

Studies in Psalm 16:-05

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The Lord is our burden bearer, inheritance, joy, peace, and counselor, and He lives in us, giving us guidance and wisdom to navigate life's challenges.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of having a working knowledge of the word of God. He encourages listeners to spend time studying and understanding the scriptures in order to be transformed and changed in the glory of Jesus. The speaker also mentions a scripture from Isaiah 9:6, which proves the divinity and humanity of Jesus. He shares a personal anecdote about a phrase he heard in the middle of the night, highlighting the idea that God can speak to us even in our subconscious. The sermon concludes with a reminder to focus on positive and uplifting thoughts, and to think about the Lord before going to sleep and upon waking up.

Transcript

I've had all who read Sybil Baxter's Wake My Heart this morning. Only one. Well, well, well.

That's probably because I read it too. There it is. But you know, I'd like you to get that book.

I think it's about \$4.95 or something, probably. The \$5 really was spent on A Wake My Heart by Sybil Baxter. And this morning his text is Psalm 55, 22.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. And you'd have thought that Sybil was right here with us in this particular meeting. Things are just tearing in so beautifully, you know.

One thing he said really got me was this. As you commit, as you yield yourself to Him, you unload your burden upon Him. Now, isn't that lovely? No, it is to unload the burden apart from your yielding yourself.

As you yield yourself, commit yourself to Him, so you unload the burden upon Him. He's not only the sin bearer, He's the burden bearer too. Our dear Daddy got home from his work one day.

He's carrying a great big parcel. And so his little daughter met him at the door and said, Daddy, please pick me up. Oh, he said, Daddy, I can't pick you up.

See, I got this parcel. Oh, Daddy, just please pick me up. I want you to carry.

I can't carry you, Daddy, because I got this parcel. Then at last, he said, it's for your mother. Well, as they said, Daddy, I'll tell you what, Daddy, just you let me hold the parcel, then you can carry me too.

Have you got that? Just let me hold the parcel, then you can carry me too. Now, that's the thought of coming, and as we yield our lives entirely to Him, so then we find He carries the burden. I love that, you know.

That meant a lot to me. But now as we go back to verse number 5, where it says, The Lord is the portion of my inheritance. He maintains my cause.

That's what it says here. Let me read it. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup.

Thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Now, you will remember the children of Bethel as the land of promise is theirs by inheritance. Now, get that. It was theirs by inheritance.

But now they must realize they had to enter in and possess this inheritance. And every place they put the sole of their feet, that belonged to them. Now, please get it.

It was theirs by inheritance. But they had to enter in and possess that inheritance. Now, all that God has for you and has for me has been given to us in His own beloved Son.

The darling of His own heart. I want you to get that. So, beloved, we must appropriate by faith all that God has provided for us in His beloved Son.

God will never give us anything apart from the Lord Jesus Christ. All that God has for us, all we can ever expect to be, is all because of the Lord Jesus Christ. His work upon the cross and His work now at God's right hand.

Please let that sink in for one moment because it fits in so beautifully with what we had a little earlier today. We come to recognize the glorious fact that the Lord Jesus, God finds all His delight, all His satisfaction, all His pleasure in Him. And just to think that God has given to us the very delight of His own heart and with Him has given us all that we need both for time and for all eternity.

Oh, what a privileged people. What a wealthy people we really are because of His matchless grace. Way yonder at the model castle, the Scottish residence of the Queen, on the estate there was a dear lady.

She had one son whose name was Charles. And he said to his mother, she was a dear widow, says, I'm going across to Australia and I'll try and make good, I'll try and be as kind as I possibly can, mother. She wasn't too keen about his going away, but he went.

Some days afterward, another some months afterward, about 11 months afterward, the factor of the estate, I went down and just paid her a little visit. Says, how are you getting on, Mrs. Brown? Oh, says, very well. Says, you know, I'm Miss Charles.

I miss him very much. No, she said, he was my breadwinner. Well, but do you ever hear from him? Oh, yes, faithfully right.

