

How to Be Faithful to God

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Faithfulness to God is not about striving against sin or sacrificing, but about trusting in God's faithfulness and having a believing heart.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher addresses the feelings of condemnation, fear, and doubt that many people experience. He emphasizes that these negative emotions are a result of the lies of the enemy that have been implanted in our minds. The preacher then focuses on the concept of finding rest in God and encourages the listeners to labor to enter into that rest, avoiding the example of unbelief. He concludes by highlighting the importance of understanding and believing in God's love for His children as a source of strength and faithfulness.

Transcript

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You know, most of us, I think that would be the prayer of our heart, isn't it? God, I want to be faithful to you no matter what. I want to stand before you one day and hear, well done, good and faithful servant. How to be faithful to God.

Reading from Hebrews 4, first three verses, Let us therefore fear, lest the promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them, but the word preached did not profit them. And why didn't it profit them? Read it with me.

Not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. All right? I'll read this. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, as I have sworn in my wrath that they shall enter into my rest, although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Verse six, saying, Therefore remain it that some must enter their inn, and they to whom it was first preached, enter not in because of unbelief. They entered not in because of unbelief. How to be faithful to God.

Heavenly Father, this is such a simple word. And yet, Lord, it's the simplicity of the word that keeps us living strong for you. Hallelujah.

Lord, we thank you for your presence tonight. And we thank you, Lord, for people that put your work and your house first. They didn't put television first tonight.

They didn't put their family first. They didn't put their own desires first. They didn't go out to eat.

They didn't go to the pleasure of this world. They've come here, Lord. And having come here, I pray you spread the table now.

Put out the living word on the table. Lord, take my lips and sanctify the word that you put in my heart. Let it come forth freely.

And Jesus, feed your people tonight. Encourage those who need to be encouraged. Lord, I thank you for the word.

I thank you for the manna, the heavenly manna that you prepare for us every time we come. And Lord, we come hungry to your table right now. Holy Spirit, come and have your way in the preaching and in the hearing of the word, I pray.

In Jesus' name, amen. The writer of Hebrews also talked about being partakers of a heavenly calling. I don't know if you have tried to figure out what that means, that I'm a partaker of the heavenly calling.

To me, it simply means that I hear a call that goes beyond this world. And I'm not called to this world, and this is not my home. I hear a call in my spirit.

I hear a call. I had talked on the phone today to a young lady who has not been in this church for a year. She used to sit in the front with crutches.

What's her name? Annette Garcia. Does anybody know Annette Garcia in the church? She used to sit right up here in the front with crutches. She's a diabetist, and she has had a terrible time with her health.

And a number of months ago, she had some kind of a pain in her leg, and they X-rayed and said it was okay. But a few weeks later, she had a fever, and she passed out and woke up in the hospital. And she was out of it.

They were giving her painkillers. She was in terrible pain in her leg. And they came, and she was half out of it because of the painkiller.

And they made her sign it. She said, they made me sign a paper. Her mother was there, and she thought everything was okay.

And she said, this was today. She said, Brother, when I woke up, I had no right leg. They cut my leg off.

And they just took it. And I didn't know. I would have never allowed it.

I would have gone home and be with Jesus. They took the leg. And just recently, they want to take off the toes and the foot and my other leg.

And she's on dialysis and a terrible, terrible physical condition. And she's in Yonkers Hospital. I'm going up there tomorrow morning to visit with her.

I prayed with her this afternoon. And she said, Pastor Dave, I've asked them to stop giving me dialysis. She said, they say I'll live maybe five days.

And my family is telling me I'm doing the wrong thing. But she says, I don't feel at home here anymore. And I want to go be with Jesus.

She said, and I want a body. Words to the effect, I want a body with two legs. I said, honey, you're going to get your two legs, two arms, two feet, two eyes, two ears.

You're going to have a body just like his. And we began to talk. And I almost got jealous of her going home in five days.

