

Remembering Your Deliverances

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We are commanded to remember God's miracles to increase our faith and to warn against forgetting His goodness.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a story about astronauts in space to illustrate the importance of remembering God's miracles. He describes how the astronauts were amazed by the sight of the Earth hanging in space and relates it to how God showed his power to Job in the Bible. The speaker then discusses how the Israelites quickly forgot the miracles God performed for them at the Red Sea. He emphasizes the command in Scripture to remember God's works and gives two reasons for this command. The speaker also highlights the disciples' lack of understanding and remembrance of Jesus' miracles, specifically the feeding of the 5,000.

Transcript

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We pray that you sense the presence of Jesus here tonight. A message, remember your deliverances. Remember your deliverances.

This past week, I stood with Pastor Bob, it was last Wednesday, in the back of this auditorium. It was empty except for a choir practicing here. And we were looking out over this beautiful auditorium, and I turned to Pastor Bob and I said, Bob, I don't think it's registering with us the great miracle of our being in this theater.

I don't think we understand it. I don't think we fully comprehend the miracle that it's been of God putting us right here in Broadway in this theater. And he said something else, Pastor Dave, that I've been thinking

about.

He said, who would have believed that God could have made it in just two years a family church with so many children coming. I want you to stop just a minute. Do you remember that just a short time ago, how we as a church opened a town hall and we couldn't get dates in that town hall so we had to move to various hotels.

We were in ballrooms, renting very expensive ballrooms, trying to keep the body together. And then God, in His grace, opened up the Nederlander Theater, and that was on Crack Alley, 41st Street. You remember coming out and all the alcoholics and all the crack addicts, one night there were 15 crack addicts out in front of those doors.

We had to have the priest try to move them down because they didn't want to hear the gospel, they were stoned. And those who wanted to hear came in and got saved, of course. And then, remember, the Lord opened the possibility for this tremendous theater to open, but it was contingent on a play that was to open and it was to be one of the biggest hits on Broadway.

Legs Diamond was an \$8 million production and it was the most hyped, promoted musical on Broadway. They were all predicting it was going to be a great hit, and it had to be a great hit to charge \$50,000. And I was seeing what happened downstairs where we have prayer room now.

It was filled with millions of dollars worth of electronic equipment, pulleys, it was the most elaborate, computerized production in Broadway history. And right here on the stage where you heard them sing till the power of the Lord came down, they had all of the actors and actresses and dancers and singers, they had a little bit of everything. This was going to be the great musical.

And you remember how we prayed? We prayed, Oh God, shut it down! Because we couldn't get in. We couldn't get in here until, they said, as soon as it closed. Now, if it was a hit across the street, Cats has been playing there for, what, six years now.

If it was a hit, we'd have never gotten in here. And so I remember so vividly opening night, I was outside across the street, hiding behind a limousine, praying, Oh Jesus, send angels, bug it, do anything. And at halftime, or intermission, halftime, intermission, people were leaving, and First Lady said, It's a bomb, it's a bomb.

And I said, Praise the Lord. Do you remember all the newspaper clippings? All they had to do was have one critic say something bad about it, and it would have been dead, especially New York Times. You know, it was called the worst show in Broadway history.

There wasn't one good review in the whole thing. I think 27 bad reviews. I have a copy of all of them.

Legs Diamond died right here on this stage. He died. And the next week, after they left, we were here.

We had about ten days to get it ready. We walked in here. And now here we are.

And yet, I don't know whether you and I are really thanking Him like we should. I really don't think it's registered the miracle that happened, the tremendous miracle that God did to put us in a flagship theater. We're not here to belittle Broadway.

We're not here to belittle actors or actresses or anything else. We're here to say Jesus has a right to be on Broadway. And Jesus has a right.

Jesus evidently chose to be here. And they said, Well, you do that and the newspapers will crucify you. Do you remember the first article? New York Times said, God, a hit on Broadway.

I had a Broadway producer, one of the biggest Broadway producers in New York, come to me one day and said, Pastor David, you folks have the biggest hit in Broadway. They're talking about God being a hit in Broadway. There has not been one bad review since we have been here.

You know, my point is, the Lord speaking, remember your deliverances. I want you to just look around you to see what God has done in just two years. And I wonder, God rebuke me this past week that I have forgotten the miracle, the details, and all that went into it, God had to do to put it all together.

Because I walked through this theater three years ago, three years ago when it was empty, and walked through and my heart leaped inside, but I was saying, Never, impossible, couldn't be. And all along God said, This is the place. And the first time we approached it, there was laughter.