And faithfully, once a month, he sends me a pretty picture. A pretty picture. And so, she says, but doesn't he send you any money? Says, no, he always sends me a pretty picture, but pretty picture is pretty dry eating, isn't it? Says, it can't buy very much.

So the fact is, may I see those pretty pictures? And so, she got all the 11 letters, all tied up with lovely pink ribbon, typical mother, you see, coming from her son. And so, he got them done. Now, I don't want to read the letters, Mrs. Brown.

I only want to see those pretty pictures. And there they were. He put them all up on the table.

He said, Mrs. Brown, I knew Charles was an honest boy, a straightforward boy, his integrity far above par. And he said, you know, he has not let you down. Mrs. Brown, these pretty pictures are all his trillion banknotes.

They're all his trillion banknotes. To her, they were just pretty pictures. And then, my friend, you see what I'm getting at? And there are so many people that see this wonderful life in Christ Jesus, they stand back and admire it, and all the time, they are going round like spiritual paupers.

When the Lord wanted the cash in, my friend, this morning, and appropriately always provided for us, in the dying of his own beloved son. This illustration, alas, it is borrowed. I got it from the late Harold Harper, a man whom I'm greatly indebted to.

To me, one of the finest Bible teachers or expositors you had on this continent. I miss him very much. But anyway, dear Mr. Harper, told this illustration about a man going away in a Mediterranean cruise.

And he took with him on this cruise packages of crackers and some cream cheese. He didn't want to be hungry as he went on this particular cruise, so he took these things along with him. After two days, and of course, the point was, some of the folks said to him, how are you getting on in the cruise? Always said, wonderful sailing, beautiful weather.

But he said, those crackers and cream cheese are getting rather stale. Aren't you going down and enjoying the meals we're having in the dining room? Why, we're having four courses for breakfast, just about as good, beloved, as Luke's mountain. And they say we're having as many at seven for lunch, and as many as eight and nine we're having for dinner.

Oh, yes, I know. Every time I pass by that dining room, that smell comes up, makes me ever so hungry. Prince, I can't afford it.

You can't afford it? No, it's, I can't afford it, so I can't go down. Isn't that, haven't you got your ticket? Says, yes, I got my ticket, all right. But he says, still I can't afford to go down and have my meals.

And the man looks at him, man, don't you realize all your meals are included in your ticket? Says, pardon? Says, don't you know all your meals are included in your ticket? You know what happened to crackers and cream cheese, don't you? He just went overboard, and he went down to the next meal, and my, didn't he have a wonderful day again? May I pause you one moment? You may say, oh, the stupidity of that man. May I just pause? What about you? Now, let's be honest. What about you? Are we just like that man? All that God has for us is treasure documents, a diary of His own, speaking readily, when we receive Christ, we receive the ticket, and everything God has with it.

Isn't it just amazing? He is my peace. He is my love. He is my life.

He is my life. He is my liberty. He is my purity.

He is my victory. All that God has for me is treasured up in the Lord Jesus Christ, for He wants me to enter in and to appropriate by simple faith all that wonderful vision He's made for us. No one little voice says, the Lord is my shepherd.

That's enough. Now, isn't that true? The Lord is my shepherd. That's quite enough.

And we can truthfully say, my God shall supply all your needs according to, not out of the abundance of, but according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus. Oh, let some of you wonder that, come over to our spirit life again, as we go back to this text. Why? The Lord is the portion, my neighbors, and of my cup.

This wonderful cup of salvation, this wonderful cup of deliverance, I trust we've all known the joy of drinking from the cup of salvation. Remember, beloved, for the Lord Jesus, He was a cup of the wrath of God. And He drank that cup right up to its biggest bit of dregs.

And now nothing but blessing is left for us. Nothing but love. Oh, come today and receive the cup of His salvation.

Drink, my friend, at that cup of salvation, and know the joy of this wonderful deliverance, and enter in to your wonderful inheritance. The Lord maintains my love. Isn't this lovely? Then you can truthfully say, the lines are falling onto me in pleasant places.

I know a couple with us here who live in the park of the palms. And you know, it's a wonderful place. One of the best places this side of heaven I know.

