

The Dreamer

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B.H. Clendennen's sermon 'The Dreamer' explores the significance of faith and perseverance through trials, using Joseph's life as a model for spiritual growth and commitment to God's will.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher reflects on the increasing knowledge and advancements in the world, particularly in the field of science. However, he observes that religious dreamers are still held in contempt and are often overlooked because they are not focused on entertainment and pleasure. The preacher emphasizes the importance of finding joy and fulfillment in the presence of Christ, rather than being consumed by worldly desires. He also highlights the need for Christians to live out their faith and be a living testimony of the resurrected Christ, so that others may see and believe.

Transcript

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We were here on a Tuesday night for a very wonderful time. And I was so blessed to be here this morning with a message of our pastor. And on the way up I just prayed a very short prayer.

And my prayer was that Dr. Wilkerson would be here this time and he was. I'm so thrilled to be with this wonderful man, friend that I've known a very long time. You know with preachers you can have great trust, confidence and love one another.

But the way it is you may not see each other for every 25 years. That's just the way it works with ministry. But he's always been one of the real favorite folks.

I've kept up with him, his prophecies, his books down through the years. And what a privilege it is to be here. And I look at this church, this second time that I've been here.

But I knew about it long before. I heard him when he first was coming here. God had told him to come back.

And I remember well, he said, I don't want to go back so anybody else can go. But I come and the miracle of this church here right in the heart of this city. I had a little layover in Houston.

I flew to Houston and had a little layover. And there's a young lady sitting there by me. And I had to make a little trip.

And they said, don't ever leave your bags with strangers. So I said, what's your name ma'am? She was about 20. She said, Amy.

I said, I'm Bert. If you know each other's first name, you're not strangers, would you please watch my bag? She did. And so when I came back, I began to talk to her.

And she said, are you from New York? I said, no, I'm going. Well, she had been working in Houston for a month. She worked some financial something and was coming back.

And she said, what are you going to do in New York? I said, I'm going to preach in the Times Square Church. Oh, she said, I've heard of that church. I said, very few people on this earth have not heard of this church one way or another.

But you know, every work of God that's truly of God was inside of a man before there's ever any evidence of it anywhere. Always. It's always been birthed in the heart of that man before he ever come.

And how wonderful that is. All of the power, everything is there in that man when he comes. Moses went back to Egypt.

He had no plans just to do what he's told. That's how he delivered three million people. And I look at this church.

I'm always blessed. You know, this could not be. It's just impossible in the heart of the city where it is for this kind of a church.

But it's here by the grace of God. Yes. I've learned in 53 years of preaching this gospel that for a man or a woman to be in union with the will of God is to be in union with God himself.

The only thing I've ever had to know in my life was what God wanted me to do. The rest of it was his responsibility. I heard Pastor David say today that I don't know the birthday, but he said this was 20 years of this great church.

Well, tomorrow is the 14th birthday of the school of Christ. I moved to Russia at that time. I went to talk to the you know, the Bible said don't tell it to get, you know, that just means don't share it with the wrong people.

I found out what that meant. I went to talk with the folks of the organization about going. They said, you're too old.

I just turned 70 and they said, you're too old. I said, I'm sorry, but Moses was 10 years older than me before he got to the purpose of life. I said, God's been educating me now all these years for what I was called to do in life.

And I said, took Moses 80 years to get there. I take it it's 70. But you know, 14 years ago tomorrow, actually tomorrow, the second day of October, the first school of 120 students came into that school.

And now 14 years later, 131 countries and about \$20 million. We're there tonight, all in the will of God. I had no money when it started.

I have no money tonight. I don't know where it all come from, but it come. Money has never been an issue.

Never. I've always said if it's his will, then he'll make a way. When he ceases to make a way, I'll cease going.

I learned that from one of the great missionaries of all time. He was a missionary to inland China. And at one time when the works seemed to be falling apart, he wrote his sister Alice.

And he said to her, it looks like the whole thing's coming apart. But said it's his church. And if he's through with it, so am I. You'll never have ulcers if you live that way.

If you live in the will of God. It's such a privilege to be here with you tonight. Talking here, this is the youth service, I understand.

I look at this beautiful choir. Always blessed. If I could come here and be the youth pastor, I'd come with pastor tomorrow.

Amen. To see young people called to God. Tells me God hasn't given up on the human race.

No matter how dark it may look. To look at these beautiful young people up here. I said there's still a great hope for this world.

And you know as I looked at them. Singing, worshiping. And the pastor had those to hold their hands up that were 30 or under.

And I look back to Moses. That first generation of Egyptians refused to cross that river. God turned them back to a wilderness to die.

Though they'd lost every opportunity with God. Yet God used them to breed a generation that would cross that river. In 53 years of preaching.

I've watched the church become other than what God intended as a whole. But in all of that time. He's bred a generation that will cross that river.

Oh hallelujah. They will cross that river. Somebody from my generation has to help them across.

So he's left Dr. Wilkerson and I here to help you get across that river. Amen. Somebody has to help you get over there.

So tonight I'm going to read from the 37th chapter of the book of Genesis in verse 19. I come here. I didn't know whether pastor wanted me to preach all day one time or come listen.

It really didn't matter. I just was glad to come. But I knew if I preached at this time what I was going to preach.

My message, the dreamer. Reading from Genesis chapter 37 and verse 19. Chapter 37 and verse 19.

And they said, this is the older sons of Jacob. And they said one to another. Behold this dreamer cometh.

Father I thank you tonight. For the wonderful time we've had today. For the message this morning.

For the spirit of the Lord. The wonderful blessing to my heart. I came here.

You knew needing to hear what I heard today. Now if you'll help me to speak this word. I'll be ever so grateful.

In the name of Jesus. Amen. Joseph, the greatest type of the Lord Jesus Christ found in the Old Testament.

He was somewhere around 17 years old when God gave him the vision of his life. He was a younger son of Jacob. Always at that time.

