

# Binding God to His Own Word

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*We must come to God with a fixed position in His word, using precedent cases to bind Him to His promises, in order to pray with boldness and confidence.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes that God assigns His promises to those in need, not to the perfect. He highlights that God's mercy and favor are extended to those who are troubled and in sin. The speaker encourages listeners to come forward and pray if they feel the enemy's harassment or if they have backslidden. The sermon concludes with the reminder that one promise from God outweighs all feelings, doubts, and fears.

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## Transcript

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Binding God to His own Word. We'll be going through a lot of scriptures. I won't start with the scripture, but we'll be going through the scriptures here quite quickly.

The scripture says that God rules the universe in power. He rules nature. We come to a King.

We have a Heavenly Father who pities His children. That's what is recorded in the Word. He sympathizes with His children.

But you see, He's a King of Law. This book contains all the decrees of God. You can have the confidence when you pick up this book that God is everything He says He is.

You can pick up this book and know that it contains the nature of God. It contains the fullness of God through Jesus Christ. And we come to Him by invitation to the throne.

Now, He's our Heavenly Father. He pities His children. He sympathizes.

He feels for His children. But He's a King, and we are invited to come and make petitions and make our needs known to Him. I'm dropping a habit that I once had.

And many have this habit, saying, I don't go to God for what He will give me. I go not just for His gifts, but I go for His person. Well, in a measure that's true.

But we have an invitation that states His preference. Come boldly into my throne of grace. Make your needs known.

He's a giving God, and He wants to give. But you see, He who rules nature. There are laws in this universe.

The law of gravity, the law of gravitation, and all the sun, the moon, and stars that He put in place go by the spoken word of God. And they go by laws that were spoken into being by Himself. And though He be a loving Father, and though He pities the children, we come to Him.

In fact, He gave us an illustration of the woman that petitioned an unjust judge. And because of her insistence, He gave in. And the Lord says, how much more would a loving Father take and hear and take your petitions? When we come to Him with our petitions and our prayers, we come as petitioners.

Jesus Christ is our intercessor. But He made it possible through His blood to open up the Holy of Holies. And we are invited to come, Christ-possessed, by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is one who stands by. And the Holy Spirit stands by us, and we go, we have access to the Father. We're to come boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy and grace to help in the time of need.

And we come to Him as a King. Yes, He's our Father. But you see, He's also our King.

He's Lord. We made Him Lord by, through faith, we make Him Lord of our life. And though He pities His children, when He makes a ruling, when He makes a decree, when He speaks His word to answer petitions, He speaks by His living word.

He is bound by His word. He's bound by His eternal purposes. He will not rule.

He will not answer your petition only on sympathy, on pity, some kind of an emotional response. That is not who God is. God answers by His eternal purposes.

And I want you to follow me, if you would please. God's been speaking this deeply into my heart. The Scripture said, Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

In Hebrews 4.16, Come boldly to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace in the time of need. Ephesians 3.12, In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. Now, folks, I enjoy my prayer walks with Jesus.

I simply love to find a place everywhere I go, wherever I live, to walk and talk with Him. And have a little twisting spot where He and I just talk and commune. And I love those quiet times before the Lord when not a word is being ushered.

I like crying out to God from the innermost part of my being. But you see, there comes a time in our lives when we become overwhelmed with problems. There comes a time of crises that we can't answer.

Sometimes financial, sometimes sickness and disease of all kinds, habits, temptations. When anemic praying, when just thinking your thoughts and not enough. And not even fasting is enough.

Now, folks, I fast. I try to fast a day every week. And I believe in the power of fasting.

And I thank God for these times of prayer daily. But I want to, you know, it's an amazing thing how we approach prayer. I was thinking about it in my prayer time this past week.

There used to be a time I didn't think I was praying through unless I prayed. I pray at night usually. And when I have my special time with the Lord.

It used to be I would make sure the mood was right, turn out all the lights, pull down the shades and pray in the dark. And I didn't think when I was a young preacher, I didn't think I ever prayed through unless it was loud enough and fast enough. You know, folks, I don't want to kill anybody's fire.

I love that. And I love the times God comes on me and you could hear me walk away, literally crying out to God. And usually those times when the tears were flowing and I was really moving and feeling and I'd come out and say, well, I really touched God today.

