestation.

Have you ever read the word, "inordinate affection"? (I have the Scripture. I could quote them for you just now; where we are being warned.) *Inordinate affection* means '*excessive, excessiveness*'. What is one of the number one diseases today? Obesity. Do you know, in the obese children, why everybody is getting so big and sluggish, and that kind of way? They can't control their emotions. They taste chips, but in those chips, when they flavour it, the chemicals they use are addictive. But that's a sales gimmick to keep buying more. So they have to eat that: junk food, Burger King, Pizza Hut.

So all of this now, you think, "Well, that is a lime, boy. Where are you all going?"

"Pizza Hut, man..."

A tall coke, like this. Fast food. Next thing you get sluggish, you get disease; you get obese. Why? They can't control their appetite.

When you see food your mouth waters; that is an emotion. You go through a chemical kind of thing. That is a chemical reaction that makes the mouth water. You laugh too much, you start to cry; that brings a chemical reaction. You see erotic things, you get aroused; that is a chemical reaction. Images, things to drink and things to eat, they're triggering things in the body.

The business people; the food people in the world today, know this, because of science. And so they're making the drinks: Red Bull [A brand of energy drinks -Ed.]. Some young fellow just came out of school; somebody tells him, "Red Bull, boy, that has power, yes." He stands up with a Red Bull like this. Like when we were 'small' [younger], we used to talk about Guinness stout [A brand of beverage with a low-percentage of alcohol -Ed.]. You grab the Guinness stout and you say, "Let me suck a stout. Give me a stout." Because everybody wants to play mannish; everybody wants to grow up. Everybody wants to kind of have an image and identify themselves, because they think that goes with attracting girls and these kinds of things. So they want a Red Bull. They want this... It's stupidity. It's caffeine. It speeds up their heart and gets it racing. Next thing, it puts them in a condition.

But the image—they want to project this image. And why are they being influenced there? Because they're carnal. They have no discernment to see: look how a business man puts a thought in your head, messes up your mind, and makes you spend your money; and he has you reflecting him (his product). You are advertising for him now. If I could have made converts so fast, (could you imagine?) and get people to stand up with a kind of pride for the Message, the way they stand up with a pride, "I went by Pizza Hut." The way they stand up with a kind of pride that they drank a Red Bull or something.

But I want my children to be wiser than that. I want you to see through these things and see these are just illusions; that this is an Age—this is the mind Age, and this is where the battleground is. You win and lose the battle right here; your thought about it.

This is where, when you see Jonadab comes, he gives him the thing.

He says, "What are you going to do? You are going to pretend that you are sick."

He says, "Pretend I'm sick—what for?"

He says, "Boy, this is hunting."

You have a spirit of fornication on you and you want to hunt this girl because you are obsessed with this girl. You have her in your binoculars – in your sights. But you're looking at her too long until you get so aroused, you get so berserk, you're losing self-control, now. So the next thing to do, you have to sort of bait, like when you're fishing: you put a bait to bait the thing.

So he comes up with the plan. In other words, he gives him the gun and he gives him the bullets. They're going to commit a crime. She is the victim. She is the victim. A nice sister in the kingdom, a princess, is the victim. How many would like to be a victim? I have some intelligent girls here; more intelligent than I thought. Nobody wants to be a victim. How many have become a victim? How many have been a victim in the past because you had no discernment? How many regretted that you became a victim? How many are ashamed and embarrassed to be a victim? How many know being a victim is real?

Come into my parlour, said the spider to the fly.

*'Tis the prettiest little parlour,
that you ever did spy.*

And the way into my parlour

Is up a winding stair...[The Spider and the Fly: poem by Mary

Howitt -Ed.]

We learnt it as little children in school. They made us say it because it rhymes, but this was high, high, high talk that ended up in a child's book. Do you realize that today? But the people who were putting it in the book, you think they didn't know the seeds they were sowing?

Who is sowing all the pornographic seeds today for little children? Who is sowing them? Who is teaching them about Barbie dolls? And made Barbie... And Barbie has her own little tattoo on her shoulder, and a

tattoo down the back here and these things, to catch the child's mind with that from 'small' [young]. Who is doing that?

The world is a wicked and evil place. And we who have been called and separated must not be caught in these snares. And you, as a witness also in your school (too), or in your workplace, when you meet young girls on this frivolous kind of starry-eyed, Hollywood kind of thing, you need to pull them aside and talk some of this kind of reality. Because you see how it's convicting you, too. Sometimes if....

I'm trying not to touch this 'ex' [Accelerator -Ed.] at all. My foot is off the gas pedal. I'm just letting the car roll. You could imagine if I put my foot on the gas here and get a little thing with this here? Well, we wouldn't have any more of these kinds of meetings. I want this because I want to pass something on to you, to help raise your level of awareness and get you more conscious.

Now, this is the beautiful... This is how knowledge is power and there's no prevailing Power as the revelation of the Word. When you have this in you now, you're seeing anybody who comes with their little dotish talk, big as this building, you know. From the time they come and they're starting that thing to you, you stand up like this; "It can't be me you're coming with that to. Do you think I just... Somebody dropped me at the side of the road and I have nowhere to go? Do you think I'm an orphan? Do you think I'm waiting here for a pick up?"

When you stand up there, he knows right away that you're not one of those kind of 'squeeze your head' kind of 'clothes pin mentality' type of thing. He knows you are not one of those. You are a daughter of God. He runs into a big, stone wall and realizes now, no, you are the endangered species that's going out and becoming extinct, but he met one of the real ones who... How do we say it? "Undefined... We don't sell out

cheap?” How does the song go? [#704 Undefined - Songs That Live -Ed.] Come on. I should make some of you sing it this morning, after the service here. We are not sold out cheap. No, no, we are not that kind of people at all. No, no, no. Why? We’re awakened. Seven Thunders is to wake up the Bride. Why? Because Satan is after the Second Adam’s Bride the same way he was after the first Adam’s bride. That is nothing but the truth.

This subtle man. This man pulled what was in this man’s heart, locked up, and then he gave him a method, how to entice and seduce this girl.

⁶ ... Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

⁷ Then David sent home to Tamar...

But remember what it started off saying when we started to read this? *“And it came to pass after this...”* David had sent Uriah with a note. You ever read 2nd Samuel 11? He was carrying the note sealed with the king’s seal.

He said, “Joab, the king said to give you this.”

Joab reads: “Take Uriah and put him in the heat of the battle where he is going to die.”

He is walking with his death warrant. So now the sword’s coming back. You sow to the flesh, you’ll reap corruption. What you sow, you’re going to reap.

So, here it is now, Jonadab tells *his* son; he says, “Go and get Tamar.”

He goes and says, “Tamar, your brother needs you down there. He is not too well. I looked at him. I tell you, the boy’s covered up there from head to toe, and I heard him groaning on the bed. You could see he is really sick. I heard there is some virus going around recently; maybe, (I don’t know) the boy got it.” He said, “The only thing to really help him right now is some

cakes. And he wants you to come and bake it. So see if you could help him because you know, I can't bear to lose a son like this right now." Because he already lost the child with Bathsheba. The father now gets under the influence. And the father now, is the instrument going to tell his own daughter... He is sending his daughter to get raped—for this love sick boy who is so obsessed with this girl.

It tells you obsession is a bad thing. Do not let things linger in your mind that are not of God, for too long. No matter how harmless you think it is. You see you don't understand what the eye and the ear are. The eye and the ear lead to your sub-conscience. All communication comes through video and audio.

Right now video and audio—that camera is video and audio, and they're sending this around the world instantly, right now. And what I'm saying to you is going around the world right now. And people all through the Caribbean are streaming this; and all across the world are streaming this. This is a dangerous thing when it's the wrong thing. Because if there was something evil going on here, then that evil would be going across the world instantly.

This is something to enlighten young people across the world, wherever they are that are faced with these things. In different countries, the intensity and the pressure of things are different. There are places of real stronghold and then there are places where it's more mild; but you could die in both places.

So now David goes and David sends the girl. He is part of a plan and doesn't know he is part of a plan. What started this? What started this? The girl's beauty. Just because she is a pretty girl. What started this? Because this boy started to admire this girl. He got locked in on this girl and he got so focused on this girl that everything else was focused out of his life. All he was seeing is her. He is seeing her in the morning.

He is seeing her at noon. She is in his head. He is getting a love fever.

Have any of you ever gotten into something like that, that was not of God? How many people thought they were in love before? You don't have to be ashamed of this. Remember this is not about putting none of us down, you know. But look at that. I could put up my hand, too. You see. No.

Is it wrong to desire love? It is not wrong to desire love. We are made to desire love. That's why God is Love. God made us to desire Him. That woman at the well, she wasn't a bad woman, you know, she was thirsting for love; she was thirsting for a relationship.

Jesus didn't condemn that woman because her life was messed up. He told her, "Look, I know what you're thirsting for. I'll give you water; you will never thirst again." She was really looking for God's Love and Satan was making her feel she could find that Love in human relationships. And Satan had carried her through six people already, looking for that Love and not one of those men could point her to the Source of real Love. But when the Lord Jesus came, He came to bring an end to her problem and He came to even bring the solution, to bring her into the channel where she could receive true Love.

The human heart is crying out for love, this morning. Your heart is crying out for more love because faith works by love. If you get the love of God... Because the Holy Ghost... The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. If the Holy Ghost comes in there, you are going to find you will be so satisfied.

You're going to find... A man could have a wife and a wife could have a husband, and they don't have the Holy Ghost, they will not be satisfied with each other. Because it is God Who was made to satisfy the human heart. The human heart was made to be satisfied by

God, not human relationships. That is only a phileo love; a measure of love.

That's why God gives that after Salvation. If that could have done it, it would have been equal to Salvation, and God could give it before Salvation. But the reason God gives it after Salvation: Salvation brings in the love of God in your heart first. Then you have the real satisfaction. Now you have a companion in life, multiplied to... A two-fold cord is stronger than one fold. You could raise a family for the Glory of God. The Mystery of marriage is Christ and the Church. You could be an ambassador for Christ; and in many ways God uses these things.

That's why when you get on the Other Side, you have no more husband and wife; these things finish There. See? In the sense of copulating and marrying for that. Because we don't have those sex glands across There. Yet that is like an Eternal mate in Glory. See? So that means *that* Agape Love is a higher and more satisfying thing than this phileo love. And that sexual love is a more degraded thing.

Let me show you what I mean. God started with Agape Love in the garden of Eden, right? Adam and Eve, they were naked, had nothing, and they looked at each other and weren't ashamed; nobody lusting after anybody; without clothes. They were covered with the Holy Ghost. The Serpent now, he is not covered, you know, because he has no Holy Ghost; he has no holy veil on him, so he is seeing a naked woman. Do you get that? He could see her. But Adam couldn't see her, and she couldn't see Adam in that way, because they were covered with the Holy Spirit.

It's the same. You will have your wife and your wife is a sister, she is a jewel; she is a princess. You don't see her as just a sex thing. Well it's the same way. A next man may see your wife, (boy) and he doesn't care if she has a husband. He wants to make a move on the

woman, because why? He is seeing a woman to have, because he is just carnal.

It's the same way with a woman with a man. She is with the man in the office up and down, up and down. She doesn't want to know he has a wife at home. She likes the charm of the man. Maybe the man talks to her. She feels nice in his presence. He treats her—he gives her respect. She wants respect. She starts to misinterpret that for an advance, and next thing now, she is responding in a certain way like if he wants to have some affair. And it's not so. You see?

So with this type of understanding, when you see this, you realize now... Now, though I'm telling you all this, you still have your hormones to deal with, right? But because I'm telling you this, you have something to understand what you should be, so your hormones don't govern your behaviour. This Word now becomes the Thing that governs your behaviour, so you don't get led into misbehaviour. Are you understanding? Praise the Lord.