He's like grandchildren. You know grandchildren. My son has two sons.

And when they were growing up. They're both grown now and have families. But when they were growing up I had them in my home a lot.

And my son said to me one time. He said you let these boys get away with what you'd have killed me for. And I said I know.

But I want you to correct them when you get them home now. You straighten them out. They're like grandchildren.

And so it was different with Joseph. He was a child of the old man Jacob. And it was a little different with him.

Joseph dreamed a dream. And in that dream he saw the plan and purpose of God unfolded. 17 years old.

God spoke the word to him. We have no record. He may have.

But we have no record that he ever spoke it again. He told him one time. Then for 13 years.

You know he spent 10 years a slave. Three years in a dungeon. All of the while the Bible said.

He was being tested by the word of God. Our message this morning. What a wonderful profound truth.

All of that has to be tested. God has to know. What I'm going to do with what he's given me.

God not only is careful about giving. Simply because it's valuable. But he must know what I'm going to do with it.

When he gives it. So the Bible says in the 115th Psalm. Or 105 I believe it is.

That he sent a man before them. Even Joseph. Whose feet they laid in iron.

The margin of a good Bible says. Iron came into his soul. For those years that he was there. God was testing him. Being tried by the word of God. We never test the word of God. It tests us. And everything depends upon whether we believe it or not. Everything. Faith is not positive thinking. Faith is simply living what I believe. Every day of my life. All along this road. No matter what comes. What goes. It isn't positive confession. It isn't positive living. It is simply living every day. What I believe. Those three Hebrew children brought the second time. Before Nebuchadnezzar. He said if you'll bow. You won't burn if you don't. Who will stop it? Their faith never kept them from burning. They said we don't know whether we'll burn or not. But we know we won't bow. We're going to live God's life. Regardless whether we live or die. That is what faith is all about. And here's Joseph. For those 13 long years. God had given him a dream. He made the mistake of sharing his dream. With his older brothers. That's the carnal religious people. He made the mistake. Don't tell it in gap. Don't tell a lot of people. God speaks to the heart. Let it become a reality. Before you talk too much. About what's going to happen. He made the mistake of sharing that dream. Later his father sent him into the field. You know. With some things for his brothers. And when his brothers saw Joseph. They said. Behold this dreamer cometh. Now these words were meant. To be a reproach. To the man. That God has laid his hands upon. Behold. The dreamer. That was meant to be a reproach. Now this dreamer talks of saving the whole world. You understand what God. Had put in that young man's heart. At 17 years old. Was going to save civilization. Mostly of what it was known at that time. A famine was coming. And Joseph. Was going to be the preserver. He was gone. They had enough problems within themselves. They wanted to hear nothing of this dreamers. These brothers were men of action. They were practical men. They knew every situation of life. They must see the end from the beginning. And they wanted to hear nothing. Of this dreamer. Now the word. When Joseph the dreamer was referred to. As the man. Not a man.

Which meant. That he was one of the great representative men. Of this bible.

There you have so much truth. That is brought to us. He ruled Egypt for 50 years.

One of the great great men. Second only. The bible says the pharaoh.

But most of the time. Pharaoh was second to him. I have been to Egypt.

I have taught the school. We brought them. We have the school in most every Muslim country.

On the world. I get sometimes 3000 dollars a month. Support out of Iran itself.

Those students there. But I brought them. Into Egypt.

And I had a startling discovery. They may hate Jews folks. But I am telling you.

There was a man named Joseph. He made an impact. Upon that world.

Make no mistake about it. I had 56 of them. And 5 of them was named Joseph.

In the school that I had there. At that time. Now these brothers.

That he shared it with. Were men of action. They were practical.

They must see the end from the beginning. Everything was in this world. Now they were like most religious people.

They loved God. But because they did not want to go to hell. That is the only reason.

The alternative was better. And that their only interest in it. There was no interest in spiritual things.

They were religious. But their prime interest. Was in this world.

You know in the compartment. Or in the tabernacle that Moses built. There were two tabernacles.

Or two compartments. There was a holy place. Where the priest came.

The holiest of all. Behind that veil. That the high priest only went once a year.

And not without blood. He was allowed to go in. Make the offering.

And come back out. Paul said. That that veil said the way.

In was not open. But when Christ died. That veil was ripped from top to the bottom.

And the way. Into the sanctuary of God. The holiest of all.

Where Christ as a high priest. Was opened up. For all.

God said. That we could walk in. But most of the church.

Has never got beyond the holy place. They've come in. Found an altar.

Found forgiveness. But never walked through that veil. How do I know? Because they've got to be entertained.

They've got to have things for pleasure. But in that presence. There's fullness of joy.

In Christ's presence. Young people. There's nothing else needed on this earth.

Pleasure forevermore. To live in there. I've watched preachers.

Could watch a football game. For four hours. Couldn't spend 15 minutes in a prayer meeting.

Their whole life. Was token. Of what they were.

Where their heart is. Is where you're going to go. But in that place.

In that holy place. They weren't interested. The objective of these older brothers lives.

Could be defined without any. Imagination whatsoever. The first consideration.

In any matter. Whether it be church. Or work.

What's in the thing for me. That was the whole consideration. We have created.

A generation of mere consumers. Parasites of the few. That come to church.

Not to give. But to get. And I'm not talking about money.

That's the least of it all. I'm talking about. Ourselves.

Listen to me. They depended upon their shrewd dealing. A little luck.

To keep them in bread and butter. God did not enter. Into that part of their life.

That was nothing. They were religious. They have been raised Baptist.

Methodist. Assembly of God. Pentecostal.

Nobody can accuse them of being an atheist. They've been Pentecostal. All of their lives.

They've always been church members. All reference. Listen.

All reference to matters concerning God. Conscience. Eternity.

Could be settled by the simple statement. We're the sons of Jacob. Every single issue of spirituality.

Does that sound familiar today? Their whole life. Was summed up in those words. Three things.

