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not prosper. You said so, God. And pray, God, that You'll break up the old cold, formal spirit that tries to hold this revival in captivity. We take it over in the name of the Lord Jesus, and break the powers of Satan by the gospel of the resurrection, and the presence of Jesus Christ in this dark, evil hour.

153 Satan, turn the people loose. Come out of them. You are a loser, and there's not a one that God's ordained to life that you can hold. They'll come, anyhow, no matter what you do. They're coming, anyhow. God said they would.

JOHN6:37

"All the Father has given me will come to me," and none of them is lost. I pray, God, that You'll hear now. And make Satan, that evil one, turn these people loose. Make each one of their homes [unclear words]. Save their loved ones. May their hearts be on fire.

May they pray all night tonight, all day tomorrow. May there be such a thing take place, until the shaking of the Holy Spirit will start a revival in their hearts, in their homes, in their churches, in the community. Grant it, Lord. We love You. We believe You, that You are the Son of God. [Unclear words.]

154 Every one of you that's standing here that accepts that God's forgiven your sins, and your unbelief, raise up your hands, say, "I accept it. I feel it in my heart that God forgives me." Raise up your hands, people that are standing around here. That's it. Right along, fine.

ACTS8:17

Now, right on the same grounds you're standing, receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Turn your heads down. You that's got the Holy Ghost, the Bible said they laid hands upon them [unclear words] . . . be and received the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Each one pray. Everybody out there in the audience don't. . . . Put your head down, pray, and keep sincere [unclear words]. God bless you. O God, grant, Lord Jesus, have mercy on each one. Grant it, Lord. Have mercy. Let the Holy Ghost fall.

Testimony On The Sea

1 Thank you, Brother Borders. Let us remain standing just a moment while we bow silently before God for prayer. Is there any requests tonight you'd like to make known by lifting up your hand to God, and asking Him for mercy? Let us bow our heads now.

MATT5:7

Gracious heavenly Father, we are coming again into thy presence for mercy, knowing that Thou hast promised us that we should obtain mercy if we would show mercy. The merciful shall obtain mercy. And if we have sinned, and did that which was wrong in thy sight, God, be merciful to us because that we love Thee, and we believe Thee, Lord, with all that's in us.

And we stand tonight between the living and the dead, and ask that You'll be kind to us and wash away all of our unbelief; that tonight the great Holy Spirit might do the work of God among us, and would bring reality to the people of the resurrection of God's beloved Son, the Lord Jesus.

2 We thank Thee in the past that . . . how He has never failed us. We can all witness that who are Christians, that He's with us always. And we pray tonight that sinners might know Him as their Saviour; that those who are . . . now become Christians on believing on Him, that they would seek the deeper experiences, to have eternal life granted unto them through the baptism of the Spirit; that they might be harnessed soldiers for the great battle that lies ahead.

We pray for the sick and the afflicted, that there'll not be a feeble person among us when the service closes tonight. Grant it, Lord. Hear us, we pray. You seen every hand that went up. You know every request beneath that hand and the heart. We pray, Father, that You'll grant each and every one of them their request.

LUKE24:32

And when we leave tonight, may we be able to say like those coming back from Emmaus after they had acknowledged, and seen, the

resurrected Jesus. . . . May we say, “Did not our hearts burn within us as He spake to us along the way?”, for we ask it in his name, and for his glory. Amen. You may be seated.

3 We are so happy to be here again tonight. And I see the people are bringing in their handkerchiefs. We advocate that. We believe that God does answer prayer for those who are sick and needy, and that He will grant the requests of people who believe in Him and will ask for mercy.

Now, we’ve been having a great time worshipping with you Christians here in Oregon. And I’ve been trying to keep the message just as simple as possible. But, of course, that’s so that no one will miss it. There’s great, deep, spiritual teachings to it, but sometimes you can’t do that before an audience. We must keep it simple, so that the newborn babes will not miss it, because I believe that we’re too close to the end time for us to miss anything. We must be real sure that we’re right, and doing that which is right, what God has commanded us to do.

4 And now we got two more after tonight, gracious meetings, tonight being third. That closes Sunday afternoon. And we’re expecting. I am. This is my last American meeting for a while, till I take some rest. This is my ninth straight meeting—getting pretty tired. And I got two yet in Canada before I have some rest. And then I’m going overseas, the Lord willing, over into the countries beyond, so that they, too. . . . Take a trip around, perhaps, this time.

5 I got a note this morning from a friend of mine that was here in the meeting last night. If he’s here tonight, God bless you, Sam. I’m very glad that you’re doing well here in Oregon. I baptized this fellow many years ago. He runs a nursery here somewhere, according to his card: Sammy Sanders, from Milltown, Indiana. I baptized him when I was pastoring the Milltown Baptist church, at Milltown, Indiana.

Are you here, Sam? Raise up your hand, if you are. I like to. . . . Yes, I hear him somewhere. Yes. Oh, oh, back over in here. All right. The Lord bless you, Sam. Way up in the corner. I remember the day, that cold day, taking Sam down to the river to baptize him. His people thought he went off on the deep end, but he hadn’t. Just keep holding on, Sammy boy. I hope I can get out to see you before the service in here.

6 You know, it’s such strain. You have to stay under prayer, expecting to see what the Holy Spirit would tell you to do at any moment,

Holy Ghost come through just to seal those who sighed and cried for the abominations done in the city.

EZEK9:4

149 I want each one of you ministers to point out to me in your congregation that person that sighs and cries, day and night, for the sins of the people in the city. Could you put your hand on that person? And remember, the Holy Spirit is commanded to only seal those. Touch not the others; they’re going to perish.

What are you playing church for? There’s no need of playing. Don’t play with God. God’s not a play instrument. He’s God. Now, you that’s got enough strength and believe, and wants to see souls saved, come around here and stand by these women, you women; and around these men, you men that really know God, and wants to see souls saved, and wants to see a revival, wants to see something happen. Come stand around them now, and let’s show them that we love them, and we want to see God save them. Minister brothers, get right among them. That’s right. Hallelujah!

150 Now listen. I want to talk to you while they’re coming. Have faith. You come up here. “He that will confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father. Now, you confess where you’re dilatory, how dilatory, how you’ve neglected God. You confess that as wrong, and say that “I’m sorry, God, that I did that.” Find favor with Him, then watch what He’ll do for you. You just confess that you’re wrong, and He’ll take care of the rest of it.

Now, let’s let the whole audience bow our heads. And every person, wherever you are, if you’re interested in these people, pray. Everybody, now. Walk up close, you all here, and lay your hands upon somebody that’s standing there.

151 Our heavenly Father, we are deeply grateful to see the Holy Spirit in the hour of grace and understanding break through the shackles of unbelief; tear down and shake the very [unclear word] of hell into the devil’s eyes; blind him from the gospel, and yet go beyond that and pick out them souls and bring them in.

PSA32:5 PROV28:13 1JHN1:9,10

152 You’re still God. You’re still Jesus, the risen one. We thank Thee for these. They’re standing here. They’re your children. There’s only one thing they can do, is come and confess that they’re wrong. And he that will confess his sins shall have mercy. He that hides his sins shall

145 While we're singing now, I want every person in here that's not right with God to come around the altar right now. You come up here and get right with God, and get that coldness away from you. Get that unbelief away from you.

MATT14:27 MARK6:50 JOHN6:20

Why are you afraid? If Jesus was standing here tonight He'd say, "Do not be afraid. It's I." Isn't that the same way He did when He was here before? Look at the grace of God when them people wouldn't accept it. They'll probably die with them troubles. And there He went right out through the audience, and pulled them anyhow, to show that He's God. Certainly. All right. Let's sing:

Where could I go, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to guide me in the end,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Where could I go. ?

146 Won't you rise up now and come? Where else can you go? Go to your church; it'll perish with you. Go to your friends; they'll die, and rot right with you. Go to your creeds; God'll ignore it. But you come to Christ. Then you have eternal life. To know Him is life, to know Him. And his presence, when He's here proving He's the same God that was with them out there that night. Won't you come? One more time we're going to call. Come on now. If there's any condemnation in your life, come on.

Seeking a refuge for my soul?
(Here's what you're going to do)
Needing a friend to guide me to the end,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

147 Now, while these people are still coming, I want some of you that's real . . . on praying grounds with God. I want some of you pastors to go down here now. And I want the pastors, and those Christian women that knows God, to come around these women here; you men who know God, and interested in souls. . . .

EZEK9:4

148 You know what the Bible said? In this last days, the prophecy said that the people would be so cold and indifferent, and when. . . . The

see. You don't know just what to do. Many times He calls me to go down, stand on the street corner, a certain person will come by, tell them this, and watch what happens, see. And you have to be ready.

And that's the reason I've been trying to keep the message just as simple as possible. What I'm trying to do. . . . Maybe some of you might be wondering why I'm not calling prayer lines each night. Here's my purpose in doing this: I want to build faith in the people in a resurrected Jesus, so that you don't have to wait till some special gift passes through the neighborhood. You just believe Him, wherever you are, because He's God.

7 It don't take an evangelist's hands. Which, that's all right, they place their faith. But when the services are over. . . . And each night here I see things happening. I can't call it fast enough, of course—just happening too fast—but you'll know, after I'm gone, the things, disease that you've had, is gone. You might not recognize it now, but it's gone.

Here some time ago I was in a meeting, couple of states from here, and there was two ladies that attended the meeting. Each one of them. . . . One of them was on the platform, the other in the meeting out in the audience. And the Holy Spirit told the lady, who had a serious stomach trouble. . . . She couldn't eat at all. She hadn't been able to eat for many years. Told her, said, "Go home. You are well. Jesus Christ makes you well."

8 Now watch what He says. Don't rush off. Wait a minute, see what He says. That's your own faith pulling that, but then that's what you, yourself, are doing. Then wait, and see what He tells you. See, that's when . . . then you hear that comes out, "Thus saith the Lord." Then you write that down. It's going to happen that way. So it happened.