I go there quite a bit, and I appreciate it every time. But you know... Pardon? Halfway to heaven. Halfway.

It's halfway to heaven. Very good. But you know, they go into the swimming pool fairly early in the morning, and last thing at night.

And you know He said to her the other night, the moon was shining, that little breeze was going through the trees, the birds were chirping, there was a little storm, the stars all twinkled up there in the heaven, and everything just lent itself to romance, everything just so confused. He said, you know, Vera, He said, you know, you know, the Lord has placed us a line in pleasant places. Isn't it wonderful? Right there in the swimming pool.

Oh! Oh, well, I think that is just wonderful, eh? Right here on Lukat Mountain, again the lines are falling onto us in pleasant places. And the thought, here is the boundary line, there is the promised land, cut off by a spring, severed here, and all the Lord could say, the Lord is in the lines that have fallen onto me in pleasant places. Dear John, the cup of salvation.

You know, the job is wonderful delivered, and all the wonderful inherits you because you are complete in Christ. You are made full in Christ. And our dear brother said to me, oh dear, this morning, he said, when the Christians realize, when they realize, there are two words, commitment and submission.

And when there is commitment and submission, then you know what he said, Mr. Tinker, you know what he said to me? He said, you know, the Lord gave me such joy as I speak that I don't think the human body

can take anymore. Now, isn't that just wonderful? There is a man getting on in years, dear lady, too. I know the joy of this ministry for years and years, but he said, you know, the Lord is so real and so precious, he said, I don't think the human body can take anymore.

Now, have you got salvation like this? There is a joy you've got like this. See, happiness depends upon happenings. If my circumstances are favorable and continual, then I'm happy.

But should a north wind of adversity blow in upon my circumstances, as it did last night for Ray Harper, Ray Harper, remember, in the picture, as a north wind of adversity blow in, then I lose all my happiness. But, beloved, joy does not depend upon circumstances. Joy does not depend upon surrounding or environment.

Joy depends upon a relationship to a person. And that person is Jesus Christ. And no circumstance can alter that.

There was Paul, remember, in that Roman dungeon. We were in that Roman dungeon a few months ago, right there in Rome. We saw the very change that mangled the wrist of that dear man.

And we saw the very stop to which his feet had been placed, his back had been lashed, and his eyesight had failed him. And yet that man writes in the letter to the Philippians, 19 times, oh joy! He knew the joy, beloved. Paul had a happy night of turning adversity into advantage.

He turned opposition into opportunity. He turned the prison into a pulpit. He turned persecution into praise.

Why? Because he was in right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. And I warned you to get that. And when we are in a right relationship with Jesus Christ, He is the unspeakable gift.

And with Him He gives us unspeakable joy. A joy unspeakable. And He gives us foretaste of the unspeakable glory.

And you can but see with my heart here during these days, if this glimpse of love is so divinely sweet, what is it going to be about? His gladdening smile to me. Yes, about His tranquility. Oh, the wonder! Oh, the joy! Oh, the ecstasy! In anticipation of that moment when we are going to see Him.

And we are going to be alive. And the last verse of the psalms is that fullness of joy and the pleasure forevermore. But we know something about that right here now, don't we? Oh, the sweet.

As our brother said this morning, He is giving us now the earnest. The earnest. We've got the earnest of the inheritance.

And the earnest is so precious. What's the full realization going to be? So wonderful, said, I have not seen His ear heard. He has entered the heart of man.

Oh, that God prepared for them to love Him. But He revealed to us by His Spirit. Oh, the wonder! And when the Queen of Sheba came, I've seen all the glory and the majesty and all the loveliness and all the wealth of that dear man Solomon.

She said there was no small strength left in her. And she cried, Why, the half has never yet been told. And when we get home to glory and receive in all His glory, Oh, we'll be just lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Say, why, Jimmy, you never told me half. Why, Zin, you never told me half of the glory in that coming day. Aren't you glad you're a Christian? Aren't you glad you're a child of God? Aren't you in the good? Aren't you just enduring it? Are you just enduring your salvation? Are you enjoying Christ? Is there reality to you every moment of every day? I love that, don't you? A little farther, shall we? I'm still in the same verse, verse number six now.