I've noticed about these boys. That brought them in line with much. Of the religious thinking of our day.

We must know what we're up against. We must know what we face. But we must know that ultimately.

It all belongs to us. If we'll walk with God. And be faithful.

One. One. Of the things I've noticed about those.

And much of religion today. Was their utter contempt. For the dream in Joseph.
Their utter contempt. For the dream in Joseph. These sons of Jacob.
Have clearly defined. Ideas about religion. They have it figured out.
They know. To them religion was a private matter. And it must at all times.
Be kept separate. From business and pleasure. We've heard that today.
Of the separation. Of the carnal. Of the natural and the spiritual.
But God bought me. Body, soul and spirit. Everything about us.
Belongs to God. Not a matter. A part of me is this.
And part is that. We belong to God. The way into that holiest of all.
That new and living way. Opened up by Christ. Is a matter.
It costs everything. To live in that presence. Nothing of this flesh.
Has any place in that place. To them the matter of religion. Under no circumstances.
Should a man's religion be allowed. To affect his politics. I've been told that so much.
He must be perfectly free. To believe one thing. And vote the opposite.
Doesn't matter. I don't allow my business matters. To come into my religion.
The second thing. Is a supreme confidence. In their natural ability.
To cope with life. That has become. I've watched the church today.
The purpose driven. The user friendly. All of the things that we have today.
That have become idolatrous tools. That have come in the way of Christ. The only effectiveness.
This church has had upon New York. Is a measure of Christ. That we've brought to the city.
Just a measure of the effectiveness. Of one life. Or a corporate life.
All of it. In the measure of Christ that I bring. I live in a neighborhood.
How much Christ do I bring to that neighborhood. I do business in stores. And ride airplanes.
What measure of Christ. Do I bring to that airplane. The whole of life.
Rests in that one and only thing. Those sons of Jacob. They were the first purpose driven.
Church on this earth. To them the Holy Spirit was a luxury. Amen.
Was a luxury. Not an expedient. There was something being nice to have.

If you'd like to have it. Their only concern. Was to how to make that system grow.
Nothing else. The idolatry. A great friend of mine started the church.
About four years ago. I was with him after two years. He had about a hundred people.
And I stayed in his home. And he was saying to me. I don't understand.
Why this church don't grow. I said I've noticed quite a growth in the church myself. Why is it only have ten more people.
Than when you were here the last time. I said you're talking about addition. Not growth.
Eleven year old girl. Can have a baby. But she can't be a mother.
A church has to grow. Spiritually. If God's going to give them children.
See we've mistaken. The matter we've turned the church into a circus. A church in New Orleans.
Has a band from the nightclub. A different one every Sunday. To play and sing in that church.
They can't get the people in there. Man said how do you account for that. I said they don't have to pay to him at the church.
Have to pay at the pub. That's the only difference. But they said one Sunday morning.
The man goes there said. They asked what you want us to sing. They said your cheating heart.
Is going to show up on you. Something else. This is a thing.
The church has become a circus. To attract people. But with no change in their lives.
All this can produce is Ishmael's. Never an Isaac. Only Christ can change a man's life.
And when the sinner. Is no longer Christ. Is no longer church.
He's not a God of the dead. He's a God of the living. And if that church is not a living thing.
Then it's not his church. It's just a religious debating society. No matter how true it is.
To what it preaches. As far as what it says. Our churches overflow with people.
That are mere consumers. Instead of having to learn. Having learned to pray.
The ecclesiastical parasite. Becomes satisfied being prayed for. This is a whole thing.
We go to church to be prayed for. We don't need so much. Churches calling prayer meetings.
As we do Christians that pray. People if that's their life. Amen.
This becomes the history. Of their lives. To communicate with God.
His transaction. With the eternal. Are affected by commission.

Amen. All along. His work for Christ.
Is done. By paid clergy. His whole life.
Is a prolonged indulgence. In the bounties of the church. Wise men search.
To see. Whether what I'm saying. Whether Dr. Wilson says.
Or our pastor says. Is true or not. It's always Jesus said.
Search the scriptures. Find out. If what we're hearing.
Is the truth or not. But that's not the truth of our time. When a person loses.
His quest for truth. He loses truth itself. When that love for truth is lost.
Then you have lost truth. There's no hope at that point in time. Preaching that does not make you search.
Is not the gospel preaching. If it doesn't stir that heart. To make us look deeper.
Then that's not gospel preaching. These sons of Jacob. Hated everything.
That was spiritual. Should you ask Reuben. How is it with your soul? His reply would have been very quickly.
I'm the oldest son of Jacob. I've been a charter member of this church. Longer son than you've been alive.
Then you question me. About my spirituality. I was sick.
One morning. Sunday morning. Very ill.
I couldn't go to church. I had. I just couldn't go.
But I turned on the television. Methodist broadcast. Methodist church.
And the preacher. Was preaching. And in the message he said.
I was in a church. And he said in New York. I'm sure it wasn't Times Square.
But he said he was here in New York. And he said. I preached that morning.
When I was. At the back door shaking hands. A lady come by.
And asked me the question. Have you been born again? And I said to her. Ma'am.
I'm a graduate of three universities. How dare you. To ask me if I've been born again.
That's pretty well where it's come to folks. We don't believe. In Darwinian evolution.
But we do believe in spiritual evolution. We somehow taught men. You can grow into this life.
You must be born again. To be born again. Not joining the church.
Not being baptized. It is being raised from the dead. I'm no 57 years ago.