9 I guess Brother Borders has explained to you. I'll leave that up to the manager to tell you how these things are recovered, how to get your prayer card, how we come and mix those cards up and pass them out to anybody that wants them like that, and then just call from different places. That's to keep people from saying. . . . Well, they don't get number 1 or number 2, or somewhere along there, they throw their card down. They don't want it.

No one knows where the prayer line is going to start. God chooses that Himself. And the boy that gives out prayer cards stands before you first, and mixes them cards all together, then hands them out to

you as you want them. So you might get number 1. You say, "I'm going to be the first one in line." You may be the last one. And the one get next to you might get number 90, and he might be the first one. See, you can't tell. And that gives everybody a chance.

MATT12:43-45 LUKE11:24-26

10 And Brother Borders explains that; then how that after that prayer has been made over this demon disease that you've got (and all sickness is of the devil); and then when that prayer has been made, it's impossible for it not to happen, as long as you believe that it does happen. Now you go to doubting it, "When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places, then he returns back with seven other devils worse than he was at the beginning." Now, people, watch that.

11 They say, "Oh, well, I got worse." Now wait a minute. If you haven't doubted, still hold on, because... If it's like a tumor or something, it's a group of cells, and them cells has got to die, the life in those cells. Then the cells rot, and the heart beat has to pack that infection through the blood stream, see. And you get ten times worse than you were. But faith holds right there, no matter what takes place. You got to be instructed on these things.

12 If God willing, I'm giving a try now of evangelism. We know the revival's over. Everyone knows that. I predicted that back in '56, when it started ending. Billy Graham come back, and Tommy Osborn, and them. I said, "This is it. America will receive it, or reject it this year." And they rejected it. We're nothing waiting but judgment. Now you mark that down, and see if Brother Branham's right or not. That's "Thus saith the Lord."

We're headed for it, and we're going to pay for what we've done. We got too much glamour in the church, and Hollywood and everything. God's sick and tired of it. The last one will come in after a while, and that'll be it.

13 I would like to have a time if God permits before the end time, when I could set up a tent in a certain vicinity, and just come like . . . and stay there for about four or five weeks. Just stay there where you could have a morning session, just with minister brothers . . . and so that they could teach their congregation afterwards.

Then stay in there. And someone be prayed for, and then get worse, and don't know what it is, bring that person back into an instruction room, and let them know. Examine them over, and see what's

something like that. Your name is Mrs. Lund. That's exactly right. That's "Thus saith the Lord." You accept it, and believe it, and it'll be over.

141 What's the matter with the church anyhow? That man sitting there looking at me, from Eugene, got eyes and ear trouble. Is that right, sir? Stand up on your feet there, and accept your healing. Have you got a prayer card? You don't need one. Jesus Christ makes you well by your faith.

142 What's the matter with the church? Has it gone numb to the gospel? Hallelujah! Let's praise Him. Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord Jesus. How we praise You for your goodness. You that raised your hand a while ago, and you believe me to be God's servant, come down here. Let's have a word of prayer together. Walk right out of your seat, every one that raised your hand, and you that don't think that you're right with God. In the presence of God, come right down here, now, and stand here at the altar. Let's have a word of prayer together. Every soul that wants to be saved, come.

Now that's it. That's right. Come out of the balcony up there, in the presence of Christ.

143 We got to break this old cold spirit in here, friends. We're never going to have a meeting till we get this thing broke out of here. There's too much devil unbelief around here. That's exactly right. Run for your life. Get to Christ as quick as you can. Something's going to happen. Judgment will follow this. Don't you believe it? Shake away from that cold, formal devil that's trying to bind you down. Let every soul that's not right with God get around this altar right now in the presence of God. I call you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Come now.

144 You know the song, "Oh, Why Not Tonight?" You know that chorus? "Oh, Why Not Tonight?" Have some song that you want to sing? All right. Give us a song for your altar call. "Where Could I Go but to the Lord." We're going to sing an invitation song, while these precious people are gathering up here.

Friends, I speak to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. You might have done a many thing in your life that's been good. No doubt but what you have. But this is the greatest move you've ever made, is to come to Christ. That's exactly right.

You without prayer cards. You with the prayer cards, God willing, I'll get you in the line tomorrow night up here on the platform. Without prayer cards. Be real reverent. "They that wait upon the Lord shall. . . ."

138 All right. He's here now. Did you ever see that picture of it? The pillar of fire, light. When I meet you at the judgment bar, it's not a foot from where I'm standing right now. That's right. He's here. See if it's the same Christ. See if that's his Spirit or not. You pray. Touch his garment, say, "Lord Jesus, let me touch You. Speak back through Brother Branham. It'll prove to me that You're the same yesterday, today, and forever."

I can't make. . . . Yeah, I see a woman just bowed her head right here. There's the light right over the little lady. Look this way back there, lady, second one sitting in back there. You're suffering with stomach trouble, complications. Do you believe that God'll make you well? Do you do it? The little lady sitting second one in, with her head down yet. If she'll believe with all of her heart, she may have it. Do you believe it? You missed it. It's gone from you. Shame on you.

It's over this little lady sitting here. Do you believe me to be God's prophet or his servant? Do you believe? Look, a thin looking woman sitting there by the man. You believe with all your heart. You're suffering with heart trouble. That's right. Let me tell you something about yourself. You've got heart trouble so bad till you have to keep oxygen in the house, whether . . . if you have an attack or not. Now that is true, sir. You know that. Do you believe it with all your heart? You can have your healing. It's up to you.

139 What's the matter with these people? No wonder you're dead! You'll always be that way. There's a numbness of your spirit. Can't you awake unto Christ? Don't let the innocent suffer for the guilty, God. Grace and mercy provided, and still won't even recognize it. What are you going to do?

140 Lady sitting right there seems to have faith, looking right at me. Suffering with diabetes, diabetes. She might not understand me very well because she's a Scandinavian, a Dane. Do you believe me to be God's prophet, lady? Thank you. Thank you, lady. You believe with all your heart, and the diabetes will leave you. You're not from here, anyhow. You're not from the group around here. You're from up in Oregon, but you're up on the Columbia River. That's right. A place called Dells, or

happened, see. That's when I believe we get a better results on it, like that. But now you've just got to catch it in a night or two, and keep it real simple, so that everybody will get a hold of it. Baby to the clergymen and so forth; but it isn't baby form.

MATT21:38 MARK12:7 LUKE20:14

14 But we want to get this before the people. This is my purpose, is to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is not dead, but He is alive. The prophets came. They killed them one by one. The prophets and monarchs, and so forth, they was killed. When the Son came, they said, "He's heir, so we'll kill him."

HEB13:8 REV1:18

But when they killed Him, He raised up again. So He's alive forevermore, and He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. And if I could only get the people to realize that, you'll see something spontaneously happen here that'll shake the whole country.

15 Now, remember, when we talk "shake the country," that don't mean shake the cannon fodder out here. There's millions up and down this coast here that profess Christianity, will never see nothing. That's right. When John came, there wasn't one-hundredth of the people ever knowed he was on earth. When Jesus came, I doubt there was that many—the people living on earth that ever knowed he was there. He was just sent to those who He was. . . .

JOHN6:37,44

16 "All the Father has given me will come. And no man can come except my Father has called him," see. So it's just for that elected group that's been called. The message will go forth, but it'll just go right on over. Just like He said, some fell by the wayside, and some this way; but some went over. And a lot of it's just filler, to fill in the time. Millions of people that's professing Christianity will miss it a million miles. That's right. It's all in the making of God. Now, we don't want to go into those details. It's here in the Bible, and it's the Word of the Lord exactly.

17 So the thing for you to do, and I have to do, is seek out our own salvation, not just haphazardly. It means more than everything there is on the earth, and anything to you. This is your chance, and don't you take any chance of missing it. Heaven is great.

18 Not long ago, many of you read in the magazines about the little translation the Lord give me. Not translation—I won't say it that way; it stumbles people. The vision, I would say. I've seen that place. I was

there. I ought to know what visions is. I've seen them since I was a little boy. And I ask anybody to ever tell me where one was wrong. It can't be wrong, and be God. God can't be wrong, see. It isn't me. I'm wrong all the time, but He's never wrong. So when He speaks it's true.

19 I seen not long ago. . . . I was standing in a lobby waiting for an airplane, and I seen where they had sent down into . . . a mile deep in the sea, and it took . . . down there where . . . those fish with no eyes.

And they had a light there. They was showing the most hideous looking marine life. And those . . . some of them had phosphorus on the front of them. And I was thinking. One came by, looked like something with a stovepipe hat on. I never seen such a hideous looking thing. Now, if. . . . That thing had no eyes, but yet it has another sense that's its direction to find its food.

20 And I was thinking, when I was looking at that, "what if I could use my eyes, and let that little fish surrender itself to me, with my sense of sight, how I could guide it." I could see its food way over here, and say, "Don't pay any attention to your own radar, or whatever you're going by, 'cause you have to be close to it. I can tell you where your food is at." And it would just listen to me, to. . . . My sense of sight is so much greater than his sense of how he has to direct himself, how much better off he would be. How he could feed! What a difference. He'd be a odd little fish, but he'd be following a sense of sight that was far better than the sense he was controlled by.

That's the way it is by the Holy Ghost. If we can just let the Holy Ghost—that great sense of the Holy Spirit—direct us, and show us things that is to come, way beyond the things, see.

21 Now what if that little fish would. . . . He never seen daylight. What if he would try to come up through the water. He couldn't do it. He's pressurized for that depths of the sea. If he'd come up he would explode.

22 We are pressurized for the earth. We cannot go. . . . A little piece up, and we would explode. That's right. But now, what if that little fish could ever become me, would I ever want to go back in that midnight-ink down there, and ever be that kind of an animal again, with them kind of sights or senses? No, sir. I'd want to be a human.

