Third Exodus Assembly Jephthah And His Daughter

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Jesus shall lead me...He promised to do it. Oh, Jesus shall lead me Jesus shall lead me all the way He is the truest friend to me Oh, for I remember, ...remember Calvary.

Onward I go, no doubt nor fear ...doubt nor fear, Oh I'm just so happy with Christ Happy with Christ, my Saviour near Oh, His divine will... Oh Jesus, my friend... ...my friend of Calvary

Oh, all around the building just give glory to Him as we sing it.

Jesus shall lead...

Let Him lead you. Let Him become the center of your life, tonight. Let go and let God have His way tonight, amen. Just surrender everything to Him, watch, He'll make a difference. He'll drive those dark things away from your life. You believe Him. He can do it for you, tonight.

He is the truest…

Never a friend like Him...

... truest friend to me

Oh, for I remember...that night when you lay down your life, when you surrendered it all to Him.

... Calvary.

Oh let's sing it again...where He will lead me, I will go. That's what He wants in this hour, a heart in full obedience.

I will go.

For I have learned...Down through these years He taught me and I have learned to trust Him so. Oh, thank You, Lord.

And I remember it was for me; it was for me! While I was a sinner He loved me and died for me.

... that He was slain,

Oh, thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord, tonight.

Oh, Jesus shall lead me...the Leader of eternal life tonight, the great Dove that has come to us at evening time.

Oh Jesus, Jesus shall lead me!

Jesus shall lead me all the way.

He is the truest friend to me

He was a friend to Abraham. He was a friend to Moses. Hallelujah! 1,400 years after Moses died, he was still following Him. Oh, let Him lead you tonight, let Him lead you, tonight.

Oh, I delight in Him command. 'If you love Me, you will obey My commandments,' He said. His commandments are not grievous, tonight. Oh, I just love to be led. I see Him perform a paradox every time.

His dear Hand, oh and His divine will, tonight.

His divine will is...

Oh, it is so sweet to me.

Oh, hallowed by blood stained...Thank You, Jesus.

... Calvary.

And everyone singing, Jesus...Jesus shall lead me. I'm going to submit my life to Him. I don't want man to lead me. I want Jesus to lead me, tonight. He is going to lead me right into glory, amen. He will take care of every situation along the way.

Jesus shall lead me all the way

He is the truest friend to me

For I remember...Oh I remember that night when I saw the cross.

Onward I go...hallelujah! ...go, no doubt nor fear. Oh, I'm so happy with Christ With Christ, my...

He said, He will never leave me nor forsake me, 'lo, I am with you always even unto the end'.

...that I someday shall see

Oh, Jesus, my friend...Is He your friend, tonight? Make Him your friend; you could never get a better friend than that.

Oh Jesus shall lead me. What a friend we have in Him, tonight. *Jesus shall lead me...*

A friend that has kept closer than a brother;

Oh, Jesus shall lead me...

Jesus shall lead me, all the way

He is the truest... Oh no disappointment in Him, friend. He could never fail you.

Oh, I remember, Calvary.

Oh, just tell Him how you love Him and appreciate Him, tonight. Isn't He a wonderful friend?

Our precious Lord Jesus, Father, we thank You. We feel so grateful, dear God to be associated with You, to be in Your company, to have Your presence with us, Lord God, to have Your divine promises that we know cannot fail. Oh God, to have You, the strong One to lean on in the dark times we live in. To know You are our hiding place. You are our abiding place. You are the Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. Your Name is a mighty tower, tonight, that the righteous can run into and be saved, Father.

Oh, how we love you, Lord. You are our Victor, our Banner, the God who fight our battles, the great Jehovah Nissi, tonight; the great Jehovah Raah who shall lead us, the Lord our Shepherd, tonight. Oh we thank You, Lord.

You are Jehovah Shalom, our Peace tonight. Glory be to God in the highest! We thank You, Lord.

Oh Jehovah Jireh, Who supplies our every need, tonight. Glory be to God in the highest! Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus.

Oh God, Jehovah Tsidkenu, Who takes away all our condemnation. You are our righteousness; You impute Your very Own righteousness. You make us the very righteousness of God, tonight. Glory be to God.

Jehovah Shamma, You are present among us, tonight. We feel Your presence. We enjoy, oh God, Father, the nearness of Your Spirit tonight. Hallelujah! Glory!

...His dear hand. His divine will... His divine will is... so sweet Hallowed by blood stained... ...Calvary.

Oh, Jesus shall lead me...

I've already chosen Him as my Leader. I have no other leader tonight, hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest. He is not only my Leader. He is my Provider. He is my Shield. He is my Friend. He is my Rock, tonight. He is our Bridegroom, our soon coming King, amen. Hallelujah!

... remember Calvary.

Oh, thank You Lord. Glory be to God. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You for Your love, Father. You've been shedding it abroad in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. We are grateful to be in Your Presence. You're a wonderful Friend, Lord. You're a precious Saviour, tonight. We know You care. And we know You are interested, Lord. We know you are reliable and You are dependable, tonight, Father.

We know we could commit everything unto you, Lord. You are able to keep that which we commit unto You even against that day. We are persuaded of that, Father. We stagger not through unbelief, tonight but we are strong in faith, giving praise and glory and honour to Your great mighty Name, Father. Blessed be the wonderful Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, tonight. Thank You, Lord, amen.

God bless You. You may have Your seats for a couple minutes; certainly happy to be in the House of God, tonight.

I welcome you all in the precious, wonderful Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we are happy for that. And we have just set up the service and we have people coming in while we were singing so we will give them a little time to just get settled in. You know, some coming on the hill heard the singing and like they're hustling down to just come right in and take their places and be in the Presence of God, that God could bless us all, tonight. And am...we could be strengthened and be built up in the faith.

Amen, it is such a wonderful time. In the last couple of weeks the Holy Spirit seems to be doing such precious things to us. We were able to meet with...what we've been trying to do. And the background is to get together with all the different workers and officers in the assembly. And we've had meetings with the deacons and the trustees and the Sunday school teachers and workers in the assembly. And some of the people involved in businesses and different things like that, just trying to build up the assembly.

And then, they're having the community meetings out in different places, trying to keep pointing faith that people can walk in the Word, live in the promises, enjoy the victory that Jesus Christ has made so secure for us. Amen, learn to understand their place, take that place, serve God, be a bright shining light, brighten up the corner where they are, be the salt of the earth, light of the world, amen. Be a real Christian, a real representative of Jesus Christ, an ambassador, amen, to this great Kingdom, amen.

And may God bless you and prosper you and give you victory. We live in difficult times but I don't think we ended up in this age by mistake. I don't think God opened the Seven Seals by mistake. I think it is all foreordained, it is preplanned. It is already provided for, amen. God put us in this age, amen, to show we fought the dragon back there. He couldn't deceive back then and he couldn't deceive us back here. Amen, we stand as overcomers in this age, hallelujah! The Bible said, '*They fought the dragon and they overcame*.'

We stood in the ranks of a great army. They were the saints of the Most High God, hallelujah! I've seen a mighty Angel descended with an open book in His hand. He gave me skill and wisdom to understand, God's great mystery plan.

Amen and I'm glad to be identified, tonight, amen, with people who feel the Spirit of God, people who know He is alive. People that know He is unveiled, people that know He is the Mighty Conqueror, tonight.

I'm glad to be identified, in the year 2000, amen, with over comers, blood washed people, amen, who have come out of denomination, come out of Egypt, come out of the world with a confession that Jesus Christ is not dead; He is alive, amen! He is alive and well, living in me, I can tell that He is alive, amen. He proves His Word today. Oh my, I'm thankful for that. I'm glad to receive the Holy Ghost. I'm glad to be a born again Christian, amen, filled with the Spirit. There isn't a doubt.

Oh my, I tell you, amen, my God is real. I can feel Him in my soul, amen. It's my desire to live for Jesus. Glory be to God! My desire's to proclaim His Name. I'm not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. And I'm glad for that, tonight. I'm glad I don't have long hair as a man. I'm glad my pants is not hanging off my buttocks. I'm glad my pants are buckled on my waist. My shoes are shod on my feet. I look like a Christian. I act like a Christian. I talk like a Christian. Brother, I have a Christian atmosphere around me, emanating from the inside. Oh my, and I feel young, amen, I feel young and strong, amen. Every time I feel the Holy Ghost around, I know something is happening. Thank You, Jesus. Yes, sir! I have the joy of the Holy Spirit, amen. I don't care...I don't have to put on the radio to get happy, amen. I have something that turned on inside of me many years ago. It doesn't run out. Glory be to God, amen. Brother, I'm not drunk in the excess of wine. I'm filled with the Spirit and I speak to myself in hymns and psalms and spiritual songs. And I have a melody in my heart. Glory be to God! Oh thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah!

Do you have a melody in your heart? Hallelujah! Do you speak to yourself in psalms and songs and spiritual hymns? Oh my, glory! Oh, the other morning I was home there, my boy got up to go to school and he was kind of hanging around. And you know like, 'he doesn't want to go to school today', you know. I said, 'come on, boy, you heard the Word yesterday.' Amen. Amen 'not drunk with excess of wine but filled with the Spirit'. Hallelujah! 'Speak to yourself boy in psalms and spiritual songs, amen. Get the melody in your heart, son.' Amen. 'Go out there and shine the light!' Glory be to God! 'Go with some attitude there. March into that school doors and tell them Jesus lives.'

Amen, hallelujah, glory! My! Oh thank you Jesus! Amen. We are called to stand in this day. We are called to live for Him. We are called to testify of Him. We are called to represent Him. Lift the standard high. Keep waving the flag. That's what we are called for. Amen. We were called by God Himself with a holy calling.

God might have used somebody to testify to us but they couldn't call us. They couldn't bring us because, 'no man could come except the Father first draw him.' Hallelujah! Glory be to God in the highest! They might have brought you to church but then God brought you, amen, right into His presence beyond the veil and He touched you with that Shekinah glory. He changed the atmosphere around you.

You didn't come here expecting me to give you a lecture tonight, did you? Amen, praise His wonderful Name. Don't worry with this big monster here. He is not going to preach, tonight. Amen. He is only a medium. He has no thoughts of his own. Hallelujah! The Spirit could speak through him though. God spoke through a donkey. Do you know that? A prophet who was looking for honour and money and reputation, a donkey had...he was riding and packing him, had more revelation than him. He didn't see the unseen. That donkey turned around said, 'You don't see that angel with that drawn sword there? What's the matter with you? Do you want us to get killed? Get next to yourself Balaam.' Amen! Hallelujah!

Oh my, so it's good to be in church, amen. I tell you church is a good place. It's a happy place to be. Amen. You know long ago they say, 'If you're happy and you know it, say, 'amen'. If you are happy and you know it, stamp your feet.' Amen. Glory be to God in the highest. Thank you, Jesus.

So we are just happy. God made us happy. Amen. We may not have any money in our pockets tonight, but we are happy anyhow. Friday you might be a little happier but you are still happy, tonight. Amen, glory be to God because Jehovah lives. Amen. Right now is the moment. Right now is the time. You may not live to collect that salary on Friday. Amen, you might be right here tonight, giving God your last praise and glory in the House of God. Who knows? That's why you want to live everyday as though He is coming today.

You're happy because you have Jesus Christ in your life, amen because He gave you a promise. Amen, He called you. He is taking care of you. He loves you. He cheers you up when you are fainting. He keeps you going on when you want to stop. When you are down, He picks you up and lifts you up, amen. He sets you upon a rock. Hallelujah!

He thinks about all of us. We are like a bunch of ants in an ants patch to this great, big, mighty God. We look so insignificant and small but He knows everyone of us. He takes care of everyone of us. He is interested in every one of us, tonight. Amen. And I know that to be true. That isn't a slogan. That's a reality, amen. That's what keeps us going, friend. Just keep going, on and on and on.

So it is always a joy, you know, you meet with your own people and you sit and you talk with them. And all those who work and stand by your side and put their shoulders to the wheel, and love this work and want to see it go forward, and enjoy seeing God take it and influence and inspire many others, you're happy. And then you see they're catching the vision, and they realize, 'we are living at the end time. Time is running out. God by His grace has called us to serve Him. God by His grace has taken the veil away from us. God has brought us into the Light of the Truth to us, showed it to us. Make it real to us, gave us faith in the promise, amen. Let us know we are counted. We are numbered. God has done that for us.' That's a great thing.

Man didn't call you. God called you. Man didn't tell you who you are. God revealed to you who you are. God took away your amnesia. God showed you your name in the Book. And you know what that is? Perfect love, elective love, and that takes away all fear. That brings a peace that passeth all understanding; a love that passeth all knowledge, amen. Because God said, 'You are mine. The seal of God standeth sure. The Lord knoweth them that are His. I have a few names left in this age. They will not bow down to the beast or the image of the beast', amen. Hallelujah! 'They'll worship the Lamb.'

Where the eagles are gathered Worshipping the Lamb, I'm holding my palm in my hand. Amen, my sign of victory, I'm singing, Victory and glory for all eternity

Amen. Oh, I'm happy. God just makes me happy. I'm happy for that, amen. I feel like the richest man in the world right now, with the Holy Ghost saying, 'Yes son,' amen. 'What makes you bubble like that? Is that you?' Say, 'No, Papa, it's You.' Amen. 'It's You make me bubble like this.' Glory be to God! 'You come in my heart Lord.' Thank You, Jesus.

Something passed there a few moments ago and I felt the wings of Jehovah just waving over the congregation. I said, 'Lord, prepare me.' And the song leader said, he says, 'Now we are going to change the order of the service.' Brother, I feel a spring in my step, amen, because I'm coming close to Papa. Papa is up here. I'm coming close to Papa, amen.

Overshadow me with Your Glory, Lord. Give me a mouth, amen, with wisdom let me speak, amen, Thy Word in season to Your people. Amen, to give them strength and courage to fight the battles of life. Let them get bread and wine from Melchizedec and keep in the pilgrimage, looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. Confessing that Port of Spain, San Fernando, Arima, Diego Martin, wherever you're from, Couva, 'here we have no continuing city but we seek one to come, a city whose builder and maker is God.' Oh my!