I mean, she is going to be out. I told her, I said, honey, you're not going to be here when your family has to face all the things that are coming. God's being merciful to you.

She said, I know. And she has a heavenly calling now. She's called out.

This world has no meaning to her. And more and more I'm finding in my life that's what I want the Holy Ghost to bring me to, that I live every day as though it were my last day. Because every day could be your last day.

You can go into the hospital and just suddenly be gone. I just heard another case. Somebody went into the hospital expecting to have time to get right with the Lord and immediately didn't even come out of the first test, went into a coma, and within a day and a half was gone into eternity.

That's why it's important to have this heavenly calling to not be a partaker of the things of this world and not to be anchored, that the Lord would start cutting all the strings that tie us down to this world. You know, we have Christians tied down to refrigerators and furniture and cars and apartments. And young ladies are getting married.

They say, oh, Jesus, don't come until I get married and enjoy my husband for a year or so. Then you can come. Folks, that may sound a little facetious, but that's not the heavenly calling.

The heavenly calling is saying there's nothing in this world more important than my being in his presence. That's what Paul said. I would rather be with the Lord, but for your sakes I have to stay here.

The heavenly calling, simply put, is that you hear heaven calling you. You hear heavenly heaven calling you. Have you ever said, Lord, all I have is yours? You can have it all? How many have said that? Do you mean it? I've said that so many times.

But you see, just being loosed from the things of this world, just having all the cords cut, that is not faithfulness in itself. That's not what I mean by being faithful. Some people say, I really could be faithful if I had no materialistic drive at all.

There was nothing materialistic in me. I really believe that I could be faithful to God and I would be really pleasing to him because I'm just not tied down to the world. Whereas the Bible said even if you give your body to be burned at the stake and you didn't have love, you would be dying and burning up in vain.

Your martyrdom, your sacrifice of your physical body would have no meaning because you were not doing it God's way. You didn't have in your heart the charity and the love to people and to God that made it count. So when I talk about being faithful to the Lord, it's not, well, if I could just spend more time reading my Bible, if I could have more quality time alone with the Lord, if I could just get over this one besetting sin that still has me in its grip, then I believe I could be called faithful to God and I would at least feel in my heart that God is pleased with me.

And we try so many, many ways to be faithful to God. We want to hear, you know, we hear about standing before Christ on the judgment seat. We don't want anything against us.

We want to be able to say, Lord, I bring to you a sacrifice. My body is a living sacrifice to you. But you see, wait a minute, Pastor Dave, do you mean all my striving against sin, all of my sacrificing, and all of my efforts to cut away from materialism and covetousness and all these things, they don't matter? Yes, they do.

A faithful person will do all of these things. But that's not faithfulness in itself. That does not describe, that's not the definition of faithfulness to God.

There's only one way, according to the Scripture, that we can completely be pleasing to God and be faithful to Him, and that's what I want to talk to you about now. Faithfulness is absolutely impossible unless it springs out of a trusting, believing heart. You've heard it over and over again, without faith it's impossible to please God, but you haven't yet looked at that word impossible as you should.

It's absolutely impossible. All these other things I do because I'm faithful, they won't count unless it comes out of a trusting, believing heart in the Lord Himself. You can't be faithful to God if you allow any encroachment of unbelief into your spirit.

Any encroachment at all, at any time, allowing yourself, I don't want to call it a luxury, allowing yourself to fall into a pit of despair and despondency and unbelief, all of this stuff stems from an unbelieving spirit, an unbelieving heart. It all comes out of that because of unbelief. The word preached to them didn't profit them not being mixed with faith in them that heard it, the Scripture says.

And here's where you have to read it, Lord, if it is not co-mixed with faith, every sermon you hear, every Scripture you read is in vain because it is a letter that can absolutely kill because you do not have faith behind it. It has no value, the Scripture says, no value whatsoever without being co-mingled or mixed with faith. My preaching tonight is not going to mean anything to you unless you mix it with faith.

