

Hearing God Speak

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of hearing God's voice and the consequences of not doing so, highlighting the need for humility, outside help, and a genuine desire to know God.

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Scripture: Genesis 41:54, 1 Kings 18:21, Psalm 85:6, Matthew 6:33, John 6:35, Acts 17:24-25, Hebrews 9:22

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher reflects on the past four Sundays and the creative energy that has been released. He specifically focuses on a message he preached on fear and worry bondage, which set people free. The preacher expresses excitement about a recent youth meeting where many people came forward and experienced a powerful encounter with God. He emphasizes the importance of reflecting on our lives and how we are witnessing to others, as well as the uncertainty of life and the need to make a decision to follow God. The sermon concludes with the testimony of four young people who were converted during the meeting, highlighting the work of God in the lives of both young and adult believers.

Transcript

This is the last Sunday. We started now, four Sundays ago. This is our fourth.

And where do we start? Don't you think we ought to go back to where we started from? Right back to the text where we started from. Psalm 85, verse 6. Now, you folks who were not here last night, I just don't know what more I can do to get people to come to a meeting like I was pushing for about three weeks to come to this youth meeting last night. I knew what I was going to say.

I knew what God was going to do. I just know it. God has ministered so powerfully and yet some young people missed it.

And that's the tragedy of how little we really hear the voice of God. But if you folks haven't heard it yet, we started at 7. We dismissed at 11 o'clock last night. We dismissed at 11.

A five hour meeting. And so that beat Kitchener because, four hour meeting. That beat Kitchener with the young people because we started at 7.30. We got done at 10 after 11 on our youth night.

For this we have twenty minutes more. So marvelous, marvelous. Do you know what happened in this meeting last night, folks? There were four young people converted in this meeting.

And they were converted right in the pews. We didn't have to go to a prayer room. Three of them converted in the pews.

One young lady came to the microphone before I even preached. You think God hasn't been working the young people. I didn't even get to the pulpit until quarter to nine last night.

We started at 7. I didn't step up until quarter to nine. And young people were sharing. If you would have heard what God has already been doing with your young people this week.

And a young lady came to the microphone while other young people were sharing and said, I've got to get saved. I'm not a Christian. I need to become a Christian.

Came there and asked to be saved. Have you been in a meeting like that? I'll tell you, I would to God. Every adult could have been a mouse in a corner to hear what went on in this meeting last night.

To see your young people responding, look at these young people up here. I hope they never get over. Isn't that marvelous? Right up in the front.

That takes us home. Ralph and I, in our home church, we have five, six rows of young people right in the front. No adults can touch that.

You get shot if you go near there. And you know, we got up off our knees at ten o'clock last night, all the young people. We got off our knees, the whole congregation on their knees, meeting God.

We got up off our knees. And you know, they started sharing again. And they shared for a solid hour, from ten to eleven.

What a marvelous experience. These young people are hungry for reality. But they've been watching some adults mean business with God.

And I think that sets in. And they see, if our parents can mean business with God like that, how much more can we? Lou, when you talk like that, what disturbs me is that I sense that in a meeting like this, there are still some of us who don't even know that God is in town. And that's the serious warning.

I preached that last Sunday morning, trying to warn the crowd. And the tragedy of going through an experience like this and not even sensing that God is in town. It's not over yet.

Let me go. Okay. But before you, all I want to do is make one other word in your bulletin.

That sheet, how long will it last, is very, very important. It is our basic philosophy about what we see when people respond and come to make a decision. The understanding that some people do not meet God.

We don't say that everybody who goes to a prayer room is walking in spiritual victory. The basic philosophy and understanding and number four on the bottom of the second page is a reminder that if anybody has ever seen even one person walking in spiritual victory, then it's a sign that you can be person number two. There's no reason why you can't be person number two.

And I think last night we just about ran out of Kleenex for the Kleenex box down here with these young people. It was a marvelous experience indeed. And you know what was thrilling? Your youth pastor, Brother Crouch here, came up and told those young people, young people, you know, if you would know

how many of your adults and how many adults have been praying for you, he said, every day for three weeks, the adults crying out to God, noonday and night, praying for the young people.