I'm so happy. I got an email today that thrilled my soul. You know, when I was preaching in Canada there, in Edmonton, before we went to the Congo in July, at Brother Hildebrandt's Convention, I met a precious brother from an African country called Togo. And so, you know he - I saw him in the meetings when we were there around and he wanted to talk to me. And you know, he asked Brother Billy because they speak French. He said, 'I wanted to meet the minister there and talk with him and so on.'

So we got to talking and he is a pastor. He gave a testimony one day and I said, 'Like this brother, he has something. This brother, he is such a gentleman.' You know when you see God's people they are gentlemen. You see a man with the Holy Ghost, He is always a gentleman. Today you see so much of wild, radical... they have not even been in the presence of God yet, untrained, have no class about them, second class and third class, low class.

God's people are first class all the time. They have grace. They have humility. They have sincerity. Amen, they know when to speak and when to shut their mouths. They know when they say something; they want to say it with grace. They want to be in the Spirit to say it the right way. They want to make sure they're glorifying God and lifting up Jesus Christ. Interested in somebody to give them faith and courage when they're weak - they could strengthen those who are weak with the revelation they have.

Not trying, you know, to manipulate and exploit those people. God's people have class because they have been washed clean in the blood. Their motives and their objectives are pure. Amen, you like to be around people like that who have that kind of atmosphere. That's how God is. Other than that you're selfish. You're self centered. You are ambitious. You want something...forget it. Get to the fountain.

There is a fountain opened in the house of David to cleanse you, amen. To bring you to be a success in life, make something out of you like the African king's son. You stand there with some dignity. Regardless how hard it is, you stand with dignity, until the people take note, 'He is different. This one is different. How did he get that attitude, that spirit? It just seems like nothing ruffles their feathers.' That's believers. That's people in this hour. They know they are of kingly blood. They are special. You feel special tonight? You are special.

His name is Patrice. That is French. The name Patrick. So he emailed... sent me an email couple of weeks ago. You know just trying to keep in contact. So, I just, you know, reciprocate in the grace that he showed to write me up and you know, remember. And he wanted to kind of keep alive the connection because of the little fellowship we had there in Canada.

I think - I want to read this for you because it is something that made me smile a little bit because I said, 'Look how the Holy Spirit is.' This is something personal. It is my letter but I want to share it with you, amen. A man could show his wife his letter, you know that? Amen. This is a house, we live together. So am...he sent me this. And, you know, this is like the second time we communicated. The first time, he was like trying to renew acquaintances and remind and keep the memory of himself alive to me because he wants me to come to Africa there in Togo next year. So he says:

It's a blessing to hear from you and nice to share the testimonies with me. I want to hold a revival in two places in the capital and in Central Togo to strengthen the natives.

He said:

For me, Vinworth Dayal means; Vin is wine in French, stimulation of the revelation of the Word. Worth in English is something which is appropriate, convenient but able to stand.

I preach those things here but he doesn't know that. This man never heard that in his life. This man is from Togo in Africa. I didn't even know where Togo was until I looked in a map. It is a little, small country near to Ghana and Ivory Coast inside of there, with a few others. And he has a church there, maybe about five or six hundred people and then couple other outposts as well. So he wants to have these meetings. So he is writing and telling me this now. He said:

And Dayal is, Day of Almighty.

Day-al, you know. He said:

So Vinworth Dayal is: worthy stimulation of the revelation of the Word in the Day of Almighty God made flesh.

He said:

My Brother Vin, I receive ministers...

Brother, I tell you, these brothers. When I went India that time, they said, you know, that means, Dayal means generous giver. So that is why Brother Malcolm and they say, 'the generous giver of the good wine, wine of worth,' you know. Well, look this brother here, in Togo. Here is Trinidad. This is ten thousands of miles away. Something struck him.

Like when I preached on Joel and Elizabeth. Jo – his name is Joel. And when God revealed to him his wife, he...one day he was there and he came to me, the Holy Spirit to showed him something. And his name is Jo-el and her name is Elizabeth. And in the names, in that name the two names combine. He travelled all the way to the furthest part of the earth there, into New Zealand, way up in the North Country where Brother Malcolm and they, the original New Zealanders are, the indigenous people, the Maorians.

And we got up inside of there and a brother made him the carving marked Jo and El, Joel-Elizabeth how they are joined. And then he became dumbfounded because he had told me alone that experience that he had that day. So now, when he goes there and they give him this carving, he brings it to me because he knows I know about it from Trinidad. And I said, 'Brother, this is Almighty God.' I said, 'It just shows we serve a God, Who knows everything. He is infinite.'

We see Him demonstrating that in the Second Pull. Read people's phone numbers, read their house numbers, read their names, read their families back to generations, read things about them that only they and God alone know. And then we see that God does these things and here is this brother here now. He said:

My dear Brother Vin, I received ministers from every side preaching, justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. But I think now that we are in the season of time is over, (you know time shall be no more) Revelation 10:1-7. So the Bride must be...know the privileges that is promised. When I heard the preaching, something touched my heart that you are in the vision of the day. The only thing is I'm waiting for you is your program. All your stay will be under my responsibility. If it is possible I will do my best to bring you to Benin and Ghana also.

So he wants to...he is in Togo and Benin and Ghana is right next to him also. And then he finishes up his email with this quote. And it's a powerful quote. It's a quote from the Prophet from a message called, **Abraham's Covenant Confirmed**, Long Beach, California. And you know, when I read this quote, I said, 'My!' I said, 'This brother is inspired.' He said:

If you can catch…

Brother Branham said:

If you can catch it and know what I'm talking about... The very ministry that Jesus Christ was doing here on earth, when it comes back, the very same ministry at Pentecost will not have to widen itself out in organization,

You know how it started on the day of Pentecost but then that Word that was among the apostles who were called out of Judaism went to Nicea and then it spread out over nine hundred and something denominations. So Brother Branham said, it...

...will not have to widen itself out in organization, but shape itself up in Christ until the headstone and the church will fit one to the other. And them is so cemented, till you can't even take a razor blade...

Talking about the pyramid, you know.

...and go around and can't find a crack where they were put together. And that's how the church is got to come, so much like Christ. And look what we got to do then. Cut away and circumcise and chop off, and form and molded into the image of Jesus Christ until that church and the cap comes right smack together.

He said:

Look at my hand on a shadow on the wall. When it's away from me, it's scattered out. As it comes, it becomes closer and closer. There's not a great big fingers, it's getting smaller and smaller and smaller, getting darker, darker, and darker, until the shadow, the negative and the positive becomes one. And that's the way it is in the coming, the church has got to shape itself till it hasn't got a spot or wrinkle in it. Amen. There is that second Bible.

Amen, so he closes off.

And may God bless you for the burden in your heart, Shalom.

So, it is so wonderful. You know we had a marathon meeting last night, went until this morning, until daybreak. And we were trying to get to our beds. The brothers had to get to work at six in the morning. I was saying, I said, 'I don't know why, you really can't...I could find some consolation, if I know some other people who do these kinds of things.' It seems like...I don't know if we are fanatics or what. But we just love to sit down and get talking about God and talking about the grace of God and what God can do and what we want to do in the Kingdom for the Lord.

And just, you know, sometimes...and those brothers I tell you, they...God gave me some real, real, precious brothers who stand regardless. And you know, we were just there taking some coffee, some of them going straight to their jobs and getting ready to go to work. Brother Neville was going all the way back to Point; Brother Melville going home to take up his work; Brother Eddie going down to Chaguramus where he was; and so it was with the other deacons. And all those who were in the meeting, the other ministers, Brother Rojas and they going down to Petrotrin and it was just am...something, Brother Steve, you know... But the thing is we just believe it's the end time. And you know, sometimes people don't understand the drive, the burden, the desire.

And then got up and then Brother Roscoe had already called for me because he was in Canada over the last weekend with Brother Byskal, preaching there over the weekend and is leaving out of there. And you know, we announced the meeting Friday because he was coming Friday morning. And he apparently, either misread or had his itinerary mixed up, so he is coming tomorrow instead.

And I had two days. I came up here to really sleep and study. So I wouldn't be, you know, tied up because I know when he comes my time is gone. And am...then he leaves Wednesday morning and I leave Wednesday morning together with him. And he goes, I think, home.

And I go to Norway and go straight into meetings and up there is very cold because that is way high up where, you have sometimes, a little higher up than where we go, they have a little darkness for about...You see the sun, rather, goes down for about half hour. All day you see the sunlight until eleven o'clock in the night. Then, when the sun just does that because it is so high up there in the Scandinavian countries there.

And then, I thought I would do that. And then when I tried to get a little rest and get up, I had to attend to some things, some phone calls. And then to contact him and some things to do, and before you know it, it was time for service. And then he is coming tomorrow.

So I was just saying, I said, 'Lord, you will really have to help me in this. I don't even know how all this is going to work.' But the thing is I was saying, 'Seems like your life is just, you have to just go, go, go, go, go and just trust God, you know. And, I guess as the pressure builds up and Satan just knows how to try to offset you and bring pressure on things. You just have to stand still and hear His Voice. So I'm feeling good, tonight to be in the company of angels, amen, spirits of just men made perfect.

You know that I have seen God do things before. My son just got sick and in a few minutes and God just come right down just like that.

I was out in the barber's chair and we had a meeting with some of the businessmen on Monday night. And you talk...that thing broke out into a prayer, erupted into a prayer meeting. And boy, I tell you, what a time we had in that place, start to shake that place there, and you know so full of faith. Something started to break to me at the end when one of the brothers was praying.

And I went home and the next day I went for a haircut. So I sat on the Barber's chair there and my pen is in my pocket and the cloth was around me and the barber is trimming away. And it came right back to me there, like John Ryan on the chair. I tell you. The only thing I couldn't just run off the chair and run down the road. But I am trying to hold it and my wife was sitting down there. Only both of us alone were in the Barber's shop, you see. She wanted to go to the grocery. So I say, 'try to go with me to the barber's shop first.' I wanted to tell her well am...'start to write for me' but I felt it was not appropriate here because you know the barber is a Pentecostal man. Next thing, he gets excited and starts to talk, it would throw me off. So I said, 'Lord, just write it in my heart; write it in my heart.'

I go out to the grocery there and I was going down the lane with her and all of a sudden this thing just came again. I tore off some things that they had stuck; written some prices on a box. I tore it out and took my pen out of my pocket and I was walking just writing; writing all my notes right there for the message. I see you know, God doing that thing over and over and over. Sometimes, twenty could come at one time. So, you know, I just enjoyed that. And I said, 'Lord, I need one of those now because I'm down on the crunch'. Amen. I don't have time to play with. Like Joshua I just have to look and say, 'sun, stand still'; I'm anointed and commissioned, go forth. So it is always good when you come in like that and you have faith around you. You have faith and expectation around you, you know God could move and do great things among His people.

Last night, we were right in the meeting and the brothers in the church were astounding to us. Brother Ellis was bringing a quote there as the head deacon, charing in the meeting. He said, 'Jesus, he said, 'Jesus'... Brother Branham said, 'Jesus was a deacon when He plaited the chords and ran the people out of the temple. And as he said that, you know, down came that Thing.

And I picked up a pen and I was writing. They were going on with the meeting. I was just writing, writing, writing. And then after he finishes he said, 'Do you want to say something, Brother Vin?' I said, 'Yes, I will take the opportunity. I don't want to disrupt the meeting.' But you know it is really bad to get a preacher in a deacon's meeting. He could carry that deacon's in the next direction for two hours easy. But I guess we all love the Word, so we don't mind that sometimes.

But sometimes, it is real hard but you put up with me anyhow like a wife puts up with her husband, I guess. So, I went there and it was so gracious to see, that to see, look how the Lord came down there and you know, spoke so directly, precisely. Then the thing just dropped over on Brother Melville. He got up and he spoke some things there. I was listening to him and then I said, 'my goodness, God is here but you know, those who are sensitive could know God is here.' We are kind of tired but the Spirit of God is inside this room.' It is just so wonderful.

I've had a wonderful time with the Sunday school teachers; even the brothers who go out in the schools and preach. And I told them, I said, 'you know, the problem is in the assembly, one of the problems is, a lot of these great things happen, we don't bring it mainstream in the church.

So many times things are happening, but eventually, people feel it is happening around one or two people who're there in a corner. But these are people who fulfill certain obligations and responsibilities in the House of God in the work.

And sometimes, you know when we come to service, we put so much emphasis, from the time we finish saying prayer, open the Bible, read the Word and start to preach until the service is done. So many times we don't pick up to local things and tell you what is happening. And I believe I see the need for some of that because a lot of good things are happening out there and it is not filtering down in the places where it inspires many, many times.

I was even in the back there on Sunday and I was seeing some people. I was in the room and I was hearing the singing outside. And because they were singing a song and I heard that song home on a tape. And I didn't know who was singing the song and afterwards I was asking my daughter, I said, 'that singer singing that is singing that, is that us or somebody else?' I said, 'My, that song is powerful, man. It is great.' You know the song, *Hallelujah, something, something...* You know and the Spirit came down after the service Sunday. And some of the people went up the hill and had gone but a lot of us were inside here.

And Brother Frank, when he came in there, I didn't even know whether to tell him about the prison or...Today I was kind of thinking, I said 'I wonder if he was coming to talk about the prison meeting, Friday?' I thought it was a personal problem or something. So I was there just dancing and worshipping the Lord. I finished preaching, changed my clothes, and came back out and was down in the back. And the Spirit was there just moving and blessing the people. And then you know and he slipped there and he looked so kind of broken with tears in his eyes almost. So I said, 'But he has a problem? O, I don't know what is happening. But if he has a problem, God is in the place. He should kind of feel charged and get emotional or something.' I looked at him, I said, 'Go up in church, man. Go up in front and praise God, man.' I just had so much of faith. 'I believe if you go and praise God, you have a problem, it has to leave you. Whatever oppression you have must go from you, man. Look at the presence of God is in this place here.'

Afterward I asked somebody, somebody said it was Joanna who was singing the song I was hearing on the tape. I said, 'It was Joanna singing the song?' I said, 'My goodness!' Sometimes, she kind of freezes up many times, when we are singing at the beginning. And you know, I was there and I was hearing them practicing the song. And I said, 'Man, Joanna, take that mike and sing that song, man.' Amen.

So I know God made us a great people. And I don't know how He made all these little parts and components and everything that make up this great unit here and He makes it operate in such a way. And am....I better get on quickly and get off this pulpit because I'm just making announcements.