Because you sit here tonight and say, Lord Jesus, I want to understand and I want to know how to be faithful to you. Teach me tonight. And if you have that spirit of faith right now, God's going to speak, even though I may not be able to express it as good as I feel I should, the Holy Spirit's going to make it known to you.

And when you walk out of here tonight, you're going to have settled deep in your heart what it means to be faithful to God. Who was faithful, the Scripture says, speaking of Jesus, who was faithful to him that appointed him as also Moses was faithful in all his house. Jesus was faithful and Moses was faithful to the

Heavenly Father.

And how was it that God called them faithful? What were they doing that God says of them, Jesus, my son, is faithful to me. Moses, my servant, is faithful to me. The Scripture says they held the beginning of their confidence in God steadfast to the end.

They were able to say truly, God, my father, is faithful in all things. They believed in the faithfulness of their Heavenly Father. They trusted completely in his mind and his will that God would make it known to them and they could fulfill it.

And just as Jesus was faithful in his confidence with the Father, as Moses was faithful in his confidence with the Lord, this is also the measurement of our faithfulness to God. He measured his own son's faithfulness that way. He measured Moses' faithfulness by his trust in the Father.

But Christ as a son over his own house, whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm until the end. If we are his house, we are his body, if we hold fast our confidence in him to the very end and we don't falter, we don't give up on our faith.

You know, there's a tendency in all of us when trials begin to pile up and prayers appear not to be answered and difficulties come from all sides. You've heard me say many times in this pulpit when problems and troubles and trials come, they come in pairs and they come in quadruple and sometimes they come just from every side. Trouble never comes one at a time.

It doesn't come facing you, it comes this way, behind you, above you, around you. That's why the Bible says you're in the water, you're swimming for your life. There's a tendency when we get to that place to abandon our confidence in God.

There's a tendency. We don't want to accuse God of not loving us. So what we do, and really it's a slap in God's face.

We say, well, I guess there's something wrong with me or I don't have it all figured out or there's something wrong with my faith, I haven't figured faith out. But the bottom of all of that is a lack of confidence in God's faithfulness. It's a lack of confidence in nothing else.

Now, the way the devil comes at us is through lies. Lies. You know the devil is a what? He's the father of all lies.

So every lie you hear is from the devil. Every lie you hear comes directly out of the pits of hell. The devil, the Bible said, was a murderer from the beginning and he abode not in the truth because there's no truth in him.

When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8, 44. You've heard of the mother of all wars.

Well, this is the mother of all lies or the father of all lies, the scripture says. God clearly warns his church that in the last days, the serpent is going to spend all his time accusing his brethren, the brethren, that's Christ's children, with a lying spirit. He's going to come against you with a barrage of lies.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil, and Satan which deceiveth the whole world. For the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night.

The Bible said the devil cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman.

That's the church that he might carry her away with the flood. And beloved, listen to me please. The devil is trying to sweep you absolutely away, to rob you of your faith and confidence in God.

And he will come at you with a barrage of lies right out of the pit of hell. You can be worshiping the Lord in church and he'll try to attack you right in the house of God. He'll attack you on the street, he'll attack you when you lay down at night.

You won't be able to sleep some nights because he will harass you. He injects into your very mind his lies. He speaks, he's a liar.

The Bible says that he's going to come with a flood of lies. If you believe the word of God, believe this. I'll read it to you again.

He will cast out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman, after the church, that he might cause her, God's people, to be carried away with the flood. The flood of discouragement, the flood of fear that he causes by these manifold lies. This flood of lies comes mostly to disrupt your peace.

See, God always ministers peace. The devil comes to minister fear. Fear is not of God, never was and never will be.

The Bible says he's not given us a spirit of fear, but love and power and a sound mind. Now, who does he lie to? He doesn't lie to his children out in the street. He's already got them deceived.

They have no faith. He's not after their faith because they have none. So, who does the devil lie to? The Bible says after the woman, after the church, he goes after God's chosen people and the more you want God, the hungrier you are for the Lord Jesus, the more willing you are to lay aside the whole world, you become a target.