I was raised from the dead. I went into that church at 730. One thing.
I come out at 930 something else. And for 57 years. I've never had any desire for that back there.
I saw Christ in that moment. Everything changed. Everything was different.
The whole attitude of life. What I loved. I hated.
What I hated. I love. I have met the Christ.
And everything from that moment was changed. I was in. In New Jersey in January.
And they wanted me to preach to a. Rehabilitation house. Drug addict. They had about 60 or 70 there.
Nine month program. And it was. They average about 15 percent.
Staying through it. Most of them. But he stayed for because.
There are a lot of people on the bed and something to eat. I think it was. But I prayed much.
They wanted me to preach in it. The church sponsored it. Well, when I got there, I knew they weren't saved.
The way the thing was run. I just knew what was going on. They're all outside.
Amen. The smoke. And I'm not saying that not somebody born again.
That hadn't got over something yet. I'm just saying. That's attitude.
The whole thing. The man that run it was the same. But I. Charity believes all things.
Not prayed much about what. What will I say to these people here? What will I say to them? Well, our first thing I said. How many of you have been born again? Every hand was raised.
Well, charity believes everything. I knew better. But I acted on the assumption they were.
I said. Then let me tell you something. I've come here to tell you the secret of it all.
That new creature. Had never had a needle in his arm. Is never stole the tithe.
Never fornicated the first time. That new creation was created in righteousness and true holiness. It was born delivered.
Translated. From the kingdom of darkness. Into the kingdom of God's dear son.
And by one spirit. You've been placed into Christ. In him is life.
And no darkness at all. There are. There are.
No demons in this place. In that new creation. And I said.
There has never been. But I said. It says in the book of Hebrew.
If you're mindful. Of where you come from. You'll go back.

And if you set here. Dreaming of that needle. You'll have it pick it up again.
But if you set your affections. On things above. Oh hallelujah.
That's the miracle of the new birth. That's the miracle. We played that down.
To something other. The greatest. Of the two great pillars.
Upon which Christianity stands. Is the greatness of that fall. And the greatness of redemption.
When God created man. He created him. In the image of himself.
God could see mirrored in Adam. Father. Son.
And Holy Ghost. He could see himself. But in the fall.
That image was lost. In the fall. Man outwardly.
Took on the form of a beast. Inwardly. The nature of Satan.
That's what man become. In his natural state. And to be redeemed.
Is the restoration. Of that image. When a man.
When a man is born again. By one spirit. As he placed into Christ.
There's a growth. Of that spirit. For the image of Christ.
But it is the Christ that is there. Amen. When that man's born again.
That image has been restored. And if it is not restored. Then the man is just religious.
He's not a born again believer. We have made the new birth. Something.
Of what man can do. We've not taught it. By insinuation.
The church as a whole. Has made men believe. That if you'll give God.
An hour and a half on a Sunday morning. Everything will be alright. We haven't preached that.
But yet we've lived it. Man don't come to church Sunday morning. Get a phone call.
Personal visit. Card. Something else.
May miss the prayer meeting. Nobody calls him. And over time.
He comes to believe. That all I've got to do to make it. Is give God an hour and a half.
On a Sunday morning. That's a tragedy. Of our time.
Amen. Our churches overflow with people. Of just mere consumers.
Amen. When a person. Loses that.

Desire for truth. He lose it all. Now these sons.
Of Jacob. Hated everything spiritual. The older sons of Jacob.
And their spiritual. These older sons of Jacob. And their spiritual counterpart.
Have an utter contempt. For the spiritual. You know it's a sad thing.
I believe it was Mr. Tozer said. That not one person in a thousand. Really want to talk about the person of God.
Most preachers want to talk about. What they're doing. What they're going to do.
It's possible like in Ephesus. To fall in love with the work. And lose out with Christ.
They left their first love. Which is Christ. They had great works.
But that had become the focus. Of their life. Instead of the outworking.
Of a knowledge of Christ. Their thought was. This boy Joseph.
Is moving beyond the Sunday school lesson. They weren't interested. Joseph had gone beyond.
The bumper stick of religion. He's heard from heaven. He's heard from God.
And now what he believes. Demands something out of man. Instead of going to church.
On a Sunday morning. God had spoken to him. And they didn't want to hear.
What he had to say. Strange indeed. That in the field of science.
Men are witnessing. Their wildest dreams come true. Have you ever in your life.
My son. Give me a computer. Here five six years ago.
Give me a little notebook computer. Nicest little thing. I was fixing to go.
To Sweden. For a meeting. And I asked him.
I said. Do I have to have. A transformer for this computer.
He said. Not unless it's an antique. I said.
What do you mean? That was four or five years old. It'll have to have a transformer. At that time.
See things become antiques. In a year and a half. I was a boy.
Growing up in America. Knowledge doubled every 75 years. Now every two and a half months.
Knowledge has increased. We are witness. The world out there.
Some of the wildest dreams come true. But the religious dreamers. Still held in contempt.
Still held in contempt. The man who can see beyond the carnal. Church growth programs.

Is referred to. As a mystic. All along the line.
These sons of Jacob. Surely have their counterpart. In the religious world today.
They have all the answers. In the book. Chapter and verse.
They can call it up. They can go there. With a mind and head.
But they're woefully ignorant. Of this most wonderful truth. That religion in the book.
Is of absolutely no value. Unless translated into life. I must become what I believe.
Or there's nothing to what I believe. Paul said. It pleased God.
To reveal his son in me. Why? That I might preach it. That just simply says.
This generation of young people. Maybe one of the most brilliant. Young people generation.
Ever to come. They don't relate to the abstract. There must be the living testimony.
There must be. What I say I must be. I must be the Christian that I proclaim.
A Christian. Is a human addition. Of the divine Christ.
To be a walking living. Incarnation. Of the life of God.
Men ought to be set. Able to sit among us. And leave knowing that Christ is alive.
By the very life. We live in what we are. Ought to be a testimony.
Of the resurrection. Of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now.
They have all the answers. Point of book. But it's no value.
It's not merely to be expressed verbally. Truth. Must become a living form.
When Paul said to the. To the Galatian church. He said.
He's calling them saying. So we know they're Christians. But yet he says.
He was going to prevail. Prevail and believe God. Till Christ be formed.
Within them. Now what he was saying. Christ is in you.
You know him. You think he's got to have help. Your whole problem.
You're trying to help him. Simply because you've never seen him. For what he is.
You've been born again. He called him saints. But he said you need Christ to be formed in you.
To know that everything that pertains to life. And Godliness. Is in the knowledge of that Christ.
Everything. What a tragedy. I said what a tragedy.