I really prayed through. But see, there's a problem in that. At least for me, there was there was a problem.

And that's what I that's the heart of my message now. And you'll see it is as we go on that that will unfold. See, the main reason we staggered the promises of God and the purpose of my message is to see that you don't go into God's presence without a promise.

You don't go to him. You cannot bind God to his word without taking his word to him and showing him. I take my Bible.

Now, when I pray, I take it in and I find promises and I hold him to those promises. I bind him to his promises. I've got to move on quickly.

In Acts 10, 20, Paul's commanded the boy a vision that God gave him. He said, there's a man at the door. I want you to they're going to ask for you to go with him.

I want you to go with him, doubting nothing. Don't doubt them. You see, we're not to argue with ourselves.

We're not to measure ourselves. We're not to consult with the flesh when God speaks to us by his word. You don't consult with the flesh because you start measuring it.

Now you measure your unworthiness. You measure your temptation. You measure your sin and say, well, my unworthiness, my temptations, the way I'm living outweigh the promises.

And we talk ourselves out of claiming and appropriating these promises to our life because we are consulting with our flesh. No, here's what happened to the apostle. The scripture says, and he doubted in

himself what the vision he had seen meant.

When God speaks the word to you, don't consult with your flesh. I want to speak to you about boldness and prayer. When it says come with boldness and with confidence, what does that mean? The effectual, James 5, 16, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Now, the original reads like this. A fixed position, effectual. You see, effectual fervent praying is not necessarily an emotional, dramatic thing.

Effectual in the Greek there is a fixed position. I can't come to him and tell I believe his word. I have to have a fixed position.

And what the scripture means here, the effectual fervent prayer is the man whose fixed position has a fixed position in God's word. He knows it and he goes with it. Like Paul said, fully persuaded.

He's not there trying to persuade God. He is fully persuaded himself. He's fully persuaded.

And I'm effectual when I know the history of the word of God. And I want to talk to you about a legal position. I'm not trying to make prayer into a legal thing.

But, folks, there's something more than just coming into God nonchalantly, into his presence, to his throne. He's a king. And coming there unprepared.

I would not dare stand here without being prepared. I came to you prepared on my knees and in the book and praying and being prepared. Go into the word to find precedence.

I want to talk to you about that. It's a legal term. Precedence.

Legal term. I have to establish this before I go any further. A binding precedent is a previous case that serves as an example for all subsequent cases.

It's a legal decision made in the past that becomes authoritative rule in future similar cases. It is cases already decided and put into law. Now, let me give you an example.

When a lawyer goes on trial, he has a case. He'll take two or three interns or he'll take the best legal mind he knows, that knows the library, that knows case histories. And he'll go to the legal library.

And this associate will dig out of the library precedent cases in this year, maybe 100 years ago. And it was not disapproved by the Supreme Court. And it was.

Here's what the judge said. And here's how he ruled. And so you build up these precedent cases to give you boldness when you stand before the judge.

You take these precedent cases and then take a new scripture and show you that every man of God in this Bible did just that. They didn't just race into the presence of God. They went with their brief loaded with case after case of God's previous answers to prayer and answers to faith and how they held God to his holy word.

You take, for example, let's go. By the way, who knows this better than the Holy Ghost? Who knows this book better than the Holy Ghost? He wrote it. Moving upon holy men of God, the Holy Spirit, this book.

All right. The Bible, the Holy Spirit is, quote, one who stands beside us. He inhabits us, but he stands beside us.

All right. He takes us. If you want to go into prayer, you want to go.

With boldness, who's the lawyer that goes into court, the boldest is a man who knows I have case after case after case in my brief and I'm going to I'm going to recount them. I'm going to give book and page number and dates. And I'm going to say this is the precedent ruling.

And on these precedent rulings, I lay my claim. I serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I want you to go to Exodus, the 32nd chapter, please.

Exodus 32. We begin there. Moses, you know, Israel's in trouble.

They were dancing around a golden calf. And God said to Moses, I'm going to destroy them. I'm going to raise up to you a new people in the 32nd chapter of Exodus.

Verse four. Let's let's go from verse nine. I'm going to have to stay ahead of you so I can get this all in.

Verse nine. And the Lord said unto Moses, I've seen this people to stiff neck people. Let me alone that my wrath may wax hot against them, that I may consume them and make of the a great nation.