Nobody's laughing now. But my point is, remember your deliverances. Remember the miracles.

Remember it all, all that God has done. You see, we're like the disciples of Jesus, who didn't understand or remember the miracles of the feeding of the thousands. Remember there were 4,000 fed, and then 5,000 fed, and they took up baskets full.

Do you know Jesus had to rebuke these men? Because it was just a few weeks later, after they had taken up all these baskets of fragments, after they had taken these little fishes and loaves, and the Lord Jesus multiplied them, and multiplied them, and fed the thousands, and they took up baskets of remnants. Didn't dawn on them. Didn't even know.

They couldn't understand or perceive, nor did they remember it. Three weeks later, or less, when they're on a trip and they're out in the boat, and someone says, We forgot bread. There's no bread.

We forgot to bring the food. And Jesus must have heard them talking about it, and said something about the leaven. Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees.

They thought he was talking about the bread. He said, It's because we brought no bread. And Jesus was incredulous.

He couldn't believe the unbelief of these disciples. He said, Do you not understand? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? How is it that you don't understand? And in Mark 8, 17, Jesus seems to be overwhelmed by their lack of comprehending the miracles that he had done. He says, Having eyes, He's speaking about them forgetting this tremendous miracle.

He said, Having eyes, do you not see? And you have ears, don't you hear? And don't you remember? Don't you remember at all? Listen, folks. What the Scripture is saying here, these disciples, knowing that there are only five loaves and a few fishes, they know that. And they're going to the Master.

And they are watching him tear off that bread, and that piece in his hand just keeps growing, and he keeps putting it in there and filling it up, and they go out and they feed people, come back, fill it up again, and that

same loaf is there, and he's pulling it off and loading up the baskets, and they're going out there, and finally, it's just a matter of fact, it doesn't register on them the miracle. What they should have done was fall on their face after they saw the first four or five baskets full, and said, This is God at work. This is a miracle.

Look at these baskets. There are only a few loaves and fishes. Look at the meat.

Look at these baskets. They should have gone all through that crowd. This is holy bread.

This is God at work. This is a miracle. It didn't dawn on them.

They just went back, filled up the baskets nonchalantly. It was so natural. It didn't even dawn on them.

They didn't even see the miracle. Jesus said, You didn't understand it. You didn't catch it.

It didn't register on you. You said, If I'd have been there, I'd have been shouting everywhere. No, you and I do the same thing.

Right in the middle of the miracle, God's miracles seem so natural. They just fall into place, and almost as if it just happens, and it doesn't register. It didn't just happen God brought us to this standard.

It just didn't happen that God has put a church together right in the middle of Broadway. No. It was a miracle.

The things that God is doing in your life and mine, they didn't just happen. They are miracles. But he said, You have eyes, and you don't see.

You have ears, and you don't hear. You said, Oh, I wouldn't have done that. Yes, you would have, because you're doing it now.

We all do it. We forget so quickly. I want you to go with me to Exodus 13, please.

Exodus 13. If you don't bring your Bible to Times Square Church like Brother Phillips said, you're naked. You need the Word.

Didn't you say that, Bob? I thought I heard somebody say no over there. You did. Yeah.

You said that. I thought so. I borrowed that from you.

Exodus 13. Begin at verse 3, please. And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day in which ye came out from Egypt out of the house of bondage, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place.

There shall be no leavened bread. There shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month of Abed.

I want you to go down now to verse 6. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day there shall be a feast of the Lord. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days, and there shall be no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither there be leavened seen with thee in all thy quarters. Verse 8. And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth of Egypt.

And it shall be for a sign unto thee between thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the Lord's law may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand hath the Lord brought thee out of Egypt. Look at verse 14.

And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us out from Egypt from the house of bondage. Verse 16. And it shall be for a token, or a sign, upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes.

For by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt. Now look this way, please. Follow me.

The Pharisees took that literally. They had a little box called phylacteries, and they taped one on the arm, I believe it was the left arm, and then they put a band around their head and had the little box here. It had four little scrolls in it with the law and some of the traditions of the fathers.

And that's to remind them. They took it from this verse, in fact, from the law, on your forehead and in your right hand. But it was a metaphor.

It was a spiritual ministry that the Lord is talking about. What he's saying, this great deliverance that I've done for you, I want you to always have it in hand, or you can call it up. And I want you to have it in your memory, right before your eyes, so you can tell your children.