Are you appreciating this? [The young people say, "Amen." -Ed.] Praise the Lord.

You see, this is what I say, "Parents should be talking with their children." Because you see sometimes, in things like these, you will be vulnerable outside there, because the children of darkness are wiser than the children of Light. They're watching all kinds of things. They're talking... When they're on the street corner, all they're talking about is who was with this girl; who was with that girl; how he got that girl; how this girl did so, so, so. That is all they're talking about. It is a kind of a dog-eat-dog, low life.

So when you're walking and you don't really know what that Word is, and what this is, and what that is, some little child will watch you and say, "Where are you from, Mars? The Curiosity [Curiosity Rover – spacecraft sent to mars -Ed.] found you up there and brought you back?" Because it is like 'you don't know any of this'.

Well, you don't have to know that. There's a right way to know things, and there's a wrong way to know things. When you know things the wrong way, that is trouble. When you know things the right way, then it can be used the right way, because *"marriage is honorable... and the bed is undefiled: but whoremongers God will judge."* See?

Even in marriage, the Bible talks about inordinate affection. That is excessiveness. *'Inordinate'* means: *'too excessive'*. Lasciviousness and concupiscence; this is people who just... A woman sees a man, or a man sees a woman; it is a pure animalistic and sensual relationship. There's no respect. There's no appreciation of certain gifts or talents or dignity or virtue that somebody may have. They're not watching that, because where their mind is and where their focus is, they don't see anything godly or anything. All they're seeing is physical. When they view the person, they are on the anatomy and she is a specimen. And they're just seeing pleasure. She is an object for them to have pleasure. She is a kind of amusement park; that is all they're seeing. God does not want to see us relate to people that way.

Now the world is trying to condition our minds, by movies and by books, with all kinds of things on the Internet. Free thinkers; anybody can put up their stuff; anybody can write their articles. And they're trying to influence us to make a lot of this filth seem acceptable, or make you feel you're missing something in life. You have to know, the same way Satan would like to make you a Baptist if he could, or make you a Catholic if he could, or make you an atheist if he could; it's the same way he would like to make you do other things.

If you're in the religious realm, he messes up your mind with religion. If you're in the carnal realm, he messes up your mind with carnality. If you're in the political realm, he messes up your mind with politics

and these things. If you're in sports, he makes you a fanatic. He could mess you up in a lot of ways because the mind is the place these things come first. The mind.

Just a couple more verses and we're done. Let's see the outcome of this. Let's see the outcome of this. This man who loved so much. This man who is telling the sister, "If you know how I love you. I can't do without you, you know. Look at me, I'm getting thin. I haven't eaten for days. What do you think is getting me thin, like this? Do you think I am on a diet?"

And she is so impressed. "Oh my, I never had somebody to lose all that weight for me." She could think that *that* is love, and not realizing, "No, he is just obsessed." The day that obsession leaves and he gets obsessed with another person, you are nobody. You are not the first person he got obsessed with. This is a person who thought he was in love ten times already.

I tell you all, listen to me, you know. I try to tell you all; please, I am sent from God to you all. Do you see how I explained these things? You would realize, all of this out there – all of this is in the Bible? And then you realize now, how is it I don't have any of that right here when I have to deal with these things. And then when you look at yourself objectively, "Can I tell the difference between infatuation and love? Can I tell when it is an obsession or when God is really dealing with somebody?"

Next thing I go and say, "God is really dealing with that person."

And that person is now saying, "You are my bride, you know. God showed me that, you know. Because after God is you, you know. And you know when I hold on to something, I don't let it go."

Yea, we know that too. But how would you know? No, you have to go back now to God for confirmation and witness.

And then you have to say, "Let me hear your experience."

He says, "Well, I have been watching you for a long time, you know."

"Whoo! Wrong person. You said the wrong thing there: "watching". That brings obsession. God never told you to put your eyes on me. God says put your eyes on Him."

The Prophet said, "Look away to (Whom?) [The sisters say, "Jesus" -Ed.] These girls are in the Word! Brother!

Do you know what is good about this? The condition the woman is in is a reflection of the condition of the church. Could you imagine these things can be taught and opened up so that you could see and evaluate things, and this church could have been in a bad condition? This kind of thing is to make us get in condition: the kind of condition that we need to be in.

So David sends the girl, verse 8:

⁸ So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house;...

Now she is going down to the house, sent by her father, but she does not know she is the subject of great discussion. And a plan is being executed and is in motion. And she is actually heading for the slaughter, and doesn't know it.

...and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

⁹ And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat.

You see, that was part of the plan. That was part of the plan.

"Come by the table. Look, it is on the table."

"Oh, I feel like I can't come off of this bed. Oh God. Please. Do you mind bringing it for me, I can't make it?"

It is to get her in the bedroom, you know. Next plan now is to get her in the bedroom, so he refuses to eat. Watch.

... And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

¹⁰ And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand.

Now, which one of you sees that you could walk into that? Maybe not this morning but the things you regret, could you look back and see, “That was a well laid out plan for me”? That’s right. That’s right. This is how these things happen. Where is her discernment; that he is pretending to be sick and she can’t see that he isn’t sick?

When somebody comes to you, and looks you in the eyes, and starts to talk to you, and they get in that tone. And then they start to go through a kind of tantrum. And they start to tell you their life and their sorrow. And next thing, they have you on the hook and you can’t see that. Where is your discernment? Where is these brothers’ discernment when a sister is doing this?

And say... Sometimes somebody who is married, and it falls apart; who ends up with a child for somebody (or two children). And then they realize things are kind of hard, so they know if they don’t land a person (a single person) quickly, things will be bad. Because they know their chances now, with two children already, being young, and they can’t see themselves going through life that way. And then they know they have to find a way because they’re looking for marriage, looking for a family; looking for a home to settle down. They know they made mistakes in their past. They know God forgave them but they’re just trusting by God’s grace that somebody wants a wife with two children already, with two different fathers or

something. The person's nice, pretty but they know that is like a scar.

So next thing they come—when you come, they have something nice cooked for you. They want to give you this. They want to give you that. Then they say, “Well, you know I wish I met you first. I had some bad experiences but you are the real person.” And you don't know all the locks and bars on your door are... ‘Clicks’; they open that real fast. ‘Clicks, clicks, clicks, clicks’; chain, everything is off. And before you know it, you stand helpless and you're ready...

I have had to deal with people like that. And I had to talk, and say, “Brother, you do not need that.” Some people I told them. I said, “You know what you're doing, brother? Right now, you might be feeling a certain way. Two years down the road this picture turns; brother, this is not...” Sometimes it's a brother, a young brother, and an elderly sister much older than him. She has so much experience. He is like a young virgin boy, almost. I say, “Brother, be careful with that relationship. You don't understand.”

But the thing is, a single girl wouldn't have that boldness. She doesn't have the experience, number one. She doesn't have the boldness, number two, to do that. But this person will make this young boy feel like he is a man, when he is—but he is a man without experience. He has no experience to be a man yet but she is going to talk to him like a man. She is going to make him feel like he is a big, full man. And he is looking at it like a compliment coming from a mature person who is already there. And he is kind of glad for this. But he does not know, now, somebody is going to control his salary, and is going to give him this for ‘passage’ [Money to travel -Ed.]. But to maintain this ‘beast’ here is not going to be easy. Right now, I have that to deal with. I have that to deal with.

Why? Do you know why? You come in the Assembly here, and you need to listen to me, because that is

what ‘coming in here’ is all about. Coming in here is to listen to the one that God is giving His Word, and raised up to give you the Word; to teach you not just about ‘Bro. Branham is the Prophet’, or to teach you about, ‘we are in the Laodicean Age’ and draw the Seven Church Ages, but to teach you these things in your life, from a day to day basis; to know what you are meeting out there and how to overcome it and deal with it, and the kind of convictions and principles you have to have, if you have to survive. And you will survive.

Let me tell you, take this Word, and you will survive. You will survive. I know that. Because these things, you’re seeing it. Are you seeing these things? Now hear what this is about. This is about giving you discernment. This is given to you to judge situations. This is about making you test people. Don’t let everybody come and tell you, God sent them and God told them. What does the Scripture say, “Try (what?) – “Try every spirit and prove (what?).” [Congregation says, “All things” –Ed.] I tell you. I don’t even need to teach some of you all here. “And prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.”

Now, why do we only think that *that* means if a Jehovah Witness comes and tells you about Watchtower, try them and see if they could accept the Word; if it’s one God or three gods or... And you have no problem with that. That is not going to tie you up.

But when a boy comes and says, “God tells me so and so and so. I really love you so and so and so.” Next thing...

Or a girl comes and tells the brother, “Brother, what happened to you? You have me waiting here too long.”

He says, “What do you mean? I have to drop you somewhere.”

I could be crude, don’t I? Jesus! God, help me. You see?

So, this is to make you test things. You have to test people in this world. When somebody comes to you with something, you have to know, "Is this a pretense?" This is an Age of pretence. Everybody sounds nice. Everybody knows we're in a Christian environment so our defences are down; especially if you're around for long. And we're seeing you regularly. We're hearing you. We're seeing people like they're involved in the work of the Lord. We're seeing people singing and playing music. Those are the most dangerous ones. Hear what I mean by this.

Music charms. Do you know that? Music has a charming influence. Singing also. That is why we get under the atmosphere of the Holy Ghost when people start to sing. That is why we start to cry. That is why we put up our hands in the air. That is why we stand up and shout. Why? That kind of communication is very powerful. You know that. That's powerful communication. So when we feel this type of thing we have to know. We have to know this.

And people who play music and sing and preach; all of us are nervous people. Because, gifted people are designed a certain way to get into certain realms. And we have gifts in our lives that we were born with, so that means we came with it, without the Holy Ghost. But the only way you know the real, the virtues are with the gift. If you have the gift without the virtues, you have... Now these are the things you have to see; not just the gift, you have to see virtue. When you marry, you don't marry the gift, you marry virtue: "Till death do us part." One and one alone! Nobody else! You marry that. Somebody... Because your vow doesn't trust in the beauty of the person, but in the loyalty of the person. Somebody who will say, "I give you my word. I will love you till death. In sickness or in health. In riches or in poverty. Till death do us part." And they mean that.

Anybody here have anything they have to drop off? No, the thing is, if a few things have to drop off here. Remember... Remember we're talking. This is a family talking. And we're talking here closed—in a closed environment, like if it's three of us in a room and you're talking to two people and you're trying to counsel them. This is like counsel talk. And we only do this with this number of people because—could you imagine if we had to take two by two, by two, by two, when will we get through this? So you're trusting this is getting over right.

And when these kinds of things come across, you see where you're getting pulled into things; where you're allowing things; where you go into things without testing it; where you're going unguarded; where you're already under a measure of influence; where you got into things without even consulting the Word, without prayer. And you're here in this... You're running now with the bars to block up the stable, but the horse is already running 'quite' [way] down the road. You don't get that trying to block up the stable when the horse is out of the stable.

So if some of us have already gone bolting into things, only to realize, "Hey, but I have Shechem, Amnon, and Jonadab inside of me. It's like those three fellows hang around me, because I'm seeing each one of those fellows' behaviour inside of me."

"I'm seeing some Rebecca in me; I like to serve. You know, I was praying about this and so on. I came by the well about four times, but nothing has happened yet. I haven't seen Eliezer show up. Nothing has happened yet. You know, I thought I saw some people with some camels, I say, 'Well, ah ha. This is it.' It turned out not to be camels; it was something else. So I realise that wasn't Eliezer. That man came to sell produce. He wasn't looking... He didn't come looking for any bride or anything." So you know you're kind of going through this.