Moses besought the Lord his God and said, Lord, why does your wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou has brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, with the mighty hand? Wherefore, should the Egyptians say for mischief, did he bring them out to slay them in a mountain to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your first fierce wrath and repent of this evil against you. Now, that's his prayer. He's fasting.

He's praying. He's broken before the Lord. All well and good.

But there's more. And listen to him bring the precedent case. Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel, thy servants, to whom you swore by thine own self and said unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and all this land that I've spoken of will I give to your seed.

They shall inherit forever. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. Moses goes boldly to the throne of grace and said, wait a minute.

You made a promise to this people and we are the seed. You said that seed will endure forever. You can't do it.

It's against your word. This is your word. This is the precedent.

This is the case. And I bring it to your attention. Oh, he there was something in this man.

There was something burning. And there it is. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

My wife has macular degeneration, Gwen's here this morning and every time I go into the word, I don't go in and just say, Lord, heal Gwen's eyes and stop macular degeneration. I go in reminding him of blind Bartimaeus. I remind him that he said he came by covenant to open the eyes of the blind.

And I laid those promises before God. And she's been leaking in her eye for months. And thank God, 10 days ago, the doctor has been sticking needles right into her eye.

I said, you don't have to come back. It stopped bleeding. Folks, I laid it out.

I say that reverently. I said with a broken heart. But I bowed God to his word.

This is his promise. And I didn't argue with my flesh. I didn't consult with flesh and blood.

I want you to go to 2 Chronicles now, if you will, please. I'm not a lawyer, but like a lawyer, lay out some cases to you, please. King Jehoshaphat.

He's about to be invaded by a massive army. And Judah is frightened. He's afraid.

And he doesn't know what to do. 2 Chronicles, the 20th chapter, if you will, please. The 20th chapter.

I'm going to start reading at verse 2. The king, some told Jehoshaphat, saying, there's coming a great multitude against you from beyond the sea, beyond Syria. In verse 3, Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the Lord, proclaim the fast throughout all Judea. Now, folks, you see, yes, this has to come.

This prayer, this seeking God, this fasting. That has to proceed. And Judah gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord.

Even out of all the cities of Judah, they came to seek the Lord. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah, Jerusalem and the house of the Lord before the new court and said, oh, Lord, God of our fathers. Now he's laying out precedence.

Are you not to God in heaven? Do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the heathen? In thy hand is there not power and might so that none are able to stand before thee? Are thou not our God who did drive out the inhabitants of the land before the people of Israel? You gave it to the seed of Abraham, your friend forever. God, you gave Jerusalem, you gave Judah into the hands of Abraham. That's an eternal word, an eternal promise.

And I'm bringing this to you in verse 12. Oh, our God, will thou not judge them for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us. Neither know we what to do.

He laid it out. You're the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Now, Lord, this is our time.

And he stood on God's eternal declared decree. And of course, God answered and the enemy was defeated. I want you to go with me now to Psalm 44 to David.

Forty four verse one through seven. We have heard with our ears. Oh, God, our fathers have told us what worked out didst in thy days in the times of old.

Here's a man would make a good lawyer in any Christian's court. Any time a petition was being made to a loving father who's our king. He's heard he knows the past.

He knows the record. How you did drive out the heat in verse two from the land and planted them. How you did afflict the people and cast them out for they did not get the land by possession and possession by their own sword.

Neither did their own arm save them. But your right hand, your arm and the light of your countenance, because you had a favor unto them. Now, thou art my king.

Oh, God, command deliverances for Jacob to thee. We will push down our enemies to thy name. We will tread down those that rise against us.

I will not trust in my bow. Neither shall my sword save me. But what does David do? He brings up precedent binding past works of the father.

And he laid hold of that and he says, no, it's time to move for Jacob or for Israel. Now, we know who you are. We know what you've done.

Now do it for us. And he stands on the authority of those binding precedent cases of deliverance. Are you getting this? The most conclusive in all the Bible is Nehemiah, the ninth chapter.

It's the whole chapter. I want to just briefly go through this to show you how the Levites brought up one precedent case after another. They have been fasting and praying now for days.

And now they're in prayer. The Levites are ministering to the people. And I'll just race down through my notes that I've picked up out of the ninth chapter of Nehemiah.