Sometimes, I enjoy hearing myself make announcements, you know, I sound like I'm preaching. I say, 'well if the announcements have inspiration'. Sometimes you walk in a church and you hear people preach, I say, 'my, they should come and hear some of our announcements man.' They will have to listen to some of our announcements and... We are not talking about preaching, just hear some announcements. Oh my, God is so great, you see; so wonderful, amen, really wonderful.

Now I asked specifically for some of you parents to come. And I know many of you are not parents here tonight but I have to do this. Because I will kind of feel because it makes it harder for me when I get in a meeting and I'm under obligation and promise. And I sit there and am...You know like I was saying, Sunday was inappropriate at the end of the service. I just sensed, you know.

And when I saw how the Spirit moved afterwards for so long. And the Presence of God was in the place and so many were being blessed and worshipping and so on. Sister Anna and Sister..., looking at me right now there, sitting down there and they were all worshipping God. You know, look at her right there. They like to stay back in church and stay and soak in. When you see they go up the hill they are almost drunk, you know. They are smiling and radiant as could be because they got soaked in, you know.

And then I watched all the others, Sister Paula and all the saints and they were just having a great time. And it is good for us because you see sometimes, these little things, you don't realize, that's God coming down and moving.

And I saw Leslie Ann and she needed a touch from God, I tell you, if anybody needed a touch from God. And she got up there and run across here and run across here and got in the corner there and got there and started to worship. I said, 'My goodness, I tell you, God - God like He really knows every hair on the head of this body.' Amen, He knows every little member, every big member, everyone who's in need. And He just knows how to hold this one back. 'You don't go up the hill yet, you hold back here for about half hour because I'll be doing something down here and when I fix you then you'll go back up and be on your way.'

And you see God moving all the time. But you have to have anointed eyes to see. You have to be in the play. [If]You are not in the play, you know, you'll stand up like a spectator, 'I wonder what is going on?' But the people who are practicing the game all the time they know the moves, you know. They know to put a ball behind here, a next man already pick that up and gone. This man, he is looking for the ball, but this other one has already gone with it, you know. So they know the moves.

And when you and the Holy Spirit kind of get your moves together, then He has people He can work with and things happen. And I really appreciate the musicians because you know, they could say, 'well, we played before song service. We played in song service; we played at the end of service.' And you know, 'we want to go up the hill.' No, they stayed back.

And while we caught the inspiration, I told Timmy, I said, 'Timmy, quick, quick, quick...' the playing was so inspired. I said, 'Take a message to them, tell them keep playing, that we will make an instrumental recording that we will play now before the service.'

You see many times we could make a rehearsed one. We come and say, 'okay, sit down and play, play you know, play one.' But we just play. We get together and think up a few tunes and we kind of play it. And we know it is instrumental so we kind of put it there. But no, this is out of the inspiration in the service and the meeting in the season. So he just kept taping and taping and taping and they just kept playing and they kept playing and they kept playing so he could tape it in the back.

So the Holy Spirit just put things there. Because you see when God is moving in a certain season in the Word and blessing certain songs and certain things are happening that's a life that's living, that's breaking out. That's the life throwing these things out and you are just catching it and trying to keep working with what the Spirit is providing, to give us the lift we need at this time.

And that makes you sensitive to the Presence of God and what He is doing. And that's for healing. That's for deliverance. That's for meeting your need that you could see your unsaved children get saved. That is for God to fulfill His promise in your life. Whatever it is, you come in the attitude. You come in the mind set. You come with a prayer in your heart. You have hard problems. You have gates that can't seem to be opened. You seem blocked and shut out. You seem to be knocking on the door but you want to keep on knocking, 'it shall be opened unto you'. Stand there, taking God's Word, confessing what His Word says.

Amen, and especially in these couple last meetings, you know, Brother Sanchez tells me, he says, 'Brother, you know the Presence of God, the richness of the Word.' I said, 'Remember years ago, I had a dream. I would be preaching out of Ephesians and it got so glorious and the Spirit was just moving.' And I said, 'Every time I go to Ephesians that dream comes back to me.'

When I come back to Ephesians in this season and have been preaching Ephesians; **Ephesians at the End of the Age -Ephesians parallels Joshua** – Placing the church; finding your position. Then not just preaching as a sermon alone too but then start to pick up the officers in the church, pick up all the ministries in church. 'Go back in the Word, what that office is, get back your inspiration, go back here.' And I said, 'we want pre-service to be reconditioned, the pre-service.' We used to come in. We used to get sincere before God and pray. We were there.

And I think that's why the Holy Spirit even had me to catch that playing there and say, 'put it on the tape now, tell them to keep playing, while the inspiration is here, put it here.' See? So when you come in the pre-service, you sit there, your mind, it links you right back up with the last service. It puts you right in the channel, puts you back in the feeling you left the service with. It bridges that, creates that around you, see? and gets you locked in. And am...you know, I said, 'you know, instead of us coming and get a lot of people loitering there.

And then after that meeting with the Sunday school teachers, they said, 'No, no, you know, we are hindered and handicapped there. We have about two hundred and fifty to three hundred children there in the classes. We have four classes and only two could operate at one time and it is very difficult. Sometimes, there are other activities, unannounced so it disrupts them. They didn't expect they would have that today. They had certain lessons planned and certain things to do and then it becomes a conflict of interest there and contending for the same space.

And with proper administration of those things, it wouldn't conflict. Because you know they have other kind of social activities to take place after church. And that's why we say, 'See the trustees, find out what is happening. Schedule the things in the time frame [that] it doesn't collide and interfere with the spiritual things as well.

And then now, they requested if they could have under the shed there, (the Sunday school teachers) it would help them deal more effectively with the children. And obviously, you know, I was thinking about that quite a long time myself. So I suggested it and they felt that to incorporate that would make it very easy. Because they said, 'You know what is going to happen we have sometimes, a disruption of the class because when we break the class sometimes.'

Then sometimes the parents have to leave down the hill to come up to give the children their snacks. And then it is like the Spirit of wisdom and revelation just moved in the meeting there and the Sunday school teachers co-operate, they said, 'You know, we have been thinking that instead of we do that, let the parents come up, we could relieve them of that burden. We will be glad to relieve them of that burden. They don't go to school to give their children snacks. So if we get a shelf there, when the children come they put their snacks here, when the classes are over we can give them their snacks as their teachers. And the mothers and they will be able to stay here in service.

Don't you think that is fine? You think that is brotherly love and consideration? Or how many like to break service and go out and walk around and spend a half hour outside there. And kind of use that and give their children their snacks and sit down and watch them eat a whole bag of corn curls and potato chips and...amen.

So, we will let the Sunday school teachers do that by the grace of God. Let the trustees put up that shelf and catch that shelf and have that shelf operating. And talk to them and tell them the shelf is on the way by the grace of God. And the horses, I have spoken to the trustee board as well, so Brother Alex, you know, so you don't have to wonder about that by God's grace. And also that's the new location, the shelf for the snacks and so on.

And classes, we realize there is a problem in registering your children for their classes. Sometimes they need to know, because right now, could you imagine a Sunday school teacher having fifty or sixty children in a class? Do you know what it takes to hold... Look Brother Cedric and Sister Sharon are teachers there. They could tell you what it is to hold sixty children's minds in attention, focused on a subject when you have a class that size. At least about thirty is okay but because of a lack of space and time. And so they try to do their best there, and you know, they find it very difficult.

And so sometimes, with the registering of the children, you know, by the time they get ready and they get the conviction for baptism, we let them come down. So because the Sunday school prepares them from five years all the way up to the age of accountability. Brings them to a state where they get under the conviction they want to be baptized. And then, they come down here in the bigger services, where they wait for a season until they come into baptism. And that's how we like it because that's the time that God wants to get them, when they come to the age of accountability. And so, the Sunday school teachers understand that and the lessons and so on is geared preparing them. But then sometimes, you know, because of maybe lack of information...(I'll take the blame for that) of proper information being communicated as regards the Sunday school; the length, the size, the height, the depth, the method of operation and how it should be, sometimes we kind of mis-appropriate Sunday school and think it means, Daycare Center. We have a Sunday Daycare Center where as we drive in the compound, we drop off our children at the Daycare Center and we come down.

Well the Sunday school teacher, the night before, is preparing lessons; and all week. And sometimes they get little projects and they get the children, they get them there focused on that. And the bigger classes and the younger classes and they try to get them focused and so on and present their lessons. And keep a continuity and see how the children are doing and how long to stay with one lesson until they catch it and so on.

And then they ask the questions and make sure it is being understood, and they are receiving it and so on. And they see, 'Aha, they got this lesson. So when we see they get this lesson, we ask some questions. And we see they are established. They get a hold of it. They understand it. Then we can go on to something else. We don't just go on by urge.' And, you see they try to do the job in the best way that they can.

And do you appreciate that, how they do that? That's love and consideration. You know, and think of it. You know what happens? I tell you this church is a mystery, you know. Around this church you know what happens? We have special meetings come. Well, we see them up there with the children on Sunday, so the children get accustomed to them. The children call them aunty. Children call them miss. Children call them Sister so and so. They get so interactive with the children; they are almost like a godmother. You know the world says a godmother right? Like a godmother because, God in them is a mother. They are a godmother to the children, you know and that kind of way. And the children now feel so comfortable around them.

Well we see that, so when Friday night comes when we have special meetings, we say, 'Okay, you stay up there with the Sunday school teachers.' Because there is no place for them down the hill here, down here is full.

So the Sunday school teachers realize, 'We are up there every Sunday. We don't get to come down to service. So if we have fifty two weeks, we have fifty two services for the year that we miss. If you didn't miss any, you were in fifty two, they were in zero. And when we have special meetings, then Friday and Saturday, they are up there with the children too. So they say, 'We don't think that is fair. We think, maybe if you communicate it to the parents, they will realize that we also have the desire to be in service, at least Friday and Saturday. And we know those parents will understand that.' And I said, 'Right on. Consider it done.' So I'm doing it here, tonight.

So we say, okay, if you want to rise up as a parent, it is fine. You have those who need you. Then it will be nice to stay on the hill a Friday, since you are coming back here on Sunday. Or you stay on the hill Saturday; since you are coming back here Sunday morning. And you don't miss out and your children don't miss out. And then you show then, that they cast bread on the water for you and you let it come back around as a blessing as well. That they take a burden and a role in the assembly and you appreciate that work and you...

And let's say some of you who may not have children, you say, 'Well, thank God, my Lord I have none.' You say, 'No, I think I will help out Sister so and so. I know she needs the Word, right now.' And say, 'Honey, you take my place down there. I'll go up.' Because you know the Pillar of Fire is up there too. So you have that faith. You know, it's hearing the Word. It is not so much seeing the flesh of the person. Once you see the image and hear the voice, you are in channel. And up there you are seeing the image and hearing the voice too.

So I know we are going to have some people that are going to do that. I don't think...I think it will be a hundred percent. I'll be disappointed. I'll be surprised. I'll be really misunderstanding the situation, if I think we wouldn't have people, who would want to take some of that weight and load on a Friday or a Saturday night, or even who might volunteer to help one who may have and say, 'Honey, you sit up here, you are a young mother who needs to be instructed.' You know, 'You hear the Word. I'll stay up there with the other one up there and if there is a problem with space.' If there is no problem with space, fine. And that's why I did not announce the meeting to invite others. Because when you invite others, you know what happens? We already full the place and then when we bring others, then I have to dislocate my people. And then sometimes when it comes, sometimes it is not a protractive type of meeting; general meeting for Trinidad. All come, come what may, how you feel, whether you believe or you don't believe, you like religious meetings just come, you know kind of thing.

You kind of say, 'okay, family coming home by you, friends', you have preached for them in their churches. They appreciate the ministry. They want to come and see where you are at, be with you, be with your people, you know, and just coming by way of video. When they come and they can't even see the ones that belong here, what is it? Because especially those who have been influenced and inspired with what they have come in contact with here by the grace of God. So you know we grew up and we understand that by the grace of God.

Sometimes, we get criticized for it. But this life is not about how much criticism you get or how much you didn't get. This life is about doing the will of God and doing what is best and trying to be sweet and nice at the same time and live peaceably with all men. And God, I believe can give us grace to do that, as long as we do His will. That is what's important by the grace of God, amen.

Praise His wonderful Name. When you're a Christian and you get a little matured, you know, you get to a place, you know where you stand. You know what you believe in. You are just cool. You just take things as it goes. You just roll with the punches sometimes, because your Father already talked to you. You and Papa sat down and talked this thing over a long, long, long time. Amen. When you are a little flusterated, you don't know. Then you have problems. Then sit down and talk with Papa until Papa gives you some assurance. Papa gives you great assurance, amen. Amen. So by God's grace we are happy to be here.

Is Sister Claire here in the meeting, tonight? If she is, she told me she was coming. Claire Williams, is she here? She might be seated by Lorna if she is. She might come in a little later on. And they had a brother that passed away. And I have this here for you, Brother Melville. You know 3 o'clock, Battoo, [Funeral Home] tomorrow, Friday – Friday. You have a day still. At 3 in the afternoon. She and some of her sisters and relatives came from away. Her brother over here passed away.

And thank God for Brother Melville. He really helps me out with these kinds of situations. His work affords him and then plus his work affords him the privilege to do it. And he loves to do it. He told me sometime ago, 'You call me anytime. I am here to work with you. I'm here to carry out instructions, what you say, what you want me to do, I am here. I believe this. You know, this is who I am.' And I appreciate our brother doing that by the grace of God.

So, when these things come I just mark his name and hand it to him. 'Take care of it by the grace of God. Don't think a second question; it is done. Amen, praise His wonderful Name. That's how we want servants of God, man. That's how we want people to rise in the assembly, work, take a place. Get involved. I always say, everybody here, there is a place for you. You love God. You want to serve God. There is a place for you.

Some brothers say, 'What about us, we expected you know talking with you; we're making ourselves available.' I said, 'okay.' I told the deacons call a meeting, get them in the meeting. Ask them, 'Do you have the Holy Ghost, brother? Can you raise your hand and say, I have the Holy Ghost. Second – Can you say I'm willing to be under authority? I'm willing to work with you, in submission to you and be under the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit working through you.' Says, 'Praise God I can do that, brother.' 'Fine, you are ready, let's go.'