You are the hotspot in his target. What do they call that dot in the middle of the target? Bullseye. You're the bullseye.

Got it. Now, let me tell you that he is subtle and he's very convincing. And when you begin to pursue God's rest, the rest that I read to about here, where you say, Lord, I don't want to fear man.

I don't want to fear in my life anymore. I want to live with peace in my heart. I want the joy of the Lord to be flooding in my soul.

I don't want to have to be resting in my own works anymore to try to please God because I've tried so hard. I've tried to please God and I feel so many times that I failed Him. I feel so condemned sometimes.

I feel so down. Well, folks, why are you feeling so condemned and down and fearful? Because you have already been listening to some of his lies. The lies of the enemy have already made an inroad.

Even though you're not aware of it, somewhere subconsciously these lies have been implanted in your spiritual mind. Hebrews 4 again. You still have Hebrews open? Go to verse 9. There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God.

For he that's entered into his rest, he is 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 example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Look at me, please. Listen. I believe Times Square Church people come here.

I believe the devil has his demonic monitors standing right outside the door of this church. And I believe that all the prince of powers and powers of darkness, they're aware of your progress in God. They're aware of your hunger for God because you are moving further and further away from the kingdom of darkness.

You've been translated in the kingdom of light, and you're preferring light now instead of the darkness. Even the battles you have, you're saying, I hate my sin, and the devil despises that, that you are learning to hate your sin. He sees your cry to be sanctified.

He sees husbands starting to love their wives and be tender toward them. He sees wives beginning to submit to their husbands. And he sees things beginning to line up in your life according to the Scripture.

And he sees you at home, not parked for hours in front of a television set, but you have your Bible out, and you enrage the devil when you're sitting there not drinking in some credible foolishness. But here you are with your Bible open. And I'm going to tell you, he will come to you when your Bible is open.

When you are sitting there reading your Bible and praying, you're going to tell me he's not going to try to attack you and lie to you? Because he knows he has lost you. And he doesn't want to give up that easy. He will come.

What does the Bible say? He comes as a roaring lion to deceive, if it were possible, even the elect. It doesn't say it's possible. It's possible if you will believe these lies and give in to them.

But that's why God sent the Holy Ghost. You see, the rest we're talking about, that's simply just a trust in God. It's no deep theological problem to figure out what rest is.

It's saying, Lord, you've got everything under control. I really don't have anything to worry about. Lord, you promised that I'm not going to have to beg for bread.

You said you're my heavenly Father. You said you've numbered every hair on my head. You said you'll make a way where there is no way.

You told me to go into the Word and look at the Old Testament, how you took care of three million Jews in the wilderness where there were no stores or no food stamps, there was nothing. And you took care of them. Lord, you told me that that's my example to believe, that you gave me examples all through it.

Isn't that true? So, let me talk to you about some of these lies that he brings into our life. His biggest lie of all is this. You ready? You are making no spiritual progress at all.

You haven't learned anything. You're just as bad as you used to be. Anybody heard that one? He'll come to you and say, in spite of all your hunger for God and all of your self-denial, in spite of all of the ministry you've heard and all the sermons you've heard, you're making no progress in your Christian walk.

You're still just as sinful. You've got a wooden head. You're still full of self.

You've been given so much and you've heard so much. It's not changed you. You're not growing up spiritually.

You'll never grow up if you live to be a hundred years old, he says. That's one of his biggest lies and it comes to many of us. He'll say, something's wrong with you.

You're not getting it. Everybody around you is growing. They're all passing you by.

Just look around you. Everybody's happy but you. Everybody's getting their bills paid but you.

Everybody's getting their prayers answered but you. You're sick and everybody else is healthy. What's wrong with you? He'll say, you're a phony.

You're a hypocrite. You're weak. You're spineless.

You're no good. Every one of those are lies. God doesn't talk to his children like that.