Now multiply that by a hundred million, and then God has to change this mortal being that we are. We're repressurized, and taken up

134 Peter and John, passing through the gate called Beautiful, said, "Look on us." Not that they were something to attract. Now, you was confessing to God, praying for some certain trouble. Now you believe with all your heart now. Be alert. The Holy Spirit is very timid. How many knows that? Very timid. It just won't tolerate nothing wrong. So, as soon as it's called, answer quickly. Just pray. Believe.

HEB4:15 HEB13:8

Now, the Bible said that Jesus Christ's the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He's right now a high priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Do you believe that? Well, if He is the same high priest, if you touched Him He'd act the way He did yesterday, the day that when He was on earth. Do you believe that? Sure.

MATT9:20,22 MARK5:27,30,34 LUKE8:44-46,48

See, the woman touched his garment, and she went off and sat down. And He said, "Somebody touched me." He looked around till He found the woman, told her what her trouble was, and her faith had healed her. Now He's the same today.

Please, please, don't move around. I'm not scolding, but look. See, here's what the devil keeps saying to me, "They don't believe you, or they'd listen to you," see.

135 You remember what He told me at Greenville? How many in here was here when I was here the first time? All right. You remember me coming to you, and I put my hand out, and you'd touch my hand? And then if I just kept still, don't try to use my own thinking, it would tell you what was wrong with you. Do you remember that?

136 You remember me telling you that He told that it'd come to pass that I'd know the very secret of their heart? Do you remember me telling you that? Now, raise your hand, if you remember me saying that He told me if I'd be real reverent. . . . See, there you are, see. Now it has come to pass. So that makes it true.

DEUT18:22

137 The Bible said, "If there be one among you who's spiritual, or a prophet, and what he says comes to pass, then you hear him. If it doesn't come to pass, then don't you fear him, 'cause I'm not with him." That's no more than sense, see, because if God's there He'll make it true. Now you just pray.

ISA40:31

130 I give them to You, Father. They are yours. It was your Spirit that called them. I spoke your Word, and they heard it, and believed. And now they raised their hands that they accepted it, and You promised it. I want to meet them in a better land, where there's no death, nor sorrow. And at that day, how we'll hug one another around the neck, and scream for joy. And remember, this night in Salem, Oregon, when the meeting will be brought upon the canvas of the great screen of God, and they'll see those hands that went up, how happy those people will be. How thankful I'll be to present the trophies to You. Grant it, Father. They're yours in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

131 Now, in the quietness and in the presence of the Almighty, we still have about ten minutes. Let's . . . we couldn't call too many prayer cards. Tomorrow night, I'm just going to come in and call the prayer cards, the Lord willing. I want you to believe it without prayer cards. I'm going to do something else, just in a moment.

HEB13:8

132 But how many in this building that does not have a prayer card, and you believe that Jesus Christ is the same Christ that I gave that testimony after testimony—had those disciples to testify how they knewed He was the Christ. . . ? In Hebrews 13:8 says, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. How many believe that you have faith enough to touch his garment? Just raise your hands up, say, "Pray for me. I believe," you without prayer cards, without the prayer cards. Now, please, be reverent, just a moment more.

133 I know it's late, but it's not too late. It's twenty minutes earlier than we was last night. But just be reverent. Now pray. Just each one bow his head in his own way, and then you pray while I watch, committing myself to God. If you're interested in God and your salvation, and to see the signs and wonders that I have said here in the Bible that He did; and you want to know whether the one that you're professing your faith in. . . . And you that raised your hand awhile ago, may He come tonight because of this altar call, and prove to you that He's your Saviour, that He does know your heart, and it was Him that spoke to you, and He's the one that can speak back now.

Just be reverent. Just pray. Don't doubt. May you raise your heads just a moment?

ACTS3:4

into his presence where we never want to have this kind of a thing again—far beyond. We're changed from the creature.

23 Listen, my dear friends, you people. I'm not here because of no place to go. I'm here because I felt led to come here. Here sits the manager with a book full of places, world around, see. But I felt led to come here. I come here through difficult. The brethren here, as we was in the meeting the other morning, I hope you caught what was going on in the breakfast. And there, seeing under difficult, they brought me here, knowing that even before I left home, by vision seeing it.

24 And we're here because that God's got something here this morning. About eight o'clock this morning, I was caught away in a vision, and seen. . . . I was worried about the meeting, and I seen a woman come before me and sit down.

And she said, "It's wonderful above anything that we can think."

And I thought, "What is this?"

25 And I heard Him speak to me, said, "Just keep pressing on. Don't fear. Keep moving on." So I know. I know beyond any shadow of doubt. That's thus saith the Lord. There's something fixing to happen, or going on here. You're either going to see a great spontaneous revival, or you're going to see a judgment, or there's somebody that He's seeking for. There's something. I don't know. But He's pleased with doing what we're doing right now. Keep pulling every one you can, and try our best. That's all we know. And if you believe me to be his servant, remember that's in the name of the Lord. Now, simple—trying to make it simple, keep it that way.

26 Here not long ago, a very fine religious man with a great standing in this nation, and he called me into his room. And he said, "Reverend Branham, I want to say something to you."

And I said, "Yes, sir. Say on."

And he said, "I admire you as a servant of Christ; and that I believe you are."

I said, "Thank you, sir. I can pay the compliments to you. We're two different ideas, but yet we recognize one another as servants of Christ."

He said, "I brought you in here to pray for you."

“Thank you, sir.” I said, “I certainly need it.”

And he said, “I want to ask you something.” Said, “Why don’t you quit picking on them people?”

I said, “What do you mean, sir?”

Said, “You’re going on to them women about bobbing off their hair, wearing immoral clothes; and their husbands how little they are to let their wives do such things, and carrying on like that.” Said, “The people regard you as a prophet.”

I said, “Did you ever hear me say I was?”

He said, “No, but the people regard you as that.” Said, “You see, you ought to be teaching those people how to receive great spiritual gifts, and be lifted up, and have heavenly things like that, and great manifestations of the Spirit. You ought to be teaching that, instead about their bobbed hair, and wearing clothes the way they do.”

27 I said, “Sir, if they can’t understand their ABC’s, how am I going to teach them algebra?” That’s right—not the common decency to act upon the Word of God. You know what ABC stands for? Always believe Christ, and He is the Word. That’s right. Yes.

28 What makes people do that? Just a minute. What makes people do that? It’s because that you are giving vent to the very thing that God placed in you. You’re thirsting for something, and you’re trying to satisfy it with the pleasures of this world.

PSA42:1

29 God made a man to thirst when He made his heart. He made him to thirst because He made him to thirst after Him. And dare anybody to try to satisfy that holy thirst with the things of the world! That was put in you to thirst after Him. “As a hart panteth for the waterbrook, my soul thirsts after Thee, O God.”

It’s not that I’m angry with the church; I’m in love with the church. And I know that something’s fixing to happen. And that’s why I say, “Get ready, people. You can’t do those things. Your outward expression shows the inward work of grace hasn’t been done yet.”

30 No matter how much you shouted, how much you spoke in tongues, danced in the Spirit; whatever you might have called your emotions—unless that life copes with this Word. . . . And you hear that Word, and turn away from it? Something’s wrong. The Holy Spirit in

You’re the one searching my heart right now.” God bless you. [Unclear words.] God bless you, back there. God sees you. God be merciful.

126 Now in the balcony to my right, is there any in there around this rows in here would raise your hand, say, “God be merciful to me”? Raise your hands. In the balconies to my center here, some in there would raise your hand, say, “God be merciful to me.” I can’t see too good up there. I seen the Angel of the Lord in there last night, but I couldn’t call it. It moved right down. Somebody struck something, and went down. Raise your hand. He’ll see you, whether I do or not. He’ll see you.

127 Have you really got that much courage? Is there that much real something about you, man or lady, that would raise your hand, and confess that you’re wrong, and ask for mercy? Raise your hand. To the left then, in the balcony to the left. God bless you. God bless you, sir. That’s a wonderful thing. God bless you, ma’am. That’s good. God be merciful.

128 Father God, I commit them into your hands. They broke every scientific rule. According to science, gravitation holds our hands down, like it keeps our feet on the ground. According to their rules our hand cannot raise, because they’re going downward; because the weight and gravitation holds them down. But these people raised their hands. It shows that they got a spirit in them that can control the body. And they broke the rules of scientific laws, and raised up their hands to the Creator, said, “Be merciful to me.”

JOHN5:24

129 Now, Lord, I’m saying this in the presence of God, Christ, Holy Spirit, holy angels, all the host of heaven and this company. You promised if that was sincere from their hearts, “He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into the judgment but has passed from death to life.” I give them to You, Father, as the trophies of your Word, being made manifest, preached by the Spirit of the Lord. And they’re yours.

Keep them from the judgment, and fulfill your will in them. Give them the baptism of the Holy Spirit. If they’ve never been baptized with Christian baptism, may they receive it, Father. And may they receive Holy Ghost baptism, and become workers.

From these little children that raised their hands, to the oldest—men, women, boys or girls, the teenagers—that raised their hands, God grant it, through Jesus Christ’s name.

122 The other night I asked that down here in California. A seventy-six year old woman raised up her hand when the altar call was made; had a glorious conversion, went home, and laid on her pillow, and went to meet God. Seventy-six years, and right at the last moment was brought in. What if she hadn't have come? No hope. Will you raise your hand, and make that one all-sufficient stand?

The row to my left, isn't there a one in there somewhere? God bless you, sir. God bless you, lady. Would there be another that would raise your hand? To the center row here to my left, is there any in that row that would feel that you're not pleasing God, and you haven't believed Him? Now there's only. . . .

123 Now, smoking, drinking, committing adultery, cursing, that's not sin. There's only one sin. That's unbelief. You do those things because you are an unbeliever. If you was a believer, you wouldn't do those things.