The lines have fallen on the unpleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage. Some years ago, quite a number of years ago now, way back in Britain, we were doing some visitation work from door to door with one of the elders in the assembly.

We were inviting people into the crusade, and a man over a few comes and says to me, says, excuse me, but is your name Boswell? I said, yes, that's my name. He said, are you in a relation to the Boswells? You used to live in this area forty-five years ago. I scratched my head and said, I'm afraid I can't remember back as far as forty-five years.

And then, I mean the circus people. Now, that put me in a dilemma. I said, I certainly don't know.

Well, he said, we've been watching you, and you resemble Esther Boswell very much. And he said, if you belong to that tribe, you're coming into a wonderful inheritance before long. All I could think were these words, I have a goodly heritage, the Lord is a portion of my inheritance.

By the way, I never tried to find out whether I belonged to the circus tribe or not. But sometimes, when Peter, our son, was much younger than he is today, and I used to watch him go through his acrobatics, I began to wonder, did I really belong? But here it is, and please go down to the next verse. Verse number seven.

Now, notice this, will you please? The Lord now is the life of your life. He is the life of my life. Now, again, we are complete in Him, and He, by His Spirit, lives in us.

Now, let me ask you lovingly, have you realized this truth? I don't mean theoretically. I don't mean doctrinally. I don't mean scripturally.

I mean as a definite spiritual reality, the witness of your spirit, that He lives in you. Please notice, one of the first evidences of the filling of the Holy Spirit, He gives us a noble awareness of the presence of the indwelling Christ. I was speaking some time ago at a conference at Hackensack in New Jersey.

John Smart and the late Richard Hill were the other two speakers. Mr. Hill said he wanted to speak first. I never heard that dear man speak before.

I heard him many times after that, but not until then. And he had listened to me speaking many times, but I never heard him speak. I was so glad he said he wanted to speak first.

And, you know, I was so taken with his lovely flow of the English language. His words were so choice, so rare, so fresh, not a word out of place. And I was so enthralled with this.

Had you asked me what he was talking about, I wouldn't have been able to have told you. And we came near the end of his message, and he said these words, I've taught it in every country in the world. I've done it theologically, doctrinally, and scripturally, but never until three weeks ago did it dawn upon my spirit life that Christ literally lived in me.

Now, did you get that? Never did it dawn in my life until three weeks ago that Christ literally lived in me. I changed my message and spoke in Galatians 2.20. No longer would I but Christ that lives in me. And I finished up with a spirit-filled life, and John Smart cracked what he was going to speak on, and he gave a beautiful doctrinal outline of the filling of the Spirit of God.

Now, let me ask you, have you had that revelation? Because we heard in this class yesterday, that salvation is a revelation, and so is this new life in Christ. It's a revelation. You can't work yourself into this, just you can't be got in salvation.

You're appropriate by faith. What did Paul say in Galatians 1.16? And it pleased the Father to reveal where? His Son in heaven? No, His Son in me. Darby's translation, and it pleased the Father to unveil His Son in me.

The Spirit of God takes aside the veil, and reveals Christ in the believer. Oh, the wonder, the glory, then you can sing, for the salvation is this, that Christ lives, where does he live? He lives in me. I love that, don't you? Now you come down to this verse here, and it says, and I love it, that He, I will bless the Lord, who has given me counsel.

He now is my counselor. He is my counselor. Isn't that lovely? We're living in a day, you know, when there's a great need for spiritual men among us, a great need for spiritually minded sisters among us.

Our young people in high school and college have problems that we never had. And those young people want someone they can go to with complete confidence and unburden their heart to them, and know that what they're telling them is not going to be told to anybody else. If you break the confidence of a teenager, you'll never gain that teenager again.

And when they come to you with complete confidence and they unburden their heart to you, oh my friend, take them to the Word of God. Take them to the Word of God. Take them to the of Take to the Word of God.