I want you to have a mental diary and remember all the details of this great deliverance that I have performed for you, so that any time in the history of your children, your grandchildren, you can list all the miracles that I've done for you. Write them down. I want you to wear this miracle, in other words.

I want you to wear this. Wear it in your hand and wear it in your forehead. Brother, sister, how many miracles, how many deliverances that God has wrought for you, are you wearing tonight? How many can you just call up right now to mine and say, such and such a day, Jesus did this for me.

God did this for me. I have been so soundly rebuked by the Holy Spirit in prayer this week. I was praying for a message, and I think it was Tuesday or Wednesday night this past week.

I was sitting in my study praying, and the Holy Spirit came upon me. I began to tremble, and I heard it in the innermost of my being. He said, David, remember your deliverances.

And I didn't know that's where this message came from. And I sat down to try to remember all the great things that God has done for me and for my family. And I have to tell you, I'm embarrassed.

I've forgotten more than I remember. I've forgotten so many of the miracles. I called Gwen in, and I said, Gwen, quick.

And she came up and said, what's the matter? I said, sit down a moment. She said, oh, boy, here's another one of those lectures. I don't do that to her very often.

I said, what is it, David? I said, honey, could you tell me the details of some of the miracles the Lord's done for us? Oh, yeah, sure. And we started. And some of the details began to fade, and she remembered a few.

She reminded me of three or four, but I said, you see what's happening? You and I are limited. There are so many things. We could write a book, and now we're struggling to bring them to mind? I ask you, how

many of the great deliverances that God has wrought in your life do you have at hand in between the frontlets of your eye? How many of the miracles, how many of the details do you remember? It shall be a sign unto your hand and for frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you up out of Egypt.

No one saw greater miracles than these Israelites. It started with those ten awesome plagues in Egypt, remember? They sat secure while God devastated Egypt. And then when they left Egypt, they saw when Pharaoh's army came bearing down on them, they saw the cloud of the Lord's presence go and park behind them and just send a cloud of confusion all over Pharaoh and his army.

And then God moved by His spirit. He looked down through that pillar of fire, and that pillar of fire must have made a hole right in the middle of that sea and parted. And there were walls of water on both sides.

A wind came and dried out the sand so that their wheels would not, from their donkeys, whatever they had carrying, they would not bog down in the sand. And they went all night over in dry ground. The next day, while they're on the other side, Pharaoh's army, the cloud lifts just in time for the Lord to dump them in the sea.

They are blind, and they race into the middle of the Red Sea, and suddenly the wall collapses and the water comes. And the Israelites stand there in amazement at the awesome power of God as the wheels begin to fall off of those chariots. The Bible said the wheels went crazy.

I mean, the wheels spun out of control because the waters came in. Can you imagine what happened to those men with their armor, that heavy armor? You can't swim with armor on. And their helmets, and they are drowning in the sea, and they're screaming and yelling, and you see the horses and the bodies floating down the river or laying in the bottom of the river.

And they're singing the praises of the deliverance of God. You know, you're sitting here thinking, just like me, if I had been there, I would have never forgotten that. They forgot it immediately.

That miracle didn't register. How would you have liked to walk through a sea like that and looked up? As high as you can see, water on both sides. You're walking on dry ground.

Right through the middle of the water. You'd be going, that's something, God, that's something. And those without faith, Lord, hold them there, hold them there.

You say, if I ever saw a miracle like that, that would make such an impression on me, and I'd never doubt God again in my life. That's what some of you think, if God could just show me one great miracle. If I've heard so many people say that, I'd serve God.

If I saw one genuine miracle, I'd serve God. No, you wouldn't. You'd forget it just like they did.

You know what the Bible says? Our fathers understood not the wonders in Egypt. They remembered not the multitude of His mercies, but they provoked Him at the Red Sea. The Bible said, yea, they turned back and they tempted God.

They limbered the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not His mighty hand. They remembered not the day when He delivered them from the enemy, how He wrought His signs in Egypt and His wonders at Zohar, and He turned their rivers into blood.

They served for God His miracles. They waited not for His counsel. They forgot God, their Savior, which had done great things for them in Egypt.

Wondrous, terrible things by the Red Sea. Do you hear what it says? They forgot those miracles. They didn't remember the miracles that didn't register that great opening of the Red Sea.

Moses incited Israel. He had told them before he died. In fact, I think, yes, it's in Deuteronomy 4.9, he said, Take heed to yourself, and keep your soul watchful, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.

