

The Inward Shout of Faith

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Carter Conlon's sermon explores the transformative power of faith through the biblical account of Jericho, emphasizing reliance on God for victory over life's challenges.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the power of faith in God's ability to work miracles in our lives. It encourages believers to trust in God's promises, acknowledge their insufficiency, and rely on the finished work of Christ. The message highlights the importance of an inward shout of faith, believing that with God all things are possible, and stepping out in faith to see walls of opposition come down through the power of God.

Transcript

Yes, he did. Thank God. Thank God.

How many here tonight can honestly say maybe with an upraised hand or a year and men of your voice that there has been a miracle in your life. Something has transpired in you that without God would be impossible. Would you thank him for it now? Would you just thank him? Take a moment.

Just tell him you love him. Hallelujah. Almighty God, Lord, we believe that you're a God of miracles.

You're the God of the impossible and things that are impossible to man are possible with you tonight. Father. I ask you for an anointing of the Holy Spirit.

God that you would be honored Jesus that you would be honored and understood and loved and laid hold of in this sanctuary tonight. Mighty God do that which you have spoken to our hearts about which we have sung about Lord which we prayed about now do it within us. Lord, let your miracle power be released in us and take us from image to image and glory to glory by your word and by your spirit.

God, we acknowledge our dependence upon you. We acknowledge our need of you. We acknowledge that only in you do we change and have life and power.

Jesus. We invite you to be glorified in us individually and as a church be glorified in us. Jesus do strong be strong and do mighty exploits through this church.

Father. We thank you for it. God.

We praise you for it, especially in this hour that we're living in. We thank you in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Hebrews chapter 11, please. If you'll go there Hebrews chapter 11. I'm going to read verse 1 and then verse 30 and the title of my message tonight is the inward shout of faith.

The inward shout of faith. Now if you've been following with us in the book of Hebrews. You are aware tonight that the author has been making a proof a profound argument for Jesus Christ.

Better priesthood, better sacrifice, better promises. A more enduring legacy through Jesus Christ something you can set your life upon that by faith you can access the throne of God and the writer has been writing to systematically tear down all opposing arguments to the fact that Jesus Christ is the one who is the all-sufficiency of God when he died on Calvary and rose again from the dead to sit at the right hand of all glory that everything that was in heaven now became ours who are in Jesus Christ and we received an invitation to come to a throne of glory that we may find mercy first for our failings in which are many in all of us. We may find mercy for those failings and then grace to help in our time of need when we will come and acknowledge our fault and acknowledge our wrong.

God says I will cleanse you of that and then I will purge you of what it is that causes you perhaps to fall short of what is yours in Jesus Christ. Profound arguments. If you haven't gotten the tapes you really do need to get the series of tapes from chapter 1 to 10.

Now in chapter 11 the author comes to a point where he's identifying the key the access key really to the power of God and he says now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. Now before we discuss that go to verse 30 and I'll tell you why in a moment. And he also says by faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days.

Now I decided to speak on verse 1 and verse 30 for a particular reason. Firstly because Jericho was the first of many battles that the people of God were about to face. They had come through the wilderness experience and those who because of unbelief could not enter into the place of God's promise as tragic as that was it all died in the wilderness and now another generation had arisen.

They had crossed over as it is miraculously through the Jordan. They had come into the land that they were to inherit they had been circumcised again for those that have been born in the wilderness had not been circumcised. That means they they were prepared separated as is the Bible says the reproach of Egypt was rolled away from them and they were prepared now to go in to inherit the promised land, which is an absolute type an inarguable type of where you and I live today as New Testament Christians.

We are called of God to cross over the river of powerlessness in the wilderness of sin where we once dwelt without God. We are now in a land of promise and folks. This is the land of promise that we're in now everything in this book is mine and it's yours if we will access it by faith that we can believe that Christ purchased this for us.

It is all ours. We're not just a camp on the shore and have a good time. We are called of God to go in and conquer.