They are in trouble and they've got to have a miracle. And they need mercy more than anything else. They need to partake of those everlasting mercies of God that never end.

Just as the Lord has told us that we are to come, time of need to receive mercy and grace. That's what you heard. This was the mercy of God, our merciful Savior, our merciful Father.

And here in the ninth chapter of Nehemiah, I can't count them. There's probably four or five precedence cases. The Bible said the Levites cried with a loud voice unto the Lord, their God.

They cried out. They had fasted. They had prayed.

And now they present their case. They come to the promises. They come to the precedent mercies of God.

Listen to this case. God, you heard their cry in Egypt. You opened the Red Sea.

You led them with a cloudy pillar. You fed them with bread from heaven. You gave them water out of a rock.

You showed them great mercy. But they dealt proudly. They hardened themselves and became disobedient.

But you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. But then they made a golden calf. Yet in your manifold mercy, you did not forsake them.

You forgave them and gave your good spirit to guide them. And you sustained them as they did eat. They were filled and grew fat.

But again, they backslid. They killed your prophets sent to bring them back. You had to deliver them out of the hand into the hand of their enemies.

They became a very troubled people. But in their trouble, they cried again for mercy. And according to your manifold mercy, you delivered and saved them once again.

But again, you gave them... But after you gave them rest, they again did evil. Again, they suffered and cried to you. You heard their cry.

And many times, you delivered them according to your mercies. See, in spite of their failings. In spite of all of the backslidings.

And God heard their cry. And again and again and again showed mercy. This ought to bring hope for whoever there is in this congregation hearing me, thinks you've crossed the line of mercy.

You're saying, my sins are piled up, my temptations are too great, and I have failed God and I've sinned against light. And you say, how could God be merciful? I had a pastor tell me that, who had taken a fall into sin, and he said, I just don't see how I can get back. He felt he'd crossed some kind of a mercy line.

But you see, look at these precedent cases time and time again. And now after laying these precedent cases out before the Lord, with a loud voice before the people, having prayed and having fasted, listen, and this sums it up. Verse, now therefore our God, the great and mighty, who keeps covenant mercy.

I'm sorry, folks, this is from Jehoshaphat. Who keeps covenant mercy. Do not let our trouble seem little before you.

For you are our great and merciful God. Many times you deliver them because of your merciful kindness. I thank God for the testimony of Jackie this morning.

She said every time she was let go, she went right back. But that's true that God loved her. But wherever you're at in the Lord and whatever you're going through, and I am so convinced of this.

I'm so convinced that we can bind God to his word. Last night, I took my Bible into my bedroom to pray. And I said, oh God, is this true? Is there any error in what I'm saying to you? Is this your preference? Do you really want us to come? Is this what boldness is? My boldness comes from knowing who God is and how he's acted in the past.

Is this possible that we've been coming into your presence so nonchalant? We've come unprepared. Sometimes I've come rushing into God's presence, just pounding away. But there was no faith.

I didn't build my case for my own heart. You see, the persuasion is not to persuade God. It's to persuade us until we come into his presence.

And he knows we're fully persuaded. We're fully persuaded. We have a fixed position.

I will not be moved. I know what God has promised. And I'm taking this promise to you, Lord, now.

And I'm laying it before you. And I believe that God's heart rejoices. And he says it's about time.

You've been coming. Tell me how bad you are. You've been telling me how you have nothing to offer.

Bring me faith. Bring me something. Bring me a promise.

Last night, I was just praying and reading, and suddenly there it was. Hallelujah. God says rejoice and be glad.

Rejoice and be glad. Everywhere I went, rejoice and be glad. I said, Lord, you told me I'm supposed to rejoice and be glad.

In spite of everything. In spite of what's going on in my life. In spite of finances and everything.

I'm supposed to have a glad heart. And I said, I rejoice in you. Give me the joy and gladness now, because that's your promise.

That's all right? Okay. Thank you. Boldness has little to do with emotion.

Emotion comes, perhaps because of boldness. But that's not where it begins. I want to just share one more thought with you.

I have a lot of notes, but I want to wrap this up. There's a scripture in Matthew 18, 19. Verily I say unto you, whichever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

Whichever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Now, friends, I've checked my commentaries. You can go to Calvin.