But teach them to your sons and to your sons' sons. God said, You're going to forget My miracles. You're going to forget these things.

He chided them, and the very thing He chided them about, they were guilty of. They soon, the Bible said, in King James, they quickly, they soon forgot what God did for them at the Red Sea. They forgot it all.

Why are we commanded? Why are we commanded to remember? I want to give you two reasons at least. Maybe I'll get to three. I want to give you two reasons at least why we're commanded by Scripture.

In fact, the whole Bible screams, Remember, remember, remember. Even the Passover. We have every Tuesday night, we have communion.

He said, Remember me. Remember, remember. The whole Bible screams it.

Remember. Remember. First of all, we're to remember all our past miracles, all our past deliverances, to increase our faith in our present struggle.

The strength you get right now in what you're going through depends on your remembering what God's done for you in the past. Now, this is very, very important. Why did David have such courage to go up to the giant? David wasn't naive.

He wasn't stupid. He knew the danger involved. That wasn't zeal without wisdom.

No, David knew very well what he was doing. David knew it well. I'll tell you what David was doing.

He was remembering. He was remembering the lion and the bear. I want you to get that in your mind now.

Here's the secret. Do you know how to face your giant? Do you know how to go up against your giant in your life with courage? Remember the lion and the bear. You've all had a lion and a bear in your life.

The lion, of course, represents the devil. Why don't you just follow me to 1 Samuel, and let's look at it in black and white. Some of you might think I'm exaggerating.

No, you wouldn't, but let's just look at it anyhow. 1 Samuel 17. 1 Samuel 17.

It's good to see it in black and white. Mark this when you go home tonight, and your giant comes staring you down the face. You stare him right back with this scripture.

I'm going to tell you how to make your giant look like an anthill. 1 Samuel 17, verse 32. Beginning to read.

I'll wait until those leaves quit rustling. Do you have it? 1 Samuel 17, verse 32. And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him, the giant.

I serve it. I'll go fight this Philistine. And Saul said to David.

This is 1 Samuel 17, verse 33. And Saul said to David, I'm not able to go up against this Philistine to fight him. You're just a youth.

And he's a man of war from his youth. And David said to Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock. And I went after him, and I killed him.

And delivered it out of his mouth. And when he rose against me, I caught him by his beard, and I killed him, and I slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be just like one of them, seeing he hath defiled the armies of the living God.

David said, Moreover, the Lord hath delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear. He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. You got a Philistine on your job? I mean a big one, with a sword in his hand.

Growling at you. Wanting to chew you up and spit you out. I'm not going to ask you how many have one.

Afraid somebody back here would put up their hand. David remembered the past deliverance, and that's where his fate came from. He said, look, the lion came up and tried to take one of the lambs.

I went up to him, the Spirit of the Lord came on me, and I ripped his jaws apart. And a bear came up. Now, beloved, you say, that's not such a big deal.

How would you like to have one of these big bears hanging down you? A big eight-foot bear. I don't know how big it was. There was a bear.

David said, I grabbed him by the beard, and I killed him. How would you like to grab a grizzly by the beard? Do you know we face giants on every side today, and people are cowering in fear of these giants? There's a couple, a minister, a couple that I know, their son, who is also in the ministry, left a wife and two children to run off to a gay life with a gay friend. These people are devastated because they worry most of all what's going to happen to their grandchildren.

A pastor's wife, not far from here, grieves over a daughter. They prayed her out of a deathbed, and now they're wondering if they prayed the wrong prayer because she's on drugs now. She ran off and married a wicked young man who committed murder, and he's in prison now, and she's losing control of her life.

She thinks of suicide, and they're grieving. They're absolutely devastated. There's a mother with three children who sits alone in a rented house.

In fact, we helped this young woman. Her husband died, leaving her no insurance, no means of support, and she wonders. She thanked God for the support she gets, but she wonders about her future, and it's a real giant in her life.

In Oklahoma, there's a businessman who's being sued by his so-called Christian partner in business who's intent on stealing the business that he himself started. This man brought this man in. This man he brought in, trying to take over, suing him, trying to take everything, and the man won't even talk to him.

And worse, the court seems to be siding with the other man, even though this man has done everything right before God. A 55-year-old man in Pittsburgh lost an executive job. He's 55 years old.

He's devastated. He's put out resumes everywhere. He can't get work.

And he's been helping his children. He worries more about not having money to give his children now that are grown and in need. And he's so embarrassed, he goes out during the day, and there are no contacts, so he just sits in his car, or he walks the streets until time to go home, and the man is absolutely devastated and his panic setting into his heart.