We are called of God by the power of the Holy Ghost to see God in his sovereign power overthrow every contrary spirit every weakness every powerlessness in our lives and to raise us up as a living testimony of the fact that Christ is alive from the dead sitting at the right hand of all power and authority. We are called to be a testimony to the fact that Jesus Christ is alive beloved not just with our lips, but with our lives the essence of God the very nature of God the very power of God within us is to be a living testimony to our generation that Jesus Christ sits in the place of all victory. The first of many battles was Jericho.

It was a strange battle. It was an unusual set of battle plans. You will never find this set of battle plans again at any time.

And I've often mused about it and I may have a theory or two tonight and I'm sure there are many more about Jericho, but he God gave such an unusual battle plan. He said you're going to go into this place and the first thing you're going to find is a city that is enclosed. The people were afraid they were terrified because the people of God were coming.

I want you to know something you may have a struggle in your life tonight. You may have what you even think is a stronghold, but I want you to know the devil is terrified and whatever is the source of that stronghold is also terrified when a man or woman of God begins to rise up and you can lay hold of the truth. You're going to hear tonight and you begin to walk in that victory.

There is a terror that comes into hell itself when a single vessel all it took were four lepers to get out in the Old Testament to rise up from the city gate and head into the Syrian camp and God turned up Heaven's amplifier and made them sound like a coming army of thousands. And all the enemies of Israel just ran in the desert and fled and threw all of their possessions away as they were running. They were so terrified four lepers coming into the camp absolute types of what God wants to do through your life and through my life.

God said to Joshua this victory is to be preceded by six days of silence you to be quiet when you go to Jericho and you're just to walk around the city six days. That's all you're to do on the seventh day you're to walk around seven times and then wait when I give you the instruction when I tell you it's time then you are to let out a shout of victory. Now, you're going to hear in a moment what this is all about.

Now, we wonder why six days of silence now some suggest that what they were given to do was a reenactment of God's pattern of creation. Bible tells us that for six days God worked in creation and he rested on the seventh day. Thus God was setting the pattern for his people to occupy the promised land in victory.

You know, if I can put it simply let's say it this way. God was saying to the people of Israel. I've not called you to work with me rather.

I've called you to enter into that which I have already finished. I have done the work. I don't want your labor.

I don't need your labor. I don't need your help for six days. I want you just to March around that city and you just let me do the work and all I'm asking of you is to obey me.

All I'm asking of you is to hear what I tell you and to do what I tell you. Walk in obedience and humility and obedience. You won't understand everything I ask you to do, but just do it.

And God says I don't need your effort. There's nothing you can do anyway to bring down the stronghold that you're about to face. You go back to Hebrews chapter 3 verse 17.

The scripture says but with whom was he grieved for 40 years? Was it not with them that had sinned whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest but to them that believe not so we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief that original generation were locked out of the rest of God because unbelief had gripped their hearts. Now chapter 4 verse 9 scripture says there remains therefore a rest to the people of God for he that is entered into his rest. That's God's rest.

Has also ceased from his own works as God did from his let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest any man fall after the same manner of unbelief. So the Bible says that there's a rest for those of us. There's a rest for those who are able to hear his voice.

Hebrews 4 7 again. He said he limited a certain day saying in David today after so long a time as it is said today, if you will hear his voice pardon not your hearts. There are many many voices and too many of them lead to confusion.

Beloved. There's only one voice that leads to victory one voice that you need to hear that will take you into victory only one spirit God only has one mind. He only has one thought that he's planting when he leads you into that area that stronghold perhaps that the enemy is established in your life.

It can be a stronghold of fear trying to convince you you'll never amount to anything in God can be a stronghold of confusion can be a different types of stronghold but the psalmist David said in Psalm 46. He talks about a day of Calamity talks about a day of earth shaking a day of water roaring but in the middle of that song verse 10. He says be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the heathen. I will be exalted in the earth in the Hebrew the word for be still is refa and really what here's what it means relax your hands in other words, let go of your words and enter into the finished work of God. It is in this place.

You'll find rest for your souls. Relax your hands. He said in the middle of the battle relax your hands.

It's not a wonderful thing. Stop trying to figure out how you're going to win the battle. Stop trying to figure out what's how you're going to go into tomorrow and survive as it is.

Don't worry about it. Relax your hands. Let go of those things that you're holding to it.

Raise them up as it is to God relax your hands and let go of your works. Six days. He said I want you just to be quiet be still he said and know that I am God.