But the thing is, you've reached a place where you want to know. I am saying, today, we can't have a prayer line here. I'm not going to have a prayer line here. But if some of you are really genuine, and when I say genuine, I don't mean you are not genuine. I don't mean it that way. And, when we're done, we could hold each other's hand there and pray that God help us in this Hour. Because what we are seeing, is giving us deeper convictions and we are understanding better the godly principles that govern these things. And when we get deeper convictions and we could be led into deeper convictions, and we could arm ourselves with godly principles, then we can walk in a place where we have more control of our environment and our situation and not be brought under the control of influences that target us.

Do you realize she was targeted? Do you ever think you were targeted? Or you thought you were lucky? It is like, "Where have you been all my life? I've been waiting for you to come along for the last six years. You've now arrived?" And you think it's Mr. Perfect just stepped in there, not knowing this is the suicide bomber that is coming here loaded, you know, and you're the target. She walked right into the place where the biggest explosion was about to happen.

I am bringing you to this like some suspense, you know. He is calling her now. Look what he is doing to her now. He says, "Come. Put everybody outside. I can't eat with all these people here. And I can't get up to come by the table." And no alarm is going off. That is why, when you watch an old man like me and you're coming to tell me some story about, "This is love and that is love." I'm an expert on this. I could tell you the three kinds of love. You're reading some book and have an imagination in your mind. I can carry you in the Scripture.

Look at me, I'm talking to you here the last two weeks and the Spirit is defining things that are under

a microscope. Look where the Spirit has gone into things here. These are situations. These are plots. This is a person lacking discernment. This is a person who is gullible. This is a person now, who is so casual. She is going with food and she is saying, "I made the food nicely," and she is thinking it's about eating. And she doesn't know that she is the food. And she is going so unsuspectingly.

And this young man allowed a thought to get in his mind; became so obsessed, until now he is planning rape. Because, this is not consensual. Just like with Shechem, it was not consensual. How could you get there? When you go in a court and they call that person and they put him on the stand and the prosecutors start with him, "And when did you do this? And you have a history for this. And why didn't you be honest? You have sisters yourself." When they start to drill him, what you thought was a nice fellow in a nice, leather jacket, and his sideburns thing; and he tells the barber: "Give me the pencil coming down here, and kind of block the moustache, but you know, don't touch that part here." And then he goes and he takes a pedicure, you know, and all kinds of different things. And he comes down there and he sprays up himself, smelling so sweet and everything else.

And you realize now, look what this thing is turning out to be. How did he get there? How could a young fellow get so obsessed? Today... Do you know why? Hear why this happens. You like pretty girls? There are sites where you could see five hundred pretty girls with clothes off. Do you all know where they are? Have you all ever seen some of them before? You all have seen that before. Don't watch me with a kind of saint... You don't know what I am talking about. Why do you want to go back, and go back, and go back? Do you know why? The eye—you start to covet. It starts to lead you into sin. You start to look for pleasure. You

never knew that seeing things, and hearing things can give such pleasure.

What is stimulation of revelation? That is something you are hearing. It gets you happy; gets you charged. You will jump out your seat, "Yes!" It's something you hear, but that didn't excite your body, that excited your soul, right? Well, the same way there's something that excites your body. The same way it arouses your faith and your faith gets charged, and that Word ties your soul to the Absolute; shows you your Age; shows you your promise. Move you into... And that Word isn't dealing with your reasoning, you know, that Word is going straight to your faith – your faith, your faith. And your faith gets so charged, you'll walk out of a wheelchair and all.

Well, when something now comes into your lust—because remember Paul said, "When I want to do good, evil is present with me...When I want to do right, I do that which is wrong." The Prophet told the story about the 'black dog' and the 'white dog': which dog do you feed the most. If you're feeding the 'black dog' the most, that is not food for the 'white dog'. So what do you expect? Every time you come around the black dog, he is prancing. Why? He is strong. He is vibrant because he is being fed.

Well, when you're doing that, and you face a spiritual battle where the soul has to come out and fight that battle to save your life, he is weak as weak can be. You don't know a Word. You don't have faith. You have no inspiration. But let a girl or something show up there. Oh man, you have all the talks. You have all the different things, you could go down there. You have all the approaches. You have all the lines you could use. You have all the kind of machoism you could display. Why? Because you feed that self. You feed that self. This is what it is.

Now when you see this, you realize, you are really body and soul. There is really an outward man and

there is really an inward man. When you start to learn to divide those two selves—when temptation comes, it is *that* that deals with the temptation. Because you understand now, this is trying to use this man [Bro. Vin refers to the outward body -Ed.] to take you into sin. But this man [Bro. Vin refers to inside the heart – the inward man -Ed.] is the one who is going to stand there and drive that spirit back. That though there is a law of sin inside there and that fellow is trying to contact that law of sin, this fellow here is bringing this body subject to the Word.

This fellow didn't have that. He used to feed the black dog all the time. And he had planned the whole thing. And when he was done, there was going to be sorrow in the family. There was going to be sorrow in the family.

Do you know how that hurts a church, when you have to sit down with young men and young women in the back, and you have to start to talk to them and you say, "Are you not hearing the Word? I mean how you got into this? If you were tempted, temptation is not a sin. Jesus was tempted in all points and yet without sin. Why did you yield to your sin? If you were feeling weak, why didn't you come and ask for prayer? If you needed counsel and you realized what you were getting into—you're drifting, why didn't you come and ask for prayer?" This is where we make the mistakes. This is where we make the mistakes.

And let me tell you, when these things come into your life, they rob you, you know. It robs you of your joy. It robs you of your peace. It makes you ashamed. If people know it afterwards... That is why I try to deal with you all in a way: only if something is absolutely necessary for the public, I will make it known to the public. If it's something that is to deal with you and the person, or the others who might be offended or where the shame is, I will deal with it on that level. Because you don't need me to humiliate you and put

you through that; because it really doesn't have any Word for that.

But the thing is, sometimes certain people do things that bring such a shame. Then sometimes, people do things and they don't even come to say, "I am sorry." Some people think really and truly, you could cover sin with something other than the Blood. So they try to hide it in a place. That destroys you because what happens right there, the enemy knows, "I already trapped you in that and I have you there." And the enemy knows, "You had the opportunity to expose it and you didn't, so I know who you're loyal to. You're loyal to me." So the enemy now knows you are on his side. You're loyal to him because you had an opportunity to show you're against him; that he got you in that. But now you're hiding it because you don't want him exposed. So he realizes, no, you're for him. Do you see?

And he realizes now, your image is a big thing because you don't want anybody to see you in that way. So what do you think is the next thing he is going to do? He starts to pump up your mind: "They're going to be talking about you and so and so and so, so." So if you had it hidden five feet deep, in the night when everybody's asleep, you're digging twenty feet to put it twenty-five feet under the ground, because you want to make sure nobody finds that. Next thing, you're planting things on top of it. Diversion. Do you understand what I'm saying? "That is for me?" No. Another diversion. And say, "How come you are so active recently?"

A fellow like me, you can't be around me at all. From the time I see a behaviour kind of pumped up a little bit; it is like, "There's no cause for that. No revelation. I didn't hear you say you got some spiritual dream. What brings this special thing here? Oh, you want me to see that behaviour? Oh, that is for me to keep my mind locked there?" Well, now you make me

do like this, and get microscopic on you. That is what ministry is.

What do you think they call, ‘Pastor’? There is a thing called ‘man-made pastor’, you know. This kind of thing, in this Age with this Word—like I always say, “Could I preach the Word this way and can’t see—man?” It’s my seeing that makes me preach the Word this way. It’s my seeing that makes me preach the Word this way.

Because you hear how—we were talking about x-ray cameras. You go and take an x-ray, and you put on your high heels, you put on your thing, you put on your nice coat, and you go down there. And somebody thinks you are coming to see a sick person. They don’t know you’re going and get examined. When they think...

You say, “I’m going to have my picture taken.”

He says, “Where?”

“In the x-ray department?”

He says, “That’s why you’re dressed up like that?”

He says, “That camera doesn’t ‘take out’ [photograph] clothes.” That goes like this, ‘boom’; your bones and your organs ‘come out’ [are photographed].

So people like that, they have an x-ray camera. When you try to create an impression, you know that pious thing isn’t fooling me at all. You might fool somebody else with that; a Presbyterian man. Right away, you are watching a person straight down through the Word. But think of it, if I couldn’t see that, I couldn’t help you. If I couldn’t see, I couldn’t help you. But because I can see those things, I can help you. This is like delicate surgery.

Now, this is the real cosmetic surgery, you know. Do you know that? This is removing the defects. This kind of surgery is: moving the defects, straightening up crooked places in the life, and bringing you out according to the image God wants you to be – the stature of a perfect man. And this is removing the

fungus and the malignant things in the life; and bringing you out, to be a son, and to be a daughter; that we all in this Hour could be an Isaac, a Rebecca, a real reflection of Christ and the Church. And when we have a betrothal in church and we stand up and say, "Oh my"; the family is happy, the church is happy, and this one is happy. Why? We're standing for the Word.

Now, if I wasn't preaching the Word, it would have been a different thing, you know. Because I am preaching the Word, and I am conscious I am preaching the Word, is why I make the stand I make. That is why I can't...

One of the things I don't like is somebody trying to play smart for me. I am not talking about you here. I had a young man recently who wanted to play smart for me. So I told him. I say, "You want to play smart for me?" See, some people think I am from Trinidad. I am not from Trinidad. Now, you all know I'm not from Trinidad, right? I'm not from Trinidad, you know. Since I got this New Birth, I'm not from Trinidad. I'm not a Trinidadian. See? God put me here to guard the souls of people. And I am not guarding the souls of people with human influence.

So far this morning (we are about to be dismissed)... So far, have I tried to influence you on a human level here? I have tried to fortify you. I have tried to open up things to you. I have tried to expose you to situations in the Word and show you those things in natural life. I have tried to show you that many who have made mistakes in the past have suffered these things, because they lacked that discernment. They were led into things. They made decisions. At the time, it looked good, it seemed sound, but by the results, they realized they were deceived, they were misled; they were sidetracked.

And then also at present in our life, I'm saying, "Do not look at a sister that way or do not look at a brother

that way, on a physical level.” A brother is not a body of—a male body there. And a sister is not the female anatomy. That is not the sister or the brother. It’s what we are in our principle; it’s what we are in our faith; it’s what we are in our conviction; it’s what we are in our stand; it’s what we are in our virtue; it’s what we are in our character; that’s what we are.

I would rather see a girl, three feet short—three hundred pounds at three feet short, that is honest, true, loyal and faithful, than to have a ‘miss universe’ standing there; but is Jezebel, or Salome who could really dance, (do you understand?) and have a few Herodias, full of lasciviousness and inordinate affection in that nice beautiful body; that you wouldn’t be able to sleep peacefully for five minutes. Because when a person marries, they marry for love. When a person marries, they marry according to the will of God. And they marry as a gift from God; that God has joined these two people—whatsoever God joined together.

From this example we see, you could get what you want. Do you realize that? A man could get the woman he wants and a woman could get the man she wants. It tells you they will hunt the precious life. You could hunt a life. That is why, sometimes people in relationships, they get disappointed. They get broken. They get sad. Do you know what they do? They go and try now to start another one. They go and they try to find someone to ease that pain. They didn’t need that. You are making the same mistake twice. Convenience. There are all kinds of marriages by convenience.