Amen, you got some saying, 'No, I kind of walk by myself. I kind of do my own thing.' 'Bye, bye.' Amen, praise God, amen. See, anything with three and four heads is a monster. The unity of the one God in the one church, one body and many members, all in harmony, amen. Then you could do something for God by the grace of God.

Amen, people who've grown up and whose thinking is filtered and born of Truth understand these principles. Could you imagine a neighbor comes over to your house and telling you in front your wife, 'Yes, you try and keep quiet?' He says, 'Mr. so and so, I think this is what you should be doing here at ten o'clock in the morning.' You say, 'Sir, do you need help? We could call the ambulance, you know, just in case you need help. You don't sound like you are in your right mind.' Amen. Isn't God good?

I'm trying to stir some of you back especially in the family line. And I think the Holy Spirit wants to drive some of these things back and give us back the portion the devil took from us, the portion that God intends us to have. And the portion that we need to have in this hour, and at this time to go on to the next portion. And we've been trying to bring this.

And I know you appreciate these things as family. Because sometimes you know, this part of the message is not emphasized as it is so greatly needed to be emphasized, because it is families and homes that build up the assembly. And when you have men that can lead their families, and you have wives that are in subjection to their husbands, then you are going to have a great percentage of leadership, and a great percentage of submission, and a great percentage of love and unity there, you have a powerful church.

When you have homes where the Spirit is moving, husbands and wives in love and unity and harmony, they are working together, when those same units where they're proving these principles, so it is working in the natural home come to the spiritual home, how much more it will work. If their prayers are not hindered home, how much more their prayers will not be hindered when they get here. Is that right? Exactly - Because that's a mystery of Christ and the church. So you see how clear these things are? You see how clear these things are? Amen.

Ready for a little...okay...It's a small thing after, so you don't feel bad.

Look Sister Claire just arrived. God bless you, Sister Claire. Amen. We were in this meeting and she called. I, my phone was out for the past couple of days. So maybe you might have been calling home and couldn't get through. Maybe Monday, Tuesday, it might be even ringing and or even before that; and Friday, Saturday - Thursday from about Thursday.

I thank God for Brother Mark Sealy. He has been very instrumental in helping me. And then he was able to get my calls forwarded to my cell phone. So then I couldn't miss. And I was in this meeting and boom my phone rang and right in the midst of the meeting there. And just at a certain time of the meeting, I said, 'Call me back. I can't talk to you now.' You know, I didn't even know she was in the States. And then the next day, my wife said, 'you know Sister Claire is here. Said, 'Sister Claire is here?' And then I got to find out as I just mentioned to you, her brother passed on. And we...I want to try to help with the funeral by the grace of God. And Brother Melville is going to take that responsibility and everything will be fine. Give God a chance to put the Word on display and bring comfort and strength, especially to our sister who is a great, great, integral part of this church, amen.

So is everybody fine still? Feeling good? Amen, it's really nice to come and talk to the church at times, you know. You get...you get a good feeling. You get a home feeling.

So Brother Roscoe is coming tomorrow and we would have the meetings. So I told him. Well, he was a kind of a little apologetic because he thought, he was disrupting my arrangements. And then I had to go and make new arrangements. So I said, 'No, everything is fine.' I said, 'I'm so glad you are coming a little earlier. We get a chance to fellowship. Then you get a chance to maybe sleep one night and relax and get up all day and then could refresh. When you come in the morning, go through customs and immigration, different things and whatever, and then you have to - by the time you get in and get settled down and put down your luggage and unpack your luggage, you try to sleep and then get up to run in a pulpit and preach, it is going to be difficult.'

Okay, so now he has an extra day to get himself together and get acclimatized and you know, he comes in and sees the church. See where he is going to come in from. See where he is going to stand up from. See where he is going to look at the people from when he goes to preach. All these things help a minister to get quick adjustment when they come in, you know. And that kind of helps you. You are not in there trying to find your channel; which face looks friendlier; which face looks, you know, unfriendly and which face is kind of trying to scope you out and figure you out. And which eye you are going to turn over because this one looks like the pull is over here.

You know, you just want to smile, 'Preach your heart out, brother. We are here. We are worshippers. We believe God.' Amen. 'When you leave here to go back, you will tell your people in Johannesburg, that you meet a people over here who are ready for the rapture.' You will tell them, 'I walked in among some people; those people know where they stand. Those people know what they are about. And those people know what they believe and I've been,' amen 'in the Ephesians.' Amen, 'I take a bunch of grapes back with me and hang it up in church and say, 'Church, come and eat.' Amen, by the grace of God. So it's a good land over here.

So we are trusting that God would give him a great time as he gave Brother Becket. Brother Becket, when he left here, he just kept calling; called me here before I left; called me in North Carolina; called me when we got back. He said, 'This has been the highlight. This has been such a time for me. You know, I want to come. I told my wife about it.' He called the names of certain ones there because he wants to give his report around the church. And want to give such detail, it such a highlight. It makes the trip worth the while.

Sometimes a minister goes on a trip and he goes into so many different churches. And, you know, you hit three in a row, especially doing long. That is why I don't do that. I just go out there, one place, two places, bam, preach, leave the next day. I'm on my way. I don't like to stay around and hang around. I don't like to go like an evangelist around. See, I don't do that.

I tell them, I say, 'If you want me to come, invite me. You take care of things. I'm going to come if you think I'm going to help you. If not then don't tell me, if I'm in the area to pass around.' I said, 'I'm a Pastor. I'm no evangelist. That is for an evangelist who could preach one message, fifteen, twenty times. Go fifteen places and preach the same message.' I said, 'I'm in a place, I have to get the Word fresh everyday to feed a church.' Amen. You want to get there digging so you can't be running all over the country, see?

See, so that's how things are. I tell you some secrets. When I throw things like that out, you learn things. You get to understand, 'Oh, that is how that happens. That is how this happens here. Oh, I use to just look at that I didn't know there was all that that goes with the territory.' So I kind of let you in on some things so your mind expand and it lifts you up a little higher level, make you a little more experienced, make you a better soldier in the field of battle by the grace of God.

You love me? You appreciate me, amen? Amen, I love you too, greatly. You are a great church, amen. Amen, amen. You know, I just heard myself saying that there, and realized, 'aye, I don't think you ever said that one time since you're in this church for twenty seven years.' My! Sometimes I'm so complex, you know. I'm kind of complex. I feel free, tonight. I could say it. I'm kind of complex sometimes. You see I'm the kind of person, I'm complex.

You see, you want to be loved by everybody not just some. You know, so then you are afraid to ask because the some, you know, they're ready to sit down there and say, 'no, no, we don't love you.' You see, well then...we are all children when it comes so, right? I'm seeing Becky watching me and shaking her head. We are all children when it comes like that, you know.

And then, especially, I got beat up recently, you know. I kind of take my licks, but you know I'm accustomed taking licks. You know after a while they beat me so much in QRC.[Queen's Royal College] You know I always get licks for the wrong thing, 'Go in the principal's office.' 'Yes, sir, yeah'. Take more licks. So after a while you just learn to eat the pain and just keep on going. After a while, 'Okay, go and take the licks... yes...back to class...where were we at in class? Okay, yes.' I didn't stay all day dwelling on the licks. It was just another passing thing, it happens with life as you keep going, amen. So [if] you take it like that you find that you make more progress.

If you stand up there for two weeks, 'This brother's against me. You know that one doesn't like me.' You go through a complex. You go through a force. You can't greet this one. No, no, no, just keep on going. Just keep praising God. Just throw it off and keep going, amen. God help you and God make you a great soldier for Him, amen. Praise His wonderful Name.

And it is good when a family stays together. It is good. You are a good strong church family. We do great things for God. God's Name be praised.

And, you know why we know we're right? It's the Word always. And people could say what they want but when it comes to sit down with His Word, no man could argue with this. And here is where it comes from. It comes from here. [If] any man could open those pages and speak and make that Word open and tie it from Genesis to Revelation, you'll find where the fountain is. You'll find where God is.

Man tries to take you and tell you, 'I know a good place.' And try to carry you to a next man somewhere, and a next man somewhere; forget it. You know, you know what you are talking about. Amen, because we have been introduced to Jesus Christ by a prophet. **Invisible Union - Marriage and Divorce -** Your old denominational husband dead, uniting with your new husband, getting the wedding band, your marriage certificate, your name revealed in the Seven Thunders, being dressed in the beautiful gown of the promised Word. Amen, we have the Name and the life behind the Name; and the demons tremble. Amen, yes sir!

Look, you are going to just get me talking to you all night. You know that happens now and again. You know [with] me and my wife sometimes that happens. It didn't happen for a long time and I'm up here for the last couple of days, so it's happening spiritually I guess. Sometimes we sit down there and we talk all night and then the sun begins to come up. I say, 'Girl, day break, I'll be a mess if this sun rises and I have not fallen asleep. So please let me sleep a little bit?' But you enjoy the times. That is what ties the family strong, you see. And you cannot do it all the time but God knows when to give you that nice time, you know, you men who are married, that is, with your wives.

Some of the brothers like that, you see. They like my style, you know, they like, my style, I guess that is what they like. So, praise God.

We are just happy to be in church. It is good to have this in church. You know people happy in the place where they go to church. They're happy in what is being done. They start to get to love one another and know one another and barriers start to break down. They begin to expose themselves to each other a little bit. And then, we realize that nobody is ashamed or embarrassed because you have a scar because you have some stitches because you got your arm broken one time. Or you get some teeth pulled out, or your hair dropped off your head, you know. I'm talking about spiritually, you know what I mean.

You start to realize, this brother made mistakes and it's all of us by the grace of God. Some are more than some but we know that God loves us all. And God called us and we appreciate each other.

And we work for the kingdom by the grace of God. And you have a happy place where people can raise their families and their children could be happy. And you know I like to stress a lot on the family and I like to stress a lot on the children too because we want to see the thing grow right.

We don't believe in super-dupers. We believe in reality. A life that is sweet; a life that is overcoming, a life that is...You know you get around a person; you see something and say, 'I want that. I hear you pray, you talk to God...I hear you testify to that person, the way you take the Word and you bring Christ so real to that person. I want that. I see, you know, you treat this brother with such kindness, you helped that person when they were all down and broken; the way you put your arm around him and you talked to him.' He said, 'I want that. I want to break through those barriers. I want to break through those complexes in my veins. I want to be a servant of Jesus Christ.' And when you desire things like that, you watch how God blesses you and makes you a real, a real representative of His. Use you mightily and great things happen with you all the time, all the time. Amen, praise God. My!

If I go to play a tape I will keep you back, so let me just keep talking to you a little bit, amen.

You see, I know we are going to have meetings, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and I had to take this time to make some of the announcements and so on. We are going to have the saints from Tobago going to come over. Deon is here already. Is Claudette here as yet? Not here, they are coming over. Amen and you know they are going to be here in the meetings. And I had to make the announcements and talk to you a little bit and different things.

I had promised the Sunday school teachers that I would try to get in that. And this is not the way I want to do that Sunday school thing. I still want to get the time in a meeting. But I did that as I said, so I can give them some visible encouragement, that I'm on the ball. I'm onto it and I'm trying to get it all ready, on stream.

And I trust that in what little way...Please sometimes pick up your phone when you are home and you get a chance to talk to somebody, somebody talks to you, calls you; and it is appropriate to talk this with them, say, 'By the way, you know the Pastor was saying the other night, it would be nice, you know if some of us would chip in and help. Because the Sunday school teachers, you know, have to carry that strain. You know I was thinking, I and you, you know we are two seasoned veterans already. We were looking for a place to do something. Remember we were fellowshipping about that the other day. We will take a Friday. And we will tell Sister so and so, they could take a Saturday because we will be back in service on Sunday anyhow.'

So if God gives you a little inspiration, pass it on, make it nice, and share it and promote it and encourage. And we all...not let the strain fall on one [set of] people but we'll kind of pick it up and say, 'Honey you are a little tired.'

Remember how Brother Branham used to talk about, he said, 'Son, I appreciate that.' Such a great, great message, deep mysteries, Seventh Angel finishing up the mysteries in the book, he would pause, he says, 'I saw that mother getting up there to give that one a seat and their foot was all cramping there.' He said, 'That's mighty sweet of you.' And you mothers there, I came and saw you with the coca-cola bottles with the little nipples, trying to feed the baby, standing by the door since five this morning.' He said, 'Lord, you know what that does to me.' 'When I see my people do that,' he said, 'that's fine, it shows you have a nice church here.'

So that's what we want to see by the grace of God. We get in right there and we share in the burden and God help us. And you watch friends, things are going to happen right there in your seat.

You see how that Spirit came down there, after service Sunday, lingered back, forty-five minutes or more there. There, nobody can move in the Presence of God, those who stayed back. Others on the hill, talking and having a good time but God had some in mind. He was just going to give them that extra nudge, 'You stay; this is for you. You stay; this is for you. You just stay around. Just stay, linger back a little bit.' And that's nice. And our Father cares for us.

Let me just read a little Scripture, tonight. Open the Bible there, We could just turn a page and find something here. And I will just back up. I think I have some of my notes from Sunday in my Bible. If I don't I will just pull from what I have in my soul.

Oh, let me turn to Judges 11 that is a good place. I'll preach about Jephthah. Let me just read the Scripture so I could kind of create the feeling, you see, where I was just talking about Jephthah. Judges 11, beautiful story here. And remember my theme, and if the people on he tape want a title tonight, then I will still take. I'll just call this, **JEPHTHAH AND HIS DAUGHTER.** So we don't get it mixed up. When I come back, I will pick it up in my series but as a little block tonight, I will just say, **JEPHTHAH AND HIS DAUGHTER** because I don't know how far I will go. I may just read the Scripture, who knows.

I know sometimes I say, read on Zelophehad's daughter. We were in a meeting and brother Rojas was saying, 'Where is that Scripture, I couldn't find that. I looked for it.' I said, 'maybe I called the name wrong. Before I used to say Zelophedad, but it is Zelophehad. But I was saying Zelophehad so maybe he was accustomed to hearing Zelophedad. So he said, 'I can't find that.' When you look in the concordance you can't find that. And then, I quoted the scripture for him and you know, I guess maybe some of you might have looked for it and maybe couldn't find it. That is over in Numbers 27 but I'm reading about Jephthah's daughter here. And am...