124 There's only two things—one of them is faith, and the other one's unbelief. One of them possesses you. And if you're a little doubt about the Word of God, every word of it being true, then you're an unbeliever. The Holy Spirit doesn't dwell in you. If you dispute one word of God's promise, or question it, there's something wrong. Would you raise your hand, say, "Be merciful to me, God?" Let no one look. Just let the Holy Spirit. God bless you, sir. God bless you, ma'am. God bless you, my sister. All right. This center row here to my left. That's one, two, three, four there.

ISA11:6

125 The center row to my right, would you raise your hand, say, "God be merciful. I want to believe"? God bless you back there, my brother. You might not have done many great things in life, but that's the greatest you ever did. A little boy about twelve years old raised his hand. God bless you, sonny. The Bible says, "A child shall lead them." He hasn't pulled his little soul through old True Story magazines, and things, and what's called true stories. There's only one true story that I know, which is that in the Bible.

Little kids today know more about David Crockett than they do about Jesus Christ. Ever believe, since children, about all kinds of cowboy stuff? And there's what the children hear, and swallow it up.

Will there be some say, "God be merciful to me. I'm not raising my hand to Brother Branham; I'm raising my hand to Jesus Christ.

you will always punctuate the Word with "Amen." It's the truth, see. It's right.

So that's what I'm trying to do, trying to cast everything I can. It's in love.

GEN24:3,4

31 When Eliezer was sent from Abraham to find a bride for his son, Isaac, (a type of the Father, and the Son, and the servant, and so forth) Eliezer sweated it out until he found character. And when he found character, he had it. And that's what the Holy Spirit's trying to find today, is character. You can't have character until you got faith. And faith produces character.

GEN24:64,65

32 And when he found the beautiful Rebekah. . . . Notice. When she come to Isaac, she veiled her face. Why? She had no more head. The man was the head. When a woman gets married, she puts a veil over her face. Why? She's coming to her head.

And the church, when the Holy Spirit finds the church, she veils herself. Christ is her head, and Christ is the Word. She cares no more about her traditions, and things. Christ is her head. Character.

33 Many years ago they used to have the slaves, down in the South, and those slaves were sad. And they sold them like you would a used car out here on the lot—auction them off, get a bill of sales with them—human beings. That's not right. Never was right. I'm a Southerner, but it wasn't right.

34 God made man, and man made slaves. No race is to rule over the other. We are brothers, off of the same tree, Adam. We are brothers. We can give one another a transfusion—red man, black man, brown man, whatever it might be. We're human beings, and we should not make slaves of one another.

35 But they'd come along, auction off. And they'd take the big heavy slave away from his little spindly wife. Set him over here, and breed him to another woman that was bigger, to bring forth bigger slaves. That was ungodly. Never was right.

Some time ago I was in a certain museum. I was noticing, going through the museum there was an old colored man, and he had just a white rim of hair around his head. It's been about twenty-five years ago, I

guess, maybe thirty. I was looking at this fellow, and he was looking all around.

I was wondering, “What’s the old darky looking for?” He was watching everywhere, as he went along.

And after awhile he come to a certain place, and he stopped all at once, stepped back, bowed his head, and began praying.

I watched him for a few minutes. I walked over close to him. I said. . . . Tears was streaming down his black cheeks. I said, “Pardon me, uncle (as we call them, mostly, the colored brethren ‘uncle’),” I said, “Pardon me, uncle, but I see you were praying.” I said, “I’m a minister. I’m a Baptist minister, and I would like to ask you why you were so excited. What excited you?”

36 He looked at me and wiped his eyes out, took me by the arm, said, “Look laying there.” I looked over under a glass, and there was nothing but just a lady’s dress, an old-fashioned dress.

And I said, “What’s so strange about that, would excite you?”

He said, “Sir, you see that stain on there?”

I said, “Yes sir.”

37 He said, “That’s the stain of the blood of Abraham Lincoln.” He said, “On my side is a mark of a slave belt. That blood freed me from that slave belt. Wouldn’t that excite you?”

38 I thought, “If that would excite . . . the blood of Abraham Lincoln would excite a slave because he was taken off of a slave belt, what ought the blood of Jesus Christ to do to the church? It ought to throw us to our knees in tears.” We were Satan’s slaves. He took the belt off of us.

39 One day on an old plantation, a buyer came by. There was many slaves, and they’d have to whip them because they were sad. They were brought from Africa by the Boers, and sold to the southern people for slaves. And then when they noticed that. . . . Always they were sad. They’d never be back home. They’d never be with papa and mama, no more with the wife, with the children. They were sad, and they’d have to whip them to make them work.

40 But this slave buyer. . . . One day he noticed on there, there was one young man they didn’t have to whip—chest sticking out, chin up, right

Lord, to give a testimony of what men would . . . seen in You in the days gone by, what they could testify, and say that they had seen happen, and was sure it was You. You fulfilled the Scripture.

Now You promised that return again just before the end time. Honor your Word, Lord. Make your Word live again. Find some heart in here that You can prove your Word by, Lord. Search me, O Lord. Try me. Help me. Be merciful to me, Lord. Be merciful to all of us. We’re needy.

119 I pray, God, that men and women here tonight, that don’t know You as their Saviour, that they’ll find room in their heart tonight. Stop for a few minutes, and take inventory. Church members that don’t . . . that knows they can chase their own life. No matter what they’ve testified to, they look at theirself and see that there’s something wrong. Test theirself against the Word of God, and see how it comes out. Let us all test, just now, Lord, and find where we’re needy, and then call to Thee for mercy.

While we have our heads bowed, and each one of you praying, now we’ll never ask you to join a church. You join any church you want to. But we’re asking you this, I am tonight as a servant to Christ: If you don’t know Him as your Saviour, and you would like to know Him, and. . . . You’ll not raise your hand to me now; you raise your hands to Him.

JOHN5:24

120 Now remember, here’s what Jesus said, “He that heareth my word. . . .” St. John 5:24 “He that heareth my word. . . .” I’ve said it tonight as plain and simple-like form as I know to say it. “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath eternal life.”

You’ve never believed, or accepted it before, but you would like in the presence of God, to raise your hands, and say, “I now accept it, God. I believe on Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I accept Him now as my personal Saviour.”

121 I’m going to start. Last night I missed some hands. The rows to my left, to my left, the right of the building, as you come in, to my left. How many in there will raise your hands to God? Now, with your heads bowed (Everybody praying—don’t raise your head. Pray), will raise your hand, and say, “God, I hold my hand to You, and want to accept You as my Saviour. Have mercy upon me. I truly believe the time is at hand, and I’m not ready to go.”

114 When He left us, He climbed the highest mountain that there could be, Calvary. And then climbed on past the moon, stars, Jupiter, Venus, Milky White Way, plumb on till He went so high till He even has to look down to see heaven. He can see everywhere. And his eye is on the sparrow. I know He's watching tonight. Amen. I believe that with all my heart. He's watching tonight.

MATT14:25 MARK6:48 JOHN6:19

What happened? When the dark hour come on, that they realized they had not had Him with them. . . . And the first thing you know, here He come walking to them on the sea, the only thing that could help them.

MATT14:26 MARK6:49

115 And what did they do? They cried out. They were scared of Him. Now listen close. I'm closing. They were afraid, scared, of the only thing that could help them, because it looked spooky. They said, "He's a spirit. That's a spirit walking on the water. Nothing could do that but a spirit." Oh, they were scared. And the only hopes they had, they was afraid of.

MATT14:27 MARK6:50 JOHN6:20

116 That's the same thing tonight. The hope of the coming of the Lord Jesus is appearing amongst the people. And when they see it they want to call it mental telepathy, they want to call it fortune-telling, they want to call it every kind of a devil that can be called, and it's the only thing that can help you. What was the voice that come from Him? "Fear not. Be of a good courage. It's I." Looked kind of scary at first, but, "It is I. Be not afraid."

Now we've had a lot of testimony meetings, and we see what's happening to the church. Don't be scared. He's still God. He's just as much God as He ever was. Do you believe that? The same testimony that He was of them in that day, we can believe that . . . Him being the same testimony to us today. Can't you believe that?

117 Let's bow our heads just a moment now. I want you to pray and say, "God, I want you to be merciful to me." You pray in your own way now.

God, be merciful. Have mercy. Now, don't move out, please don't. Just wait a minute. We're going to dismiss in a minute. Be real reverent.

118 Our heavenly Father, as we are quietening ourselves now after a stirring, scratching, hard meeting, where I've tried with all that's in me,

on the dot at any time. And the buyer said, "I would like to buy that slave."

But the owner said, "He's not for sale."

He said, "What makes him so much different from the other slaves?" Said, "Is he the boss over the rest of them?"

Said, "No, he's a slave. I bought him, and he's just a slave."

He said, "Well, maybe you feed him different from the rest of them."

He said, "No, no. They all eat out there in the galley just like the rest of the slaves."

He said, "Then what makes him so much different from the rest of them?"

41 And the owner said, "I wondered that for a long time, but one day I found out. Over in the homeland . . . He's an alien here, but over in the homeland where he came from, his father is the king of the tribe. And though he be an alien and in another land, he conducts himself as a king's son."

God have mercy upon us. If we are the sons and daughters of God, yet we're an alien in this life. . . . God's looking for character from men and women who can conduct themselves as sons and daughters of the king. God have mercy on us, that we will do it.

42 That's what I'm after friends—character. That's what God's pulling for—character for that bride that'll be taken out. And as sons and daughters of God, let's act like it, and be sons and daughters. God help us.

I want to say something. I want to announce my subject tonight. That's why I'm keeping it simple. Now be real reverent, and listen just for a few moments. And remember my purpose is to, by prayer and faith, bring Jesus Christ, the God that you love and serve, right into your midst.

Why can't you accept Him, and believe Him, when He's right here with you, with the Bible promises behind? That's the reason I made it the way it is—just real simple—so that you won't miss it, see.