A generation of people that believe. If they know what Paul knows. They have what Paul has.
But I've watched the church being guilty. Over my life. I never realized it.
Till God made me know. Dig up a new pearl every week. For that church.
Oh yes. I'm being excited. I preach.
I buck. Jump. Run.
They buck and jump with me. But Monday. None of us bought it.
We're the same. I got all excited about that pearl every week. But never bought it.
Cost everything to buy that pearl. You can be happy about finding it. But it means nothing unless you buy it.
No. No. I've seen churches go through that every Sunday.
That pastor dig up an exciting sermon. Everybody get happy about it. But Monday.
You know they never bought it. Because exactly like they was before they heard it. Amen.
God's desire. Is not merely to be expressed verbally. Truth must become a living form.
God's Christ walked this earth. As a living word of God. You see.
The word of God is an act. When spoken. When that word is spoken.
By Holy Ghost filled people. Then it's not just words. It becomes an act.
I give this testimony. All over. I was in Lafayette, Louisiana.
Had a tent put up. It's 120 miles from home. I drove every night.
The first night. A man came in. With his eyes.
Black patches on his eyes. Covered up. His wife led him in.
I didn't know what's the matter with him. But after. Praying for the lost.
We begin to pray for those that were ill. And needed help. And as he come across that platform.
I intended to say Jesus heal him. But out of my mouth. I said you'll see in the morning.
Just like that. Oh I said. Why did I say that? You know that devil jumped right on my shoulder.
Why did I say that? I drove 120 miles. And every roll of them wheels. That devil said to me.
Spoden he don't see. Well I got home. I heard all I wanted.
I said Spoden he does. He left me alone. I went to sleep.
I got there the next night. I'm sitting on that platform watching. When that car come around.

He's driving. Oh I said. I got that devil inside.

We got that service started. I said sir. You that was here last night.

Would you come up here? He came up. I said what's your name? Charles Arnold. Where are you from? New Iberia, Louisiana.

About a half an hour down the road. I said you come across this platform last night. You have black patches on your eye.

What's wrong with you? I'm a mud engineer. And in an acid explosion. My eyes were destroyed.

They had to take them out. I come across this platform. With no eyes last night.

I woke up this morning with these brown eyes. Twenty twenty vision. Do you know what? See that wasn't me.

God said that. In spite of me. But I believe he said to me.

If you walk and live like I tell you. If you walk in the spirit. Your words will not be words.

They'll be deeds. What you speak will be a reality. This is the word of God.

This is what God wants. That word to be an act. Not just words we say.

Me and argue the difference between the Ramah and the Logos. When actually there is no difference. The one intrudes on the other.

And the other intrudes on the first. They become what? The Logos means the word is a person. And the Ramah means the person is the word.

Amen. The whole thing centers in Christ. Let Christ live.

And we found the answer to every problem. Of the church of the living God. God never intended me.

As a preacher to merely know truth. He intended that I become the truth. All over this world.

We've carried this gospel. At school of Christ. In 120 countries of this.

130 countries of this world. Everywhere those students. I've said to them.

The purpose of God. If you make a man. Make a woman pregnant.

With the life of God. Send them anywhere on this planet. If they'll birth that life.

There'll be a church. You see life doesn't come out of the church. The church comes out of life.

Birth that life. And the church will be born. We saw that over and over.

Across this earth. Now. The sons of Jacob.

Could not see the unfolding purposes of God. In the times in which they live. They believe God was confined to heaven.

And could be manipulated by men. That's pretty well the description of our time. The modern sons of Jacob.

Totally ignore the fact. That when a man is born again. He becomes a spirit being thin.

Not tomorrow. But at that moment. He becomes a spiritual being.

In the likeness of God. God never come down here. To pull me down.

But to lift me up. Where he is. The whole purpose of God.

This is the whole truth. God wants. He is a new creature.

Created in righteousness and true holiness. He cannot be psychoanalyzed. Or categorized.

By the temperaments of astrology. That just won't work. Today.

Pentecostal churches. Are testing their preachers. To see whether God.

Made a mistake in his call. And in the test. They use.

Some of these astrological temperaments. But they give them a test. A man took the test.

He said about five pages. And it wasn't questions. That the man one and one make two.

They had questions. That different answers could come. To fit the personality.

He said when I filled it out. They said you've got the gift to heal it. How wonderful.

I thought the Holy Ghost distributed that. But it comes. It comes differently now.

All of that's the reason it's such a mess with it. I said that's the reason it won't work. His men have bypassed God.

We're the vessels. We've been lost to the sons of Jacob. We've had enough though.

Of these older sons of Jacob. With their creed sterile doctrine. It's well that the future of the church.

Does not rest. In the hands of those. Thank God.

I said thank God it doesn't rest. In the hands of that crowd. There's a remnant.

Upon which the future dwells. There is a church. Amen.

The pastor said brother Wilkins. That he will have a church. He has a church.

It doesn't matter what it looks like. There's always been the Hannah's. And the Simeon's.

That through 400 years of darkness. They never ceased to look. For the reality of God.

Always there is that remnant. It may not look like it at the moment. But I can assure you.

That when the cup of iniquity is full. It'll turn around. And the hand of God will be seen.