It's a terrible giant. I could go on and on of the letters and the telephone calls we receive in our offices. People are facing incredible giants in their life, insurmountable odds, and panic seems to be setting in for many, many of these people.

But you see, where do you get the faith to go against things like this that are so overwhelming? Where does the faith come? It comes from remembering the past deliverances of the Lord. Now listen to me. Do you remember, for example, the day the Lord saved you? How close did you come to blowing it all? How close did you come to being demon-possessed? Or maybe you were demon-possessed.

How close did you come to suicide? How much longer could you have gone on if the Lord had not saved you before you would have lost everything? You were spinning out of control. What was it like Jesus came to you, the Holy Spirit somehow came to you and delivered you? It might have been alcoholism. It could have been a marriage that was devastated.

And the Lord came to you, and He found you in a pit, and He pulled you out. He delivered you. Which is easier, the Lord said, to say, your sins be forgiven, or rise up and walk? In the eyes of God, your present condition, your present problem is nothing in comparison to the salvation of your soul.

And how He came to you one day and absolutely cut off the chains of darkness. And then how many times since you've been saved has the Lord delivered you from temptation? The traps the devil has set for you since you've been enlightened. Oh, I can tell you, He's delivered me so many, many times.

How many times did you come close to giving in? How many times did you feel like quitting? How many times did the devil say, you're not making progress, God's forgotten you? We heard about that this morning so clearly from the Lord. But the Spirit of the Lord came on you time and time again, and He held you, and you sit here tonight, and you can say, I'm battle scarred, I've been through the fire, but I sit here tonight loving Him more than I've ever loved Him in my life. He delivered me.

You know, the best way to bring your giant down to size? Get in your car if you have one, or go rent a car. Go to New Jersey and find a country road. Do it at night.

It's safer there. But I'm not being facetious. Just get in a country road where you can see the stars and the moon, and look up there.

Look at the moon just hanging there and nothing, and look at all the millions of stars, and get your eyes on what God has done. The great creator God, a Friday night astronaut, Charlie Duke was here in the service, and he spoke here at the prayer meeting, then went down and spoke an hour or so to our singles group. And I went down, introduced Charles, and listened.

It was incredible to hear him talk about when they took off and that spaceship began to rumble and shake, and then suddenly that G-450 went out into space, and they were so wrapped up in the module, wrapped up in all the things that they had to do, and they're 28,000 miles in space heading toward the moon. And the man at the controls turned the spacecraft and said, gentlemen, take a look. And he turned the spacecraft, and they looked out, and Charlie Duke said his heart pounded him because there was the Earth, a big ball, out in the darkness just hanging and nothing.

...of side one. You may now turn the tape over to side two. He said it was incredible.

He said, look, it's hanging there, the Earth. Do you know that's what God did with Job when Job had grief in his heart? That's how God cured Job. He just gave him a lesson on his power.

He took him out to New Jersey and said, look up. And he said, Job, tell me, what's holding, what's teetering the Earth? What's holding it up? Where are the foundations of it? Tell me who's holding it up. Who put it there? You and I are right there.

You know what Charlie said? You look down there, and he said, you can see the outline of the United States and Mexico, but you couldn't see New York, you couldn't see Los Angeles, you couldn't see anybody black or white, Jew, Gentile. It was just one big ball out in space. And he said, when I was on the moon, he said, you couldn't lean back unless you jumped up.

He said, I jumped up and looked back, and there, right on top of me, was the Earth. And I'm there on the moon, and the moon's hanging on nothing, and the Earth is right on top of us in a blackness, and there it is, and it's reflecting the light of the sun. And he said, look over here and see the multitudes of the galaxy.

And he said, you say, who put it there? It's hanging in nothing. Our God did that with the mighty hands. God said to Job, look up, Job, to what is the Earth fastened? Who holds it in space? Who shut up the sea so it doesn't overflow the land? Where's the spring out of which the sea flows? How did I park the light? Where did I get the wind? How did I divide it and scatter it over the world? How was the rain born, Job? Who set all the forces of nature in place? Who can produce lightning and thunder and clouds and rain? Who put the wildness and the tameness in the nature of the beast? And he went on and on until Job finally lifts up his hand and he said, Oh, God, I know you can do anything, and nothing can be helped from me, not even my thoughts.

Job was cured. He wasn't thinking of his grief. Now he said, oh, my God did all this.

My God can do all this. What's my problem? What's my problem? I got to create a God. Secondly, we're to remember past deliverance is a weapon against fear.