You have your Bibles opened? Okay I'm just going to read one verse over in Hebrews 11 first because I wanted to tie it. Hebrews 11 first and then I will go over to Judges. So we'll just read couple scriptures and I will let you out.

Hebrews: 11, verse 32. Now Hebrews 11 is put specifically, Paul when he started to preach from Hebrews 1, he was on a subject, all the way and when he hits Hebrews 11, it follows Hebrews 10. But in Hebrews 10, he was talking about many wanting to draw back unto perdition. People were getting discouraged under persecution. They were kind of getting cold and back sliding and going back to the organization, back to Judaism.

So that is why the whole Book of Hebrews is pertaining to, '*if* you neglect so great a salvation...*if* you fall away after you tasted the good Word of God and powers of the world to come...O, let us labour to enter into the rest, it's a promise left us... The whole Book of Hebrews is trying to tell us 'Keep going on regardless. Christ is greater than the old temple. Christ is greater than the old lamb. Christ is greater than the old priesthood.' And he is trying to tell them, Christ had bought a new covenant established on

better promises. So don't go back to the old thing. That is a shadow. This is the reality, press into this. See?

And then when he came here now, he realized the need to give examples, to show them, 'Hey, look at Noah. Look at the scoffers and mockers he had to deal with, and he went on and prepared the ark. Look at Enoch, how evil it was in his day and he was translated. Look at Abel, he was persecuted but look how God testified of his gifts. Look at Abraham how he looked for a city whose builder and maker is God.' And giving an example and saying, 'You can do it. You can do it.'

And that's why when he goes to chapter 12, he says, 'Let us look now to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.' See? 'Let us run this race'.

Amen, so Hebrews: 11, verse 32. So he had come through Abel and Enoch and Noah and Abraham and Sarah and he had come through Isaac and Jacob and Joseph and Moses and Joshua and Rehab in verse 31. And now, he comes to verse 32:

And what shall I more say?

He gave all those examples, he said, 'What shall I more say? Is this enough? Is this enough examples? Can you see the picture now? Do you have the strength to go on now? What shall I more say? He said;

... for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon...

But maybe Brother Vin might come in the year 1986 and preach **The Burnt Offering** and tell you of Gideon, who knows?

... and of Barak, and of Samson,

Maybe I'll preach about **Samson's New Crop**, it will tell you about Samson.

... or Jephthah;

Maybe he might come and tell you of Jephthah's daughter. And then what I didn't tell you the Spirit will tell you.

... of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subduded kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire,

Like the Hebrew boys and Daniel, all of them he is speaking of there.

...escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness... Some of you might be weak, tonight, under hardship and trials.

... out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Then he goes on to women. So he is talking about Jephthah. He said, 'Time will fail me to tell of Jephthah. Jephthah is mentioned in the heroes of faith. There is something of Jephthah's life that's a picture of faith that ranks with Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob and Moses and Noah and Enoch and Abel and all of them because he is mentioned in the record.

So we go the chapter 11: Judges. And Judges was in the days after Joshua died. They were in the land. Joshua brought them over in Canaan's land, like the prophet brought us over in this age under the fullness of the Word, back to the land of the fathers.

And Jephthah, as I showed you, he was a parent raising his daughter, parents and children in the land. This man had faith. This man was a parent. This man was raising a daughter. This man was fighting a great battle in that age to possess his inheritance. He had come over with Joshua and them. He was one of the young ones who were going to rise to prominence in his own time. I believe even I have some Jephthahs here, tonight. Maybe out of this you might learn to raise your little girls.

Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour,

Notice how he is associated with Gideon? What did the angel tell Gideon? What were his first words? 'Thou mighty man of valour.' Look at Paul puts him there. 'And what more shall I tell you of Gideon and Barak and Jephthah, mighty men of valour?'

... and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead

begat Jephthah.

Now Jephthah means – he will open, he will liberate, he will deliver. That man's got a key. He could open up a way. He had something – a hold of something; the key of faith. He is coming for deliverance.

And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and his wife's sons grew up,

Now watch that. Always when you read your Bible, catch words like that; bore and grew up, conceive, bare, weaned, grow

up. You always find that when it speaks of women and children in the Bible. And that shows you the growth and stages of development. And that is marked that way because it types spiritual things. The church has to conceive the seed to bring forth Christ. See? The babe, the Messiah in infancy, see? Growing up in you, coming from a child to maturity, stages of development, you see?

... and they thrust out Jephthah,

Are you getting the picture? This man had Jephthah before he had these other children and they were of different mothers. And Jephthah's mother who bore him, may not have been married to Jephthah [father] may have died before they were even married. They may have had the child out of wedlock. And then she is dead and gone and Jephthah has a...he is growing up and his father marries now and has many sons. And they now, in the house, and Jephthah is like the step brother and they don't like him. And they don't want him around and they thrust him out.

And Jephthah said unto them - and they said unto Jephthah, rather.

...thou shalt not inherit in out father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman.

And they wanted to make ensure he doesn't come into any inheritance.

Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob:

Well, you are not loved. You're rejected. You are cast down. Instead of staying and fight and brawl and debate, you just find a place where you could have a little peace and you settle down there as an alien, as an outcast, as a reject...a rejected one.

...and there were gathered worthless men, or vain men, to Jephthah, and went out with him.

Maybe some bums off the street; some men who couldn't hold a good job, some men who had no real reputation and status in society. See? Some men who themselves come from broken homes, church falls apart, so they just drift out somewhere on their own thing for a while. See? My!

And it came to pass in the process of time,

Over a period; I don't want to call some dates here, so I'm just going to keep on reading.

...that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

Now how many...this is a little Bible study, tonight. We are not having church. We are having a little Bible study. How many know who Ammon is? Ammon is one of Lot's sons he had with his daughter; Abraham's family, Isaac's cousin. Isaac came from Abraham and Sarah. Ammon came from Lot and his daughter. They're kinfolk. They are close. They are from the same blood line. Because Abraham and Lot – Lot was Abraham's nephew. Abraham's brother was Lot's father.

Abraham raised Lot like his own son for a period of time until they separated. Lot went after prosperity and money and status and became the mayor of the city and different things. And then the families go on after a season. Ammon is a big group and Lot is a big group. But Abraham and Sarah conceived by the power of God. Sarah received dunamist to get Isaac. Isaac came by promise that God appeared by revelation to cast out Ishmael, the real heir's coming.

Isaac will lay down his life. He could dig back the wells, he could do these things; please the father, taken up with the will of the father. Ammon, all through the Bible; Moabites because Moab was the next child; Lot had two children with two daughters, Moab and Ammon. So whenever you read [about] Ammon and Moab always remember that's Israel's family. But they are of a perverted birth. They're born through an incestuous relationship. They're born in the wrong channel because Lot's seed is to come through Mrs. Lot not his daughters.

The Word has to be in the right channel. When the Word is in the wrong channel, it gives wrong birth. And then it makes you a fighter of the real thing because [if] you're born wrong your life is wrong because you get your life from your birth. And to understand why you are, the way you are, somebody has to look at your family. And they have to understand your birth sign. Are you getting that?

Think spiritual, I'm giving you natural laws, think spiritual. You see a person, aggressive and like to fight and carry on and argue and debate. His birth, watch the family he comes from. There are churches, which are church families are fighters, brawlers, liars, distorters, haters, proud, lifted up. See? Do anything to destroy like how Cain was. You see? Now watch.

... and the children of Ammon made war...

Notice, it didn't say, Israel made war with them. They made war with Israel. Watch that always in the Bible. God's people don't go and make war with people. Michael didn't touch Lucifer until Lucifer got so obsessed with ambition; he wanted to be like Michael. And he even wanted to take some of Michael's angels to make them turn around and fight against Michael.

Always watch, it is like that it happens in the Bible. Korah took some of Moses' angels. Absalom took some of David's angels to turn them back around to fight against them. When you find that, you find out right and wrong. Nobody has to tell you. Everything has its fingerprint. And here, Ammon coming to fight against these elders of Israel and the elders who went... And they

...went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

And they said unto Jephthah,

The same people who threw him out and they said he can't inherit anything.

And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

You see how people are against a person yet they know they have the Truth. Yet they know as long as they have that at their side they are losing no battle. But as long as they want to promote themselves and be selfish and get everything for themselves, if they feel that is a threat to them, they will fight that too. But when they need it conveniently, they come back around to get it.

You may think of my experience but don't think of my experience alone. You think of things in life, so you can go through life's journey and when you meet your things in life, you know how to live your life. Because remember, I behaved right in mine. I didn't fight back. I didn't get involved in anything. I take that, you know why? Because I know Who God is and I know God put me here. And I leave that in the hands of God, the battle is not mine.

> And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my fathers' house?

He was not against them coming to ask him for help, you know. But sometimes you have to let people know what kind of spirit they have and how they like to do things. He could've just gone with them. He was that kind of person, I'm sure. You say, 'How do you know that?' Because he was in Hebrews 11 and the Holy Spirit come and pick him out and say, he is one of the heroes of faith. If the Holy Spirit picked him out, He can't pick one out who's a selfish, self centered man because a selfish, self centered man can't have faith.

Your objective and your motive have to be right to have faith because faith comes from the sub-conscience. You have to be real and genuine down on your inside to have faith. When you see people operating in fear and manipulation and politics and different things, you know something is wrong down on the inside of the inside. They might try to play smart out here, play cool out here, play anything out here but when the chips are down they're shaking down inside of here and they're trying scheme. See? But when you're genuine there, 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.' See?

So, but that is manhood now. Man has to let a man know, 'Are you all men? Are you all men of God? Are you all men who're making policy for the people? Are you men who made this big, bold decision, 'Cast him out man, don't let him stay around here. He will try to take all the inheritance and different things.' He said, 'But weren't you all the same fellows? You all were right there when they threw me out and you didn't open your mouth and say it was wrong?' He said, 'and now, you come to take me because you realize, if I'm not on your side, you lost the battle. You all can't deal with the Ammonites.' See?

So he put the squeeze on them. 'The stone that the builders refuse always become the head of the corner'. Watch.

...and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Now remember Ephesians is, *wives submit to your husbands*, *Christ is the head of the church, husband of the wife*, and so on. Parents and children in the Ephesians, this is in the Ephesians. Judges is in the Ephesians. They were in Canaan land. They were placed in their inheritance.

But watch something. We are coming into a people who didn't want headship. They didn't want to be under authority. And because he knew their weakness and he knew their schemes they played. But now the battle comes and their true colours are coming out and he has the opportunity. He says, 'I could have been your head. I could have been your leader. But you rejected your head. You rejected your leader.' He said, 'So then why did you come for me?' And they said, 'We want you to come and be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.'

> And Jephthah...(Verse 9) said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye being me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

> And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

Because he is telling them, 'God will deliver them into my hand, you know. I have no fear of it.' He said, 'Because I know their origin, where they came from, the case they tried to come with, the thing they're trying to claim.' He said, 'They don't stand a chance. They're finished. You don't have the Word to deal with them.' He said, 'I have the Word to deal with them.' See?

Brother Branham said, 'The Methodists could have rebuked the Lutherans because the Methodists had more light. The Pentecostals came and shook the Methodists because had more light than the Methodists.' He said, 'Well, this Message shook the Pentecostals because this Message could say, 'You have a woman preaching. You are baptized wrong. You believe in a trinity.' This Message could reveal all the things that they think is light and show them it's wrong.

And then, Revelation 10: 8 to 11, that mystery shakes the people who just came in the Message and don't know their positions. He said, 'You follow, you come out of Egypt, you believe God sent a prophet, but what is your place in the land? Do

you know your position? Do you understand what part of the Word you are? Or you are still looking back to 1965?' It shakes them. It makes them realize, 'No, there is something more.' See? So he is saying:

Shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain...

That is headship over the body. Watch that, headship over the body.

... over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpeh.

Who did he utter his words before? The Lord. What is it showing us? This man, that is an outcast, rejected, called the son of a harlot, being told he is wrong at his birth and everything else, watch this man here. He had confidence that God is with him. He said, 'When God delivers them into my hands, who will be your head, I? You will stay with this or you will jump back to the next side of the fence as you get what you want done? Will you use me conveniently and cast me out again? Or will I be your head and captain? Will you work with me or I'll work with you? Who's working with whom, let me hear.' He said, 'because you come to me looking for help, you have to work with me. I am not going to work with you. I'm in charge.' That is what he is doing there.

And it said, 'and he uttered all these words before the Lord.' In other words, he is saying, 'God, you know the integrity of my heart. You know where I'm standing on this. You know they called me a devil and rejected me. But God, you know I'm Your servant. And You know, You have given me Your Word.'

That is what he said. He said it before the Lord. I'm trying to show...that is why I read Hebrews 11 first. If Paul says he is faith, I'm trying to show you how people were seeing him, but where the man was standing, and why he was taken from there and put in Hebrews 11.

> And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to

do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

Now he didn't go to war, you know. He is sending messengers to these people. He says, 'Tell these people don't fight me. Tell these people, leave me alone. I picked no fight with anybody.'

What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

What do we have here? The reason for the war, the contention over the war. I wouldn't have time with you but I want you to be a student because you are well taught in the Word here. They are referring to things you can read in Deuteronomy and you can read in Numbers.

Numbers was the journey when they were coming. And these people, they called out certain places, from Arnon and Jabbok. He says, 'even unto the Jordan.' Like if I'm saying, 'And Couva and Indian Trail and right until we reach Claxton Bay and you turn off by Forest Park Junction.' And you could know the places on the road because you are familiar with the territory.

And you look back now and see that had never belonged to them. They're trying to claim something and coming to fight; that never belonged to the Ammonites. Ammonites had no franchise, had no claim, had nothing, saying, 'You take our thing.' You talk about the Seven Thunders; somebody says that is their thing. You talk about second fold and somebody says that is their thing. You talk about Perusia somebody says that is their thing. You talk about God sent a prophet somebody says that is their thing. You talk about chief authority; somebody says that is their thing. That is God's thing. God spoke all that through a prophet. That is the Message. That is nobody's thing. That is the Word of God in the Bible.

And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king...