43 Now, when He's right here with you, moving right along through you, proving Himself right there with you as the Scripture said He was,

and what He would be. . . . What He was He still is, and will forever be. And watch Him moving around among you, and then that. . . . To me that ought to thrill you in such a way you'd just plow through every unbelief, lay aside everything that was ungodly, stand up and make your confession.

44 Grass Valley, not long ago, a few weeks ago, I spoke on the immorals of the church today. And every bobbed-haired woman in the place stood up, and ministers stood up, and cried out for mercy. Then God, the very next night, emptied every seat, every wheel chair, every cot, everything else, and made everybody perfectly whole.

Brother, God's got conditions you've got to meet, see. You must meet those. And if you can't do the little earthly things, how are we ever going to get up here and have heavenly things taught to us? So let's keep it earthly, until that part's over. Then we'll get up in the heavenlies.

45 I'm going to announce my subject before I read the Scripture. My subject tonight is, "A Testimony on the Sea." And my text tonight is, "Be not afraid. It is I." Now remember, my subject is "A Testimony Upon The Sea," and my text is, "Be not afraid. It is I."

MATT14:22-27

Now, to you that wants to read the Scripture, let's turn in the Bible, now, the Word of God. Each one has his Bible, I want you to turn, and read with me Matthew, 14th chapter, and begin with the 22nd verse:

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him to the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with the waves: and the wind was contrary.

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them saying, Be of a good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

so that they'd have eternal life. And today, you all try and say how much you got. They tried to see how much they could get rid of."

112 And a certain little singer from Chicago, Brother. . . . I forget the Italian's name, the little preacher. And he said, "But Brother Branham, I want to call your attention to something. That was a great mistake that they made."

I said, "What did you say?"

He said, "They made a mistake when they did that."

I said, "The Holy Ghost make a mistake, brother?"

He said, "Why, they made a mistake by selling their property. After awhile a confusion come up among them, and the people didn't have no place to go."

113 I said, "Just exactly what God wanted. They went everywhere publishing the Word. If they'd had a home, they'd have went back and settled down to it. But God scattered the gospel by it."

God don't make no mistakes. He might to the intellectual mind, but not to his own way of thinking. Sure.

Off on a tantrum. Now, we find out that they'd gone off on one, so excited because they seen the bread made, and stuff like that. They thought, "Oh, we're just rowing out here. And go on without Him, it'll be all right."

And the first thing you know the sea began to get worse and worse. Satan said, "Now I got them. Now I'll get rid of every one of them, out here on the sea."

And she begin to dash, and the whitecaps, and the little boat become waterlogged. The mast pole broke down, the oars broke off, and there they was letting her drive just any way they could. They were screaming for fear. Every wave. . . . Satan sitting on every wave there, glinting his glittery eyes, and showing his fangs, and saying, "I'll sink them on the next one. I'll sink them on the next one."

MATT14:23 MARK6:46 JOHN6:15

All hopes was gone. But you know what? He was still watching them. The Bible said, He climbed up the mountain. And He was standing up there watching them, seeing what they was in trouble. I'm so glad that grace is still in existence. If it wasn't, we'd all be gone.

REV3:20

107 Here we are, in that kind of a mess today, sitting. The coming of the Lord drawing nigh; everybody asleep. It's like the Bible said it was. Here we are in that condition, Laodicean church age, the only church age of all the ages that Christ was put outside of his own building, knocking, trying to get back in again. That's right. The Laodicean age, and that's this age—put out by our creeds, and dogmas, and adding to the Bible and taking away from it. And there He stands on the outside trying to get back in. And the church in there thinking that they're doing something. Having a form of godliness. . . .

2TIM3:3-6

108 The Bible speaks of an intellectual age. It said they'd have a . . . Heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than of God; truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are right; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. From such turn away, for this is the sort that goes and leads silly women along with divers lusts, all kinds of things; pattern after some prostitute of Hollywood instead. . . .

109 Christ is our example! Hollywood has nothing to do with it, and the fashions of the world and things. We need a clean-up. Come back to God. I know I'm holding you, but I'm intentionally doing this. Notice. We'll get to the point, what I want to say to you.

Notice, the winds began to blow. The sea began to get rough. They'd gone off without Him, gone off on a big program somewhere, gone off to do this—all so interested in this, that, and the other. And they'd left without Him.

110 A mixed multitude went up with Moses that caused the trouble. And I think that's about the same thing that's happened today. The supernatural has been done, and we've brought in a mixed multitude. Same thing. That's what causes the trouble. Notice.

Then the roaring! Satan began to blow his poison breath across them. "Whew! Whew! Days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing as this. You need an intellectual education. We cannot put our ministers in the pulpit unless they have a great education." Whoever said so? Where did that come out of the Bible?

ACTS2:45

111 Like to them Businessmen that night, I said to them, I said, "Where did you ever get such stuff as that? The first Pentecostals went forth, sold what they had; left their homes and become poor, the rich did,

It must have been getting late. They'd had a great meeting that day. The sun was going down, setting across the little Galilee lake. And they was all tired; they were worn out, a great day meeting people. (I'm making this a drama so children can catch it.) And everybody was weary and tired.

I can see the great brawny back of that big fisherman, as he tugged at the boat, pushing it out across the sand until he got it in the water so that it would float under the . . . in the water; climbed up into the stern of the boat, and took his seat by the side of his brother, Andrew.

And all on the bank—there must have been thousands of people—all . . . some of them wiping their eyes from tears, and saying, "Come back. See us again. Bring Him back again."

You know, there's something about having a meeting that. . . . When you have a good spiritual meeting where something's gone on, great things has took place, you just hate to leave the people, and the people hate to see you leave them.

46 That's always been a great heartache to me, after a great meeting to say, "Bye, bye." I know there's many there I'll never see again in this life. And what I've said is recorded on the books. I'll have to meet them with that in that day of the judgment. So I be careful what I say, keep it with the Word.

Now, as they picked up their oars, and began to move away, they'd probably. . . . Now them days, the boats wasn't powered by motors as we have today. Sometimes it was a sail. They used both sail and oar. And it wasn't a ship like we have, as the Bible puts it here "in the ship," but they were large boats; more like a fish boat. And they had oars—great, huge oars. And the man that handled these oars had to know what he was doing, because the waves. . . .

47 Anyone knows that if you get in the storm on the lakes, or the sea, you can't just let that boat drive itself, and chop. It'll sink. You've got to know how to catch these waves, and ride them up sideways, and down. If you take your boat right up and it comes over the whitecap, you better watch. It'll sink it. It'll go right . . . fill up full of water. So you have to know how to ride those waves with the boat.

48 So, therefore, they usually put . . . maybe a man on each side, in the small boats. Sometimes they had two on an oar; but usually one man on an oar in a small fish boat like this was, and they kept time. And then,

when they got into a storm they had to know just exactly how to pull these oars, to make this boat ride the waves, that they could ride it out.

Then they had a sail. When the winds was blowing, the waves not too great, they could take this sail and tack sometimes. And you know how it is, in sailing. But this was real smooth. It was a beautiful day, and the old sea was just as quiet—not a ruffle in it.

49 What a pleasure it must have been to dip those oars down into that fresh water, and bend those backs to that and . . . just in time, each oar. It's like a rhythm. Then they'd make two or three oars, and somebody would stop, and all them wave "Good-bye," and on and on, till the little group on the bank begin to get smaller, and smaller. And to them, the little boat got smaller as they went out. Finally, they were past seeing each other, out into the sea. The sun was getting well down now, just red streaks up in the sky from the sun, from the distant Galilean mountains.

50 Then we notice as they went along, it must have been young John—he was the youngest of the bunch—he got tired. He wasn't as able to oar as those big old fishermen, who had lived on the sea all their life—and strong arms, and used to that oaring day and night.

Young John, probably in his thirties, or twenties or thirties, must have stopped and wiped the perspiration, threw the hair back out of his face, and said, "Whew! Brethren, let's rest a few minutes. This is kind of wearing me down. I'm tired." And they pulled the oars in. Must've sat quiet for a few minutes, nobody saying nothing.

And after awhile young John must have turned around and said, "I would like to testify while we're resting here." You know how it is. After you've had a meeting, something has happened thrills you, you must testify about it. You've got to tell somebody about it.

51 So young John said, "I'd like to give a testimony. That is one thing: that after today, we can say truly that we're not following a false prophet. It certainly was convincing to anyone today to see that we are not following a false prophet, as many teachers of our days are telling us that we are. We are following a man that don't belong to any great organization. He condemns them, and so forth. And they tell us that we're just off on the deep end, but we're not. For I can clearly remember when I was a little boy." (Now we're going to listen to a testimony meeting. Let's join in with them now, thinking of ourselves.)

bigger organization, building bigger schools, learning theology, so forth. Mercy goodness!

103 You have to go ten years in school before you can be ordained a minister, nearly. And then, what do they do with you there? Pump that embalming fluid into you; take all out of you God ever put in you. That's right. It's true. God just had them ten days, and done more with them than the schools can do in ten years. He put something in them, and a school takes out what God put in, lots of times. Learn them psychology, and all that kind of stuff.

MARK16:17

104 And some of our great organizations, in Pentecost I'm told, that has to stand there . . . and before a missionary can go on the field, take a psychiatrist's test. Mercy, goodness sakes! Did you see such a thing as that? God's our test. The Scripture's our test—"these signs shall follow them that believe."

You haven't got a PhD, LLD, they won't even let you in the pulpit. That's right. And Peter was so ignorant he couldn't even sign his own name, and God made him the head of the church. Sure. What a difference!

105 Sitting in Jamaica, a few weeks ago, or months ago, I was sitting there with the Christian Businessmen. We'd had a meeting. And all they'd done that night was testify, when they had the celebrity of the islands—even some of Castro's people—up there, and everything, great men. Our Full Gospel brethren. I speak for them. I like them, I love them, they're my brothers. I have nothing against them.

And I was standing there. I said, "You men made me ashamed of the message I was preaching."

And they said, "Why was that?"