The Holy Ghost doesn't talk like that. Another big lie. You are too weak for spiritual warfare.

You're too weak. This spiritual warfare is too much for you. You are worn out.

You are strung out. And you know what you do? You whisper, you're tired. You're weak.

You're sick. You're dying. The devil's been trying to tell me that the last two years I'm dying.

How many times has the devil told you you're dying? Every pain you get. Cancer. Cancer.

I got cancer. I know it. It's cancer.

Pain in your arm. A heart attack. I need a doctor.

There's a heart attack. My arm fell asleep recently. It was tingling.

It was from falling asleep. And I'm saying, uh-oh. And I honestly, I had three locks.

I went and unlocked the door so if I died, somebody wouldn't have to break the door down to find my body. Why are you laughing at me? You do the same thing. How many times has he whispered to you, you're tired.

You're worn out. This battle's too much for you. Why go on in spiritual warfare? Because you're not winning anything anyhow.

Come on now. These are lies of the devil. And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High.

How does he wear you out? By lying insinuations. There are times that I've come in here, and if I had given in to those lies, I would have crawled to this pulpit feeling so tired. This is the end of side one.

You may now turn the tape over to side two. Much of our spiritual weariness is caused by this implanted lie, a constant stream of lies saying, you're wearing down, something's wrong, you're supposed to be at

rest. And then the devil says, there's sin behind it.

You say, Pastor Dave, you mean? As pastor of this church, as one of the pastors of this church, the devil does that? He puts those kind of lies in your heart? Oh, yes. You think I'm Superman? My goodness, no pastor's Superman. He flies in blood just like everybody else.

Amen, Sam? Amen. Amen. See, Satan will question your faith.

That's all it's about. He questions your faith. He keeps questioning your faith.

When you get sick, he'll just question you. Why are you sick? Where's the sin? Where's your faith? He'll question you every step of the way. Here's another vicious lie, terrible lie.

God's not with you. You've grieved him away. God's not with you anymore.

You've grieved him away. Oh, he still loves you, but he's not with you. There's something in you, unseen, unknown.

His blessing is not on you right now. And you know what he'll do? The devil will take the scripture itself out of context and pound you with it. Try to pound your faith into the ground.

He'll say, didn't God leave Israel when they sinned? Your present dry spell and your present struggle and your trials, all your troubles, isn't that proof that God's not with you? You're on your own. The Holy Ghost has left you. That has happened to so very, very many people.

This was the lie that was planted by the devil in Gideon's mind. You know, Israel had been delivered out of the hands of the Midianites, and they were suffering cruelly at their hands, and God said to Gideon, the Lord's with you, Gideon, the almighty man of valor. And a lie came into his mind, and he looked around at his circumstances.

You know what he told God? He said, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where be all his miracles, which our fathers talk about, saying, did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt? But now the Lord has forsaken us and has delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. Now, God did that simply to chase them, but God had come forward now saying, I want you to stand up in faith because I'm going to deliver you. I want to deliver you.

I'm sure the devil tried to sell Moses on the lie that God was going to forsake Israel. Time and time again the devil attacked Moses, but God said, Moses was faithful in all of his house. He never mistrusted me.

No matter how black it seemed, no matter how dark and how hopeless it seemed, Moses held on to his confidence in me, the Lord says. Here's what happened. This is why Moses never doubted the Lord.

He knew his merciful heart. He knew that God loved his children, that he would never forsake them. Listen, I want to share this with you before I close.

It's so important for you to understand this. The thing that has blessed me and helped me more than anything in my life, and I go through some very difficult times too. I get my faith tested time and time again.

But the one thing that keeps bringing me back is I am so convinced that God loves his people. God loves his children. He is passionately in love with his children and he cares.

And then the Lord always says, look at yourself, David. Look at yourself. I just got a beautiful letter from one of my sons today.

It just made me rejoice and weep inside. He just said, Dad, I'm so glad. I took him up on a mountain one time when he was seven years old.