This is the key to victory beloved in the time of silence as they walked around Jericho each man would become increasingly aware of his own personal insufficiency to accomplish the task which was at hand. The folks we've had some wonderful quiet times here and we will continue to do so in the days to come when the Holy Ghost comes in quietness and just begins to speak into our hearts and I feel in my own heart over this the last 90 days or more one thing that God has spoken more and more is about my insufficiency to complete the task which is at hand for my life that he is the purpose that he has for my life. I don't have the power to accomplish it and neither do you that's why I said God says in that silence become aware become aware look within and look hard and look long and look up and look down look

from side to side and you'll see as the Apostle Paul said there is no good thing within us.

There is nothing in us that can accomplish the purposes of God and the task of God. So God says let go just let go of everything you even think is good in your own life. Let it all go relax your hands and just begin to trust me in the time of silence that people would become aware of the insufficiency of their existing weaponry looking in their hands looking at the thickness of the walls of Jericho for seven days.

I don't know if it's true or not, but I had read a commentator one time that said it was it was wide enough for more than one horse and chariot to ride across the top of that wall. It was a high and a thick wall and what did they come out of the desert with some some farm implements perhaps some some mediocre weaponry looking at that wall. How would they ever get through that wall? How would they ever get over that wall? It would only be by the power of God.

There would be a knowledge there would be something in their hearts. I don't know about you, but if I would have been there I'd be looking at the wall. I'd be looking at what is in my hands and said now I can either trust in this or I can trust in the word that God has spoken to our hearts.

All folks is a it's a wonderful thing when we have times and of silence because in those times of silence, we have an opportunity to look within as it is and find out there's nothing in us that's a sufficient power to finish the battle. David went through a terrible time King David when he said my enemies came against me the sores of death. He said compass me in the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

He said the sores of hell compassed me about and the snares of death prevented me. He said in my distressed. I called upon the Lord and cried to my God and he heard my voice out of his temple and my cry came before him into even into his ears and David now gives the key to the why he was a mighty King why he was able to accomplish perhaps what fewer if any other before him had ever been able to accomplish in Psalm 18 verse 16.

He now begins to tell us the key. He says he sent from above that's God. He took me that's God.

He drew me out of many waters. That's God. He delivered me.

He delivered me from my strong enemy and from them which hated me for they were too strong for me. They prevented me in the day of my calamity. But the Lord was my stay verse 19.

He says he brought me also into a large place again. He says he delivered me because he delighted in me verse 33 David said he makes my feet like Heineken feet and sets me upon my high places. He does it.

God does it David acknowledged. I didn't have the strength. I was being swallowed.

I was being overwhelmed, but I cried out to God. I cried out to him and he heard me and my voice came into his ears and he came down and he began to do these things. He makes my things like high-speed verse 34.

He says he teaches my hands to war so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms and what David is essentially saying there is he gave me such strength that even a bow of steel there was no limitation to the strength. I had when it was given to me of God. It was God that gave me the strength that enabled me to win the victory.

That was also given me the shield of thy salvation and thy right hand is holding me up and thy gentleness. He said has made me great. He said God you touched me but you touched me with a tender hand and it was the tenderness of your touch that took me out of my infirmity and brought me into the strength that was able to carry me through to the last days.

He said thou hast enlarged my steps under me that my feet did not slip. You see there's the there's the key of David. Everything was given to God.

Everything was attributed to God. Nothing of himself all of God and nothing of himself. He goes on and he says I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them and neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise and they're falling under my feet. But in verse 39, that's only times really in this passage that he refers to himself. But then he qualifies it in verse 39.

He says for thou has girded me with strength to the battle thou has subdued under me those that rose up against me thou has given me the necks of mine enemies that I might destroy them that hate me. They cried but there was none to save them even to the Lord, but he answered them not. Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind and I cast them out as dirt in the streets.

You see this is what God wants to do for you. All of your enemies everything that comes to torment your mind and torment your home and ruin your testimony and keep you in captivity and bondage. God says if you will obey me if you will turn to me, I want to put such strength in your heart.