You can go to all the Bible commentaries. And everyone has a different kind of interpretation of these scriptures. And I believe, in part, it has to do with binding the powers of hell.

But how do we do this? And I began to pray about this, and I began to study the root words. And I've got something here I believe is from the Lord. If you don't feel it's for you, that's fine.

But it's something that will live with me now until Jesus takes me home. It's very simple. For me, this is how the Holy Spirit is interpreted.

And because all these wonderful scriptures are like diamonds with many facets of light, just streaking in every direction. But I believe this is one stream of light that has really helped me in what I'm trying to convey to you this morning. The word bind here in original Greek, its root word means to bind oneself to a petition.

To bind oneself to a petition. I have to bind myself. I bind myself to a promise.

Let me read a proof scripture, Proverbs 3.3. Let not mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them on your neck. Write them on the table of your heart.

So that you will find favor and understanding in the sight of God and man. And it really means chain yourself to a petition. That's a promise.

Bind it to your neck. In other words, it really is interpreted as saying write it on your heart. Until you are fully convinced.

It's so indelibly in your mind and in your spirit and in your heart. You have quoted it and you have memorized it and it's becoming life to you now. One promise after another according to your needs and according to your burdens and trials and temptations.

You begin to take this to heart. Folks, this eventually enables you to have more power to bind forces of the enemy. See, whatever you bind to your heart, binds God to his word.

It shall be bound in heaven. And then it says, whatsoever you loose. And that word loose is from a root word, means to smash and break.

In other words, when you bind these promises, the word of God is a hammer. It's a hammer. And when you bind yourself to the word.

You go in the scripture and time after time. And all the God I'd seen this years ago. There's not one hour that I've been with God has been wasted.

But I'm telling you, it's possible to bind yourself first. How do you want to have power binding the devil? I believed in what Pastor Carter did this morning, binding the devil up there to try to stop Sister Teresa. Because I know this man binds himself to the promises of God.

You've heard it from this pope and it flows like a river. And all these men behind me. Why would God be bound to someone who didn't even believe? The promises that have been made.

And you can take the hammer of God's word, those promises that are written indelibly on your heart. And that's the hammer against your unbelief and your doubt. And you see that happen in your life.

And you are hammering away at that unbelief by the word of faith, coming by hearing the word of God. And when you do that, the Holy Spirit comes down. My heavenly father sends out a word and he smashes the works of the devil on the right hand and on the left hand.

He begins to work as he's never worked before. God releases more doubts. God releases from our fears and take the word of God.

And I've heard Pastor Carter say many times from this pope at all how much I love this word. That's the testimony in this pulpit. That's the testimony of most of you here.

But let us glean out of it and take out of it that which we can take to the throne of God. And I believe this and with this I close. I don't know how God rejoices.

It does say he rejoices over his people. I can't imagine what he thinks, but I know there's rejoicing. Finally, finally, you're getting it.

Finally, I'm not going to belabor this. Will you stand, please? Lord, we thank you for your precious word. Thank you for your promises.

Lord, help us when you give us a word, when you give us a promise to believe it and not let go of it. There are some are hearing me now that have been given a promise. You've spoken to their hearts.

But somewhere along the line, because they didn't see any evidence of it happening, they have lost heart. Lord, restore into our hearts confidence, absolute confidence that we can hold you to your word. You changed your mind, Lord, for Moses.

Lord, I can't comprehend the theology of it. Lord, these men moved your heart. You just stole the whole army for Jehoshaphat's promise.

He brought back to you. Lord, you did all these things in the past. Now do it for us.

Let this church and let this people who are in this building and those who are the sound of my voice be those who rise up and take finally take these promises so seriously that these are eternal purposes of God. This is the eternal law of the kingdom. This is God's constitution.

Lord, we stand on it. We stand on it. If you're here this morning and you have grown weary and tired of literally praying and asking God for a miracle.

And I'm following the Holy Spirit very carefully now. I don't want to say anything that he doesn't want said. But there are some that are hearing me right now.

You know, you haven't given up, but you're just kind of laying back on your prayer life. You don't see any value in fasting and praying. And now we're talking about bringing his promises to his throne.

Did you say I'm not in a position to do that, Brother Dave? I'm not in a position because I am living in fear. I'm living in doubt. And I really right this time.