The younger son Joseph was a dreamer. He saw the harsh realities of life. Like his older brothers. He wasn't immune. As a pastor said this morning. To the difficulties. There's been times. Here just a little over a year ago. I come into India out of Africa. They took my bags. Baggage locked me up. Amen. I don't know why they took everything away. I don't know why they locked me up. Put me in the filthiest place. I know it looked like a hilt in Nepal. But it was a filthy place. And as I walk. I've been praying. That prayer found in the book of Philippians. That I might know him. He said do you still want to know me? When they clanged that thing behind me. Do you still want to know me? Well when I finally got out. I got a congressman to find what was going on. They had me tabbed as a terrorist. Oh it's a miracle I ever got out there. You know how it's been for God. I had on my passport. That he is a potential terrorist. Amen. But you know what I'm saying is. I didn't know why I'm there. There's a lot of things like the pastor said this morning. That you don't know why you're there. But don't doubt. Don't disbelieve. Just know I'll never leave you nor forsake you. Doesn't matter what's in that den. Wherever it is. I will be there. That's the whole key of life. I've learned that. And I pray. I sat in Jakarta. Just not too many months ago. And it was a time that depicted Mohammed. With a bomb on his head. And the whole world of Islam. Was going crazy. You wouldn't want to be in Jakarta. Unless you knew it's the will of God. Sitting on the front seat. Prayer meeting 6 to 7. Then began the day. I'm sitting there praying agonizing. Oh God. Please God. If they leave one or two. They'll kill them or lock them up. But I said if we could see thousands. Slip into this kingdom at one time. We'd overwhelm the darkness. And God said to me. If I answer your prayer. You'll probably not live. To leave this country. I didn't jump up and say I'm willing. But I knew what he was saying. I somehow. Had come to my Gethsemane. You see he learned obedience. By the things he suffered. In Gethsemane. When he chose to die. His will was perfected. Then God everything's clear. Well I knew somehow. I'd come to a little part of that. That moment.

I knew he was saying to me. Are you willing. Would you give your life.
That this billion souls that I died for. I could hear this gospel. Well I'm no hero.
I'll grant you that. I said Lord if you make me. I thought it had come.
They wept on me so hard. My coat was wet. Men were in that floor.
I've never heard such groaning. I'm listening for him out there. What mean of this is surely the crowd.
Is going to come in a minute. I thought he did really come. I just realized that this is what I just prayed.
I may not live to get out. But here it is. I never came at that moment.
But I left there knowing this. Why would God have said that to me. What happened.
We just put this in the language of Bang. Of the Bangladesh. 200 million people speak that language.
I'm going to be there in a little while. For three weeks across three different places. A week at a time.
With those leaders. And put that school. Put that school into their hands.
In Pakistan unbelievable what God is doing. The reports that we're getting. We had 25 school.
We had 25 students in the school. They run at night on the way. The doctors, he's in the hospital.
They pronounced him dead. The students wouldn't put up with that. They prayed, they prayed, they prayed.
He finished that school. They would not accept that. Listen.
This gospel is a reality. I said this gospel is a reality. Amen.
It mean the younger son was a dreamer. Now I said he saw the harsh realities of life. Just his brother.
He was a real person. He lived on earth. He knew if you stump your toe it will hurt.
He knew that. He knew everything they knew. Joseph saw this but the dreamer saw something else.
Listen to me. Amen. If your vision is a church that caters to human comfort.
Amen. If that's what it's all about. Amen.
Then you've not reached it. But Joseph he saw something else. He saw the hand of God in preparation for the coming crisis.
Amen. He didn't realize but he saw. He saw beyond the trouble.
He saw God. Joseph was real. He saw the storm.
He never one time denied that trouble wasn't coming. Now the modern sons of Jacob sick their heads in the sand. And tell you if you're sick don't admit it.
Doesn't matter whether you admit it or not. Amen. But that's what they tell us.

But he knew what was happening. Mark Twain broke his leg in the Himalayas. Sprained his leg.

Said the only doctor there was a horse doctor. And a Christian scientist practitioner. So he splinted his own leg.

Mark Twain said every day the practitioner told him. Your leg is not broken. You don't have any pain.

After four months Mark Twain was able to walk. And the Christian science practitioner said. You owe me \$400.

Mr. Twain give him an imaginary check. Amen. That's it.

You see Joseph didn't deny trouble is coming. He just prepared for trouble. This morning the pastor said.

His spirit was brooding. Feeling something that's coming. No use in denying folks.

It's coming. We must know it. But he had something to do about it.

Joseph saw the coming crisis. But he saw the provision of God. Oh my.

I said he saw the provision of God. Joseph dreamed a dream. There's still plenty of dreams to dream.

But so few dreamers this day. So few people. That are afraid of the accusations.

Of a dead senile church. Amen. That they're afraid to dream.

And move with God. We've saddled ourselves with a spiritual welfare system. That makes men believe God owes them heaven.

That's pretty well where we are today. I've watched it along for 53 years. It shows us all.

That the fulfillment of his dream would cost him everything. He saw that. Likewise.

If you dream. And dare believe. That there's more to God than set forth.

By these sons of Jacob. You'll have trouble. If you dream.

The religious world is going to crucify you. Oh yes. If you dream.

They're going to crucify you. I speak to the preacher. If your ambition is to live comfortably.

To play by the rules. And be the poster boy for the organization. If you can play the games of religion.

And sleep at night. While 2,000 million perish. And never heard his name.

It'd be better that you was never born. But I also want to speak to the flock. If your vision is a church that caters to human comfort.

And a pastor who has no other interest but you. If the pleasure and comfort of the few. Who sit on the pew of your church.

Is more important than the untold millions. That have never heard. It'd be better.

If you'd never been born. This costs everything. Everything.

Joseph will be cast out by his brothers. Sold into slavery. Lied on by those he helped.

All because of his dream. All because. That he dared to believe that God.

Couldn't be mechanized. That men must know God. Touch God.

That God must be allowed to live in. And through this life. The testimony of his Christ.

Must be the testimony. Of those that walk with God. If we're going to be effective in the world that we live in.

Amen. All along. The presence of this dream in prison.

Will call other prisoners to dream. Always. He's going to affect wherever he is.

No matter where. The present will cause others. By persuading men to follow God's direction.

He saved the known world from starvation. By just simply hearing from heaven. Testament Paul.

Joseph was crucified for Christ. And he went through hell for Christ. Thirteen years.