I want to put such strength in your hands that not one of your enemies can rise against you and overpower you. You're going to take them and you're going to cast them down and tread them underfoot because that's what I said. I was going to do in the Garden of Eden.

I'm going to give you the power to tread on the serpents the serpents head and nothing shall by any means hurt you. David said thou has delivered me from the strivings of the people and thou has made me the head of the heathen and people whom I'm not known shall serve me as soon as they hear of me. They shall obey me and strangers shall submit themselves unto me strangers shall fade away and be afraid out of their close places.

The Lord liveth. He said in verse 46 and blessed be my rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted. It is God that avenges me and subdues the people under me.

He delivers me from my enemies. Yea thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me and thou has delivered me from the violent man. David said therefore, I will give thanks unto the Lord among the heathen and sing praises to thy name great deliverance giveth he to his king and showeth mercy to his anointed to David and to his seed forevermore great deliverance.

God gives to those that are his also the children of Israel would be aware that their only hope of victory as they went around Jericho was to believe in that which had spoken been spoken to them by God. You see God sends his word and he divides the Bible says between soul and spirit and joint and marrow goes right to the heart and sometimes when he sends his word it can seem like we're becoming absolutely undone. We wonder how does this fit into the plan of God? But God sends his word so that we might become undone so that we might finally lose confidence and hope in anything that's of ourselves.

This is not a physical battle. It cannot be won in physical strength. This is a spiritual battle.

It can only be won by the Spirit of God working within us. It can only be received by faith in the finished work of Christ on Calvary. God had spoken to Joshua in Joshua chapter 6. Jericho was straightly shut up.

In other words, there was no way in or out because of the children of Israel none went out and none came in and the Lord said unto Joshua see I've given into thine hand Jericho and the king thereof and the mighty men of valor and you shall compass the city all you men of war and go round about the city once thus shalt thou do six days and seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of ram's horns and the seventh day you will compass the city seven times and the priest shall blow at the trumpets and it shall come to pass that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn when you hear the sound of the trumpet all the people shall shout with a great shout and the wall of the city shall fall down flat and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him. Now he said at the end of the seventh day when you hear a sound you are to shout now folks. I want to explain to you what that shout is.

That shout is not necessarily for you and I something that is audible. It's not something of the flesh. It's not something that we work up.

The shout can be it can be shouted without a word coming out of your lips. It's not an issue of the flesh. It's an issue of the heart.

The shout comes when after we have said the word we have circled our struggle. We circle our call or whatever it is and we finally arrived at the conclusion. The only way I'm ever going to win this battle is by that which God has spoken to my heart.

It's by the promises God has given to me. There is no other way. I'm ever going to win this battle.

I've looked at myself. I've looked at my weaponry. I've looked at my circumstance and station in life and there is no way I'm ever going to go in and capture this place.

There's no way I'm ever going to become what God has called me to be. There's no way I'm ever going to get rid of this habit, this bondage, this mindset, whatever it might be. These voices that try to keep speaking into my life and destroying me.

There's no way I'm ever going to be free. We finally throw it all away and by faith we begin to receive the fact, the understanding that Jesus Christ died on the cross on Calvary, rose from the dead on the third day, sits at the right hand of all authority, all power and through him all that heaven possesses is now mine. Hallelujah.

The shout is something that happens inside, not outside. You can, you can work a church into shouting and it can have nothing to do with the Spirit of God. The shout is something I experienced in my prayer closet in the morning.

Nobody can hear me but it's inside because I'm about to face the day and God's given me a promise and again, once again, the shout comes into my heart that says, yes, this is true. This is right. This is the Word of God.

This is the God who created the universe by a spoken word. This is the God who makes something out of nothing. This is the God who has brought me this far by faith and is going to take me through to the end by

faith.

This is the shout of God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The writer of Hebrews says, now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith is the substance. The word substance in the Greek text means a foundation upon which something may be placed.

We are the Church of Jesus Christ and God says, if you will have faith in what I have promised you, if you will believe that through my Son all things are possible, if you will believe that when you pray according to my heart and you believe I will do it for you, if you will believe that it's my chiefest delight to answer prayer, if you will believe that my delight is to raise you up and make you strong, turn you into something you are not, make you into something you cannot be of yourself, if you will understand that I made your mouth and I can speak through you, I made your feet and I can direct your path. I gave you life and breath and I can breathe into you and I can make all things new, if you will believe it. This is a foundation upon which I can build something into your life.