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Take them to the Word of God. Take them to the Word of God. Take them to the Take to the Word of to the Free And that's far more devilish than all the other things put together.

You know that? Many a carrot's been torn to bits over the telephone wires. Isn't that true? Many a thing's been revealed over telephone wires. Now you often think those telephone wires could speak.

Brethren, brethren, please get this. The Lord is the light of your life. He wants to think through your thoughts, will through your will, look through your eyes with compassion, to love through your heart, to speak through your lips, to work through your head, and to walk out in true letter.

Not I, but Christ in every look and in every action. That may be a practical note, but I want it to become a reality in your life and my life. And remember, one of the greatest military leaders the world has ever known was a man called Joshua.

Yet Joshua failed here. Remember, when your neighbors came, all the disguised and old clothing and old moldy bread, old white skin. Remember, it says, and Joshua did not take counsel at the word of the Lord.

The greatest tragedy of Joshua's life was right there. He did not take counsel at the word of the Lord. Oh, brethren, to take time to get at home with God, at the word of God, and on bended knee.

And my friend, more often be the Lamb of your heart, I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel. People run here, they run there, they're right here, they're right there. And it only takes time to recognize the very answer is within them.

Christ himself is the answer to your every question. He's the solution to your every problem. Christ is all around.

He's all. Do you believe that, my friend? Oh, I will thank God for Godly counsel. We thank God for spiritually minded sisters, and there's a real need for them.

But listen, if you're putting that counselor, that sister, that brother before the Lord, there's more harm than good to you. More harm than good. Friend, Christ alone must fill our vision.

Christ alone must occupy our heart's affection. And I repeat with all sincerity, that Godly brother, that spiritually minded sister, or taken with an open boot and on bended knees, they go back to the what Allah says to the Lord. That's why we should have a working knowledge of the Word of God.

As God's people, we should take time to get along with God in the Word of God. Oh, how important this really is. And by doing so, we shall be transformed, changed in the glorious image.

Remember that wonderful scripture, in Isaiah chapter 9, verse number 6, Unto you a son is given, proving his divinity. Unto you a child is born, proving his humanity. And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

And may I pause here. You drop the comma between Wonderful and Counselor, and what you read, He shall be a Wonderful Counselor. And what does Psalm 73 say? He says, I will guide you with my counsel, and afterward receive you to glory.

Isn't that just wonderful? And maybe there's a very davish another thing, Sky is now dumb, with a brightened voice, saying, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away, far above the clouds. Yes, I will guide you. Now notice the very next phrase here, because it's precious to me.

My reign, or my thoughts also, instruct me in the night season. My thoughts instruct me in the night season. Now remember, He is the light of our lives.

He now is our Counselor, and it says, He instructs our thoughts in the night season. Beloved, watch your waking thoughts. Watch your waking thoughts.

But as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. So is he. Philippians 4.8, What super things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, good reports, think on these things.

Do you ever take time to think of your thought life? Do you ever take time to weigh up or remember? He weighs our thoughts. He weighs our actions. He weighs our notice.

A simple illustration here. A little practice, it's a little secret, and I want to give it to you. As I switch the light out at night, I feel all sincerity and humility.

I whisper. If I'm alone, I say audibly, about wonderful Lord Jesus. And I go to sleep with that in my mind.

Wonderful Lord Jesus. Or, Oh precious Lord Jesus, how lovely thou art. Come abiding rule in my heart.

I never stop telling the Lord that, you know. Break every special light, please let me see. Then I shall be precious to me.

And as sure as I awake in the morning, my waking thoughts are wonderful Lord Jesus. Got that? You go to bed, my friend, with that in your mind. Go off to sleep.

Oh, He's a wonderful Lord, and as sure as you awake in the morning, your waking thoughts. What a beautiful thought to rise to, isn't it? He is Lord of all, blessed forever. Two evangelists were sleeping together in the same room.

The one was disturbed as he thought of the other talking in his sleep. But the other did, and this is what he heard. I believe you'll hear a lot of secrets.

But he heard, wonderful, wonderful Jesus, who can compare with thee. Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, dearer than all thou art to me. Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, oh, how my soul loves thee.