And he was so impressed. And he was telling them, you don't know how many of these gray haired folks that you think might think you're a little kooky and all the rest of it. But all they, they might understand all you're doing, but they love you and they've been praying for you.

And last night was an answer to prayer. So we thank the Lord for that. Amen.

Listen to my brother saying, he's telling me to tell you, and I'll just tell you what he told me to tell you. He said that I should tell you that it's quarter to 12. We're not going to get done at 12.

You knew that, didn't you? Because I'll tell you, I'm going to try to speak very quickly and I'm going to try to get out of the way because you need to hear from what God's done. There are three groups of people. We had a, we had an afterglow fellowship in a home on Friday night and I think we got home at one 30 in the morning and I heard some marvelous things there.

We need to hear how God is working in some women's lives. We need to hear what God did to the leadership of this church yesterday. What God's saying to the leadership church.

We need to hear what God's doing. Some of the young people, we just need to hear because I don't know, you're not here to hear in other meetings and we ought to take a few minutes this morning, but I want to just lay a base because I believe this is really saying what God's trying to say to us anew and afresh. Psalm 85 verse six, will thou not revive us again that thy people may continue to be long faced in Wesley Chapel, right? Will thou not revive us again that thy people may what? Rejoice in thee.

What was the first song you sang this morning? What? Rejoice in the Lord. I can't hear it but you all know. You started even clapping.

You were singing about rejoicing in the Lord and I thought to myself, there it is. We're seeing it. Revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee.

Now, when you have young people that can stay for four hours in a meeting, I'll tell you, you better have something going on. In a church service for four hours, we didn't have it going on. God did it.

No man can do it. There were some young people, strangers, visitors. I was talking to them at the back door last night.

They were just absolutely dumbfounded. They've never seen anything like this. I said, no man can put that together.

You know there's no, there's reality. God is at work. And they were so amazed to see what they witnessed here last night.

But God is doing it. God bringing his rejoicing to his people. Now, this is the case.

Have you, I'm simply asking you the question, have you yet, as you said in this meeting this Sunday morning, on the fourth Sunday morning, I'm asking you personally, have you yet asked God, wilt thou not revive me again that I may rejoice in thee? Have you really asked that yet? Have you yet become a candidate for that kind of reviving? Are you just a spectator or are you a participant? Have you yet said

that to God? Have you yet asked him, personally, privately, for your own soul, God, revive me again that I may rejoice in thee? Not just the fact the church is full and we even have to have extra chairs this morning. That's not it. But I want to rejoice in thee.

The joy of God in my life. Have you done it? I'll tell you, if you do it, here's how it'll be manifested. If you do it, here's how it'll be manifested.

You'll pray the next prayer. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. Now, if you haven't prayed that second prayer, it's because you probably haven't prayed the first one.

You haven't become a candidate. You're a spectator. And you won't pray the second prayer until you really are hungry for God to do a new thing in your life.

When you're hungry for that, then you'll pray the second, O God, show us thy mercy. Now, that's when you're ready to say that. When we say, show us thy mercy, that's a tremendous truth because in Psalm 90 verse 4, you don't need to turn, it says, O satisfy us, the psalmist said, satisfy us early with thy mercy.

Isn't that interesting? Satisfy us. How can my heart be satisfied? Satisfy us early with thy mercy. I need the mercy of God to be ministered to my soul.

And then the psalmist says that we may rejoice and be glad all the days. You see? Revive us again that we may rejoice in thee. O show us thy mercy, O Lord, grant us thy salvation.

The psalmist said, satisfy us early with thy mercy that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. So I'm suggesting that when you say, O God, I need reviving and I need to have a new touch of God, I need to rejoice in God, anew and afresh. God needs to become real to me.