Hallelujah. We limit God through unbelief. We stop the work of God.

We cut it short to unbelief. God says faith is the substance. It's a foundation.

If we don't have faith, we don't enter into the rest. If we don't have faith, we strive and work and sweat and labor all of our Christian life and amount to that much in the kingdom of God. But if we have faith all things are possible, Jesus said to those who believe, if we have faith, he can take you if you're a beggar and he can set you among princes.

He can give you a testimony before kings of the world. There's nothing God can't do. If you will trust him for the plan that he has for your life, whatever that plan is, whatever that word is, if you will trust him.

I believe with all my heart. Daniel the prophets talked about a time of distress coming upon the ends of the earth. But he said those who know their God will be strong and they will do exploits.

That means marvelous works that cannot be done by the flesh. They will do those who know their God will be strong. There's got to be a shout come into your gut folks.

It has to happen. If you're ever going to grow in Christ, hallelujah, a shout of faith and inward agreement with God that says God who created the universe. There's nothing that you can't do in my life.

There's nothing that you promised me in this book. That is not mine. I've inherited it and I believe it with all my heart.

It is the evidence of things not seen. In the Greek the word evidence implies not only the charge that's laid against an individual, but it's the basis of fact upon which he may be convicted. In other words, if I put that in simple terms, folks, faith is the substance.

It's the foundation. But it's the evidence that God is really in your life. It's the evidence that you really are born again of the spirit of God.

God puts faith. Oh folks. Why do we sit in rags when we are invited to be children of the King? Why do we eat boldly bread when we've been invited to a banquet table? And so many people settle for nothing when

God has purchased everything through his son.

A covenant that God said I'll make with you. I will send my spirit upon you. The spirit of God that created this world as it is that moved upon the face of the water now lives in us.

We are that we are to be pitied above every generation if we choose to live in mediocrity with this knowledge. If this knowledge doesn't bring you and I to rise to our feet with a shout in our heart that says God, it's true. Take me where I can't go.

Make me what I can't be. Give me what I can't possess on my own. Leave me where I can't follow.

Take me mighty God use me for your glory and I will testify of you every step of the way. I'll talk about you. I'll sing about you.

I'll pray about you. I'll brag about you. I'll boast about you.

I will give you glory. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

God says this is the basis of your trust you believe and I will do you believe I will do you don't have the power. I have you be quiet and walk around your problem and test me and wait for that word to germinate in your heart. Hallelujah.

And when you finally feel the word taking hold of you rise up and say by God's grace. I have it. I have the victory by the grace of God.

God says this will be indisputable evidence throughout eternity that you are my child and I am your God. Our faith is not in an ongoing work. Our faith is in a finished work that is ongoing.

Hallelujah. We have the victory. We live on heaven's side in Christ Jesus.

We have the Spirit of God within us. We have the Word of God which is the very basis of our life in our faith and our experience as a Christian. We have marvelous promises the Bible says that by these we become partakers of the very nature of Christ.

We have set before us a future that should cause us to get up every morning and say God. What have you got for me today? Where are you taking me today? What are you going to form in me today? What part of this old rotten body are you going to toss to die today and come to life in Christ? That's what Jericho to me was about. It's finally coming to the knowledge that though I possess nothing I have everything because I have Christ.

Hallelujah. In the coming days we may face walls of powerful enemies. Fear is going to try to grip your heart.

We see many of the things spoken about in Matthew. Chapter 24 for example starting to happen. The Bible does say that men's hearts will fail them for fear.

But that's not to be the portion of the church. We're not to look at these walls of these powerful enemies and power before them. In the church there has to be a shout.

And it's not about our services. It's not about our worship times. The shout is about something much deeper than that.

It's an agreement with God. I'm not going to run before any enemies of God. I'm not going to run before my own failures.

I'm going to believe God. And God says he's going to take down the walls. And I'm going to run in and experience firsthand the victory of trusting in him.