Fairer than all the fairest deeds of thou to me. He was communing with his Lord upon his bed, and the Lord was instructing his thoughts in the night. I speak at U.P. Camp Conference.

I used Conference for two weeks with a brother from down here in the Carolinas. What am I, Tennessee, in the Carolinas? Very fine brother. And we were listening together.

And we were going down to Flint, Michigan. And we were going to be there for the weekend. He was going to be one assembly hour than the other.

And we came together for a united meeting Sunday afternoon. So they both stayed in the same house, the same room in fact, but in twin beds. On the way down from U.P. Camp, I was rather struck.

Because two state policemen, troopers, had been kidnapped by four Jews. And they had taken the revolver from them, taken a car from them, and let them go in a forest. Two of the Jews had been captured.

The other two they were looking for. And every time they came to an intersection, they stopped, they got rifles and revolvers, and they were looking for the other two teenagers. During the course of the evening, in the middle of the night, I hear my good colleague saying something that says, Take the girls, but don't shoot.

Take the girls, but don't shoot. And there he was. Sunday morning, I said, John, whatever were you saying in the middle of the night? He said, what do you mean? I don't know what I was saying when I was sleeping.

He said, that's certainly true. You were saying something about, take the girls, but don't shoot. I said, yes, I never did.

I said, oh yes. I said, you're watching too much TV, John. You know what I'm saying? Take the girls, but don't shoot.

Now, what was it? He got the subconscious, those men coming with the rifles. He said, take the girls, but don't shoot. I'm quite convinced the Lord was not instructing his thoughts in the night season.

There's the whole thing. But a message being given to us in the middle of the night. Isn't that true? W. W. Ferdinand knows Mr. Willie very well.

That dear man, he's got a notebook beside his bed. And even the darkness crippled down from the Lord's giving in the middle of the night. All the joy.

Recognize the beauty. The Lord instructing us. See, he's now the life of our lives.

Do you see that? We are complete in Christ, and Christ lives in me. I trust that's true of all of us here this morning. Oh, I trust there's not one here who's outside of all this.

Oh, I want you indeed to know the Lord Jesus. And you'll come to know my reality in your life, day by day. And Mrs. Markles, a mother at Mid-South, some seven or eight years ago, I asked a question one day, what is a Christian? And we just explained her ABC language, what a Christian, who a Christian really is.

And she'd been brought up Christian, confirmed, church member, good living woman. And the Lord has opened her heart. Why, I'm not a Christian at all.

I've never been saved. And God let her, and God saved her right there. Right there.

Oh, there may be some mother right here this morning, maybe some dad here, some sister, some brother here, and you're not yet saved. You have not yet received the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Savior. There's no better opportunity than now to enjoy real life.

Life with a cattle ale. Mrs. Ronson is saying this, raising this up. Do I put a cattle ale at life? It's life with a cattle ale, isn't it? It's life, and it's life in abundance.

The wonder of it all. This can be used this morning. Do you like or need a thing? There's quite a majority I trust.

He's come into my heart. He will, you know. He really will.

And there's no better opportunity than right now for you to come to know the joy of having received Christ, and know the joy He's received you. And I repeat, this is an indissoluble union. You can never know, never be lost.

Once you're in Christ, you're in Christ forever. Thus the eternal covenant stands. Her brother says, This morning we are sealed.

Sealed. That seal can never be broken. It's a mark of ownership.

A mark of security. It's a mark of identification. That seal can never be broken.

He's the same as Sunday school days. And on each he says, He's on secret signs. They that have my spirit, they said, dear mine, this can be your joy today.

Now little father, shall we? I just want to just kind of close in this point, because our beloved brother wrote this before us again this morning. Verse number eight. I set the Lord on Sundays before me.

Is that what it says in your version? Even in your English version it wouldn't say that, would it? No, no. I set the Lord always before me, because with my right hand I shall not be moved. I shall not be perturbed.

I shall not be disturbed. What does the Bible say? They that love thy Lord, nothing shall offend them. Isn't that precious? You see, a gentleman is one who never gives offense.