When you're really hungry for that and you're really wanting with all your heart, then you're going to pray, O God, show me your mercy. What's that? O God, I'm ready to go back to the mercy seat. What's the mercy seat? That's the picture of the cross in the Old Testament.

Mercy. That's the picture of the cross. O God, I'm ready to go back to the cross.

Show me thy mercy. Now, in one school where Ralph and I were preaching Western Canada, they sang a song that said, let us praise the Lord. It was a college choir, Christian college choir.

Let us praise the Lord with gladsome mind. Praise the Lord with gladsome mind. Sounds like joy.

For the mercy he hath given. See? The joy, the gladsome mind comes through the mercy. So when you say, O God, rejoice and revive me again, let me rejoice in thee.

If you really mean it, you're going to say, O God, show me thy mercy. O God, take me right back to the mercy seat. Let me go right back to the cross.

Isn't it wonderful this choir is saying, he could have called 10,000 angels, but he died alone. That's the mercy seat for you and me. I'm asking you the question, how long has it been since you've been back to the mercy seat? Is your heart hungry to know God in a new way? God, satisfy me with thy mercy.

You know, most of our trouble is this. We always say, O God, when we see something wrong in our life, we say, O God, help me to do better next time. And I'm really getting to the heart of what we're reviving,

what's been going on in three weeks.

You say, what's been going on? I'll tell you what. You say, how come we've never seen it like this before? I'll tell you, because somehow, God has caught the attention of his people and taken us back to the cross, and we're not saying any longer, O God, help me to do better next time. We're saying, O God, forgive me for the failure and the sinfulness of the last time.

That's going back to the mercy seat. O God, reveal to me my shortcomings, my sinfulness, my waywardness away from me. O God, take me back to the mercy seat.

That's God's way of reviving. I'm willing to go all the way down and say, God, I need abandoned humility. What a sight to see all of these young people on their knees before God.

What is it? Going back to the mercy seat, humbling themselves, going back to the cross. Forgive me the blood of Jesus Christ, cleansing from all sin last night. What am I really suggesting? I'm really coming to the... There was one point of the three points when I was preaching on the threefold sin of society.

I don't know which meeting it was, but you know, there was one I didn't preach much about, and I just felt bad, and the Lord said, finish it off this morning. And that's this. I said the sin of society is that we humanize God.

Took a whole week preaching five messages on it. Humanizing God, bringing God down to man's level. Once you humanize God, then you deify man, lift man up, let man become his own God.

Do your own thing. You've got it all put together. You don't need outside help.

You don't need God. You don't need anybody else. Do your own thing.

No time for God. Throw a kiss at God by attending church once a week on Sunday morning to let him know you appreciate the fact that you're in Western Christianized civilization, and you ought to be there for your family's sake and so forth. But you really don't need him.

That's a deifying man. I've got it put together. I don't need outside help.

You wouldn't say it that loud that way, but this is the spirit of heart. Once you bring God down, humanize him, you make yourself your own God. You deify man.

Then you end up minimizing sin. And we've talked a lot about humanizing God. We've talked a lot about minimizing sin.

And God's been dealing with us about the sinfulness of our way. But we didn't say much about the sinfulness of deifying man. And this is the heart and essence of it.

When you say, Oh God, revive me again that I may rejoice in Thee. And God says, Come down off of the throne of your heart. Ralph was talking about pride, the ego that's so big.

And God says, Will you say, Show me Thy mercy. Oh God, I need outside help. That's the cry of revival.

I can't put it together. I will not be my own God. God, you've got to come back to me.

I can't make it without you in my life, the admission of that. I need outside help. Not Lord, help me to do better.

The cry is, Oh God, show me mercy. I need forgiveness. The teaching of human philosophy is that we are to raise humanity up to a higher plane.

And we keep trying to raise ourself up. And God, through the cross, is saying, Go down. Go down.

The contrary. You must sink and die and admit you are nothing. And the world is trying to make man his own God.

And God says, Go down and be nothing. C.S. Lewis, in the book, The Great Divorce, put it like this. Evil can be undone, but it cannot develop into good.