We're going to be studying Hebrews for the next two months. We're going to be talking about men and women of faith. How God took them from their weakness and made them strong.

I pray God with all my heart you can lay hold of this. Not just theologically for the sake of knowledge, but experientially, personally. That you can lay hold of it and say God that's me.

I'm a Samson or Jephthah or David or any one of these characters in Hebrews 11. That's me. And God, if you could do it for him and you're saying you'll do it for me.

And all of a sudden something just gets in your heart. And you just say enough. Enough being trampled by fear.

Enough being trampled by my enemies. I believe God. And beloved the moment you say that and it's real in your heart.

You have to have the eyes to see walls start to fall. Barriers start to break. Devils start to run.

Because one more child of God has laid hold of something and that shout of faith has gotten into their heart. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I hope for many here tonight, it is finally time to shout. It's finally time to agree with God. Father, I thank you.

Lord, you are leading us as a church. You've been leading this church into marvelous things. We don't understand it all.

But Lord, we do say tonight we delight in you. We love you. We want you with all of our hearts.

Lord God, I'm asking tonight on behalf of so many Lord, who have been trampled down for so long. Lord, that you will allow that that that that triumph of faith to arise in their heart. That place where they say I agree with God.

I'm putting away my weakness. I'm putting away my own frail thinking and I'm going to agree with God's word. And Lord that they would just get up and begin to head towards you and to believe you for the victory.

And Father, I thank you tonight that you're going to do that even in this house. This night, Lord, you never send your word without a divine purpose. God, you're going to do it right now.

And Father, I thank you for it in Jesus name. Now, I have a specific thing on my heart tonight. The Holy Spirit is put there and it's for everyone in this sanctuary tonight, balcony of main sanctuary, that you are you are the person who's just been circling your enemies, but you've not had the faith to believe.

And I want to ask you to do something very special tonight. I'm going to ask you as we all stand to come to this altar and acknowledge your need and the rest of us are going to pray for you. We're going to pray for

you and we're going to just storm heaven for you that that seed of faith the word that God has planted would be so deeply stirred in your heart that you would rise up when you leave this church tonight.

It would not be just another service, not just another altar call, but you would go out of these doors changed by the power of God emboldened with the faith that God alone can plan in your life. Whatever your struggle might be, if you find that you're facing an enemy that's overwhelming you, would you come to this altar and we're going to pray for you tonight. Let's all stand together.

Please lead us in the worship chorus. Brother Greg, make your way to the altar and we're going to pray when you get here. I got it must be 20 years ago now or so.

I was fearful, angry, selfish. There seemed to be so many things that look like it was going to take an eternity for God to begin to deal with it. And I guess the thought of even being used by God seemed so far up in left field that it the enemy was always there to say, well, you best leave that one alone.

But I went to a church and started attending a church where a preacher was an evangelist and he really had one message that he preached all the time. And it was with God all things are possible. And it got into my spirit that word with God all things are possible.

And I just began to believe it that with God all things are possible. God, you can do anything you want to do. You're God.

Folks, when when the word gets a hold of you, it's faith. It's only a seed. The Bible describes he said, Jesus said, if you had faith as the grain of a mustard seed, you don't have to know the whole Bible to have faith, you know, sometimes there's one promise is all it takes.

That's a big promise. That's really Genesis to Revelation with God all things are possible. I remember sitting in the audience one day and I was watching this man preach and wonderful preacher and I I remember sighing in my heart.

Now at that point, if somebody would have asked me to stand and testify, I probably pass out from fear. But I remember watching him preach and say, oh God, I'd give anything to be able to preach like that, that you'd use my life one day. I don't think I still, I don't think today I can preach like him.

But I want to tell you something. God took that seed, that little seed. It's possible.

It's possible that God can use my life for his glory. Now folks, God can do that. He not necessarily said everybody here before thousands, but I'll tell you what he will do.

Wherever you are, he will give you victory. Wherever you are, he will raise you up and you will become a living testimony in whatever way he chooses, but don't limit him. Don't limit him because of your experiences or background or education or color or language or lack thereof.

Trust him. Trust him and let that, what I've been talking about is an inward shout that got into my, got into my spirit 20 years ago, an inward shout that said, God, you can do anything you want. You're God.