Sometimes girls (I don’t know) and boys too, men and women, they want to do things—they want to be different. “My thing will be different.” Some people, they like to stand out. Have you ever seen people dress sometimes? They like to stand out. Now, nothing is wrong with looking nice. I am all for looking nice. Don’t look shabby; look good. No, seriously. What do you

want to look shabby for? The first thing somebody is going to tell you, "You want to tell me about God and you can't even take care of yourself properly? Look at you. You're telling me something about God?" You want to be able to stand up with conviction. You want to be somebody who people could have confidence in.

I know some of you, your desire for what you want, (listen to this) is stronger than your obedience to the Word. What you have to work on is strengthening your obedience to the Word. If your desire is stronger for something that *you* want, that is always going to win out, if that is stronger than your obedience to the Word.

Even though you know the Word says that... You could have quoted... There are three Scriptures, Leviticus 18, Leviticus 20, Deuteronomy 27, that you could have quoted there for Amnon, showing him where it is a curse, it is unlawful; you're not supposed to marry your sister, who is your father's daughter. But he is obsessed; he is in love until he is sick. And in that sick state he didn't even have a defence. When Jonadab pulled the thing out of him, he said, "What happened to you? You are the king's son. You could take what you want, boy. What happened to you? You are a king's son."

Now, you realize Jonadab had no feeling for that girl? It's a kind of male thing, you know. This is a kind of male thing. "I want my partner to get through there. I am supporting my partner in that, boy. I want him to get through on that." It's like, "But that is somebody's daughter." How could somebody side with somebody...

Now, some critical analysis: Is he a good friend? Are those two good friends? Are two people good friends because they share secrets? You see that right there. That is not good friends. This is one influencing another to evil; it is really what it is. This is where they say, "Friends carry you, but they can't bring you back." That is what that is.

Now, could you know the Word of God—because he knew the Word of God you know? Could you know the Word... They are in the kingdom. They are in Judah.

It's like we sit down here and somebody would say, "Bro. Vin, I don't know..."

A brother came and told me about marriage recently. I said, "Have you ever read the book I printed there: *Sacredness of the Marriage Vow*?" He said, "No." He said, "But I'm working on getting the foundation laid. I have some money." He thinks I want to hear that he is building a cage for a bird. I don't think so. My mind doesn't operate like that. The first thing my mind thinks is: *that* is somebody's daughter, and they are under the Ministry, and I have to respect that person's parents. And they have trust in me as God's servant. And if I stand up here—and you're already making plans and you want to do something for somebody's daughter in the Assembly. And you never talked to the person's father, and thinking you could bypass them, too, to talk to me. And then, I'm now hearing that you have some money and you are going to lay a foundation. Like, as long as you have construction, the thing's vindicated.

So I said, "Have you ever read..." No, he never read that. I say, "Take some time." Time out. You are not ready yet. You are not ready yet.

A next one in the assembly; you go around this sister, you love this sister, you move with this sister; the thing falls through. The sister realizes you are not a real Christian. Next thing you see somebody else.

Now please understand, sisters and brothers, these people here have family. They didn't drop down from the sky. So when you say, "I see the sister. I see the person I like." No, you see somebody's daughter and you don't know if they approve. Do you see? How is the brain functioning? This is Amnon's style. That is Amnon's style. Yes! That is not our style. Our style is Isaac's style.

It comes like you're in the airport and you see a plane parked up on the tarmac and somebody says,

"That plane is going to New York, you know."

"What! I'm going."

You say, "Give me a chance. Give me a chance."

So you hit the security; he says, "Passport. Boarding pass."

You say, "Passport and boarding pass? What does that mean?"

That is the same thing you're doing to me. That is the same thing you're doing to me. You didn't go through security yet to see if you could pass through this. It beeped about five times. The amount of things you have to take off. You have to drop off that, drop off that, drop off this, and drop off this. You almost have nothing that isn't beeping, to get through there. Do you see? It doesn't happen that way. Responsibility. Responsibility.

I am not breaking up anybody's thing. I want to give you a lasting thing. How many believe that? I'm getting home to you then. I don't think you fooled me there. I think you mean that. You mean that, right? [The young people say, "Yes." –Ed.] I believe that. I want a lasting thing for you. You see when anybody here brings shame, they bring shame on the Name of the Lord, they bring shame on me and the Ministry, they bring shame on the church and they bring shame on the families in the Assembly. And we have to get this sort of thing like: "This ought not to be done in Israel, because in Israel, things are done this way. And we know how things are done."

There is a new thing – a new trend that came up. And one of the new trends came up is: the brother tells the sister, "I am going to talk to the Minister." And she sits down there waiting, and thinks, well if he talks, she doesn't have to talk. That is only if the two people, maybe were living in a common-law [relationship] or something in the world; God saved them, and they

came in the Assembly. I'm dealing with them as two because they either have a child, living together in common-law and they're trying to put their wrongs right.

But when a sister was born and grew up in the Assembly or in the Assembly, and then maybe later on she meets this person in the Assembly or the brother meets the sister in the Assembly, whatever it is, and he comes and says, "Bro. Vin I am going through a thing with a sister." Well that is fine. I can't say you are not going through anything. But if when you say, 'speak', and I have to go by what you speak for the two, how will I know to tell the parents—if the parents tell me, "I see so and so and so. I heard you sanctioned that." Do you think I could say, "Yeah, I sanctioned it because they are under my Ministry, and I am the boss here"? Do you think I am that crazy? I'm not crazy. I know my limitations on people's children. And I know, in the ministry I may have to give an account, but I know the kind of requirement God requires when you have to give an account. That accounting has to be detailed. That is forensic. Accounting is a forensic thing. You have to go...

Have you ever seen an auditor and a financial controller? They go through every single thing. And I have to go through it to make sure there isn't anything loose there. Do you see?

Because remember, there are men and women who come to this Assembly, they had a choice, you know. They had many other assemblies they could have gone to. And they aren't coming to the Assembly because they find I could preach or we have good singing here. People don't choose church for that, you know. They come to know, "I could bring my family here because I believe the Presence of God is here. I believe this man is being led by God. I believe these people stand for godly principles. I believe this church is established on the doctrines of the Message and the Scriptures. And

this man is faithful in being—you know, to say what the Word says and to even handle the things.”

Because there are things to handle. Preaching is one, but to handle things; handle problems and handle things, if I don't have that discernment, you know what's going to happen? I will marry the wrong person—the wrong boy to the wrong girl. They'll come and tell me a nice story and I'll say,

“Oh my, that sounds really good, boy. Hey, that is the best I heard for the year.” I say, “My! When? How soon? How soon?”

“Well I'm going to get my suit, man. I am ordering my suit right now.”

That will be carnal. Because if I call things, ‘okay’, and then have to check with hindsight.

And somebody says, “Do you know that person was engaged before?”

I say, “Oh God, and I announced that wedding.” With things of that nature you don't make mistakes. You could make mistakes and say, “seven thousand” instead of “seven hundred” and “seven hundred” instead of “seven thousand,” but those kinds of things you don't make mistakes. That's people's lives.

And when you know that you go to lengths to tell people the Truth and how the Word is, you know what happens after? When they go and do their own, you have to let them know, “No, you're big enough to handle the consequences of your own self-will.” If I didn't tell you and I realized by hindsight, “I should have advised you on that because you really mentioned it to me and I offered no advice. I told you, ‘I am too busy’. And I told you, ‘Go ahead as the Lord leads’.”

But if I instructed you and told you what the Scriptures and the Message say; and that person and their family and what and what and what, and then you went and did your own thing. No, I can't stand with that. You don't want me to stand with that. Now

as far as forgiveness, I will forgive. But when it comes to responsibility now, I can't come and say, "No, no, that is okay." Because if you now have to go and apologize to the father, you have to go and fix this, and you have to go and fix this here, that has to be done. I may try to arrange the meeting. I may try to facilitate, you know, a mutual thing, so it does not end up in a clash and get bad and these things. But the thing is, somebody will have to come to the place to see, "I caused this."

Who would you blame here in this? You'll blame Amnon? You'll blame Jonadab? You'll blame David or you'll blame Tamar? Who is to blame? Critical analysis. Let me hear. Who is the real guilty one in the set? If we are the jury and we're in the jury room here and the charge against Amnon is: he knows the Word says that's unlawful. And Jonadab knows it is unlawful. What you... If you have to talk to Jonadab, what would you tell him? I would like to hear somebody get up and give me a few words of address, if they have to talk to Jonadab. They have all the facts of the case right here.

"Jonadab, how could you do this? Didn't you see that this boy had an obsession? Didn't you have any feelings for this girl? And then furthermore, you made this boy lie to his father, to deceive the father; to bring the girl here for this? Plus you know what the Word of God says?" What would you tell him? You would hit him a cuff?

Now why am I asking this? Hear why I am asking this. Some of you see your friends do things, and you stand up and you see what they're doing and you're hearing their thoughts about something and you keep quiet. You don't oppose it. There is nothing... That is very, very, very unmannerly. That shows, if you can't be a representative of Christ among the family here, to say, "No, no, no, this will do us harm here. This will grieve the Presence of God amongst us here." How

much more could you do that for somebody in the world, and stand on your job somewhere?

How many people find it very difficult to stand up for the Truth with somebody, if you see them doing wrong? Or how many people say, "That is them. If they want to do that, that is them."

What if you see a young sister (You are a George, right?) like this nice, young, sister here. (What's your name? Gethsemane – prayer. You pray, right? May God put that anointing of what took place in Gethsemane.) [Bro. Vin speaks with Gethsemane George –Ed.]

Hear this. The fall took place in the Garden of Eden and the battle was won back in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is in Gethsemane He prayed with sweat like drops of blood. And when He got up, He was ready to go straight to the Cross. It was in Gethsemane He said, "Take this cup... If it's possible, let it pass." But that's where He won the victory. And that means the fall that threw the whole world into chaos was won back. That victory was won back in the Garden of Gethsemane. And that's why He could have laid down His life completely. So Gethsemane is a place where victories are won.

If Gethsemane is maybe doing something that is not appropriate, (Now I could use you, right, for an example? Well you know, I'm not trying anything here.) and maybe not doing something appropriate. Well, maybe not doing something inappropriate, let's say, you see somebody talking to Gethsemane and trying to persuade her.

Wasn't Shechem a persuasive man? Shechem was so egotistic... (I had something I wanted to bring back to Shechem before we're done, but I'll drop it in here.) When you meet a fellow like Shechem, you're meeting a fellow who is sure of himself. He has wealth. He has fame. He has his boys. He is a leader. He wants the best of everything, because he feels he deserves the best. And he feels he is entitled to choose first and

then let his boys take after. And anybody he puts his eyes on, he says, "Ok, that is mine."

So when he comes he is all sure of himself. He tells the father; he says, "I need that girl, you know. Get her for me." Father goes making negotiation. Next thing he comes into the picture; he stands up with the father. He feels confident now. He is telling Jacob a prophet, and he is telling Levi a potential priest, and he is telling Judah who holds the Messianic line; and he is watching all these people and saying, "You all call. Whatever you call, I will pay. But I want that girl."

What do you do with a fellow like that? He is attractive, handsome; could talk, has style, powerful when he walks; he is from an influential family. You're from a little village. Your house on that street maybe doesn't even have a number. Your car is an old model or not one like their own. How many of you think that *that* can't bowl you over? And nobody is going to come... They could be Prince William or whoever he is. According to what the Prophet says, "A girl accepting any choice of a husband, she prays."

You will think that, "Boy, I'm landing the big fish. Boy, I got Mr. Perfect. Boy, I'm telling you, the family that he is in there, things are going to be nice for me. I am fixed for life. They go on trips. They go on cruises. They're already talking about honeymooning in Hawaii. They're talking big. You know who will be in my wedding? Judges; major business people. Do you know where they're having that wedding? Hyatt." Will you get bowled over with that? Who am I talking to? Or are you in deep deliberation? You're thinking about it.