It's a weapon against fear. I'll tell you what. Listen to this statement.

Fear cannot get a stronghold in the heart of someone who's full of the vision of the majesty of God. There is no way that doubt can get a hold of you if you're full of the vision of his might and his power. Nehemiah understood this principle very well.

He was on the wall pacing back and forth, and the children of Israel were just a remnant. They were worn out. They were surrounded by wicked Sanballat and Tobiah, and Sanballat and Tobiah had rallied the Ammonites, the Arabians, the Ashdodites, and they were pressing in on all sides, so much so that the workers on the wall, the wall wasn't finished yet.

There were heaps of rubbish everywhere. The gaps hadn't been closed, and they're having to have a hammer in one hand and a sword in the other, and they're having to try to do that work, watching over the wall for the enemy to come in. And there's fear setting in the children of Israel.

Nehemiah was given a principle that falls right in line with this. He remembered how great and awesome God was, and so he went up and down the wall preaching this message. And I looked up and rose up, and I said to all the nobles and to all the rulers and to all the rest of the people, and what did he say? Be not afraid of them.

Remember the Lord who is great and terrible, and fight on. He said, that's all you've got to do. Remember who He is.

Remember how great, and he used that word, terrible, awesome. Remember how awesome your God is. Don't be afraid.

You know, that's how Moses drove the fear out of his congregation. He said, If thou so say in your heart, all these nations are stronger than us, too much for us, how can we dispossess them? Thou shall not be afraid of them, but you shall well remember, well remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and all of Egypt. Thou shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is among you, a mighty God, and He is terrible.

Oh, hallelujah. We had a terrible God. Which means terrified, powerful, mighty, awesome.

God says, don't forget who I am. For the Lord is high. The Lord most high is terrible.

He's a great king. Psalm 47, 2. That's what Moses is saying. You're going to face all kinds of enemies, bigger and stronger than you.

You're going to wonder how you can ever get through. But all I'm asking is, remember who He is. Remember how faithful He's been.

All right? You've got to remember how great He is, and then appropriate that greatness for your present crisis. Appropriate. It's not enough to remember how great God is.

You have to, by faith, say, He's great on my behalf. Now, listen to me. Follow me, please.

Moses said, all of these things God has done. In other words, He didn't do this just to show off His power. He didn't do this just to be God.

God playing God. God being God. No.

He said, He is thy praise, and He is thy God that hath done for you all these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. That's Deuteronomy 16, 21. He said, it's for your sake.

God has done these great miracles to show you who He is on behalf of all of your needs. David said, what nation on earth is like unto your people, O God? You do great things and terrible before your people which you have redeemed. You do great things for your people, terrible things.

God said, I am the Lord. I change not. You know, our Lord is still going around, His eyes going to and fro throughout the whole world to show Himself strong.

Bob quoted that this morning. Let me quote you the verse. Be strong, for the eyes of the Lord run to and fro.

Do you know they're doing that right now? God's looking right down here in Broadway. Right down in this great theater, this crowd tonight. The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those His heart is perfect toward Him.

Before He died, the last thing Moses said, Be strong with good courage. Fear not. Don't be afraid.

For the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee. He will never fail you. He will never forsake you.

He will never fail you. Do you need a job? He said He will never fail you. Do you need a miracle in your life? He will never fail you.

He will not forsake you. The God decreed in the heavens will create a miracle for you. God will not fail you.

Now, I'm going to close in just about 5 or 10 minutes, but I want to go over some things. I want to, tonight, remember some of the miracles He's done for me and my family. But, first of all, I remember Lot's wife, because the Bible said remember Lot's wife.

I remember that God means business when He judges. She was judged right on the spot. She turned back and turned to a pillar of salt.

God means what He says. I remember Miriam. The Bible said remember Miriam.

Because she turned leprous because she complained. I don't complain because I know what happens on the spot. I try not to complain.

God just keeps lovingly rebuking me. Don't complain. Don't complain.

Brother, since you complained, you've forgotten Miriam. I don't forget what I saw in the headlines when a national evangelist was being taken and changed to jail. In the headlines of the daily news, judgment day.

Judgment day. That struck a knife in me. I'll never forget that.

I've clipped that. I'm going to keep it for as long as I live. And look at that with the fear of God.

I remember that judgment. I remember Lot's wife. I remember Miriam.

I remember the Lord's death 52 times a year in this church. 52 times a year. If you come to this church right here, you will remember the Lord's death till He comes 52 times a year.