106 I said, "The only thing you testified about was you had a little business down on the corner doing a hundred dollars a month, and glory to God, all at once now, you got a fleet of Cadillacs." I said, "You'll never compare with them men. You can't bring the world in, or you can't compare with the world. The only thing you've got to do is not to compare with the world, like the churches and everything are trying to do, with their glamour and stuff out there. You've got to invite them on your grounds; not act like them. Let them come act like you." O God, help us. Whew! That's right.

Instead of having the old God-saved preacher, they got some kind of a intellectual student from some Bible school, trying to pattern after the world. Did not, when Israel wanted to denounce their king, or denounce their King God. . . ? And when the prophet walked up before Samuel, he said, “They want to be like the rest of the world.”

1SAM12:3,12

100 And Samuel said, “God is your king. God has sent me to be your prophet. Have I ever told you anything in the name of the Lord but what come to pass? Have I ever begged you for your living? Have I ever took your money?”

1SAM12:4

“No.”

1SAM12:3

“Have I ever told you anything, ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ but what come to pass?”

1SAM12:4

“No, Samuel. Everything you said come to pass just exactly. We believe you to be God’s prophet.”

“Well, then stay away from your king.”

1SAM8:20

But they said, “But we want to act like the Joneses,” you see. They wanted to act like the rest of them.

101 And, brethren, with all godly respects to our organizations, that’s the same thing that our churches are doing. They’re trying to act like the rest of them—like Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Lutheran: classy, starchy, well-dressed, biggest church in the city, big building programs. What a disgrace, when millions of missionaries would be on the field today. And many of them, they’re not supported—with no shoes on their feet, trying to preach the gospel. And we are building millions of dollar buildings, great big outlets, and schools; and preaching, “The time is at hand, the coming of the Lord.” Something’s wrong somewhere. (I better . . . I’ll stay back with the simple message. All right.) Notice. Something was wrong. And there they were. What a time for Satan to come in!

102 We went off on a big program. The meeting started; money flowed in. Everything, “We got to increase our groups.” Each one, “You come over here to this one,” proselyting, everything else, making a

52 John says, “When I was a little boy, I can remember when my mama would get me on the porch. We were raised down near Jericho. And in the springtime, when I’d pick my mother a bunch of flowers. . . . And I’d see her pretty brown eyes as I would bring them to her, and she would put me in her arms, and rock me, and sing me songs about God. And she used to tell me Bible stories. And how I loved to hear those Bible stories.

JOSH3:16,17

“And she told me about just down below the ford there, the great, mighty Joshua stood there one day, and commanded that water to move back—in the month of April, when the waters was flowing down. And the Jordan held her peace, while our people walked into the land that they were promised.

JOSH5:13

53 “How that he met the great warrior, when he pulled his sword standing against the gate. And Joshua, the great warrior, pulled his sword to meet the man, and he said, ‘Who are you? Are you for us, or are you our enemy?’

JOSH5:14

“He said, “I’m the captain of the host of the Lord.” And Joshua threw off his helmet, fell down on his knees.

EX4:20 EX13:21 EX16:14,15

“And I remember Mama telling us . . . telling me, rather, as she rocked me, she said, ‘Listen, John, my little boy, always believe God. One day when our people were slaves down in Egypt, great Jehovah God sent his prophet down there. Following, we did, a pillar of fire, our people, and they come out in the wilderness without anything—just what clothes they had on. And God brought bread down every night, and laid it out on the ground. And our people eat bread in that wilderness for forty years.’

“And I used to be enthused as a little boy. I said, ‘Mama, does God have a whole big row of ovens up there in heaven? And a bunch of angels working night work, that they get up there and bake all this bread, and run down and lay it on the ground?’

“She’d say, ‘No, son. You understand as a child. God doesn’t have to have bake ovens. God is a creator. And all that God had to do was just speak the word, and the bread fell on the earth.’

MATT14:19,21 MARK6:41,44 LUKE9:14,16,17 JOHN6:10,11,13

54 “And now, my brethren,” he said, “today when I seen them bring that little boy up there, with those five little biscuits and two fishes; and I seen Him break that bread, and multiply that to feed five thousand people, I knowed that was no false prophet. He had to be associated with Jehovah God, because here again, the very God that we believe in was right here doing his same works again. He was creating bread. It must be the same God that led our people into this land. Sure.”

55 I want to ask you. That little boy, probably playing truant from school, with that little biscuit or two in his hands. . . . See, that little biscuit didn’t mean nothing. It could only take care of him as long as he had it. As long as it was in his hands, it wasn’t very much. But once placed into the hands of Jesus, it fed five thousand.

56 And that little faith that you got in God . . . as long as you hold it to yourself, it won’t mean very much. But once given to Him, see what takes place. If there would happen to be a scientist along, I’d like to ask you, what kind of an atom did He let loose there? Not only was it fish, but it was cooked fish. Not only wheat bread, but it was cooked bread.

I can hear John say, “I stood and looked at Him. Did you notice Him, how calmly and quiet? He wasn’t scared. He said, ‘How much bread have you got?’

MATT14:17 MARK6:38 LUKE9:13 JOHN6:9

“Said, ‘We got five loaves and two fishes.’

MATT14:16 MARK6:40 LUKE9:14

“He said, ‘Bring them to me,’ and caused the companies to sit down by fifties. Oh, my! Not excited. He knowed exactly what He was going to do.”

MATT14:19,21 MARK6:41,44 LUKE9:14,16,17 JOHN6:10,11,13

And he said, “Brethren, didn’t He look like Jehovah? Did you notice his eyes, how strong, how they looked? He looked just like Jehovah, and He was Jehovah, standing there breaking this bread, multiplying these fishes, and things, and feeding five thousand people.

57 “Therefore, brethren, we are not following a false prophet, because if Jehovah ever was Jehovah, He has to still be Jehovah. And if this man is what He claims to be, the Son of Jehovah, He’ll do the works of Jehovah.” Amen. How sensible that testimony was. Must have really thrilled them.

JOHN1:41

DEUT18:15,18 MARK10:47

“And blind Bartimaeus said, ‘I remember that the Scripture said that the Son of David . . . that Moses said that this Messiah . . . this prophet was to be raised up, would be a prophet. And if he’d be a prophet, He’ll understand. O Jehovah, have mercy, have mercy. Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.’

“And his faith touched Jesus. Hallelujah! His faith!”

MARK10:49

98 He would never heard him above all that crowd carrying on, some of them shoving him down, saying, “Sit still,” and so forth. But his faith touched Him. And the Bible said Jesus stood still. I want to preach on that one time, “And Jesus Stood Still.”

MARK10:49,51

“Yes, Jesus stood still. What was it? The faith of a blind beggar stopped Him, and . . . asked him what he wanted. Then he said to Him, ‘That I might receive my sight.’

MARK10:52

“He said, ‘Thy faith [like He did the woman that touched his garment], Thy faith has saved thee. Receive your sight, because your faith has saved you.’ He turned, starts on down the road.

MARK10:52

“Blind Bartimaeus stood there. ‘He told me I would receive my sight. Here I am.’ First thing, he seen something move before his hand. There. He could see his hand. Here he went down the road, glorifying God. You remember that, brethren?”

Oh, the testimony meeting was just getting stirred up good. Oh, everything was. . . . And you know, the devil happened to look down across the hill and found them without Jesus. They’d went off without Him. That’s when the devil had his chance. He said, “Now I’ve got my opportunity to sink them, because they’ve gone off without their Master.”

99 Now let me say this lovingly, reverently, and brotherly. Don’t you think that’s just about today? I think it’s the same thing, that during the time of this revival, the churches has become nasty-rich. Pentecostals are no more on the street beating a tambourine. They haven’t got the spunk to stand out there and have a street meeting hardly. Very seldom you see them. That’s right.

1SAM8:5,20

“Well, Jesus of Nazareth. You know. You’re a Jew.’

“Yes.’

DEUT18:15,18

“Well, you know our Bible tells us, our scrolls, that the Lord our God is going to raise up a prophet like Moses. And He’s going to do like Moses did.’

“Yes. I know that. It’ll be the son of David.’

95 “‘Oh, that’s exactly right,’ said the young. . . . ‘I am this man’s disciple.’” You know, all the disciples of Christ always wants to have pity on those who are blind and those who are needy. A meeting can come to the neighborhood, they’ll go get every sick person they can, to bring them in, see. They’ll do. . . . every sinner that they can get, they’ll always want to show mercy.

“And this young lady said, ‘Why, He is that prophet of Galilee. He passes by, and. . . .’

“‘You mean He is the Messiah?’

“‘Certainly, He’s the Messiah.’

“Then he said, ‘Where is He?’

“‘He’s about a square . . . now, that’s where they point you, where He was at, about a city block down the road.’

“Well, he . . . blind Bartimaeus said, ‘You know, I just. . . . He done passed me.’

96 “So many hundreds following Him, and one throwing overripe fruit at Him, and saying, ‘Hey, you Galilean prophet! If you’re a prophet, do this. Hey, we got a sick man down here. Let’s see you heal him.’ Others saying one thing, and some hollering, ‘Hail the King of the Jews,’ and the other one saying, ‘Glory to the great God of heaven, who’s raised up the Son of David among us.’ And some was singing ‘Hosanna’ to the prophet, to the king. Others was making fun of Him.”

97 That’s the way it is. It’s always a mixed crowd: believers, make-believers, and unbelievers, always conglomerated together. There they are, even when the sons of God come up before God. In the book of Job, it said Satan was sitting among them (exactly right) when the sons of God appeared in the presence of God. Certainly. They’re always there. Now. And here they were there, and one saying one thing, and another.

58 And it must have been Simon (You know, he always had to put in his part, anyhow.), he said, “Wonderful, John. I appreciate that testimony. Let me put mine in right now. Andrew, now you just keep still a minute [his brother sitting next to him]. Andrew went to stay all night with Him. The next morning, here he come back, telling me, ‘We found the Messiah.’