Dinah got confused with that, you know. She got confused with that. Do you know why? She was a shut-up girl. She had no exposure. So her first little bit of exposure, she went out and tripped over herself.

If you're seeing one of our sisters doing that, you will stand up and say, "Look at Gethsemane. Look at her. Look at... She is getting carried away. She feels

that man... That man only uses people, boy. She should know better than that. That boy is not even a Christian.”

Then a next sister says, “Well, he is nice. He is nicer than half of those brothers in the church.”

Now, some people talk that way, you know. That is what they say. That is their answer. “Well he is nice. I know there are a lot of hypocrites in the church.”

What they really want to mean now... That is their way of endorsing that, you know; by bringing down the people of God who may have a fault, to endorse something with the world. That is twice times carnal. That is Jonadab in female form. That is the same thing. You don’t put down the people of God and expect God to bless you. It was Balaam cursing the people of God. And God said, “No. You can’t curse them. They are My people.”

Now, could somebody explain to me, what that is, there? Do you think that *that* there is like being selfish? “I want this and I think somebody’s trying for me not to get that. And after all the Bible says, *“The unbelieving husband is sanctified by the believing wife... and wives with their chaste conduct coupled with fear will save their unsaved husbands.”* That means if you got saved in a marriage—the two of you got married as unbelievers and you got saved. That is what that means. That doesn’t mean you are a believer going to marry an unbeliever. That doesn’t mean that.

That is the same thing; when you want something, you do not want to apply the Word because you wish—you try to soften that particular Word to get the thing. That is dangerous. That is you trying to get it for yourself, not God giving it to you. If God is giving it to you, God doesn’t have to break any of His Word to give it to you. And if the Word is broken, it can’t last; because one Word broken is what took us out of the Garden of Eden.

So the point there is when you look in yourself, do you see at times you want things that's not the Word? And when you realize it's not the Word, how do you deal with it when the desire is strong for it? That is like Amnon. So now, we're getting Amnon's desire in a female body; same desire. How do you want that? One of you wants to stand up and say? No, please do it. It will encourage our discussion here.

Hear what this will do. This lets us see how we think, how we are catching things; how we understand. Because the things we are talking about here are not like... A lot of people think they know the Word, by when they quote the Word or recite a memory verse. Knowing the Word is by applying the Word. And you can't apply the Word unless you see the circumstance, judge the circumstance, and know what to apply; where.

The reason this is put in the Bible this way is to show us: look how emotions and reasoning could take control of your being and paralyze faith. As long as faith is in you, faith will agree with the Word all the time. But watch at reasoning, now. Reasoning will want to go to get something but crosses over the Word to get it. Emotion will get you sick if you can't get it and you're trying to get it by emotions. But the Promises are received by faith, not emotions, by faith.

How many people here, feel they have seen the right person? Well, this is not intended to embarrass anybody. I would be a fool to stand up here, trying to teach you and at the same time trying to embarrass you. Okay. Don't answer it. I don't want to put pressure on anybody. Don't answer.

But the thing is; nine out of ten wrong choices or missteps come from the emotions getting mixed up. You see, emotion is the second part of your spirit. Your spirit is reasoning, affection. You start to reason. "Well, I think, we kind of match, you know. He is a Leo and I am a Leo." That doesn't make a match. Fire and

fire will burn down the house. We're talking about, THE HEAT OF UNHOLY PASSION, and "*What Kind of Fire you have in your Bosom*". If you have Holy Ghost Fire in your bosom, you're sure you are being led by God to find the right person.

If you take fire into your bosom and you are getting burned... What happened to Amnon? He had coals; hot coals of lust that came through an obsession in his bosom and he was burning and burning and burning. You know what Paul says, "If you're burning, it is better you marry, than burn." How many think he is saying, "Marry somebody to stop burning." He is not saying that, because he is also saying, "I wish all men were like me." He says, "Because when you marry a woman you start to think about the things for your wife and not the things of the Lord." You marry a man..." he says, "you start to think about the things for your husband and not the things of the Lord." And then, two can't walk together except they agree.

So the thing is, what he is actually saying is, you find the right person, and maybe you're trying to hold off before—you get this, to kind of fix the house; get that, get that, get that and you're burning. And that burning could lead you to fall into sin because you can't wait. Well, it is best you consummate the marriage and forget all the wall paper, and the special tiles, and the curtains from the States have to come down and the carpet you want to put on the floor, and the little thing you want to fix over here. You know, forget all of that and kind of go with what you have for the time being, and you'll get that later on, 'praise the Lord', but do not get yourself burning for that. And it doesn't mean burning for anybody; because it can't mean that.

I have found that a lot of young people today get themselves into places: holding hands. They say, "Well, Bro. Vin, we embraced. We do this." Sometimes, they say, "Well, we kissed." Those are not nice things

to do. We know better. You see you all are called to live higher than where some of us were called. Because when we came in, we couldn't even be taught properly, some of us.

But today, you don't want to go back to an old life. You all come in where you understand; touching, excessive talking; you're taking in fire. And if there is no control, no temperance... 'Temperance' means 'self-control'. If there is no self-control then you're going to go into excessiveness. When you go into excessiveness, then there is no control whatsoever. Then that means *that* could go in any direction.

This young man was persuading this woman; persuading her, persuading her; fighting her down almost, to have an illicit relationship. Why do you think a young man – a brother and sister (We're talking like in the kingdom here, we are members in the kingdom.)... Why would... Would it be proper for a young man to insist and insist, and persuade, and push, and continue to bring it up until the girl starts to feel bad; and put a lot of pressure on the girl. And "Why?" And make her feel guilty, and make her feel bad, and why is she resisting. And you know... Why? Do you think that *that* is a good behaviour?

I am not thinking about anybody. God knows. God could 'kill me dead' right here. I am not thinking about any individual. I'm just asking a question. Tell me if you think... Well, maybe you don't see anything wrong in that; if they like each other, or if they plan to get married. Sometimes, some people are very liberal. Some people are very conservative. Some people are very loose. Some people would think, "Well God doesn't mind." Some people will say, "Well, I can't see that becoming a problem." Some people would see, "Well, I don't see anything too wrong in that. I mean, it's a conversation they're having. If she says, 'No', it's no."

How does a person, who might feel they are being pressured to do something (it's against their

conscience), and the only reason they're doing it is because they're trying to maintain their dignity. They maybe took a vow to God. Maybe the Lord means so much to them that they have a deep conviction about 'possessing your vessel in sanctification and honour'. They know there is a time and season for everything; and now is not the time and not the season for that. And that's their conviction. And you know they would be firm and say, "No, please. If we have to do this here, I think you're misunderstanding me. You're nice. I think you're interested. I like you. But I don't think... Our relationship is getting off on the wrong foot here."

How many girls have that kind of conviction? Who would normally address a thing that way? Are some of you like that? That is good. You see sometimes that could be your personality. It's not always your conviction as far as the Word, but your personality. You see? But then sometimes you have to have a conviction. A conviction is a thing you must have. You are what you stand for. You can't live no higher than what your thoughts are.

You could read books, as far as somebody has an idea: a girl should only be married as a virgin. Somebody writes a book – a next book, and says, "That is old wives business." And they give you some statistics and say, "In this city so and so and so, marriages mashed up because it was virgins they married and then they found out they were incompatible afterwards." And they give a different slant to the picture. And then something like that, people who are promiscuous, well, they will vote that they think that thought is a good thought. Then that became the popular opinion.

How are you influenced? By popular opinion or by Truth? How many people live their lives there, to say, "You see me, I stand for the Word? Because, I'm not standing for the Word because that is the law, you know. I understand God's thought about that. And

maybe I would like to understand God's thought a little deeper about that because I would like to have a greater stand for that. Because I believe that this is glorifying to the Lord and if I can do this, I could even help sisters that are weaker."

Because everybody doesn't have the same strength. We have to help one another here. Now, if we don't help one another here, you know what is going to happen? Some woman, divorced four times, wants to sit down and counsel some sister; and tells her about life and 'don't trust any man', and this here, and you know what she went through. And she made five mistakes and thinks they call it experience. That is not experience.

Experience is when God takes you through things and teaches you out of it. A lot of people go through that ten times and they learnt not one thing about that. And when people tell you, "I have plenty of experience. It's five times..." No, you have no experience. You got messed up. You need one experience – one. You do it wrong once. You see the damage it caused; it'll never happen to you in life again. Nobody could take you back there. No, this is how it is.

How many people here feel they have a low self esteem? You say, "Well I don't see myself as nothing much you know." How many people see themselves as a real princess? How many feel they are a princess? Some of you don't feel you are royalty. We are the real royal Family. You know that. We are the real, real, real royal Family. Let me close. We are the real royal family.

You see I would like... Am I allowed to speak what I would like? So far I am speaking what the Word says and so on, but let me speak what I would like a little bit. I would like that the day would come when we can sit down and have this kind of discussion, where you can express a view.

As I said just now, “We are the jury.” This is a case. This is a case of rape. Dinah was a case of rape. A girl looking for love. A girl at the age of maturity for a relationship; because she was wanted for a wife. The father knows she was of that age and so on; because she was older than many of the brothers—if you read the history of the order of the children’s birth,

So in a case like this, I would like that we have a view of a circumstance. And sometimes... We don’t feel bad, because we are all ‘Dinah’; we are all ‘Shechem’. Because that’s the emotions we’re really dealing with. That happens in male or female. Proverbs 6; I read it for you. The same spirit that was on the woman that hunted Joseph, the precious life, was the same spirit that was on David that hunted Bathsheba. The two are the same spirit: two spirits of adultery. See? In the end, Shechem commits rape. In the end, Amnon commits rape. In the end, her brothers killed this one. In the end, this brother killed the other one. It’s the same.

So why is God repeating this in the Bible here? Because Shechem is a fellow in the world, Amnon is a fellow in the kingdom. So now, we are even finding out: sin doesn’t have anything to do with ‘in the world’ or ‘in the kingdom’; sin is sin anywhere it is. Sin knows no boundaries. The godliest, like David, is subject to it. He didn’t do what Joseph did. Yet he had the Scripture. He had Genesis to read. He could read that but he wasn’t influenced by that. He had Judges to read. He could have read about Samson but it didn’t influence him.

So we can read things in the Word, and if we don’t look into it and learn certain lessons, when we are confronted with the situations, we make such big mistakes when it was there in the Word all the time; we didn’t have to do that. So this is the value of the Word. Everything you’re going to face in life is in that Word. Success is in that Word. Happiness is in that

Word. Sickness and healing are in that Word. Salvation is in that Word. Prosperity is in that Word. Relationships are in that Word. Everything is in the Word. So we have nothing to be ashamed of. We have nothing to hide.

Do you know how many people end up in the wrong church before they found the right church? Do you know some people baptized four and five times before they actually got the right baptism? Sure. It happens. They're looking for something, you know. But the thing with marriage is, you can't go in four and five times. You know if you get baptized and you were baptized wrong, they'll baptize you over. If you marry wrong, there's no re-marrying. And that is why, this is the part; we need this teaching. We need this teaching.

You've been real good today, I must say. And I think you're understanding.

Because you see, what I'm dealing with, is not so much the incident recorded. And I'm saying, why did he allow this obsession to come so long upon him? Why did he get taken up and obsessed with somebody that was unlawful for him to have? Beauty; why are we attracted to beauty, until we get a desire to have that beauty? And then we find out, his desire was stronger for what he wanted than for his obedience to the Word? So which one wins out? His desire. If his obedience to the Word was stronger, he would have come to a great temptation, he would have resisted that thing, and he would've walked away scot-free and say, "That is my sister. God doesn't have her for me. It's unlawful. I want what God wants for me." But he didn't have that... That was not a life that was submitted to God.