Second time now, the man says...the man's determined to fight. And Jephthah doesn't want to fight. ...sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon:

And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh;

Now you understand what is happening there? They're trying now to tell this man and make claims. He said, 'Wait, wait, wait, when Israel came out of Egypt they journeyed to the Red Sea. God opened the Red Sea and drowned the Egyptians. They came out of the Sinai Desert. The Lord set up the tabernacle. When they set up the tabernacle then they journeyed. All of that is recorded in Numbers, every place they journeyed.

So these people were trying to claim things in the Word, but this man knows the Word too. It is like the devil saying, 'It's written, it's written.' He says, 'No, no, you are misplacing the Word. I'll put the thing in the right perspective. They came here first, then they went there, then they went there, not the way you are saying it. We took no land from you all.' Did you get that? That is what's happening there.

They say, 'Brother, you talk about the Seventh Trumpet and the second fold of the Seventh Seal, we don't understand this. And all those things you are talking about, where did the Prophet say that and so on? He says, 'How readest thou? Did you read **Feast of Trumpets?** You read **Recognizing Your Day and the Message?** How readest thou? Did you go back to your **Sixth Seal?** See? It's like that. Verse 17:

Then Israel...

Jephthah continued on...

Then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom.

He already sent messengers twice, you know. So you see where he is getting messengers from? I see Moses sending messengers to these people instead of fighting them and going and getting involved in things. So Jephthah now says, 'Well, if they feel I'm going fight people because they make me king and I get charged up and I have backing, not me. Let me see how the Prophet handled that. Okay, he send messengers; I send messengers. ...I send more messengers. You see that? He said:

... Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but they would not consent: and Israel abode in Kadesh.

This man knew every move Israel made, you know. He said, 'In 1946, when the Pillar of Fire met the Prophet in the cave and then he sent him out to preach and he started, the first message we have is **Faith is the Substance** – 1947. And after the prophet went there and showed the First Pull, he said he wanted to reach Regina Canada. And in the platform the Second Pull began to operate. And then he had two signs like the prophet Moses when the Angel told him in the cave.' Amen!

He said, 'Then 1955 when the meetings stopped paying for itself he was coming off the field and God gave him the tent vision. And in January 1956, he started **Inner Veil** because he was going into the Third Pull in the little room. He said, 'How readest thou, the Message?' He said, 'Are you following how this thing went?

Then in 1962, September, he said, **Presence Stage of My Ministry**, all man has forsaken me. The shuck is pulled back. He said like Elijah he felt alone. Amen!

He said in February 28th 1963, brother, out in Arizona, the Cloud appeared, seven angels in the form of a pyramid. Then he came back to Jeffersonville and began to open the Seven Seals from March the 17th to March the 24th. How readest thou? Amen! Brother, this man had followed the move in the Pillar of Fire leading the prophet. Jephthah, he will open. The man has a key.

Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, the land of Moab (and so on) and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and camped on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

The man even went back and researched the geography. He said, 'In those days Arnon...geo-political lines were not drawn yet.' In other words back in 1988, there was East Germany and

West Germany but when the Berlin wall as torn down, there is no more East Germany, it's Germany. You see how specific he got there. He said, 'for Arnon was the border of Moab in that time. Maybe it's not today but in that time. Because you're claiming in that time you lost your land but look where Israel was camping.' This man knew them closely. He knew exactly what they were trying to do. They were trying to mis-appropriate the Word but he was putting it back in the right perspective for them. Like when Jesus met Satan and he said, 'It is written, it is written.' He said, 'It is also written.'

> And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon;

He is showing them, there was nothing about Ammon there. Israel sent messengers again unto them and said:

Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.

They were coming into Canaan land but they had to pass through those people.

But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

He said, 'We were not meddling with them. We were going to our place. We're journey to our promise. We sent messengers and said, let us pass peacefully. We are not interfering with anybody. We are just interested in what God has for us.' You carry people along, they are always discontented. Are you unhappy with your portion? See? So look.

And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel,

Why? They came and fought them for nothing, for no cause, just for jealousy and strife, just for fear.

... and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

And they possessed all the borders of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

It's a specific area they were disputing. Catch this part now. This is great.

So now...

He is dealing with the history and he is bringing it down to the present tense after he had spoken all his words before the Lord. He said, 'whether in the time of Moses, so and so happened; in the time of Joshua, so and so happened and so on. He said:

> So now, the Lord God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?

You all want to come and claim what was really the Ammorites own. And the Ammorites fight us and we took that because God delivered them into our hands for coming against us for no cause and God made us strong.' And he says, 'So you want to come and possess this land which God gave, a God-given inheritance?'

Wilt thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess?

You see where he's gone. He went into doctrine. 'You all believe in a god named Chemosh. Have you ever heard us talk about Chemosh inside of here? You all believe in some man in the States. Have you ever heard us talk about some man in the States inside here? We talk about Jehovah, Revelation 10:1, Revelation 10:7.' Amen! 'We talk about the Lord God, the Lord Jesus Christ. And we talk about William Branham, His Prophet. What man are you telling us about now?' 'Chemosh', he said, 'I didn't hear the Prophet talk about Chemosh. Anything I read about Chemosh is he's a false god. And if you are Chemosh's servant and we are Jehovah's servants, do you think Chemosh could give you this land?' See? Well this is what he is saying. I'm trying to make it real for you.

> So whomsoever the Lord our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

You hear how Jephthah's talking? He said, 'You are coming under the anointing of Chemosh. 'Anybody coming under the anointing of Chemosh,' he said, 'You lost already'.

And now, (now, present tense again) art thou anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab?

Because [of] those nations in those days, Moab was the peak. That's why Balak could get the biggest false prophet Balaam. He had the biggest kingdom. After they came out of Egypt and Egypt was destroyed, they made the big Moabites here. So he is saying, 'Look what God did to Balak who hired Balaam. You all are not even in that category and God destroyed them before Israel. Do you all want to come and tackle Israel? And you all are not even strong like they?' See?

...did he ever strive against Israel or did he ever fight against them,

And he is going back to the Word, you know.

While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer,

All these things you could read in Numbers and Deuteronomy.

... and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years?

And he went back even to the date that those cities were built and established along there.

...why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

'You all are so powerful. Before Israel came, you all had three hundred years to take it and you all couldn't take it. Moab took it from you all. Moab reigned for three hundred years and you all can't take it. We come out from Egypt like slaves, under a prophet, and a Pillar of Fire and a Pillar of Cloud, two signs to confirm the commission. And God delivered you all with all your little Chemosh god and all your different things here.' He said, 'and Chemosh couldn't help you all back there. And it's still the same Chemosh today. Chemosh couldn't defeat the Moabites, Chemosh wants to tackle Israel? And Jehovah crushed Chemosh, the Moabite like nothing, who take you all land and have it for three hundred years and you want to come and take...'

He has not gone to war yet, you know. He is trying to reason with them, 'Leave me alone,' he says, 'Go back into your history. Read your history good. Before you go to war count the cost. It takes a lot of things to fight a war.'

Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me:

He said, 'I know in my heart, I have not raised a hand against you. I have not spoken a Word against you. I have not sent a person against you. Yet you come to war against me, he said, 'You do me wrong,' saying, 'You do me wrong.'

...the Lord the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not...

You see how a man...You see how obstinate, rebellious, stubborn a man could be? The thing you're claiming, the man took the Word and showed you, it's wrong. You can't claim that. The man showed you, you have a false interpretation. You have a false god, Chemosh. He showed you over that time nothing worked for you. All those years, three hundred years, you can't get the thing you say you are looking for. He said, 'Leave me alone. Don't send anybody to fight me. Leave me alone. I'm with my people. I have a daughter I'm trying to raise.' Do you get what I'm saying? He said, 'You see, this here,' he said, *'if I fight you, I'll put it in the Lord's hand. The Lord be the judge*' in the Lord's hand. The man didn't go to war, you know.

Here is my point. Watch at his faith. So far we have not read anything about the man's war yet. Yet the man's put in the heroes of faith. The war was only works, the exploits, '*They that know their God shall do – great exploits*'. Works is what? Faith expressed. But here, we see the character of the man. Here we see how the man is on the Word. Here we see the motive and the objective of the man is not to fight his brothers. His own brothers threw him out, he never fought them.

He had a band of brave men, brother, who could lasso that whole town and throw it in the sea. Do you get what I'm saying? Yet he never went to war. His brothers came back and asked for their help. He said, 'Okay, but I will put the squeeze on all of you all because you all like to compromise on everything. You all threw me out with bad intentions.' He says, 'You will have to come under my headship because you all met me overcoming. You all met me prevailing. You all met God among me. And because you all are here, all of you cast me out, God didn't forsake me. God was with me and made me victorious. And now you are going into battle that is why you come to me and didn't go for somebody else.' He says, 'I come back and tell you, you have to work with me, if you have to go forward. I'm willing to take you. I'm willing to go with you but you have to be in subjection.' And then he met the other enemy now, he said, 'I don't want a war with you all either. When you come against believers, faith, faith, faith...He uttered all these words before the Lord. Now catch this. You're getting the seed part. This is not the foundation here. When we get to Jephthah's daughter, I want you to understand the Word in a deep way here now. Look at the character of the man and then you understand; if that man with that kind of character and you're raising a child, what kind of knowledge you have to raise the child. You see how God brings a man with experience.

People like to see brave people. People like to see people take a challenge; people like to see people who know the Word and on the Word. People like to see a man, who doesn't want a war and has principles, and could be an ambassador and negotiate and discuss in a reasonable way. And looks at the scriptures and don't want tempers flare and get into strife and bad behaviour.

When you have character and you have a daughter raising, she sees all that because everyday you have situations in your house. Everyday you have things among your own brothers and sisters. And you are conducting yourself with joy amidst the trials that God in His wisdom allows to come to pass. You are showing you have character. You are showing that your motive is right. Everyday you are showing the kind of person you are. That is faith. That's a life there. If it has to go to war, when it goes to war how is it going to overcome that?

Watch. He said: 'Howbeit, the Lord judge between thee and me.' And then he said:

Howbeit the king...of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

All the time God was inspiring him, 'Do it so, do it so, do it so, do it so, do it so.' Now watch now. Now we read. Now, we reach a junction here in the story.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah,

Remember back there in Gideon, 'then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon.' Remember back there? Paul over here, Jephthah, Gideon, Barak, Samson, he said, 'Of all of these, what shall I more say? Time will fail to tell', he said, 'It might take me a little while. It will take a whole service to go into Jephthah.' I'm taking some time to talk about Jephthah, tonight. Time failed him when he was writing Hebrews but I'm taking a little time to tell you about Jephthah.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah...

From here on, the reason that is put in the narrative, it will tell you from here on God and man is united now. Now is no more thought, the man is going into action. This is God and man in a union here. It is put there to let you know, what you're going to say from here on is by the Spirit of the Lord.

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shall without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hand,

Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

Now let me say this here. So many people see this as a radical, erratic, wild, foolish thing the man did. I am saying, no. I am saying it can't be a man, the Spirit of the Lord came upon a man, anoint a man and he speaks and it is foolishness. And then that same Spirit takes the man and put him over in Hebrews 11. It can't be.

The Holy Spirit wrote this Bible. This Bible is not man thinking. It is different to man's thinking. It is a mystery of Christ. And if you don't see Jesus Christ in the Bible, you missed it. And that is why, it looks foolish to them because they can't see Christ because the entire Bible is the expression of one goal and one purpose. And the life and acts of believers were expressed in that mystery.

No man could be anointed with the Spirit of the Lord...because we never read all that time, he said, 'he uttered his words before the Spirit of the Lord. He said, now we read, 'And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he said...' He passed over and he said.'

...that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace...

Not, if I return in peace, you know, when I return in peace. That shows the man is speaking by the Spirit. He already sees the victory won. He already proved by the Word, these people are making a false claim. He already proved by the Word, they have...if they don't have the Word for what they are claiming, how could they have faith? And, if they are coming with intellectual power and you can prove to them by the Word that they are wrong, how could they overcome you. And if the Spirit of the Lord comes upon you and you have the Truth, how could you say the wrong thing?

...when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the Lord delivered them into his hands.

And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities,

Proving the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and he was saying those things, 'when I return in peace'. And the victory was so great even to twenty cities. And it tells you the name of the city to show you the distance of the territory that he had conquered. That is why they gave you the name because you could look on a map and see how far a distance he covered in conquering and taking in that battle.

> And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

> And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

Oh my, the man's brave. He raised up this one girl. Now watch now. You saw the character of the man staying with the Word. You saw the character of the man going back to join with people and fight for their cause, the very people who threw him out. We see the man dealing with an enemy who is making false claims and coming on with a false anointing of a false god; and trying to make peace with them because he doesn't want to get involved. If they settle the dispute without war, it will be a greater victory. No blood will be shed.

Then the Spirit of God came upon him. And now watch. He is going home now after the battle, he has conquered. He is coming up marching the victor's march. And singing and dancing was always a sign of - victory. So his daughter comes out dancing with the timbrels. The first thing he saw coming out of his house was his daughter. And he had said to God, 'whatever comes out' but he said that by inspiration with the Holy Spirit coming upon him. Now watch. And here it comes.

> And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! Thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back.

Now the Spirit carries you a little deeper to show you the kind of man. this man is. He said, "I made a vow to God. And when I made that vow to God I know I meant it in my heart. And I know I was inspired by God. And I know I desire to commit my every thing to God.' He said, 'But I didn't say that you would come out. And God could have brought anything out because it is not I who came in the house and pulled you out. It was God, Who sent out what He wanted to send out because no man has any free will. All things are ordained of God. And if God hears me say, 'Lord, I will give you anything you ask me for.' And the Lord asked me like he asked Abraham, 'Take your only son and offer him up. Let me see if you'll obey me that much.' And Abraham, next morning, saddled the ass, got the young men, cleaved the wood, got the fire and journeyed to Mt. Moriah because God said, 'Give me that boy.' And he didn't say, 'God, how could you do that? Only heathens do that.' No, no, no, God was testing Abraham."

Now, here is a son of Abraham. Here is a seed of Abraham. Here is one, who God is bringing to a place to see, 'how deep you believes in God. How much you are willing to go the distance with God? Is God a theory to you? Is God some religious almanac, you keep holy days in the year; you go to church? Is God some little moral, upright life that you have, to tell people you love Jesus? Or is God the Creator of Heaven and earth, that 'though He slays me, I will trust Him. And the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the Name of the Lord. How deep is your conviction with God?'