Because He said remember me. I remember five different surgeons over the years taking me aside, coming out of Gwen's operating room and saying, I'm sorry, reverend, it's malignant. Five times.

We heard it again a month or so ago, but God changed all that. Thank God. But I remember, I remember them saying impossible, impossible.

And I remember each time God coming to Gwen and bringing life and strength, and I will never forget the living mercies of God and how God delivered Gwen, my wife, time after time after time, so she sits in the service tonight in health enjoying the presence of God. I remember. I remember my daughter Debbie, 27

years old, one day complaining about a lump, same place her mother had it, her original cancer, right here in the bowel.

A lump. And my heart sank. And I remember the telephone call saying, sorry, reverend, it's malignant.

Same kind of cancer, same place as your wife. And I remember Debbie coming out of the operation. Chemotherapy then ate a hole in her stomach.

Back down to Houston. And now another operation to cut off a portion of her stomach. And to walk in the hospital room and see her in a fetal position, not even caring to live because of the pain.

And looking at that, I remember very well thinking, will she live? Well, Debbie's here tonight and she's given us a granddaughter. And she's here in the church and her husband works with us right here. I remember.

I remember the day my 17-year-old son Gary, who had been tender and sweet for Jesus all his life, not even knowing that he was going through a test, come into my room one day into my study and bow his head and said, Dad, I'm sorry to tell you, I don't think I believe in God anymore. And he meant it. He said, I don't see evidence.

I don't see sign of it. I feel empty and dry. Dad, I'm sorry to shock you, but I just don't think I can go on with this.

And that boy had a heart for God. He'd been tender. I didn't even know.

It wasn't that I was busy. It was just something. The enemy had come.

And I remember the shock and the panic. But I remember praying for that boy. And I remember the day, a few weeks later, the Spirit of the Lord came on that boy and removed that doubt and fear.

And that boy is in London preaching the gospel today. Hallelujah. I remember the day I got a telephone call.

My other son Greg, just out of high school, who said, quick, your son's been a head-on collision. His car's demolished. He's bleeding.

I jumped in the car. I was four or five miles from the house. And my heart in panic.

I couldn't even pray. I was so panic-stricken. And I saw this multitude of people and the ambulances.

And I got out afraid to look. And I looked at the car, and it was totally, totally demolished. And I said, he couldn't even live.

And I looked around. I thought, he's dead. He's gone.

And there behind me is the tap of my shoulder. And there's Greg without a scratch. Shaking, trembling.

He's looking at that car and hugging me. And he says, God delivered me, Dad. I remember, and I'll never forget it.

I remember the many times he delivered me from satanic snares that the devil set for me. I remember the day my son-in-law, two grandsons of mine, his two boys in the van in the front seat. The car, the van is not running.

But the key is in the ignition. Dad has to, the driveway's on a hill. And Dad has to go in and get something in the house.

It comes out just in time. David, little David, just a little tot, had gotten into the steering wheel, somehow pushed it into neutral, down the hill, crashed into a house. When I got there and saw that van and the edge of the house all caved in, I said, oh, no.

I rushed to that thing, and here's little David coming out, smiling from ear to ear. He'd driven the car right into the house. I'll tell you what, that little boy's kept his guardian angel busy, busy, busy.

I believe that day that guardian angel said, I'm going to have to be on this boy's case all the time. I remember God delivering. I remember taking that boy in my hand and saying, thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus. I'll tell you, before I close, the one thing I remember probably more than anything else, being a boy eight years old, Living Waters Campground. With this, I'm going to close.

Living Waters Campground, Pennsylvania. That's the days when people went for two weeks to camp meeting just to praise the Lord. And eight years old, preacher talked about giving your life to Jesus.

There was nothing but sawdust and straw, hay on the floor, wooden benches, hundreds of people. Eight years old, and I walked down that sawdust trail, and I knelt over on the right side. Eight years old, and I raised my hand and said, Jesus, I want you to take my life and use it.

And I remember the Spirit of the Lord coming upon me when I was eight years old. And I can still, I picture it. It's as fresh today as it was when I was eight years old.

I'll never forget it. I knelt there with my hands raised. The Spirit of the living God came upon me for three hours.

And I began to speak the heavenly language, and I began to prophesy. And an old-time gentleman with white hair came and laid hands on me. He said, young man, the Lord has called you to preach the gospel.

And I knew it. Lord, from this day on, I give you my life. And I've never gone back on that, folks, because that's as fresh to me today.