Ten years a slave. Three years in a dungeon. But he never lost sight of the reality.

He said in that dungeon on a Wednesday at noon. A thousand devils tell him God never talked to you. Never said a word.

If he did you'd never be in this prison. But at noon on a Thursday. He's riding the second chariot to Pharaoh.

And they're saying this is Joseph. Simply because. He would not give up his dream.

He did believe what God told him. He did believe the church was the church. And that that church is a body of Christ.

Would be what Christ was on this earth. Amen. That through them Christ would live.

And do his work. If you choose to walk the path. Of this crucifixion.

There's certain things that will be. Number one. It'll be false.

It'll not be your enemies who do the crucifixion. It'll be your brothers. It'll be made public.

Everybody will know who drove the nails. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. I said Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.

Joseph passed through it all. Rejection. Slavery.

Lies. Dungeon. Loneliness.

But they could not rob him of his dream. They couldn't take that dream away from him. He had something inside of him.

That no matter what it cost. Joseph dreamed a dream. Had a vision.

Had a hope. The dream of the brothers hated. Was a man they went to when they're dying.

It's always that way. We begun in Beaumont. 1956.

50 years ago the first week of November. God gave revival. In the first six months.

We grew to 150 people had come in. God was working wonderful things. 12, 15 people sometimes.

Get the baptism of the Holy Ghost. While we sing the songs. It was a great, great wonderful move of God.

We canvassed the neighborhoods. Amen. A lady just across the corner from where we built the first church.

She let us know she had her religion. And wasn't interested. One night in the great revival.

We had an evangelist and God was working. And I saw her sitting on the front seat. And I went down and sat down by her.

I said so happy to have you here tonight. Well now I just want you to know. I've got my own religion.

I'm just here in a study of religion. I said well you're going to have a study of contrast tonight. It's going to be a little different.

Well it was. The evangelist with that old guitar. This has been 40 something years ago.

Started around there with that guitar singing. That whole crowd come out. In an old fashioned Jericho march.

Singing and praising. People shouting and worshiping God. In a little while I saw her ease out the door.

This is too much. One night. One week later.

My wife and I. Sitting on our couch. In our living room talking. Come a banging screaming on that door.

I opened that door. That woman. That's her.

She just fell in. I drug her in. Set her on the ground.

She's screaming crying. Amen. Said oh please help me.

What kind of help? My daughter this seven years old. They called me today. And when I picked her up blood was coming out of her veins.

We took her to Houston. And she has leukemia in the final stages. Will you pray? Oh she had her religion.

We were the fanatics. But I'm going to tell you when the trouble come. I said when the trouble come.

They look for the dreamers. Call us whatever you want to call us. But when the trouble comes.

I said when the trouble comes. They're going to look for the dreamers. They said that God can do all things.

Where is that hope? Where is that which will be preached? Yes sir. Amen. Joseph passed through it all.

The dreamer the brothers hated was a man that went to for deliverance. When men get in trouble. They don't look for a hippie.

They look for a policeman. He may have been a pig before. But he's a savior now.

Oh yes sir. All of a sudden the world changes. I said all of a sudden the world changes.

Amen. Now I can tell you folks. Amen.

When men are desperate. They look for the man. Whom they've heard to pray.

That knows how to pray. They don't look for a confessor. They look for somebody they've heard groan.

Yes sir. They look for somebody that they've heard groan. When they get in trouble.

They look for the Josephs of this world. They could not take the dreams from Joseph. Thank God for the dreamers of all ages.

The Gideons, the Josephs, the Columbus, the Wright brothers. Dreamers have revolutionized our world. Dreamers are men who are able to see beyond the boundaries.

Drawn by the practical mind. Practical minds believe that the world is flat. But a dreamer proved them wrong.

I said a dreamer proved them wrong. When I speak of dreamers. I'm not talking about those flights of fantasies.

Come while you sleep and disappear in the morning. I'm speaking of a dream that creates in a man. An incentive to pray, to believe, to work.

A dream that drives him beyond the boundaries of religion. That pushes him beyond what the average church will go. That man, like Peter.

If thou be you, let me walk on the water. That's a cry of a man that said I'm tired of a Sunday school lesson. Let me out there.

Where you can't explain this position but Christ is there. That's a cry that must come up again. From the church of the living God.

Men have dreamed and served in obscurity. To bring the dream into reality. Some have kept the faith against opposition.

Beyond our thinking. These have given, prayed in secret. While others were called to fulfill that dream.

But they dreamed. I too have dreamed. I have dreamed.

For 53 years as a preacher. I've dreamed. There's much that I've learned.

I got a tract written by A.B. Simpson, Christ himself. I never knew till I read that. When I was a boy in school in this country nearly 100 years ago.

I was very good in mathematics. But I couldn't see how I could ever put geometry on a plow handle. So I just barely passed it.

I didn't know that it's a language of vision. I didn't know that the alphabet of heaven is circles and squares and rectangles. I didn't know that.

So I never learned it. But then I was angry at my teacher. But I understand now she didn't know either.

And I've learned something. I've learned something about God. And I was angry that they never told me when I started.

But they never knew either. I never knew that I'm to live the life of another. That's the reason I preach 10 times a day at 84.

I've learned to walk and live this life of another. I'll talk about the life also of Jesus. I've talked to pastors.

I saw a very wonderful young man who was walking along. He said, I hope when I'm aged I'm not good. I said, stay full of the Holy Ghost.

Walk in the Spirit of God. Let this be your life every minute of every day. Don't start that day till you've prayed your way through.

You don't have to backslide. You burn up the oil. Come back.

Renew those vows. Be filled every morning. Before you head to that schoolhouse, that job.

Let God possess you. Walk in the Spirit. And you'll not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

I've had a dream. I'm not a mystic. My dream was born out of the Word of God.

I saw a church, a body. One new man. And whichever member was filled with the Holy Ghost.

I saw that candlestick, all of God. In this heart. I saw that candlestick.