This is what I just invite you to do it. And then I began to step out on his promises. He would, he would, folks, sometimes it was hard, but I just began to step out on the promises that God began to make real in my heart and believe them.

And I'm still believing them today. I want to encourage you. I think God raised me up sometimes just so that I could be here to encourage you so that you could say to with God, all things are possible.

God can use me and wherever I am, my college campus, my my profession, my my neighborhood, my workplace, God can use me. He can give you words that are not your own. He can give you abilities you don't possess.

He's not limited to the tools in your hand. Remember the message tonight. He's not limited.

I want to pray for you tonight. Let's just believe God. Father, there are Samson's and David's and Jephthah's Lord.

There are Abraham's of this altar. God, there are mighty men and women. It's only the devil that is convinced many here tonight that they're not mighty in God.

Now, Father, I'm asking in Christ's name Lord that you would give courage for many here to rise up, give a heart of faith to rise up above natural ability and above circumstance and above education and above culture and experience and to say I serve the living God. The Spirit of God is now upon me and anything God wants to do, he's able to do. Invite him into your heart.

Now, just invite him to do that. Ask him now to plant that seed of faith in your heart that with God all things are possible. Lord, we don't walk in presumption.

We walk by faith. We believe, oh God, that where we fall short, Lord, you're not short. Where we are weak, you are strong.

God, where we fail, you never fail. Lord, you will make us into people that we are not. You will give us abilities we don't possess.

You'll put words in our mouths we don't have. You'll give us intelligence that was never ours. Hallelujah.

God, we invite you tonight to come and confound the devil through our lives, confound the powers of darkness. Confound everyone around who said it can't be done by showing it can. And Lord, we will be careful, oh God, to give you the praise, the honor, and the glory.

We will testify about you. We will sing about you, oh God. We will talk about you, Jesus.

We will give you honor and glory. Lord God, thank you for what you're going to do. Thank you for what you're going to do.

Now, thank you for what he's going to do in your life, in your life, not somebody else's, in your life. Thank him now for what he's going to do in your life. Would you do that? Everybody here, thank him.

Thank him for what he's going to do. Thank him for what he will accomplish through your life. Hallelujah.

All-powerful, Almighty God. We have a song going, anything like that? Hallelujah. God is so powerful, so good.

Hallelujah. Just wait for one moment. Pastor Neal's got a prayer on his heart.

He wants to pray with you, too. Hallelujah. Father, it is true.

It is absolutely true. It doesn't take one second to come into your presence and realize that within us, Lord, there's nothing. We can do nothing in our own strength.

We have no ability within ourselves at all. But Father, we know that there's somebody else who is inside of us. Yes, there's weakness inside of me.

Yes, there's failure inside of me. Yes, I know that there's no good thing that dwelleth inside of me. But there is somebody else who is greater than anything else in the world.

And that is Jesus Christ. That's why the Apostle Paul could say greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world. And so Lord Jesus, tonight, we just turn to the one who is greater than the problem.

We turn to the one who is greater than anything else, Lord, that comes against us. And tonight, we turn to you, Jesus. We thank you.

We thank you for the word. We thank you, Lord Jesus, as we can compass around, Lord, all those weaknesses and realize we cannot, we cannot do a single thing. But God, there is a shout in our heart.

There is a cry that turns to Jesus Christ that all things are possible through you. And Lord, right now, we turn to you. There is a cry in our heart.

We turn to you, Lord Jesus. And we say, God, you deal, you deal with every enemy. You deal with every foe.

You deal with every power. You deal with every stronghold that comes against my life. You deal with it, Lord, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

So, Father, tonight, I pray for every person. They are leaving the house tonight with that seed of faith growing inside of them, that faith, Lord, that will grow into a huge tree. Father, I thank you tonight that we are leaving encouraged.

We're leaving tonight, Lord, with a hope. We're leaving that faith is now, not tomorrow, but right now. We have faith in our heart against every problem, every situation, Lord, because it's in you that our hope relies.

So we thank you, Lord. We bless your congregation. We bless you.

Thank you for this word tonight in Jesus' name. Amen and amen. Thank you for it, beloved.

Thank God. Hallelujah.

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