And I told him what God was going to do with him. The Lord had given me a vision. And I prophesied over all my children.

He said, Thanks, Dad, for that mountaintop on your knee. Thank you for loving me enough to trust me into the hands of Jesus. And if I can have that kind of relationship with my sons, my children.

My daughter, Bonnie, called me today. She was trying to pull out of a supermarket. She was parked between two cars.

And a pickup truck blocked her. There was nobody around anywhere. This pickup just blocked her, couldn't get out.

And this man was intent on evil. She just rolled up the window and bowed her head and began to cry out to God. Mercy.

Out of nowhere, God sent a car. And they sped off. I talked to her today.

She was just trembling. And I felt the Father's heart. And I prayed, God.

I prayed with her. I said, an angel of the Lord is with you, honey. Don't be afraid.

Don't be afraid. And here I am as an earthly father, feeling for her pain and even her fears and everything else. And he said, if you being earthly know how to do that, how much more your heavenly Father? How much more? I always think of my love.

Maybe some of you have not had a loving father and you can't relate to that. But he's an absolute loving father. And if you can trust his love, you can trust him in everything.

You can be faithful in your confidence in him because you know he's not mad at you. He may chasten you for a season, but he does that only because he said he loves you. And you say, well, I'm struggling with so much sin.

I'm struggling with so many things. And you go through all these lies. God knows the devil's lying to you.

And all he's saying, stand still now. Just stand still and see my salvation. Don't fret about it.

Don't listen to it. I don't care what your experience. I don't care what you're going through.

He is here to embrace you tonight. And the Lord made it clear when I came to the pulpit tonight, even on the way here, he said, there are so many of my children, David, there are so many of them that just need the embrace of the heavenly Father. They need to know that they're loved.

And that's, I'm his shepherd and he's told me to tell you that, that he cares about what you're going through. He sees every tear that you shed. He knows what you're feeling right now about all your family problems.

This precious little Annette that's in the hospital room right now and beginning to go into death throes because of the choice that she's made. Don't you know that Jesus is there as her nurse? He's nursing her. He's nursing you right now.

He wants to nurse you right through it. You know, it's a nurse who cares, not one of those hard nurses, just what jabs a needle. No, this is the one that tries to bathe away all the pain and the hurt.

Are you going to trust him through what you're going through right now? Will you trust him and not accuse him of abandoning you, not accuse him of not answering your prayers, not accuse him of anything, but just say, Lord Jesus, I'm going to trust you through this. I'm going to trust you through my battle. I'm going to trust you through my pain.

I'm going to trust you through all my sicknesses and whatever may come upon me. I'm going to trust you. Hallelujah.

Otherwise, folks, you get a hard heart. Every bit of unbelief leads to a hard heart, and that's not God's plan. Will you stand? Hallelujah.

Folks, this is such a simple word tonight, very, very simple. Do you believe you're loved? I mean truly, wonderfully, marvelously loved by the Heavenly Father and by Jesus, the Son of the living God, and by the Holy Ghost who abides in you. Is not your body the temple of the Holy Ghost? Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. You know something? I've tried to preach you through the Holy Ghost into encouragement, and I see some of you tonight look so down, so downcast. It looks like you've got a 300-pound weight on your shoulder.

I'm not going to look at you unless you think I'm picking you out, but I'll put my head down. But I know I have the mind of the Holy Spirit tonight. The devil has half his battle against you won if he can just get you to doubt the love of God for you and God's concern for you and care for you.

And if he can convince you that God's mad at you, angry at you, then he's halfway won his battle. So by an act of faith right now in this service, not some big emotional upheaval in your heart, but through a simple act of faith, say, Jesus, I accept your love. I know you care for me.

And God, thank you for not being mad at me. Thank you for not being angry at me. Thank you for loving me.

And then say, Jesus, I'm going to trust you to sanctify me. I'm going to trust. Do you know that's the work of the Holy Ghost? It's not your work.