Here was a man in the Ephesians. Here was a man who saw the exodus prophet. Here was a man who grew up under that Message. Here was a man who crossed over when the Jordan opened and the Seals opened. Here was a man who fought the battles. Here was a man placed under a Joshua commission, in his promise and in his time and season, in the days after the death of Joshua. Here is a man raising his daughter.

Because many fathers will have daughters here who will never marry. Because Jesus will come and if their daughters want to grow in the Word and be a virgin or if they want to stand and raise their daughters for God, and to keep them undefiled, unblemished, regardless of what it costs them.

As I said, God gave His Own Son also because God made a vow to Himself. His only begotten Son, He offered Him up for us all. And God kept His Word. And God's Son in Gethsemane said, 'Father, not My will...let this cup pass...but nevertheless not My will but Thy will be done.' And the Son submitted to the Father.

Even Isaac said, 'Father, here is the knife? And here is the wood. Here is the fire, but father, where is the ram for the burnt offering?' And Abraham had to pull the son and say, 'son, you are the burnt offering. I couldn't tell you before because I thought it might hurt you. But we come this far, son, you know the kind of man your father is. I'm serving a God and if my God asks me to do something; I have to walk in obedience. When my God gave you to me, you came as one from the dead.' The boy could have run down from the mountain and said, 'That is what you did to me? You are a hypocrite. What kind of father are you? You deceived me to bring me up here to kill me.' No, no, he saw what kind of father he had. He grew close to that father. He saw the sincerity of his father.

What is the Spirit showing to us? The power of parental influence – the power of a godly example! When a man will link up with God and serve God and carry out God's Word and obey God's Word, the kind of power that would have upon others; the power of a lived voice; the power of a good, undefiled, godly

character; the power of a written epistle that could be read of all men.

And that that is not in the realm of the...that God gave His son Abraham ... And Abraham didn't choke the boy so he had to go. Said, 'I'm going to obey God and you have to listen to me, Isaac. I'm your father!' No, no, no, faith doesn't operate so. If it's like that it can't be faith. Faith works by love.

He didn't choke the girl and say, 'You have to die. I will kill you.' Because it is not death here now, that is not what the story says. It is not that. But the girl of her own free will, who was of the age to marry, who just passed the age of accountability, who knew the kind of godly man her father was, who knew the father didn't serve a historical God, who knew that God of the Father was a living God.

Like brother Branham said, 'Billy, right now, I have the pillow on your face. Son, you know where the sink is, the washbasin in this room, in the corner?' He said, 'Yes daddy.' He said, 'Son, the Angel that I tell you about is here with me in the room, right now.' I asked Him if you could see Him. And when I take the pillow off your eye son, look over in that corner and you will see that Angel.' And he lifted the pillow off the boy's eyes and he looked in the corner and the little boy said, 'I thought I was going to see a thing flying around with wings but there stood a big man standing there. And all of a sudden he disappeared like a vapour of smoke in the room.'

He knew a man used to come and talk to his daddy. He knew a man used to open those seals to his daddy. He knew his daddy overcame every gate of the enemy in his walk and life's journey because that Angel was there. He knew his father stood in India, Bombay against all those heathen religions, and in Africa with all those witch doctors and in Germany with all those witch doctors and challenged them because that Man, that Angel used to be with his daddy.

Some of us raising children and the power of our lives can't even get them to go in the shop and buy something and come back.

Some of us raising children and we don't even have influence. We don't even have the skill. We don't have the influence. Our lives don't command the respect. We just try to shout them down, fight them down, bawl them down, threaten them, throw them out the house, beating to scare them to get them to cope. That kind of life can help no child. It has to be a godly life.

In other words, let me go a little deeper. Her father was a rejected man. Her father was humiliated and ridiculed and called evil names. Her father could have held bitterness but he refused to get bitter, even though he was rejected. And he raised his child to have love and security and not raise her with bitterness. And she saw what her father went through and she knew, 'that's a godly man.' She knew, 'Look, look what they did to him and look how he took that. Look how he smiled. Look how stood up there. Look how he didn't fight back. Look how he tried to raise her to do right.'

Some women get hurt and they tell their daughters 'Don't trust any man, girl. Man's not good at all and man only wants one thing from you.' And they pour all their hate and their scorn and their disappointment down on their children. And their children grow deformed, beautiful outside but deformed inside. Because of all the things that they put, they pressure them to solicit their children to get their children under their influence to obey them. So they grow that way. And then they live out their bitterness and their hate and their disappointment through their own children. And their children never get the chance to grow free from their bitterness and their resentment.

But Jephthah made sure his daughter never grew like that. Are you catching me now? Faith – faith. *What shall I more say time will fail me to tell of Jephthah;* the faith of Jephthah. One place you see the man raising his daughter. One place you see the man fighting an army. One place you see the man's trying to make peace with the enemy. One place the man's trying to help his brothers. One place the man is being rejected by his brothers. One place the man is trying to show them, they need to learn to humble themselves and apologize at least, for casting him out like that and putting him out like that. See?

You don't see him reproaching them. You don't see him brawling and you see 'and God is good'. And he spoke those things before the Lord. In other words, he was sincere before the Lord. While he's saying this, he says, 'Father, you know my heart. I'm saying this. Father, You see me standing here. You know the reason why I'm saying this and the reason I'm saying it this way.' And he is leaving it like that way. Example ;influence; man in the Ephesians.

We want to be great men. We want to be great parents that we could have godly influence. We must have true motives. We must have character. We must have sincerity. We must not be filled with bitterness and strife. We must not try to make our disappointments and our failures pressure somebody to make them deformed, till they see everything wrong because the world have wronged us. We must not try to live our lives through them, no, no, no.

You have to say, 'Children, no, life has been hard for me but I tried to make it secure for you. Life has been evil for me. I take the pressures to shield you that you could grow secure and sheltered. You think that is good advice? You think that is good teaching? You think that is the Bible? You think that is the Life of Christ? You think that is Truth? You think that is the wisdom of God? You think that life is not desirable for you? You could behold that glory? You desire to be changed into that glory, to become that glory?

We all desire that when God could open the Word and reveal the mystery of Christ. And show us what a real life in the Ephesians, in the Holy Ghost is; under this Message, under the Joshua commission, in the land of the fathers. Because if you go in Judges 3 all those people's daughters, were being given to the Amorites' and the Hittites' and the Perrizites' sons. And their sons were taking all those women too and they were hybriding Israel.

But here was a rejected man trying to raise his family right. Get my thought? Does it apply to us? Does it apply to this age? Are we seeing a lot of people starting to compromise and get weak and their daughters taking unbelievers and their sons taking unbelieving wives and different things, polluting themselves? But where are the true Jephthahs who stand for something; whose children could respect them? And say, 'My father, it is you make that vow to God.'

Let me finish the story and close. 'And she said'...verse 36.

And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth;

"Father, you never lied to me. Father, I see you wait before me. Father, I see I was wrong and you could scold me many times. Father, I see you pull me aside, put me to sit down on your lap and talk to me. Father, I see, you know there were times when I disrespected you and was irreverent to you but because you understood rejection and hurt and pain and these things, you were able to deal with me according to knowledge. And you raised me to be a certain way. And I realize at first I could not understand it but I come to understanding now, that God is in your life, and that there is a life so good that you can live, that you can live so close to God. And Father, if you made a vow to God, that I would be offered completely to God, and my life would have to be dedicated to God, and I may not be able to make no choices of my own will in life or whatever it is but I know whatever you make for me will be right because I know the love, you have loved me with. And what I am today is because of the way that you have raised me and the influence you have exhibited in my life. And the reason I'm not afraid, Father, when I'm around you I'm at peace, you have made me to feel secure."

Children, you think some of you could begin to love your parents half as that? Parents, you think you're ready to begin to exhibit that kind of example, even though you have been hurt and ridiculed and rejected and have pain? Yet you don't try to let your hate and your hurt go off on somebody else to get them bitter too, to kind of get people to be consolidated with you, to build up some force and get some backing?

As some people get hurt, you know what they do? Run through the church and try to gather disciples for themselves to kind of console, to back them up. You know when a person has no character. All these things are written for what? Examples. All Scripture is given by what? Inspiration, for instruction, for teaching, for doctrine.

Isn't it a beautiful story? Isn't it a story of great character, touching, such a great, dramatic thing here. Look at the girl looking in her father's eyes. You could imagine the kind of man Jephthah was, come back all scarred and tired? And she came out the door, she came out to dance, her mind was on dancing and singing and all of a sudden she hears these things.

And just like Isaac in the Bible, when he says, 'Son, you are the burnt offering.' At first it might be a horror. 'But father, I might have given up years ago, I might be bad but father it was because of you. Because of you, daddy, I walk a certain way. I try to live a certain way. I want to honour you, my father.'

Do you want to honour God like that, your heavenly Father? Do you want to keep yourself unspotted and undefiled because you love God and you realize God cares for you and God has raised you? Can you accept God's will for your life; your heavenly Father's will, 'Father not my will but thine be done?' Can you come into that kind of obedience?

There is a bride in the last days, a virgin bride. That's why this little girl here who typed that virgin bride, showed how she can be in obedience and submission to the will of her heavenly Father. And Isaac, a type of Christ was in submission to the will of his heavenly Father. Because in the last days the same life that was in that one who was submissive to the heavenly Father, is in this one. She is bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh. She is life of His life. She is work of His works, Spirit of His Spirit, in the Ephesians at the end of the age. Isn't that wonderful? My! a beautiful story, beautiful story.

Let's stand to our feet. We will finish reading the rest on our feet. Hear this girl now.

And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, an bewail my virginity, I and my companions.

She and her little girlfriends; all who had the hope, all who were going to be married; you know when girls get together they talk about marriage, right. Is that right? That's right. That's young girls' nature. They are potential mothers. They are born for that, see? And so, they talked about that and then now she realizes, you know, 'I'm making a decision.' She is telling a friend, 'and when I go to them, my friends and they will cry and say, 'girl, we used to talk about how we would raise our children and what we will do and how we would glorify God with them. If it's a boy what we are going to put on him to wear when he goes up for dedication to dedicate him. And how we would like to raise him like Hannah raised Samuel or Rachael raised Joseph.' And you think there was something like that.

So now, she is telling her daddy, she says, 'Papa, let me talk to my friends, first. I want to spend two months with them; I and Sheila and Joyce and Jennifer over there, Sarah over there and Ruth. You know, we talked about these things so many times. Sometimes you hear us laughing, girl laugh, and talking girl talk. But I always tell them papa, I love you and if I want a husband, he has to be like you. Because I see how you and mom walked together.

And since she died, the love you have for her, I see you stayed true that you raised me. And even though you are a single parent, and you have put up with me. Yet because we were so close knitted after mom passed away, you know it might have affected me of having a step mother in the house. You knew what you went through being with a step brother and you know the evil names you were called, being rejected and you tried to shield me from that. And so you tried to shield me from that and I didn't understand it at first. And I knew at times, you were still a young man, you could have remarried and have the companionship of a wife but you thought of me. And you were willing to sacrifice yourself to raise me up this way.

There were times when I would go out to school and the market place and I hear people talk about you. And they say all kinds of evil things about you. But daddy, I've been around you and I see the kind of man you are. I see the integrity of your heart. I sat there and never heard you call people's names and say things about people. And you're never in a corner slandering this one and evil speaking this one and dealing with that. You tried to show us the Word and show us ourselves and cultivate us and raised us up to be a certain way. And I know it's your love for God that made you say those things.

And daddy, you taught me election, foreknowledge and predestination. You know something, before I came out of that house two of your servants were going down and I told them, 'No, no, no, I want to go out first.' And I was really meaning like, I wanted to see you, daddy. I want to be the first one to see you. I didn't know why. But it is just that, since morning, I got up early and when the news came to us that you won the battle and the

enemy was defeated, I put on my best clothes and I wanted to make you happy because you had a great victory. After they rejected you, they came back and you won the battle for them. And I know that, what it had been for you to go out in the battle because you didn't want to go. But when you were testifying that night about the Spirit of the Lord coming upon you and you felt that presence in the meeting, daddy I knew that something had happened. So, I didn't have to go out first but something moved me and I understand now, that was God's leading. It's not just what you said, because you only said that when the Spirit came upon you, because daddy, you would never say a thing like that. But the way you said it, you said it under inspiration. And daddy, I'm not just a little girl. I'm a daughter of God too. I'm a gene of God too. And if this is pleasing to our God, daddy I want you to know, I believe, I have the same kind of faith you have, daddy. And I want this to honour you and let you know you raised us right. You raised me right, daddy. And we stand for principles. We believe in something and our convictions run deep. That is the way we want to be.'

Friends, as I said, 'I offer this little church tonight to God as a burnt offering. That you have laid down your head, laid down your fat, laid down you inwards. You've been reduced to ashes nothing left for the offerer, everything given to God as a sweet smelling savour. That you will remain a virgin church, the womb not be defiled with men's seed. But you will be the temple of the living God. You will come to God with unreserved consecration.

And if I vow that to God and God takes me at my Word and says, 'Yes, I find a little virgin church, a little virgin daughter raised right. I see her father rejected, ridiculed, humiliated. But he followed the prophet. He crossed over in the Joshua commission. He found his place in the Ephesians. He tried to raise us right, that I don't go and take in that seed, and take in that seed, and take in that seed, and take in this seed, and take in that seed and live and have pleasure and sensation. I want to be undefiled. I want to be virtuous. I want to be obedient because father, I believe what you spoke is the revealed Word of God appointed by the Spirit.'

I believe it's the mystery of Christ, friends. I believe that's why the reformers were trying to write about it. They could criticize it. They say it's a rash thing. It is foolish. You don't have to do that because the Book is closed to them.

He didn't have to burn her. God doesn't accept human sacrifice. But she told her father, she understood what it meant. She said, 'Father, let me go and bewail my virginity. I'll give up everything. Take the dearest thing to me. Take the dearest things from me if that's how it must be that I'll be closer drawn to thee. I want to live the way you want me to live. I want to give even when giving brought heartache and loss. I want to give that way. I'll trade sunshine for rain, daddy. I'll trade comfort for pain, if that's how it must be. And whatever it takes, that's what I'm willing to do.'