Feel too weak to go on by myself. You don't have to go on by yourself. You've got a lot of praying people here.

You have praying pastors and you have the Holy Spirit who will help you. I'm going to open this area in front of the church. We call it the altar area.

There's no altar here, but it's a place to take a stand. If you don't know Christ, you can come also. I could say, if you need a miracle, come and then half the congregation would come.

We all need a miracle. So I'm going to narrow it to this. If the Lord has spoken to you in this message, or if you're battling a raging battle with the enemy, your mind and your flesh have been harassed by Satan.

You're just being, you feel like you're being pushed by the enemy. Then just get out of your seat up in the balcony, go to the stairs on either side. And in the annex, just go to the front of the auditorium.

Stand between the screens so we don't block the view. And we'll pray in just a moment. While they're singing, if God has spoken to you this morning, don't come unless the spirit draws you, but you feel that drawing, you're tugging, pulling at the spirit.

If you're backslidden, especially, you're going cold toward the Lord, come and renew your confidence in the Lord. Renew your strength. Be renewed in your strength.

God bless you. One promise outweighs all your feelings, doubts, and fears. One promise.

In my Bible, if you were to read through it, you'll find promises that are underlined. And it says, mine, mine. I claim them.

I would like you, I'm just doing this by faith. I want you to take a promise a week. Especially those that have come forward.

You've got to get on to the promises now. It's not just, hey, read the word. Read and get a promise.

That you can take God every day for a whole week. Memorize that. If you're just going to read and read and read and don't get anything out of it, that's not reading the Bible.

Just one word from heaven. One promise. And just say, this is mine.

And claim it. Write it in your heart. Just one week.

It'll give you 52 in a year. Don't try to fill your mind where you can't really lay hold of it. Some of you can't write it on your heart that fast.

Let it be stamped. I just opened this to something. Come behold the works of the Lord.

What desolation he made in the earth. He makes all wars to cease. There's a war in some of your hearts.

If that's all you had. He makes wars to cease. Now the reason I'm even quoting that.

Years ago, when Gwen was in the hospital. And I was at the end. Gwen was at the end.

And I was at the end of that proverbial rope. I said, God, you have to give me something. Because my soul is at war.

I don't doubt you. Because at this time, there was no hope for Gwen. One of her many cancer operations.

And I opened it. And that's what I read. The only verse.

He maketh wars to cease. And the Lord said, take it. I'm going to make your war cease.

I'm going to stop it. And I went back into the room. And I gave this to Gwen.

And our war ceased. Just like that. He brought his peace.

Because we held it. Before the Lord said, this is ours. And if that's all it was.

Now, that's been many, many years. And he's still making my wars to cease. And he wants to do that for you right now.

Your doubts, your fears. Now, I know that my prayers could not be your prayer. God wants you to have your own prayer.

But I'll lead you in a prayer that I pray. And I want you to share that. And then we'll take just a moment.

You expand it and just talk to Jesus for just a minute or so. Take it far beyond anything I could put into your heart. Just say this with me from your heart.

Lord Jesus, there's a war in my heart too. And I don't want to leave this house. With this battle.

The enemy has raged against me. And I've had doubts and fears. And I need a touch.

In this war. And draw me closer. You made me a promise.

If I draw close to you, you'll draw close to me. Lord, let that be our promise. That's my promise, Lord.

I'll draw near to you. I will give you my heart. Take my doubts.

In Jesus' name, I receive your mercy. I know you love me. I've been to your throne.

And I've asked you for mercy and grace. Because this is my hour of need. Thank you.

I have mercy. I have grace. Because you said so.

Would you say it again? Because you said so. Because that's your word. Now we thank you, Jesus, for what you promised.

Alright, I'll pray now. Lord, thank you. Now you pray just for a moment.

Now pray out. Lord, come on, talk to him right now. Tell him why you're here.

Lay everything down before him. And believe. Believe with me now.

That he's going to settle things. God's going to change things. You've got to believe that and come to him by grace now.

Lord, grant mercy. Grant favor. And the blessing of God upon your church.

And upon those who are in need. Look this way for a minute. God does not assign his promises to the perfect.

He assigns his promises to those in need. That's what Jackie said. When I was in sin, when I was troubled, that's when he assigned his mercy.

This is the conclusion of the message.

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