How many people want to know they're in the kingdom but living like that? None of us. He was a king's son. How many of us know we are the King's children – the King of kings – but we're not subject to the Word? How many think we could deceive the King,

our Father? He thought he could have done it. From the time it happened and she came crying... I should read—finish reading. Just read it there because it says, “He sent that girl home crying and he hated that girl who he thought he loved so much.”

Do you think that somebody could tell you that they love you, they love you, they’re obsessed with you; behind you day and night, and then they get what they want from you, and turn around and treat you that way afterwards? God put it in the Word here for us? What does it tell us? What are you opening your heart to? Discernment. Where is the discernment?

Absalom, her brother, who was a rascal himself—from the time she went home crying, Absalom asked one question: “What happened to you?”

He said, “Amnon. Was it Amnon?”

She said, “Yes.”

He said, “Don’t tell anybody a word. Keep this quiet.”

Two years... He planned his murder for two years; took him unsuspectingly the same way he took his sister unsuspectingly. And when you read these things, you see how sin keeps accumulating and you understand what God says, “He that sows to the flesh will reap corruption.” *Be not deceived, God is not mocked.* That’s a law in the universe. It just keeps coming. So don’t ever think that there’s a ‘get away’ with this. There is no ‘get away’ with sin, because that is what Jesus died for. There is no get away with sin.

Where are we at? Let me see. He puts everybody out. Verse 10:

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

See, it was a set up. It was a set up. He was hunting her. The plan that Jonadab gave him worked. Do you

know what happens to a fellow like him? When he has his next encounter...“Give me the plan for this one, because your plan works.” *Evil communication corrupts good morals.* Do you see? *Friendship with the world is enmity with God...Walking in the counsel of the ungodly.* She was a victim—an unsuspecting victim of a conspiracy.

¹¹ And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

He grabbed her. She came with the plate. You know, “Here,” you know, and she hands him. He is lying on the bed. And she is thinking he is sick but he isn’t sick. She comes within close range with the food and that is not the food he wants.

When I read this, and was studying this to talk to you, I am going through in my mind: how is it she couldn’t discern and detect, he is pretending? I think a young girl today must prove and test people. This is an Age of pretence. This is an Age of impression. A lot of girls lose so much through trusting people and that is being gullible, and being vulnerable, and somebody is exploiting your weakness. You can’t be like that, not in this world. It’s too cruel.

¹² And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

¹³ And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go?

“When you are done with me, this is a shame, because you know I’m a virgin. This is a shame.” She knows the Word. “You can’t marry me. The king is not permitting that. So you want so much. So I am going to walk around for the rest of my life like this? And then you’re free, single and disengaged, to go on to other people that you see, and leave me ‘parked up’ like a relic here, after you had your time with me.”

It started off telling us, he loved this girl. Watch this love. It told us Shechem had loved this girl. Watch that love. Love is a word and people use that very easily. A girl tells a brother, "Brother, I love you." And everybody—when somebody says they love them, it's something that makes you feel weak. It's the truth. You are not a truck. You feel weak, especially if it's that kind of love they're talking about, and you're looking for somebody to love you, or you to love somebody. But God puts this here to guard you to say, "Do not go on your feelings or just what somebody's saying." Prove all things. Do not be too hurry to swallow down anything you hear.

Watch this girl; how smart she is.

¹³ And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? And as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel.

"What do you think? This is going to be buried for the rest of your life? Do you think nobody will know this? Do you think sin could hide? When this comes up now, what will be your excuse? Are you ready to stand the embarrassment, and the shame, and the reproach? And when you're being called before the magistrates and the judges, and you have to sit down before the king, and you have to answer and give an account, about how this happened, and came about? And when it's your own father who is the king who judges the matters, like when Solomon the king on the throne was judging the matters?" She said, "And you lied to him and told him to send me down here because you're sick." She was telling him. She said, "Don't force me. What are you trying to persuade me into? What are you putting this pressure on me for? Is it that way you're seeing me? Is it that way you come into a relationship with a person? Is it that way you evaluate me? I came down here to cook for you. I didn't come down here to get into bed with you. I'm not going through that with you."

Read it that way. Don't read on top of the page like it's a newspaper. Read it! Read what is there. It is put there for you to meditate on it, and think how this is coming about. Put yourself in there.

"Sister, could you make a little sandwich for me, please? You could do so and so and so. You know I am really hungry. You know, I'm running late for work and I know your 'hand' [cooking -Ed.] is sweet."

"Where is all this coming in, about my 'hand is sweet'? I don't mind making the sandwich for you. We have bread here. We have some sausage. Fine. Yea, I understand you're running late for work; it's a double shift or something. Yea, but why are these little things dropping off here now. Are you telling me something, in something?"

You see? Because first it tells you, she is kneading the flour and she is baking in his presence. And he is watching because she came down there and she is baking. She thinks it was to cook that she came to cook. Innocent. But the plan was to get her in the house.

Then there were other people in the house. He knows this thing can't be done with all those witnesses in the house; so he 'played' [Pretended -Ed.], "I can't eat. There's too much noise in the house. They're talking. Get everybody out of the room for me, please."

They said, "He is very sick. He is getting delirious. Please, you all have him (you know) nervous. And keep the place quiet. You all go outside! Go outside! Go outside and lock the door."

He said, "Look, I feel a little better." He said, "Could she bring the food in here? I am feeling... It's hard to get up. You know the pain in my back, I can't make it."

She said, "Okay."

She is carrying the food now. She goes with the food inside the room. He is lying in bed. Well he is in the bed. When she goes around, he grabs the girl. This is cold blooded business, you know. This is in the first

degree. This is premeditated. This was, sit down and plan how to get this. Remove the obstacles and the hindrances to it, to bring it about, you know. This is cold and calculated. This is a person burning. This is a sex maniac. What are we dealing with here? This is a person obsessed. This is a person who lost all sense of reasoning and decency. What are we dealing with here?

“But he is cute.”

Of course he is cute. What’s making him successful? It’s because he is cute. What’s making him have a lot of victims? Because he is cute! Have you ever seen how beautiful a serpent could be? Well, one sting is death. This is the thing.

She said, “Thou shall be like one of the fools in Israel. And what, shall I cause my shame to go?” Because she sees that what you’re putting there, there is shame connected to this. This is a disgrace. This is a fall that’s going to take place here.

... Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

Now, she is resorting to the last move she could make. She knows the Word, but where she got caught in this house, and everybody’s outside. And she is locked in now, and she is in his grip and his clutches. And he is stronger than her and he is pulling her into the bed here now; she so wants to get out of that clutches, she said, “Well ask the king. If you ask the king, the king might not withhold me from you. He might sanction this and say it’s okay.” That is so she could run for her life, you know.

Because she realized now that you can’t reason with him. I tried to show him the shame and disgrace. I tried to show him (you know) he will look like a fool in Israel. I tried to show him—and none of the things is working on him. Why? He is sick. He got so obsessed. He goes into a plan. He deceived his father. He saw

most of the plan successful up until that point, and he saw he had everything in his hand right here. And she was trying one last desperate thing to see if he was going to let go. And not even that was moving him because he already made up his mind that he wanted his sister. Whether he could have her or not. Whether it was lawful or not.

First, this is incestual. First, this is nonconsensual. Then, this is criminal. Then, this is psychological damage. Then this is physical damage; because she could no longer be a virgin after this. Then this is humiliation. Then this is a disgrace. I thought it was pleasure? I thought it was an excitement? The right thing, the wrong way; you don't come into it that way. We don't come into it that way.

This is somebody who has... His fire is a raging fire. His fire is an unquenchable fire in that bosom. His fire is a fire that's consuming. That is like a house on fire on a windy day. His fire is an uncontrollable fire. That is not the fire. Who could take that kind of fire in their bosom and not be burnt? Who could try to walk on that kind of coals? Who could be so foolish and go into something unlawful? He will not be innocent. Who could hunt the precious life like this? Do you hear what God is calling it? I am quoting back God's Words: 'hunting the precious life'. That is not a relationship.

Relationship is an agreement. Relationship is respect. Relationship is consideration for one another. Relationship is guarding and protecting the dignity of each other. Relationship is something being blessed by God; we could testify and talk about and share with others; that it's a blessing from God. This is something totally, totally different.

As I say, critical analysis. Look at it. Watch it objectively. If you don't go down into it, do you know what you'd see? "Well, he liked her, and the two of them were home alone, and that came and happened. And I guess, because he loved her so much and they

got the chance to be alone, well things just got out of control momentarily.” And some people could put an excuse.

But when you watch this objectively, look and see the nature of the individual: nice, handsome, good looking boy; nice, charming, dainty sister.

¹⁴ Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

That is violent. That is violent. The Word says he was stronger than her. She was trying to pull. She was trying to fight her way. She was trying to bite the hand. She was trying to kick him, but he being stronger than she—because this was the obsession that builded, and builded, and builded, and builded; he got vexed, then he got sick. Then he got the methods. The evil counsellor: his friends who know how to get him into trouble; who knows how to make him feel he is a big man. His friends who could tell him how to seduce a young lady; so he could walk around now and know that he could get what he wants and say, “I got the most beautiful girl in the kingdom.” Do you understand what I’m saying?

When we’re looking at somebody, do we see them that way, first? Or do we see: look at that godly family that has this daughter or this son in. Look how they raised them. Look how this boy sat down here and grew up under the Word. Look how this daughter grew up under the Word. Look at the principles that they live by. Look at the condition of the world and its darkness. Look at God preserved a little group like the Easter flower under the rock sheltered from all the death to bring it up for His glory.

And look at what is happening. Look how they failed to realize they are king’s children. They’re in Judah. They’re in the house of David. Look how all that was lost for sensuality. He forced her and lay with her. He didn’t care whether she enjoyed it, or he enjoyed it. He

didn't care whether she didn't bawl. He didn't care whether, you know... It was not the movies. It wasn't any excitement. It wasn't any... Where did he learn how to treat a girl like that; a princess?

Some of you brothers who might have had encounters with sisters and you influenced them into fornication; and some of the sisters who allowed the brothers to carry them there without the resistance.

She put up resistance, you know. She didn't say, "I don't have feelings. I am not a woman. I'm not at the age to want a relationship." She was not saying that, you know. She was saying, "This is wrong. This is not the way. I am not seeing myself being this way. This doesn't happen this way. This whole thing here is too sensual and carnal. This isn't coming about this way. This should not be done this way." She was not saying, "One day I'll have a husband, and you know that will be my husband." She is not saying that. Watch where her ideals were.

These are things we must understand. There is something about... If you don't respect yourself; if you don't have a little dignity about yourself; if you don't realize that whether you are approved of God or not – if these things are not important to you, and you are just somebody showing up in church, because maybe there is some earthly influence or some earthly thing you want here, and that is why you are here.

It's like if I see a man in Kentucky standing up in a line, you know he wants chicken, right? See a man in Pizza Hut, who goes and sits down there, you know it's pizza he wants to eat. Well, when you come around here, what do you come here for? To go to Heaven; to get the Word; to become men and women? Or we come here because around here has plenty of single sisters? Or (you know) this is the hen-coop or something? It can't be that way. We have to know why we're here.