“Now, I’m a Bible reader. I know what Messiah’s supposed to be, and I know there’s been lots of them coming around saying, ‘Messiah,’ and this was the Christ, and the time was at hand, and so forth.”—as it predicted to be in the last days again. Many will come, false prophets, saying the time is at hand, and the Messiah’s out in the wilderness, the Messiah’s here. Said, “Don’t you believe it, see. Don’t you listen to that.”

JOHN1:42

Now, notice. But he said, “My father told Andrew and I one time, that when the Messiah cometh He’d have to come according to the Scripture—the scriptural Messiah. And when I walked up into his presence that day, with my brother Andrew (sitting here), and He looked at me in the face, and said, ‘Your name is Simon. You are the son of Jonas,’ I knowed that that was Messiah.

DEUT18:15,19

59 “I knowed that we hadn’t had a prophet for four hundred years. And my father showed me in the Scripture, according to the scroll of Deuteronomy that Moses wrote—that Moses, our prophet, that we’ve lived all these hundreds of years faithful to his teaching—that he said, ‘The Lord your God shall raise up among you a prophet liken unto me. And it’ll come to pass that whosoever shall not hear this prophet shall be cut off from the people.’

“Now I knowed, and my father taught me by the Scriptures, that that Messiah would be a prophet. And when I saw Him do the sign of the prophet, I knowed that was the Messiah.” Oh, how that must have done something to them. Yes.

And Philip said, “I’d like to testify. Is it all right, Nathanael?”

He said, “Well, go ahead. Give your testimony.” And Nathanael said, “May I say a word first?”

And everybody, you know, and Nathanael, jumped up. And he said, “Sit down. You’re rocking the boat.” You know how it’d get in a

testimony meeting. Everybody's just got to say something, you know, right quick. And said, "You can get your turn. But sit down, wait a minute. Stand still. You're rocking the boat." And said, "Now sit down and tell us your testimony."

JOHN1:45

60 And he said, "When Philip came to me, I was back there under the tree praying. And when . . . I was praying for God to send the deliverer. And when Philip walked up to me, and said, 'We have found the Messiah. We've got Him. We know who it is. It's the son of Joseph—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph,' I doubted him.

JOHN1:46

"I said, 'Now wait a minute. Nothing good could come from Nazareth, from that group of people.' But he encouraged me. He said, 'You come see for yourself.'"

Now, that's a good answer. Don't stay home, and criticize it. Come, take your Bible, and search it, and see if it's right; for it's your soul, you know.

JOHN1:47

61 So then he said, "We come up to the meeting. And as soon as we got to where Jesus of Nazareth was, He looked me straight in the face, and said, 'Behold an Israelite in whom there's no guile.'"

JOHN1:48

"And I said, 'Rabbi, when did you ever know me?'"

JOHN1:48

"He said, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree I saw you.' And it was very convincing to me. That settled it.

JOHN1:49

62 "And brethren, you all know what I did. I fell right down at his feet, and said, 'Thou art the Son of God, You are the King of Israel,' because I knowed Scripturally that was the Messiah that we were looking for. I knowed it by the sign that He told us."

Must have been Andrew said, "Just a moment. Let all of us think of something for a few minutes. Do you remember the day that we were going down to Jericho?"

"Yes, I remember it."

JOHN4:4

And then, I noticed it all around everywhere now. What a . . . Oh, my! How can this thing go on any longer? God forbid them to do that. Yes, sir.

Now, back to our subject. "That morning Zechariah, or blind Bartimaeus, said, 'I was sitting there listening, and I heard a noise come out the street, and everybody was tumbling over one another. And I heard the priest that had told me the days of miracles was past. He was the head of the association down there. I heard him say that morning, 'We're going down to stop this nonsense. We're not going to have no such a meeting as that around here.' [You know, the devil takes his man, but not his spirit. God takes his man but not his spirit, too. Remember that.]"

"So, when he come out there, said, 'We're going down. . . .' I heard that same priest coming out and saying, 'Say, you who can raise the dead, we got a whole graveyard full of them up here. Come up and raise one for us. We'll believe you.'"

92 He don't clown for nobody. Remember, when them Romans had Him in the courts that morning, they put a rag around his face, over his eyes, and hit Him on the head with a reed, and said, "Tell us who hit you, if you're a prophet. We'll believe You." You know He knowed who did it, but He don't clown for the devil. He does his works to magnify the Father, He said. His own Spirit today don't do to clown. He only magnifies God, to bring his Word to pass.

93 Jesus said He did these things that it might be fulfilled what was spoken by the prophets. And today He does those things to fulfill what He promised He would do. He don't have to do it; He could let you go on in without it, but He promised to do it. And that's what He's doing.

94 Blind Bartimaeus—John went on with his testimony. "Blind Bartimaeus, he said, 'You know, I didn't know, I never heard of Him. The first thing you know, the people were being staggered, and I was knocked down, and everything. And I said, "What's all the noise about? What is all the noise? I just don't understand. What's all the noise?"'

"And finally a nice woman said, "Oh, fellow, what is the matter?'"

"Said, 'Lady, what's all the noise about? I'm blind. I can't see.'"

"Oh, have you never heard of the prophet of Galilee?"

"No, ma'am, I haven't," he said.

when I do I'll have thirty thousand confessions." You know, they call it . . . I believe that's what they call it: decisions. Decisions is all right. Decisions is confessions, stones. But what good does it do to have stones, if you haven't got a stonemason to cut them out in the shapes of sons and daughters of God?

What good does a million decisions do, when there's still glamour, and sin, and act like everything, and never have a change of heart? Still smoke, chew, drink, dip snuff, watch television, stay home from church; and put their name on a book, and call themselves Christians? Men, letting their wives out in the yard with little old things on.

88 Here the other day I seen the most hideous sight I ever seen. I was down at Clifton's Cafeteria, and I was waiting for Brother Arganbright to come up. And here come a woman. I never seen anything like it in my life. She had green in here, and red, and all different colors. Might have been a nice looking woman. But the way she had one of them waterhead haircuts, like the first lady, you know, and all that nonsense! And there she was standing there.

89 And I'm a missionary. I've seen pellagra; I've seen leprosy. I never seen anything like that in my life. And I was going over to her to ask her if I could pray for her, tell her that I was a missionary, and I felt sorry for her. And I wanted to pray for the woman. I thought, "I never seen leprosy on a person like that." A human being with green eyes, blue, and all kinds of nonsense; with enough manicure on their lips to paint a barn with—women.

2KNG9:30,35,36

90 There was only one woman in the Bible that ever painted her face, and that was Jezebel. And God fed her to the dogs. So, if you see a woman wearing that, you can say, "How do you do, Miss Dogmeat?" That's exactly what God called her. He fed her to the dogs. Exactly right.

91 What we need today is a house cleaning for the kingdom of God. Right. Yes. And I was going to go over and pray for that poor girl. If she'd been washed up, and let her hair grow down, she'd have been a fine looking young woman. And I started to go over to pray for her, and here come two more. I said, "I better keep still. I don't know. Something's happened since I've been out here."

"And you remember some strange thing—He had need to go by Samaria?"

"Yes. We remember that."

JOHN4:5,8

"And He got up there to this city, Sychar. And when He did, He sent us into the city to buy vittles. And you know how they treated us in the city. And when we come back up to where He was, we were astonished. Our Master was being entertained by a ill-famed woman."

63 Now in them days they had them marked. You could tell them. Nowadays they're not. But they could tell they were ill-famed the way she was doing.

"And we were astonished, you know, brethren, that our Master would be caught with such a person, an ill-famed person like this woman was. Why, she was nothing but just a common street woman. And here our Master was, out there by Himself by the side of this well, entertaining this woman. So we were all astonished."

And all of them said, "That's right. That's right."

JOHN4:7

64 So he said, "We moved around behind the bushes to find out what He was talking about, and we heard Him when He said, 'Woman, bring me a drink.'

"And we thought, 'Now, isn't that strange, that our Master would ask a service of a prostitute?' [That shows what He was, to me. He was God. Sure. He asks whoever . . . every mortal, no matter what condition you're in, whosoever will; whosoever will.] 'Isn't it strange,' we thought, 'that our Master would ask this ill-famed woman to do Him a favor?' And we were surprised.

JOHN4:9

"And we found out that quickly she spoke back to Him, and she said, 'Sir, it's not customary, you being a Jew, asking me a woman of Samaria. . . .'"

And Mark started to say something.

Andrew said, "Keep still just a minute." So then he said, "Listen," said, "you remember what He said?"

JOHN4:10

65 “He said, ‘If you knew who you were talking to, you’d ask me for a drink. And I’d give you waters you don’t come here to draw.’ And they carried the conversation for a while about their religion.

JOHN4:16

“And then for the first time we thought our Master was caught in a trap, for our Master said to the woman, ‘Go get your husband and come here.’

JOHN4:17

“And quickly she turned and looked Him in the face and said, ‘I don’t have a husband.’

GEN18:15

“Do you remember how our hearts like to failed us? We thought, ‘Now, now there’s something wrong. Here our Master says to that woman, ‘Go get your husband.’ And we have seen the Messiahic sign over Him, and everything, and we knowed He was the Messiah; and here . . . see his works, and knowed He was that prophet that God said He would raise up. We knowed He was, but yet here’s a woman denying that He’s telling the truth. Just like Sarah denied before the angel, ‘I never said it.’ But you see what the angel said.

JOHN4:17

“So, they stood there just a moment, and she said, ‘I have no husband.’

JOHN4:17

“Then our Master looked her straight in the face and said, ‘You have told the truth.’

“Now we couldn’t understand that, why it was, here one minute He said, ‘You have a husband,’ and she denied that she had a husband; then He turns back, and said, ‘You told the truth.’

JOHN4:17,18

66 “Then you remember how all flusterated we were? And then He said to her, ‘You have told the truth, because you’ve had five husbands, and the one that you’re now living with is not your husband. So you have told the truth.’