And that's why God wants us to go back to the mercy seat. You can't say, I've had all this evil in my life. So all at once, I'm going to turn over a new leaf.

And now God, help me to do better next time. He's saying, evil can be undone, but it cannot develop into good. You can't, from an evil base, you can't develop, say, I'm going to turn a new leaf and develop into good.

It's got to be undone. Time does not heal evil. The spool must be unwound, bit by bit, with backward mutters of dis severing power.

Or else not, a wrong sum cannot be made right. You know, in mathematics, you can't just take a wrong sum and keep going from there. You've got to go back and dishevel the whole situation.

But only by going back till you find the error and working it afresh from that point, never by simply going on saying, I'm going to do better. Let's do it right from here on out. And that's what God has been saying to us in these days.

It's painful, but what a blessed painfulness when God meets us. We need mercy. That's the humbling process.

Show us thy mercy. That's the humbling process, coming off of your own throne. And not deifying man.

I need your mercy. Oh, brothers and sisters. Then he says, show me thy salvation.

That's one of us. See, that's when I don't have it put together. God, I need your answer.

I need your salvation. I don't have it put together. No longer will I deify man.

Now once we come to that place, listen, once you say, God, I need reviving. Once we say, God, take me back to the mercy seat. Once we say, oh God, I need your answer.

Show me thy salvation in my life. Then you're ready to do the next thing. Verse seven.

I will shut my mouth. Right? Anyone say that? Sure it does. I will hear what God the Lord will speak.

Anyone say, I'll shut my mouth and open my ears. I'll close my mouth and open my ears. We've got so many answers for God.

We've got so many excuses. We've got such rationalization. If you could hear the excuses that people give Christians for why they don't come to the meetings and what they have to do and this, that and the other and on and on and on.

They're so busy talking, talking, talking. But I'll tell you, when they get so desperate to know God and want to know God more than anything else and they don't need the touch of God and they say, God, show me thy mercy. Give me your real answer.

They'll close their mouth and they'll say, I will hear what God the Lord will speak. Speak Lord. Go to it.

And there are some people yet in this meeting have not said that yet to God. Dr. Sherwood Ward from the Decision Magazine said, when God speaks, does anybody listen? Apparently not. And that in brief is the crux of the human catastrophe.

We have talked long enough. It is time to listen to the voice of God. I will hear what God the Lord will speak.

What does it take for God to get our attention? Somebody said the man who thinks he has all the answers probably hasn't even heard the question. That's the problem. We're talking all the time.

We have all the answers. And God wants us to shut up our mouth, close our mouth and hear, hear what God wants to say. No wonder we can't relate to the meetings.

There are some people in this meeting who still haven't said, speak Lord, thy servant heareth. Do you will you say that? You're not willing to say that. You're not even interested to say it until you recognize that your heart and your soul is empty of that God consciousness with a formal and a ceremony of Christianity religiosity.

Oh, when you say, I'm ready to open my ears, oh God. You know, you can sit in this crusade and yet not hear what God is saying. You can sit in this crusade and you can be so excited in this crusade.

You can be thrilled at what I'm telling you what God did to young people last night and what God is doing to people. And you can say, isn't that wonderful? And still not hear what God's saying. You know, the Lord says they have ears and they hear not.

That means they hear superficially, but they don't really hear with the ears of their soul. I will hear what the Lord my God will speak. Will you say it yet today? He's going to say a lot of things.

A grandma, Ryan, around Western Canada. She was a dear saint who made German Mennonite bread. She baked it and she'd take it all over every Saturday morning.

She'd take a loaf here and a loaf there and a loaf there. She was an elderly saint. I told you about her one other meeting about her hearing problem.

Remember? They said the Lord took her hearing away because she gossiped too much about what she heard all the gossip. And she, you know, and that's the same thing. She could make bread and she'd make it.

Ralph and I live right next door and she'd keep us full of that good German Mennonite bread. What a tremendous thing. But every time she'd bring a loaf of bread, she'd put it in a paper bag and she'd always

write a scripture verse on it.