Because could you imagine if Shechem's spirit and Amnon's spirit got loose inside this church? And then

we have some Dinahs, (not d-i-n-n-e-r-s, you know. Then, I could say, ‘*Di-nah*’, so you could understand. But I think really, ‘*Din-ah*’ is the right pronunciation.) But the thing is you could imagine what is going to happen in a church like this? Because Shechem is not listening for any Word—he doesn’t mind going and getting circumcised. In other words, he may not mind water baptism to see—get the girl or get close to the girl. He thinks that is an initiation to be accepted as one of the members in the church, so he could have a kind of free move. So he doesn’t mind that.

Then somebody may go and bring their ‘Shechem’ in and you know they say, “You have to get baptized in the church because if you don’t get baptized in the church, the minster wouldn’t do anything, you know.”

So he says, “Okay. When is the next baptism?” Then look what that is going to be, too.

But we have conviction. We have conviction. I believe so.

*¹⁵ Then Amnon hated her exceedingly;
[Not ‘hated her’, you know; exceedingly.]
... so that the hatred wherewith he hated
her was greater than the love wherewith he
had loved her. And Amnon said unto her,
Arise, be gone.*

*¹⁶ And she said unto him, There is no
cause: this evil in sending me away is
greater than the other that thou didst unto
me. But he would not hearken unto her.*

In other words, “Get out of my house.” I say, “Go, and come out of here.” After he was finished with her. It’s then he got... He was demon possessed before or after? I trust when we’re done with some of these sessions here, it will bring—it will cultivate the respect in our hearts as brothers and sisters in the Assembly to have respect; to understand why there are godly principles. And that you would be able to converse and communicate on things in a mature understanding.

Because you all are at the age, you all can't be little children anymore. You can't be big in your body and a child in your mind.

And that's why I'm trying to—as best as I could communicate some of these things in a decent way; in a way of instruction. In a way where it doesn't come over carnal like we're talking about sex and this and that; but it's coming over in a way of: handling situations, judging things, knowing who you're getting involved with, having discernment, not being gullible; not being persuaded into things against your convictions, is what I'm dealing with. Holding yourself with dignity, and respect, and carrying yourself in the right way, and coming into relationships that God could bless. And not allowing your life to be governed and controlled by circumstance.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me,...

All the time it was his sister, the king's daughter, the princess. Do you hear the arrogance now? "Put this woman out from me now." He is the boss. He is in control. But he is that way. This is the way he really is. Because he is the boss; he must have what he wants. He will use any means.

Let me show you the fellow. He wants... He will go low to get what he wants. He will lie to get what he wants. He will persuade, and press, and force, to get what he wants. He is a manipulator. Yet he is emotionally unstable. This fellow is very emotionally unstable. This fellow here; he gets obsessed with things and and gets possessive with people. When he gets so obsessed with people, he thinks he owns them. And that's a personality disorder.

Some of you have personality disorders and you don't know it's a personality disorder. It's a weakness that you inherited through your natural birth. It's a way that makes you think and see things. And

sometimes you treat people like they're of no value. And they are human beings just like you, and have feelings just like you.

But sometimes, you degrade people because they may not be attractive. You may put up the one who is attractive, higher than the other one. This one might be more sincere, more devoted, more dedicated, more prayerful, more humble; more charitable. This one here is full of pride, sexy, everything else, but you'll put this one up because of the way you think, and the way you see people; because your eyes see through your heart.

So in this type of way you have to know, "Wait, let me check my personality, boy. Am I a fellow that's possessive? Am I the kind of fellow who gets vex if I don't get what I want? I get upset. I have to have that. And if I feel I am being competed with, then you will see my arrogance. And if I feel I could take the competition out, well, then I'll meet you at the side of the church and I'll give you a good bawling out there and tell you, "Back off of that."

Now you have to know, you know. These are things... You know this is what the Word calls: "If we judge ourselves, we will not be judged, that we might be condemned with the world." Every time we go to take the Lord's Supper and take that bread and drink that cup, we read that. Let us examine ourselves. This is like a self-examination. "What kind of person am I? What kind of spirit do I have? I know what I am supposed to be. I know what I'm not but where am I exactly?" We must know that. Where are we at exactly?

If you keep making the same mistakes over and over, could you say you have deep convictions? Then if you see you don't have deep convictions, and you realize that deep convictions wouldn't keep you in the mess, and you are going to be disappointed, could you really take a vow and keep it? If you can't keep little things, could you take a vow for life?

Now, that is a responsibility now. Do you see how these things are not, 'I like... You like...' I am trusting I get you to think a little deeper. And as you think a little deeper, you see things a little differently. And the Lord would be able to lead you, because you are going to bring your heart, (the more you see) you are going to surrender and submit yourself more to the Lord. The Spirit of God will come into your life more as you open up. Because sometimes, what happens, we have a lot of things that look good until we put the Word on it. The Word is like the measurement. When we put the Word on that, that's off that way and that's off this way.

And that's why we love the Word because when you put the Word on something, you say, "Oh gosh, I didn't know I'm so excessive. I didn't know I'm so prone to that. I don't realize I force people. I'm very dominant. I realize I'm very selfish. I didn't know I was so selfish. I see my selfishness today. I didn't realize I'm so gullible. I'm really gullible. Because now, it is I being gullible and being easily talked into things is why I made those mistakes I made. Look, I made those mistakes and I never analyzed myself that way."

Critical analysis of ourselves. You be your own critic. We are not criticizing one another here. I'm saying, each one of us criticize ourselves and say... That is why I love this kind of thing. We could talk about it. We could discuss it. We could look at it. We could turn it upside down because I know we all want to be better, and by these things it helps us to do better.

Come, come inside. [Bro. Vin speaks to someone -Ed.] Look Suzy, Suzy wants to come in and she stands up by the door. She could get the ending.

He drove this girl out. Now hear what a psychologist does. A psychologist analyses your behaviour. You could read this Scripture and a psychologist could read the Scripture, and you would be surprised to

know, the psychologist got more out of the Scripture than you, you know. Do you know why? This is human behaviour. And he now, will see the kind of personality that fellow is and the kind of personality that girl is.

When you look at this behaviour, this sudden change and this rage; and he slammed the door and put this woman out and he carries on and he wouldn't listen and these things. What do you analyze could bring about that change in attitude and behaviour? It had to be something. Now, we know it's the Devil—right? Everything is the Devil, but the thing is, that is the spirit. But the mechanics inside of him, that the Devil comes in and uses that mechanics. What is it inside of him? Egotistical; he gets what he wants? He didn't enjoy what he thought would have been the thrill of his life? She didn't cooperate a certain way? She kind of resisted him? She spoiled the big moment? What is it really?

In the end, he makes her cheap. He reduced her to nothing. And then after the injury, he further insulted her upon that. And this was the big authority on love walking around. He's the love man. He's so much in love. He's so in love, he can't wait for the day to come. And the bride, he saw his bride already. And he has his eyes on his bride and (you know) every time he sees his bride passing... This time she didn't say she is any bride, you know. But he had 'the land fenced around' already.

Where are we heading with that? There, with some of these things? When a girl sees a fellow sometimes getting high-strung and she's being pursued, and it's like, he's calling you up at different times of the day. And he wants to talk to you, and you're really not interested in that talk right now; you have things to do in your mother's house. And you try to tell him, and he's like, "This is our time and we have to talk now.

And I have something important..." Half of the important things are not so important.

And you're not getting any vibes and saying, "Something is wrong with that behaviour. He's erratic. He's high-strung. He's controlling." And then you don't know how—you don't have the tools to deal with that. And you need to say, "You need to talk to the doctor in the clinic here. You need to get on the couch. Because if you can't handle little things like this and you're getting all stressed out and there is no vow, there is nothing made here; you are just saying you're in love; I think you're misunderstanding what love is."

Love is kind. Love doesn't behave itself unseemly. Love is not easily provoked. Love thinketh no evil. Love beareth all things, endureth all things. Love doesn't rejoice in iniquity. This is... What is this going on here? You have to know. Otherwise, a sister could end up being treated that way. A brother could end up being influenced by a Jonadab, who instead of trying to unplug you from your obsession and help you out of your condition, is driving you further to damage yourself plus others.

Who likes to be advisers here? Who are the counsellors who like to 'pick people's mouths', and know what's going on between this brother and this sister and then give advice as the counsellor around the church? We have a few of these here? Not knowing their bad advice, their misunderstanding of the situation can ruin lives.

Let me ask you. Did that advice ruin the lives of two people? Can you see that? Can you see that, that advice actually ruined the lives of those two people? Could you see that he had an opportunity, being older, more experienced, and understanding his obsession, to try to help him out of his obsession, rather than trying to give him more force to pursue his victim? Did you hear what I said? 'His victim'. That is something

we have to have. We have to have this to say, "We are going to help our brother."

When you find out... You know some of you are good at finding out things. And some of you are seen as the bigger brother that the smaller brothers like to confide in. When they tell you their business, you have to say, "I don't think you have that right, you know," if it is not right.

If it is right, you say, "I really respect you. I didn't expect you to be that mature, man," you know, "to see you're seeing it like this. You quoted the Word. You showed it in the Word." See? "You should help this one over here. Help your friend over here because your friend over here, he has it all wrong. His picture is upside down."

So this is the thing. If we don't do that and we leave the person in the obsession, we're going to have one very sick brother. The bad advice made one very... He misled him so bad that in the end it brought his death.

¹⁸ And she had a garment...

... [He] said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.

Do you see the humiliation?

¹⁸ And she had a garment of diverse colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

¹⁹ And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours...

Because she can't wear that garment any more and pretend now that she is a virgin still, you know. Do you see the sincerity of this girl? She rent that garment because now she knows she is not a virgin. Do you see how virginity had to be displayed in Israel? It's not a kind of 'play-virgin', and 'impress-virgin'; and kind of blend into everybody, and everybody looking like a virgin. She rent that garment. What does that

mean? She is true to herself. She is not a hypocrite. Look at the dignity in this girl. Look at the extent this girl went to keep herself a certain way.

This has been a long day. I don't think it was painful for some of you all. Maybe it was long. You're a little hungry. And I understand that too, and I shouldn't have kept you so long. But you know some of these things are not pre-planned in my mind. I'm getting ready to travel, and a lot of you who were writing to me were saying, "We're waiting for the next one." So I decided, let me try to get in one of these before I go, so at least you'll have two.

I leave you with a lot to think about. I think I leave you with quite a lot to think about. I think I leave you with quite a lot to think about: in behaviour, in attitude and approach, in discernment, in relation; in how you come into these things the right way, or the wrong way; in personality, you know, judging things and letting things get out of hand, you know. All these things—we look at these things from so many sides. And I am grateful to the Lord, because I certainly believe the Lord helped us in some of these areas, to bring it to you.

Because the word '*infatuation*' it means '*to inspire or possess with a foolish or unreasoning passion as of love*'. Being inflamed, to be spellbound, to be intoxicated. To get an obsession: the mind becomes so under the domination of a certain thought and a certain influence. That was what he got and he was calling that love. It wasn't love at all. Could you imagine if she believed him, really, that *that* was love?

So what does that say? Somebody showing you a lot of intention, talking a lot of love talk; does that mean love? Or are you—could you discern the personality? Could you see the personality disorder? How close do you look to observe? Could you see the vexation and the anger and the insensitiveness? Could you see the egotistic self; that you're going to miss out a big part of

your life, if you do not have ‘Mr. Perfect’? Your life would be miserable. You were born for Mr. Perfect.

You better know because once you say, ‘I will’, that seals you. If Mr. ... Doctor... This fellow turns to Frankenstein and you realize you have a split personality that you’re dealing with, that could very be kind and nice and then could be another way. When the moon changes, the werewolf comes out and he starts to hunt. And you realize, I thought that was Mr. Faithful. Do you understand?