I'll never forget that. I remember the day and the hour. I remember the place and the time when the Spirit of the Lord came on me, eight years old, and called me to preach.

And that's why I'm in this pulpit tonight. I'll never forget it. I remember that day, and I glorify the Lord for being gracious to keep me all these years.

And after all these years now, that's been years. Let me tell you, it's been over 50 years. 50 years.

51 years. I got out 50. I might as well say it all.

51 years. No, I cheated a year. I'm 58.

It would have been 50 years ago, yeah. Do you understand what I'm saying tonight? You understand it all? Lord, don't let us forget the miracle. Thank you for this church.

Thank you for this theater. Thank you for this choir. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Lord. You've got a battle facing you. You've got something ahead of you.

What's the Lord done? How many prayers has he answered for you? Has he never answered your prayer yet? Has he never? The very fact that you're sitting here is one of the greatest miracles of all. Oh, what a mighty God we serve. Stand, please.

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before him.

Heaven and earth adore him. What a mighty God we serve. Hallelujah.

What a mighty God we serve. Bless the Lord. What a mighty God we serve.

We're going to have a different kind of altar call. We're going to sing that. What a mighty God we serve.

We usually have quiet songs for him to tell. We're going to have a joyous song for invitation tonight. And if you're in this building, up in the balcony here on the main floor, you've got a giant ahead of you.

There's something facing you at home or on the job or wherever it may be. And you've been overwhelmed by it in fear and panic or whatever it may be. You can come and we'll pray for you.

But most of all, for those that are wavering, the enemy has come to you. Listen closely because I believe I'm speaking prophetically now. The enemy is really pressing you down, trying to make you believe that you're going to fall.

You're going to fail, and after all your effort, it's not going to count. You're going to just cave in and give in and be wiped out. No.

The Lord that's been faithful to you up to now, he said he begins and he finishes our faith. What's that scripture? He begins and finishes. The author and finisher of our faith.

Author. You're here because he started something in you. He's not going to fail you.

He's not going to fail you. We're going to have a lot of praising of the Lord yet tonight before this service is over. A lot of praising of the Lord.

We're just going to shout and praise him. But if you're here tonight and you need God to undertake a miracle in your life, some may be here tonight backslidden, cold. You walked in here tonight, you felt the presence of Jesus.

Why don't you get out of your seat right now and come down here. Up in the balcony, just go to any step and down any aisle. Come on down.

We'll pray with you. Believe Jesus for a miracle right now. And others of you are facing a giant.

You want us to stand with you in faith tonight. Let's believe God for a miracle in your life. But are you cold? Are you being lied to by the devil? Shake off that and say no.

I believe God's going to see me through. Some of you have to come back to your first love. You've forsaken your first love for Jesus.

You walked in here tonight really cold. You walked in here tonight and you felt the presence of the Lord. God's calling you tonight.

Obey the Holy Spirit and join these that are coming down here now as we sing it. One mighty God is good. One mighty God is good.

Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. Angels bow before Him.

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Heaven and earth adore Him. One mighty God is good. Praise you, Jesus.

You that are standing here now, would you lift up your hands to Jesus right now. And would you thank Him for all He's done in the past. Lord, I thank You for all the prayers You've answered, all the miracles You've already... Thank You for what He's already done.

Lord, I thank You. Thank You for the miracles, the answered prayers, the blessings You've given me. Thank You for everything in the past, Lord.

Thank Him right now. Give Him a thank offering. Lord, we thank You for our health.

Thank You for strength, our salvation, our healing. Thank You for everything You've done, Lord Jesus. Thank You for what You've done.

Now, you that are backslidden in your heart, you that have been cold, say, Lord, just send a fire right now. Touch me, Lord. I'm here.

Touch me with Your Holy Spirit. Convict me. Set my heart on fire, Jesus.

Tell it to Him right now. Lord, set my heart on fire. Let the Spirit of God burn in me, Jesus.

Rise up, O Holy Ghost. Rise up, O Wind of God. Breath of God, come.

Raise the dead, Lord. Raise the dead. Those that are spiritually dead, raise them up and touch them right now.

You that are here, pray this with me right in your heart. O Jesus, I believe You can meet any need that I have. I give You my giant.

I give You my problem. And I'm telling you now, in front of this people, I believe You. You have the power, and You're concerned, and You will hear when I cry.

I give You my faith. Lord, just thank Him right now. Lord Jesus, I thank You.

I thank You. I thank You. How worthy You are.

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