The story of Jephthah's daughter, no wonder the Holy Spirit picked him up and put him there. No wonder Paul realized if he had to dwell on it, it would take him some time. There was too much in the man's life, he said, 'time will fail to tell' he said, 'I don't have that time. I'll leave it. My Father will let somebody pick it up maybe one day and bring it back to the Ephesians when the time comes; when we have to raise their children again in the face of all challenges, we will see how we could live godly lives to exert that kind of influence. That our children will stand with us in our revelation of the will of God with conviction and contentment, with faith in the God that we serve to walk all the way. My, my!

> And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity...

You talk about cry as a young girl in her emotions but that was her human spirit because down in her soul, where there is no emotion, where there is faith, she said, 'I'll put God first.' But as a young girl, she said, 'If this is how it must be, I'll walk there. If I'm one chosen in this age to be undefiled, unspotted, I'll walk there, if I'm one who will stay true to this Word.

And I'm not going to go because I see somebody who doesn't have the courage to stand...and I say, 'girl, let us go too and we could always come back. And who knows the minister might marry us.' Say, 'I don't want to do that. I see my father's stand on that. If he gave in to that for a weak one, I want him to know it produced a strong one; that all are not weak and all didn't drift away but some of us will stand for this; what he preached. And I will wait until my time comes, if I have to wait because I see what I'm connected to. I see what kind of influence and what kind of spirit I'm raised under. I see what kind of teaching I have received. I see what kind of example was put before me.'

It's a home church tonight, friends. It's a church family, the elect lady and her children, the mystery of Christ and the church.

And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned...

She could have run away. She could have told the father like ...as an excuse and he says, 'go ahead.' The next thing, he gets a letter from San Francisco, 'Don't come looking for me, daddy. You can't find me. But I can't live that life you want me to live up there in that church.' No, no, no - no. I believe the bride has character, tonight. Don't you?

This kind of Message will challenge you, right down to your very bone and marrow. But this is where it shows how deep you convictions are, how much you mean God when you say you mean God.

The rich young ruler, he refused pay that price. Abraham was willing to give up everything. Lot looked towards Sodom...but whatever it takes tonight.

...and she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed:

Here's why she wasn't burnt.

...and she knew no man – and she knew no man. But as Hannah or one of them after they were married, she went in the temple, she served God, she dedicated her life to God.

And it was a custom in Israel, Catch this:

That the daughters of Israel... Her companions, young girls...

...went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah.

Lament means there - to rehearse, to talk with. She went to talk with. These young girls every year for four days went to talk with her. Her companions, maybe they brought their little babies to play with her. 'What did you call him?' 'I call him Joshua.' 'Oh my, yes.' 'And what did you call this one?' 'Guess what, you will never guess.' Said, 'I called him Jephthah. I called him Jephthah.' Oh my, and they talked with her. And she says, 'You know something, I could have had this life. My father didn't force me into this.'

Maybe today your father is telling you, he doesn't want you to get married. Not that. Every father would like their daughter to get married. Every father would like their daughter to get married to a right man. That is why Caleb said, 'Who will take this city? You want my daughter? Who will take this city? Who's willing to lay down their life?'

God...you want to preach to the bride; you want to be a servant to the bride, live for the bride, look at the kind of man Hatach was when the king appointed a chamberlain to take care of Queen Esther. You see when you are called for certain kinds of service? You see when you're called to dedicate your life a certain way? You enjoy the glory and the pleasure of it or you see the price you have to pay for it? 'Because you have chosen the harder way, which is My way a huge portion of heaven awaits you, which will make and bring to pass the tremendous victory.'

Sometimes your daddy may tell you, 'Come home from school early; don't go with those friends.' You say, 'You don't love me, you want to choose my friends.' He says, 'No honey, I want you to have friends but that kind is not good for you, honey. I know how to raise you. I'll carry you maybe, down Mucarapo Street in San Fernando and George Street, in Port of Spain and I will show you the girl who chose that kind of friends, where they work today and what type of work they do and the life they live. I don't want that kind of friends for you, honey.

Those kinds of boys who can't even talk descent and respect you and you think it's exciting, it's macho. Honey, I'll show you what comes out of their mouths, I'll show you girls that get polluted. I'll show you where those boys are today, what they do those girls and leave those girls and then they're gone afterwards too.' He says, 'Daddy doesn't want that for you, honey. I want to raise you right. I want you to understand. I was your age. I know what it is to be hurt. I know what it is to be rejected. I know what it is to suffer pain. I know what it is to have sorrow. I know what it is to be ridiculed. I know what it is to stay years alone and not have a good friend. I know what it is to pray and ask God to send

you the right wife, send you the right mate that will make my life happy. I know the day when the right one came walking. I know the battles [I had] in my mind when Satan tried to upset me, and tell me that is not the person, because if he could fix me up with the wrong person, he will gladly do it.' He said 'But honey, I want you to know, let God order your steps in His Word. Let God choose for you. Let God influence you. Let God lead you right, tonight. You will never be wrong. You're happiness wouldn't end here. If your mate dies or you die, he will be waiting for you in glory or you will be going to meet him.' Said, 'Remember the Prophet who had the Joshua commission, when he went up for the reward, how he was going with his wife in the New World. Because it's an eternal mate in glory when God gives it to you, not when you get mixed up with the wrong thing, 'what God joins no man could put asunder'. Nobody could take away and break up, no, no, no. What God joins together, God protects and keeps and holds.

Some of you, you passed that way because you were not in the covenant with God. Your parents were not in covenant with God. You got hurt but you have children that you can raise and you are raising them under the covenant with God today, you can protect them from those things. And you can believe even for restoration and deliverance and victory in your own life.

Have courage today. Have courage today. Believe in these things. Get this Word into your hearts. Surrender your lives to God and you watch how great this God is. You might be young but honour God as a teenager with your best. Don't wait until you get old and your eyes start to wear glasses to read the Bible then you want to read it there. Don't wait until you lose all your shape and you get fat, that you get bow legged and your skin gets scarred, now you are running to wear long clothes; but not just to dress modestly, to hide your old flesh. No, no, no, when you are of your best because out of...

I don't try to look at sisters, God knows the truth. A sister was walking, young girl, I just preached a couple weeks ago about decency. I could tell she didn't have on a slip. I could see her undergarment print out. I could see the kind of undergarment she was wearing. And I said, why would a christian girl want to wear that kind of garment. And young men were on the compound and I knew they were seeing the same thing. And I was thinking, as a young man, if that's his girlfriend or if she likes a young man there, why would she wear that filthy thing that a prostitute would wear, that some night club woman will wear because clothes is identification. And if she wants to wear that kind of clothes and then put on a long dress over it and looking like a Christian outside, but it's a night club woman inside, then she is false. That she is projecting one thing but living something else. And she is secretly admiring herself and it shows where her real thoughts are. That when she puts on...because she has to put on that garment first before the other garment. And when she puts on her first garment, she can see herself and she likes that garment. And when she sees herself in that garment and looks at her body in that garment, the parts that she exposes in that garment, it shows where her thoughts really are. And she is not wife material yet because her thought are not for a wife. Her thoughts are more to seduce a man, and excite a man and attract a man to a certain part of her body. She needs to get her thinking filtered. She needs to get a holy man's taste down in her soul. She needs to get something that could circumcise her from that and purge that thing from her.

Let's pray. Whatever it takes to be closer drawn to you, Lord, that's what I'll be willing to do. Gracious Father, speaking this tonight, as a Scripture reading a little Bible study. Take it in this manner to the church, because we created such an atmosphere of a family in a home where we could just talk tonight. Rather than preach at them, fellowship with them and try to instruct them and guide their thoughts into deeper things that would cause us to have an excellent spirit. And Lord, be able to know how to represent You as we grow in values, true values be cultivated into a life that is enriched into the virtues of Jesus Christ, to have the character of God.

Gracious God, tonight, I believe You touched my heart deeply Father, with this story. And you touched the heart deeply of others, Father. Lord, when we see character like this, how can we make excuses? These were people without the Holy Ghost, Father. They lived under a covenant of the blood of bulls and goats. They lived when they only had one birth. Dear God, here we live in the Ephesians today, when there is a new birth to come in here. Not the shadow but the anti-type, the reality, the substance. Dear God, to show that there is going to be a people that will manifest these things.

I pray, tonight, Father, that we will truly be men like that, parents like that, Father. We'll have character like that. We will try to raise our children in these godly principles. And as children we would like to obey our parents with godly influence and have that type of relationship with our parents. And have confidence in them because of the influence they exerted and how we know they are transparent, Lord, to be real godly parents, parents in the Lord that we can obey. And be inspired and motivated by their stand for You and their commitment and conviction to stand for Your principles. That it could strengthen the faith in our hearts to stand too, that together we could please You, Who is our God. And Who gave Your Life and Who Lord gave Your only begotten Son as a burnt offering for us and who denied His very own will to obey the will of the Father.

Now is our time, bride time, bride form, this mystery repeated again, Father, in this Ephesians when we are restored back to the land of the fathers in this Joshua commission in the last days. Dear God, make these things a reality and bless us. We want to live the way You want us to live. Whatever it takes tonight, Father.

Help that young man. Help that young woman, Father. They might feel challenged, tonight. The devil might try to make it look like a hard thing serving God. So many might not understand, they try to think that you are saying that they are not going to get married. And they are just going to try to apply it literally that way to themselves and it is going to be something else. Take away all scare from them. Let the love bathe down in their hearts. Give them confidence. And when they could love you and be closer drawn to you, they will see nothing is too hard for you.

Like the Prophet, they would say, 'if I had a million lives I would give them all to you. And if at the end you tell me, go to hell that's my portion. I'll say, thank You, Jesus. At least He let me live like a Christian for a season and truly it's the best way to live. And I certainly did enjoy living in Your presence. And if you know, hell is what I deserve, then whom am I to argue. I'm just some dust and ashes at the side that You showed some interest in. And that was more than I was even worth, even in a million lives.

Oh God, take us a little higher, tonight. Draw us a little closer. Take us a little deeper, Father. That truly oh God, our Christianity wouldn't be trying to obey some commandment, some fear, some self righteous spirit, some self centered life, some hypocritical pretensive thing, some double standard Lord, but in godly sincerity and Truth, from the inside of the inside with love for You Jesus, for one another. May You grant it, Lord. Give strength tonight, break every fetter in our lives. Take away every evil thing, Father. Draw us close to You.

We have the meetings coming up weekend. It would be so good tonight, Lord, that every hindrance be removed. That You could take Your servant and make him a blessing to us and make us a blessing to him. When he'll leave this place, he will leave with an influence to go back to his church. And what he brings to us that you would have for us, we could receive it and be closer drawn to you also. Oh God, may You grant it, tonight.

If there be strangers and visitors in our gates help them, Father. Let this great love that the world does not know, let it be shed abroad in their hearts by Your Holy Spirit. Would You do that, Father. May You grant it, tonight?

Oh God, we have failed You so many times. Yet You've been so true to us. We have disappointed You so many times. We have failed to live the expectations, when we could have but because of selfishness and self centeredness, we put ourselves first only to see it end up in failure. Then we regretted that we didn't do that. But that is what we are and You wanted to show us what we are, Lord.

And You look for repentance and You look for confession. Lord, we confess, tonight. We repent, Lord. Take away every negative thing, every selfish thing, tonight. Circumcise us, tonight. Make us You prisoners, Your love slaves, Father. Send down Your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Fill us, oh God. Let Your beauty shine in and through us. Grant it, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it for Your honour and for Your glory, amen.

And whatever it takes For my will to break That's what... That's what I'll be willing To do. Did you hear that voice tonight, that voice calling you? Oh from an old rugged tree

And it whispers...whispering softly in the ear in your heart.

Draw closer...Would you do that tonight? Would you draw closer to Him? This world that you get joined up to and get married to, and get defiled by, leave this world far behind. Don't let this world rob you of your virginity. There are new heights...climb to the mountains and bewail your virginity...you will not give in to the world.

And a new place...in me You'll find.

Oh lift your hands and sing

Whatever it takes...if you mean it that is.

We are that virgin daughter of Jephthah. He, Who has the key is Jesus. He is our Jephthah. He is the One Who delivers and opens and liberates. He wants a virgin daughter, a virgin bride.

I'll be willing.

Even as our heavenly Father has raised us. Leave this world...

And whatever it takes for

my will to break...

Give it up, tonight. Give it up, tonight. Make your confession. That's what I'll be willing to do.

I'll trade sunshine for rain...That's what Jephthah's daughter did.

...comfort for pain, oh that's what...

that's what I'll be willing to do. Oh mean that, tonight.

And whatever it takes

For my will to break

That's what I'll be willing to do

I marked the spot tonight, Father.

Take the dearest thing...if that's how it must be. You came out of the doors of your home, tonight, to meet the heavenly Father in service. You thought you were going to dance and sing but You heard the Word that came from His mouth. But like Jephthah's daughter, she said, 'Father, I came to dance and sing but I surrender to You, Father'. Oh, let the disappointments come Let the disappointments come Lonely days, oh how she had it but God gave her comfort. Lonely days without the sun If in sorrow... If in sorrow more like You, I'll become.

Let's sing the next verse. Take my houses... Take my lands, tonight...Oh I had many dreams But take my dreams, Lord. And my plans for I'm placing My whole life in Your hands Your hands, Jesus; in Your nail scarred hands, tonight. If you call me someday...call me today to a land faraway Then I'll go and Your will obey.

Oh let's lift our hand to Him...

And whatever it takes, tonight.

In deadness of sincerity, knowing that He knows our every thought; He knows the inside of the inside. With all sincerity, we mean it, tonight.

... to draw closer

All the way to the back, in the mother's room, wherever you might be tonight, that's what...

*That's what...*God changed around the service supernaturally, tonight. You saw that for your own self. We didn't plan that.

And whatever it takes For my will to break That's what – that's what... I'll be willing to do.

I'll make my confession too.

O, I'll trade sunshine for rain. If I'm going to have dark days from here, with You in my life, Jesus, everything will be alright. You will work all things together for good. You'll work it out to victory. I trust you, Lord because I know the love that You loved

me with. It's more than I could ever love You, more than I could ever know.

And whatever it takes, for my will To break That's what, I'll be willing To do.

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