You can't cleanse yourself. You can't sanctify yourself. You can't purify yourself.

That's the work of the Holy Ghost. If we, through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, then you shall live. Through the Holy Spirit, say, Holy Spirit, thank you for coming and living in me.

Jesus came to die for me, to provide salvation. The Holy Ghost was sent to see that it happens. Hallelujah.

Glory be to God. Father, forgive our unbelief. Take it away.

Lord, you're not even rebuking us. You're telling us in love that that unbelief will harden our hearts. Unbelief will cause us to bear so many burdens that we don't have to bear.

And we go through so much turmoil that's unnecessary. Oh, God, by your Spirit, lift this fear. I come against anxiety.

I come against unbelief. And, Lord, fear, despair. And all of these things that are pushed on us by the lies out of hell, we take your authority over them in Jesus' name.

Hallelujah. I have a special altar call tonight only for those who have been oppressed of the enemy. You've been oppressed by the devil.

You've been victimized by these lies of the enemy. And it's brought discouragement, and it's brought some fear to your heart. Whatever it may be.

You say, Brother Dave, that was for me because tonight I have to tell you the devil has been lying to me, trying to get me down and trying to rob me and shake my faith. If he could just rattle your faith and shake it, that's what he tries to do. Come.

Remember when those two disciples were going to a mass? Jesus came on them. They must have been so downcast. They must have looked like they were dying or something.

And Jesus says, Why are you troubled? Why are you troubled? You know, I think that's what I'd want to say to so many of you up here. Why are you so troubled? Why are you troubled? And you would tell me, and you'd list all the reasons. There's something that's very, very strong and something very powerful that's happening in your life, something very shaking, maybe.

And you would tell me all that. But then I'd have to come back to you and say no matter what it is, no matter what, if you were looking death right in the face like Annette is, God is going to be faithful. God's Word is true.

Hallelujah. God's Word is true. He's still not going to change His love for you.

So why not believe Him right now with everything that's in you, come like a child to the foot of the throne and say, Jesus, tonight I don't want unbelief to take a hold in me and grip me because unbelief leads to hardness of heart. Did you hear me? Look at me. It's that serious.

Unbelief will cause you to harden your heart against God. Why, God? I don't understand, God, and it's going to harden you. I know you don't want your heart hardened.

You want your heart soft before the Lord. So ask God to forgive you of any kind of thought like that and say, Jesus, whatever it is, I'm going to commit it to you right now. I resign from trying to figure it out.

I resign and give it in your hands. Close your eyes right now. If you want to lift your hands to the Lord, I want you to pray this prayer for me right now.

Jesus, I ask you to forgive my unbelief, all my doubting, all my questions. I'm sorry. Oh, Jesus, I know you love me.

I know you see my faults. You see my failings. But I know you still love me.

Forgive me, Jesus, and send the Holy Ghost to give me power to live for you, Jesus. Cleanse me of all sin and mostly of unbelief. I lay it at your feet.

Jesus, help me to trust you in what I'm enduring. What I'm going through, I commit to you now, into your hands, to do what is right. Hallelujah.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus.

Wonderful, wonderful Savior. Now, Heavenly Father, I pray that you just sweep down upon us right now, this Friday night, right in the heart of New York City and Times Square, and bring a spirit of encouragement now. Lift up the spirits that are falling down.

Lift them up, Lord, every heart. I want you to just raise your hands and begin to love the Lord right now. Just raise your hands.

Begin to worship him. Say, Lord, you're faithful. Lord, you're true.

Say it to him. Tell him how faithful he is. Testify to it right now.

Lord, you are faithful. You're not going to fail me, God. I'm not going to go around doubting you anymore.

I'm not going to mistrust you. Lord, I put my confidence in you. Forgive my unbelief, oh God.

I want to be faithful. I want to be faithful to you, Lord, in my confidence, holding fast my confidence to the end. Lord, you've not failed any of us.

You have not failed any. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Oh, bless the name of Jesus.

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