Now when I’m talking about this, I’m not singling anybody out. Please. But I know some of you have circumstances. Sometimes I only realize it, if my eye falls on you and I see the hurt and the pain as you’re reflecting. But you know I am here to heal; I’m here to encourage.

We can’t undo past mistakes. As long as you know God forgave you, and you put it in the Blood, God Himself doesn’t remember it. You might remember it because the devil might try to bring it back to your memory and condemn you. But know by the grace of God that when God helped you through that, you’re through that.

And when you have—like we had these two sessions, God is giving you now, something: food for thought that you could think, you could expand your understanding, you can look deeper than the surface and you can judge things. You don’t go looking for relationships. You don’t go looking for your own fairytale. Because if you go looking for a fairytale, you will get a fairy with a very long tail. Don’t go looking for any fairytale. You want reality. We’re not in the fairytale Age. We are in the reality Age. So give yourself a reality check before we get ready to close.

I want my singers to come and sing a couple songs for me, because we can’t go out like this here. We have to get a little smile on our face to move some of the little pain. It comes like when we come out of the

dental office. You get stick, you know, a few times and you know a pliers, you know, shaking you up. And you know, you want to kind of go out nice. So we want to go out nice by God's grace.

And I'm happy that I... I must say I consider these kinds of times, my best services. Do you know why? Because I long to talk to you instead of preach to you. I don't have the time. My life got too busy. But when we could take this time and talk like this, I know the help will be far greater. And I know we have discussed some things here that have really been enlightening. Wouldn't you say? Very enlightening. And it makes us a little wiser I believe, because the entrance of His Word giveth Light. When the Word comes in and illuminates your mind and you start to see things as they are explained, described, unveiled; you start to see it in the way you were supposed to see it and then that helps you. It makes you walk and carry yourself with a greater sense of purpose, with a deeper conviction, you know; higher objectives in your life. That you don't just bring yourself down like a piece of nobody, waiting for somebody to pick you up, you know, because like your life's so empty and... No, none of you are like that.

You are... Let me tell you this, and this is no flattery: you all are some of the finest girls; and in this Message there are some fine girls. As I travel, I see them around the world: sisters and young sisters just like yourself. That's why I enjoy when we have meetings like these. We could travel. We could take some of you on the mission field and these things. And you meet other people in different places and you see their conviction.

And many see you too, because of the services being streamed. They see you all and they realize that it's a sense of something here that is real. Because what we do here, you hardly find this: to take time and go in

the Word and explain things, that you can really, really, (you know) see it.

I was really, you know, sorry for what our precious sister had to suffer here. Because this kind of damage, you know... Here she was, a beautiful young woman, a princess, but yet she was an unsuspecting victim of a conspiracy. She was an unsuspecting victim of a conspiracy. Two men stood up and conspired about her, how to trap her, so one could have her. How to deceive her, lure her and abuse her.

She was a victim of incest. She was a victim of rape. She was a victim of physical, psychological and sexual violence. All of this is in this one story. Could you see that? A conspiracy against her: she wasn't even suspecting that she was the subject of a plan. Then... Do you remember? This is how these things are. Do you see how the Word is? This is how the Word is. Everything is in the Word.

Sometimes we go a couple years and we look back, and could spot an incident and see, "Look how people have designs on people." And what do they end up doing? Taking somebody against their own will. Self will. What is being glorified in the end? Self will, not God's will. Self will, incest, rape.

When she was humiliated like that, in the end she couldn't imagine that she was going to be treated that way. When she examined, "But why am I treated this way? I am the abused person. I am the victim." And then cast out outside, bolt the door, humiliated like a dog. "Go on from here!" Then had to tear her clothes and go home crying. And that is the king's daughter, being out in the dark. What is going on? In the streets, crossing the city to go where she lives. This is cruel.

Could you feel her pain? Could you feel her pain? Now, this is how the Scripture is. You have to get down and fellowship with her, and feel her pain. When you feel her pain, you're feeling the pain of many who

were that way. Don't you feel like you want to comfort her?

Say, "Oh God Tamar! I'm so sorry. I am sorry this happened to you, my sister."

Well when you see somebody among us who was ill-treated, who was abused, and then you kind of standoff. And you get in a corner and start to talk about them.

"So and so and so, yes I heard. I heard them say so and so happened to that one," and you don't know the story. Could you imagine how that adds further damage?

Now if some people passing say, "Look, she came out of that house." They say, "She and he were alone inside that room, and she came out crying. I know something happened there, you know. Look, her clothes are torn. Look, look..." And then that starts to spread like wildfire. Could you imagine what they're doing to her? She didn't even deserve that. Plus further, people now are going to talk about her. She was the person to run to, and console, and cry together with, and encourage.

And this fellow, Amnon, he needed a strong licking. But you know in the end, his father didn't do a thing. David didn't do a thing about him. Do you know why? He had no moral authority to deal with him because he did the same with the next woman. Do you know who fixed up the thing? Absalom. Do you know what Absalom's plan was? He was the heir to the throne, not Absalom. Absalom wanted that throne, always; "I will be like God." So Absalom now got a weakness and he used the moment to ascend higher on this one's fault.

All of that is in the Scripture. All of that is in the Scripture. People do things for motives.

I always wanted to be a lawyer, you know. When I came to the Message, I realized a lawyer is a defender of the weak. Jesus is the great Attorney Himself, when

we were standing guilty. But He knows, if we had an opportunity to do better, because of who we are, we wouldn't have been in half of the things we were in. He knew we got persuaded. He knew we got manipulated. He knew we got exploited. He knew we were abused, and so He stood for us. And this is what the Gospel is: when we could help each other. We are here to help each other.

None of us here is righteous to say, "That one doesn't deserve the help." We all need the help. And may God help us to help each other. And in the end, let us see the Word of God. Let the Word of God be magnified. Let the Word of God be glorified. Because when we see the Word of God, that's the Light that keeps us out of the darkness that we could keep walking in the Light and be what God wants us to be.

Where are the singers and they? You all come on and sing, man. I don't have to tell you all to come. You just come up and sing a couple of songs, and then we leave, and go up the hill, and have a nice meal. Everybody is going to have a meal, and sit down, and relax. You know how it is around the Third Exodus Assembly. They always cook for everybody.

Then we'll have a prayer. We'll hold everybody's hand after they sing, and we'll pray before we leave. (No. You can sing that one after. You know the one Leno sang that time? What is that song? Yeah. Let us try that first.) [Bro Vin addresses the singers -Ed.]

Now, I know we are accustomed to singing in church, right? And we sing in church, but you know the meeting here today is a little different kind of meeting, right? This is us. This is us here. I want you all to sing for all of us; for yourselves, (all of us) as an encouragement that we all want to make it.

We all have our battles. All this Word would not change our battles, but this Word will equip us to fight our battles better. This Word will equip us to overcome our battles. Our battles are what we must have. This

life we have to overcome. But God is equipping us and God is helping us through our situations. But a song heals—God heals with music.

And I know that if there's little places we heard today and, you know, we feel—not that we get convicted because we're in sin or we're doing wrong. If that is so, that is fine too. But sometimes, do you know what brings the real pain? When we made mistakes in the past and we see, "If only I had known how to deal with that, I would not have hurt like that." Because years after, you're still trying to shake off guilt sometimes; you're still trying to walk in victory, and you find it difficult.

But all these things are being settled. This is God settling these things for us so that we don't have to carry that anymore. We're laying these burdens down. And we're rising up with the Truth we have; equipped with It, and going forth with faith. And that God knows what we have need of, what we are facing, and has given us these two services. We want that holy passion in our hearts. We want that burning Fire of the Holy Ghost.

We don't want coals of fire—taking fire into our bosom to be burnt. Amnon took fire into his bosom. Shechem took fire in his bosom. Dinah went and got Shechem's fire in her bosom; all kinds of things. We don't want the wrong fire in our bosom. We want the Holy Ghost Fire in our bosom. Our heart is where God's Throne is, and He is the Fire. He is the Pillar of Fire that comes in.

So you know, you join and you sing. And some of my precious sisters here, you know I have some girls here in the back, you know, I'm looking at them right now. You know, may God put strength in all of us. We want to rise up in this Hour. You want to walk in this Word. God will bless you. You all walk in the Word and God will bless you. He will truly bless you. Hallelujah!

[Singers sing: *Lord, I want more of you* #1030 - Songs That Live,

Lord prepare me # 306 - Songs That Live,

The Dove flew into my heart #1002 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Hallelujah, oh thank You, Lord. I hope you're enjoying His Presence. We'll just... maybe sing... You just let the healing virtue just flow through the congregation. Amen. You enjoy the moment by God's grace. I'm sure we are all happy to be here in His Presence.

[Singers sing: *Undefined #704 - Songs That Live -Ed.]*

Oh, let's give God a hand of praise, amen, with grateful hearts, thankful hearts; purposed in our hearts. Oh, thank You, Lord! Glory be to God in the highest! We praise Your mighty Name, oh God! Thank You, Lord, for Your Presence, for Your blessing, for the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit; for the strength, oh God, for the security, (hallelujah!) for the grace, the forgiveness! We thank You, oh God. Oh blessed be Your wonderful Name! Thank You, Jesus. Glory be to God in the highest.

Amen. Right where you are—these here, we'll just take each other's hand by God's grace. Amen. I ask Bro. Sammy to come. Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Hallelujah! Glory be to God.

Let's have faith and believe God. Faith will move mighty mountains. You've heard the Word. You've purposed in your heart. You have conviction. God; let Him move everything. Let Him fill up the places that we need to have filled up. Let Him fortify and strengthen the places that need to be strengthened and fortified. Let Him lift us up to see with clearer vision; (amen) to stand with deeper convictions; to live and have true godly principles governing our lives. Amen. We purpose in our hearts. We purpose that we will walk upright! Blessed be His wonderful Name. Thank You, Jesus.

[Bro. Sammy prays -Ed.]

Amen. Thank You Lord. Praise the Lord! Amen. They are going to sing something and the ushers are going

to take you out. If you want to sit down and worship, but if you have to leave... But we are happy to be here, amen. So go and stretch, you know, I'm sure they have something to eat around here by God's grace.

Maybe some time, we will get one between Brazil and India and the Philippines, we'll try to do it. But so far, that is 1st. Chronicles and 2nd. Chronicles.

[Singers sing: *The Challenge* # 575 - Songs That Live. *I will walk this path* # 1050 - Song That Live -Ed.]

Amen. When you're being blessed, be blessed. Soak it up, because days are going to come that you certainly will want it. And it's love making them want to sing for you. Let us be a great family, amen. We are a great, great family here by God's grace. God knitted our hearts together by love; godly respect. God gave us faith. Amen.

[Singers sing: *Living Epistles* # 598 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

He will stand for you. He will stand for you. In that Day shall Michael stand and deliver all the names that are found written in the Book. There is total deliverance for every one of you by the grace of God. The great Covenant-Angel has come down; (amen) that's the One amongst us by the grace of God. And all this Word that is going forth is for your very deliverance. And you could walk in the victory, live in the victory and show forth His very victory, to be His very victory. Amen.

And you know how the song was taught to us. And then the experience these sisters had with that. Do you remember that? When the bandits held them up, down by the river, and the Holy Spirit, that same Angel came down right there and spoke; whispered in her heart, "Nothing will happen to you." And those demon powers upon those Shechems and those Amnons and them there wanted to go... But God had everything—"He will stand for you." He is real, friends. He is real. Amen, God proves His Word by believers.

[Singers sing: *God will stand for you* # 1073 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Amen, amen. God bless all His saints. Thank you so much. May God just continue to bless you and fill you up, real full. We're dismissed by God's grace. Peace be on Israel. Amen. God bless you.