A meek man is one who never takes offense. Now did you get that? A gentleman is a man who never gives offense. A meek man is a man who will never take offense.

He's gentle. He's meek. And that's the life you should live.

That's the life I should live. A challenge? A challenge. They that love thy Lord, nothing shall offend them.

What does it say? I set the Lord always before me, because with my right hand I shall not be moved. I want to just close with this. In Matthew's Gospel, chapter 14, the Lord Jesus sent the disciples away.

He goes to the mountaintop and is there alone. Alone. A terrible storm breaks out.

The waves are mounting apart. The Lord can pierce through the dark. We heard about penetrating eyes.

The Lord can see in the dark. I'm so glad about that, aren't you? Aren't you glad you've got a Lord who can see in the dark? I love this. He that knows the worst about me is the one who loves me best of all.

There's only one who loves like this, and Jesus is His name. His wonderful name. But He can see in the dark.

And piercing through the dark He saw the light of His own in danger. And He goes walking to Him over the heaving billows. I'm so glad I've got a Lord who can do that, aren't you? And the heaving billows of usual life toss all around me.

Beasts toss, toss, oxen dance. He comes walking to me over the heaving billows and He says, TARZIO! Only one word. Be of good cheer! It is I, be not afraid! There be thou, Lord, bid me come to thee.

Beloved, come! And Peter says something I would never have done. Peter got out of that boat, began walking, Lord, upon the water, and everything went all so wonderfully well until Peter got one eye upon the wave and one eye upon Christ. He saw those waves mountainous high, about to envelop Him and take Him down into a watery grave, and He called out, Lord, save me! I'm so glad Peter didn't pray for twenty minutes.

How do you pray for twenty minutes? wouldn't he? He said, Lord, save me! And the Lord straightaway called out, O thou little fish, wherefore didst thou doubt? Now that word, dot, comes from the same word as the word squid, the same root as the word squid. I know your word for squid means to come into a point. Into a point.

But the old Saxon word means cross-eyed. Cross-eyed. Looking two ways at once.

And the Lord said to him, Wherefore didst thou think, Peter? One eye upon the wave, one eye upon me, one do, Peter. How could Peter sleep with the Lord there? The Lord of nature must have been the Lord of nature. And remember, O beloved, I love this, those little waves were under the feet of his Lord.

But those waves were Peter's circumstances. Peter's circumstances. And he saw them mountainous high, about to envelop Him.

Two evangelists met one day. The one said, How are you, my brother? Oh, I'm not so bad under the circumstances. What on earth are you doing there? In them, but never under them.

Got that? In them. And what happened now is, under those circumstances, Peter, if you get one eye upon your circumstances, Peter, and one eye upon me, you are going to sink, Peter. Now, how many Christians are just like that.

They get one eye upon the circumstances. If I could only get away from this locality, if I could only get away from this environment, if I could only get away from this job, if I could only get away from whores, I'd be a father to a Christian. Oh, no, you wouldn't.

No, you wouldn't, because you take your own self with you, and you're the problem, not your circumstances. Isn't that true? There's the whole thing. Now, they get one eye upon the fellow believer, and one eye upon Christ.

They get one eye upon the world, and one eye upon Christ. They get one eye upon poor self, and one eye upon Christ. And they all despondent and discouraging down the dark.

Here it is, and I'm going to close it there. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Live fully in his wonderful name.

And the things of earth will go straightly dim, in the light of his glory and grace. Please, we are hearing about those lovely eyes of the Lord Jesus. Now, you turn your eyes upon him.

Look on unto him. Now, I want to close by singing him a song, number eight. Number eight.

We'll go on from there for my next speech to you. Number eight. Now, I want you to notice this.

It says, Fight the good fight with all thy might. Please, this is not against the flesh and the spirit. This is the fight of faith.

Paul said, Fight the fight of faith. Isn't that lovely? And by faith, you're appropriate. Fight the good fight with all thy might.

Notice this. Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right. We hold on life, and it shall be thy joy, and crowned eternally.

Number ten. Sorry, number ten. Hopefully now.

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