The priority of God is that local church. Make no mistake. No need to pray for that God to send labors into that harvest.

Unless there's some place to produce those harvests. That priority must be. I saw, listen, oh I have saw.

A body in which everyone could honestly prefer another. They were driven by the same passion. That dream has driven me relentlessly.

It's kept me on the front line of this warfare. I've saw that church, that candlestick, all of gold. I've saw that Christ lived through that church.

I've saw men come to that church for the same reason. That they went to Christ when He walked this earth. I've witnessed that all up and down this line.

I've seen it. I've laid awake at night haunted by what I've seen. My prayers being.

If my dream isn't real. Then don't take it away. I don't want to live.

If that church is any less than what I've seen. If it's any less. One Sunday morning.
House was full. About six, seven hundred people. That's about all we can cram into it.
There's several strangers. But a man and his wife came in. And they come all the way down to the front.
They actually brought them down and they sat. We had a middle aisle and they sat about three seats back. Usually the man sits on the outside.
The woman on the inside. But they reversed that issue. And as I was preaching.
Younger then. I could flat foot nearly off that platform. Them days, not quite.
I've learned to shake a little. Get the same results. Save the experience of preaching.
Energy. But I was preaching down that center aisle. Hundred mile an hour.
And I come where that woman was. And I said, you're going to live and not die. And again, that enemy said, why did you say that? I just kept on preaching.
She began to weep. After the service, a long altar service. She come.
She said, last Friday. I was in the diagnostic clinic in Houston, Texas. Four o'clock the doctor came in.
My husband there. And he said to me, if you live two weeks. You'll live ten days long.
And I think you will. The disease was one. She's a dead woman.
He said, I'm sorry to tell you. And he left the room. My husband began to cry.
I said, don't cry. He said, I've seen the church on television. We were locally.
And it reached into Houston. I believe if I could live and you could get me there. Everything would be all right.
He put her in the back. He brought her in. That morning, God healed her completely.
I never saw her for six months. She wasn't too happy. She gained 50 pounds.
But I'm telling you, she's happy to be well. That's the way it ought to be. When that trouble comes.
If I can just get to church. If I can just get to the house of God. Everything.
Is going to be all right. Let's stand together. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Let's stand together. Let's lift our hands and love this God.
Let's lift our hands and love this God. Oh, bless it. Be the name of the Lord.
Bless it. Be the name of the Lord. Bless it.
Be the name of the Lord. Glory to God. Glory to God.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Pastor said we get through here by five, well I'm just five minutes over pastor, do it good.

I want to encourage you, 17 years old, God spoke to him and he changed the world. He's not waiting till you're too old to walk, he wants to talk to you now. There's no limitation, young people, to a life totally surrendered to God.

God never looks for personalities, you never find that in the Bible. He looks for persons, and by the Holy Ghost, gives you a God-possessed personality. Everything changes then.

There's nothing God has that demands a scholarship. I make no appeal for ignorance, I'm just telling you that God uses us where we are. I was in Canada, Washtenaw, 1989.

I flew into Montreal, then out of another little city. The only way you could get there, unless the tundra was frozen, was by a little airplane. I was there one week, like being in the millennium.

It's minus 30 degrees, 1100 Indians, 700 adults full of the Holy Ghost, the Cree Indians. That pastor was called out of the mines of Canada. Seven years, 13 years before I got there, but for six years, he never saw a convert.

He preached, his youngest son told me, the little pastor said on the front seat, never come up. His son told me, his son is now 20, he was seven when they went there. He said, my father preached, said they come got him, they stripped him naked, they beat him, left him dead in minus 30 weather.

We drug him in the house, begged him to leave, he said, I cannot go. My father, he said, could read nothing but the Bible, he never made the first grade. He said, for six years, we never saw, but they beat him, they left him for dead, said he's crippled up now.

But he said, one day I was with him in the village, they pulled that Bible out, I began to weep. Oh God, I'm 13 years old now, please, they're going to kill him. But said the wind blew that day, men been drunk 38 years, suddenly were made sober, 38 long years.

I preached till I nearly fainted. I prayed, young people at three o'clock in the morning when I went to bed are still there worshiping God, still there worshiping God. I've never been closer to the millennium than it was on the North Pole and the Canada side.

All because it was a man, couldn't read or write, but he'd give his self to God. Oh, let's today, if you really want God to be God, then just lift your hands as a pastor comes and just make that surrender. Be that dreamer, dare let God touch that life.

Thank you, Father. Thank you, thank you, thank you, God, for this wonderful time. Bless this young people, bless every person in this building, but cause young men and women to stand up in this hour.

If you could talk to Joseph at 17, you can talk to us. Oh God, in the name of Jesus, thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Let's let's pray together.

How many here today feel like the Holy Spirit's been speaking directly to your heart? Now, let's pray together. You lift your voice to the Lord with me today. Jesus, we surrender to you.

Lord, we ask you to come and touch us, draw each of us right to the center of your heart. In the center of your will, give us the power and the desire to pray and to live a Christian life. God, we yield our lives to you.

We ask you to use each of us. Use me, Lord, to make a difference in my generation. Expand the borders of my mind and my physical life.

Help me to see the things that you see. Help me to move to the places to which you are calling me. Lord, I yield my life.

I ask only that through me, Jesus Christ be lifted up and absolutely glorified in my generation. I invite you, Holy Spirit, to flow through my life and bring provision for the lonely and the despairing and the depressed and the downtrodden and the poor and the confused. Pour through me the supply of Jesus Christ that is mine and it's eternal.

Oh God, let my life count for eternal purposes. I don't want religion. I don't want empty profession.

I want a living relationship with the living Son of God. Oh God, this day I yield my life. Take my life and use it for your glory.

And I ask it, Father, with a believing heart, in Jesus' mighty name. Now give him thanks. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Brother Clendennen, from the bottom of my heart. I know I speak for the whole church. Thank you for just being the man that you are.

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