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15 JOHN4:19,25

67 “How we were all alarmed, see what the woman would say. We know when He did this the Pharisees, the church, the unbelievers, they said, ‘This man is a fortune-teller, Beelzebub, a devil.’ But this little woman, in her condition, turned and looked Him in the face, and said,

Just belong to the church, and you’ll be all right some day, when you go to heaven.” ‘

“ ‘But, you know, I’ve always thought in my heart,’ he said, ‘that if there was ever a God, He has to still be God.’ ”

82 Oh, brother, how we need some more men like that! And it’s usually when you’re thinking on things like that that He appears. Search the Scriptures. It’s when people are thinking, and believing. When you got your mind on staying home from the prayer meeting on Wednesday night, to see “We Love Suzy,” or some of them silly television things they got, and dodging church. . . . How are you ever going to do anything with a class of people like that?

83 You know the birds make their nest in spring of the year. But if that male bird hasn’t been with that female bird, them eggs won’t hatch. She can just hover them, and be so loyal, and stay there until she gets so poor she can’t fly off the nest. But if that female bird hasn’t been with the male bird, the mate, them eggs won’t hatch. They’ll rot right in the nest.

84 And that’s as bad as it is today. We’ve taken people by confession, and letter, and so forth, into the church, that knows no more about God than a Hottentot knows about Egyptian night. And what have we got? A big nest full of rotten eggs, men and women who knows no more about God than nothing else. It’s time to clean the nest out, and start from the pulpit to the janitor, and get them people in contact with God, who knows what the power of God is, who’s been born again by the Holy Ghost. Right.

85 You can’t make deacons out of them, them married four or five times, and all kinds of stuff like that, because it’s a meal ticket. It’s a shame. That stuff’s coming right amongst our Pentecostal people, and in the weakness of the message, to let the people glamour in sin, and carry on, and then still call themselves saints! We need a shaking revival.

86 Not long ago talking with the great . . . or hear him talk rather, the great evangelist, Billy Graham. When he was in Louisville, Kentucky, he raked them preachers. I was sitting there. Dr. Mordecai Ham, the one that led him to Christ, he’s a good friend of mine . . . he just passed into glory at ninety-something years old, about a year and a half ago. And Brother Ham was sitting there by me.

87 And Billy got up there, and he said, “You bunch of lazy preachers!” He said, “I come in a city and stay there six weeks. And

took off of his feet when not only did He know he was up there, but knowed who he was, and said, ‘Zacchaeus, come down from that tree. I’m going home with you.’

LUKE19:8

“Zacchaeus fell down, and said, ‘Lord, if I’ve done anything wrong, I’m willing to make it right.’”

79 How we need more Zacchaeuses today! when they can see the manifestations, and the presence of the very God that’s promised in the Bible, and get up and walk away from it. What a pitiful condition this nation is in! What a ripened judgment condition!

And many times we say, “I don’t have to listen to that,” go listen to somebody that’ll pat you on the back, and let you live in sin. Then meet it yonder at the judgment bar, and see what’s going to happen. You flee from the wrath that is to come. Repent, or perish!

80 God, when He does things like He’s doing today, nowhere in Scripture did He ever send such until judgment followed it. Exactly right. Judgment’s going to strike, as certain as I’m standing here on the platform as a servant of Christ. Certainly. You remember that.

What a testimony meeting. Oh, my!

MARK10:46

81 And then he said, “Do you remember when we went out of the city, too?” Said John, “When we went out of the city there was an old blind man sitting out there, named Bartimaeus. And he was sitting on the rock, and we was about a hundred yards from him. And out of the city came a great roar. Remember how Bartimaeus testified to us, and told us how it happened?”

2KNG2:8

“He was sitting there studying about, ‘Oh, if I could’ve lived in the day when great prophets walked down this road; when Elijah and Elisha, arm-in-arm, came down this road going to the Jordan, to pull back the waters to cross over. If I would’ve lived in that day, I’d have run out on these cobblestones, and fell down before them, and said, “O, great prophet of God, pray for me that I receive my sight.” ‘

“ ‘But, alas. They taken me over to the synagogue, I asked the priest about it. He said, “Now, wait a minute, Bartimaeus. You’re an old blind man. There’s nothing can help you. The days of miracles is past.

‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. We know when Messiah cometh He’ll tell us these things, but who are You?’

JOHN4:26,28,29

“And He said, ‘I am he that speaks with you.’ And on that she ran into the city and begin to tell the men of the city that ‘Come see a man who’s told me the things that I’ve done. Isn’t this the Messiah?’”

JUDE1:4

68 Now that would go right over the top of an unbeliever. They’d never know it. They were predestinated to disbelieve the Word. Do you believe that? Jude said so. “Men of old, foreordained to this condemnation, to rise up in the last days to disbelieve God’s Word.” How many knows that’s the Scripture? Sure, foreordained of God to be unbelievers.

69 What a pitiful shape. Unbelievers. Can’t help it; no more than Esau could help being Esau, or Pharaoh being Pharaoh. What a pitiful condition! And if you are a believer tonight in the Word of God, how blessed your eyes are, to live in this day to see the glory of God, how it’s shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit throughout the world; if you’re not so churchd together, wound together by creeds and denominations, that you can’t even listen to the Word of God. What a horrible condition to be into: twice dead, plucked up by the roots, not a hope of ever being saved. That’s what the Scripture says—so dead that they don’t even understand nothing but their creeds.

JOHN4:25

70 Notice that woman. She wasn’t dead. She caught it quickly. She was a seed predestinated to eternal life. And as soon as that flashed over her, quickly she caught it. She knew. She said, “Sir, we know when Messiah cometh he’ll tell us these things. Who art thou?”

JOHN4:26

71 And He said, “I am he.”

JOHN4:28,39,40

And she believed it, and went and told the men in the city. And they come out and invited Him in. He never did it one more time. But the Bible said that they believed Jesus because of the testimony of the woman.

Now that’s as much scripture as I know how to place it. It’s right here before me, and you read it the same. St. John, the 4th chapter, is where you find it.

72 Then, it must have been Matthew, said, “Let me testify. Do you remember that day we were going down into Jericho, and we were going down there to visit some friends? And you remember our friend down there, Rebekah? and she was the wife of Zacchaeus. And she had told us her husband was a businessman, and how that he was a doubter, because he was a member of the synagogue, and the synagogue said that anybody that believed this man to be a prophet was excommunicated from the church. And he belonged to all the societies of the day, and he knowed if he ever confessed it, he’d be put out.

“But Rebekah, his wife, the disciple of our Lord, she was a believer. And she used to tell him all the time, ‘Zacchaeus, this man, according to the Scripture. . . .’

“‘Oh, you have no right to interpret the Scripture. The Rabbi is the one who tells it. [But the Rabbi was wrong.] The Rabbi’s the one who’s to tell it.’”

Notice. “But Rebekah said, ‘I stood, and I saw Him work, and I know that He is that Messiah. He’s a prophet.’

73 “So the morning that He was to appear, Rebekah must have prayed all night for her husband. She wanted him to be saved. [That’s the way you’ve got to pray for people. Prayer changes things.] So she must have prayed all night. Along about daylight, little old Zacchaeus got up, and put on his best clothes that he had, you know, and stepped out. Told Rebekah he was going to get a fresh breath of air.

“But that night maybe the Lord had been dealing with him, according to Rebekah’s thoughts and prayer.”

74 Now, if you want God to save your husband or your wife, just keep praying for them, just keep praying. That’s all you have to do. Just keep praying, and believing. If there’s any spark of life there at all, God’ll put something across the path that they’ll see it. Then if they reject it, then that’s up to them. But, notice.

“Then that morning, she’d prayed hard that something would happen that would convince Zacchaeus that this was that prophet that they were looking for. [The Jews always believe their prophets, and the Messiah was to be a prophet ‘cause God had told them to believe nothing but a prophet. So then He had to be the prophet.] So then, that morning Zacchaeus went out.

“And I imagine Rebekah just laughed up her sleeve, and said, ‘Praise God, he’s going down there, sure as I’m laying here in this bed.’

LUKE19:4

75 “Zacchaeus goes down there. He gets to the front gate, where he knowed Jesus of Nazareth was coming. But there was so many there, he couldn’t even get close to Him. He was small in stature. So he went up Glory Avenue to Hallelujah Lane. That’s usually where He crosses. And he climbed up in a sycamore tree, and sat down. [You want to find Jesus, you’ll find Him on Glory Avenue or Hallelujah Lane, or something like that.] So he knowed He’d cross there, so he climbed up and sat down in this tree.

“Said, ‘I’ll watch Him. And when he turns the corner I’ll pass my opinion about Him. I don’t believe He’s any prophet. I don’t believe it. And so, I’ll just get up in this tree, and I’ll get my own conception of Him when He passes by.’ [Remember, he’d never saw Him.] So he thought, ‘You know what? He might see me up here.’

76 “So I can just see old Zacchaeus up there, pulling all the limbs and leaves around him, so he’d be well camouflaged. Nobody would see him.

“And after awhile, a noise came up the street. [Strange, wherever Jesus is there’s usually a lot of noise.] And here come a lot of noise up the street. He said, ‘Well, He must be approaching.’

“And he noticed coming around the corner a great big fellow, bald-headed. Said, ‘I’m sorry, folks. You have to step back. Our Master is very tired. He’s been here. . . .’ others passing by.

77 “Now, which one of them would be Him? After a while a little meek-looking fellow come by. He thought, ‘And that’s what they call a prophet? That’s what they call the Messiah? Why, He’s no prophet. Look at Him. He don’t even look like one. He don’t even dress like one.’

LUKE19:5

“But He walked quietly, till He got right under the tree, and He stopped, and He looked up. Said, ‘Zacchaeus, come down. I’m going home with you today.’

LUKE19:5

78 “Do you remember what Zacchaeus said when he joined the Full Gospel Businessmen down there, after he got saved? He said that he was