Now the bread was delicious, but the scripture verse was almost better. And I remember just so I could see, what was the verse she was going to put now with a loaf of bread? And the first one, the very first loaf of bread that she sent, it was a verse like this. He said, they have ears, excuse me, said, there was a famine in the land.

There was a famine in the land. All right. We know what that is.

But not a bread. Oh, we don't know what that is. How can you have a famine and say, but not a bread? What a paradox, isn't it? There was a famine in the land, but not a bread.

So, okay, if it's not bread, how can you have a famine without bread? And they had bread. What was the famine? But it was a famine of hearing the word of the Lord. Oh, I'll tell you that I stop and think of it.

Here we are in Canada. I'll tell you, there's a famine in the land, but it's not a bread. And it's not a physical bread either.

We've got all the physical bread. It's not a bread. And let me suggest there's a famine in the world, in this land, and it's not a bread and it's not even of spiritual bread.

We don't have a famine of spiritual bread. We can hear and we can hear and we can hear. And God knows maybe the trouble is we have had too much.

We've heard so much. We've gotten so used to hearing. If somebody said anything you get used to, anything you take for granted, you never take seriously.

And we've got some people in America that are there. I heard a preacher in my country said, would to God, the nation of America would be held over the pit of hell for about six months at a time with preaching in every gospel pulpit all across North America and no invitation given. And don't ask one soul to get right with God until we get so anxious and so desirous and so hungry to get right with God that we come crawling and crawling after preachers to tell us how to get right with God.

We've heard so much. There's a famine in the land, but not of bread. We've got the truth of God.

You can hear it everywhere. But what's the famine? But of hearing the word of the Lord. Hearing it.

Oh, that God would help us this morning. Any man have the ears to hear what the Spirit said to the church? Behold, I stand at the door and I knock. If any man have ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church.

You notice? God says he stands at the door of Laodicean church and he knocks. He knocks at the door of the church. God's knocking at the door of the Wesley Chapel in these days.

He's knocking at the door of the church. But what does he say? Does he ask for the church to hear? No, he says, if any man hear my voice. You see what he does? He's speaking to the church corporately, but what kind of response does he want? He wants individuals inside the corporate body to respond.

If any man hear, God personalizes the truth of revival. Oh, we don't say God is sending a revival to Wesley Chapel. God's saying, what about you? What about you? God's saying, have you yet closeted yourself in

with Christ? With God and say, I, if any man, I'll be that any man that will hear the voice of God, the Word of God.

I will hear. And open the door. God says, I'll come in with you, I'm into you and I will sup with you.

And that was written in the Middle East, in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan. Ralph and I have been over there with the Arabs and the Armenians in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan. And when it says, I will come into them and I will sup with them, that word means supper.

It means spaghetti and meatballs. It means sit down and put your feet under the table. And that's the ultimate of being accepted when they invite you to their home and they make a meal and they'll spend three and four and five days preparing the foods in Lebanon.

They'll take a little meatball. I'll use that to get an idea of the size of what I'm talking about. And they will take this thing and stuff it in here.

And this little, this spice and stuff in there. And this little piece of stuff in there, it'll be a cubical square and they'll stuff it in. And this is tagged onto that.

And you know that every little item took, took minutes and minutes and turning into hours. And you'll see them on there and you come there and you'll see vultures for culture like my brother when he gets there. And all at once, they spent hours preparing a few minutes, all gone.

You feel guilty eating it, right? You know the kind of time that's gone into that meal. What am I telling you? I'm telling you, listen, when you sit down for a meal there, it's no five minute ordeal. It's three and four hours in the afternoon.

You go for lunch and they stay and it's fellowship. It's the epitome of fellowship together. Then they have the water jug they pass around the table.

No, it's a marvelous water jug. You don't, each one don't have a separate glass. It's a water, it's pitcher, you know? Pitcher.

And you have to drink it. Everybody drinks out of the pitcher. You say, that's unsanitary.

Oh, I didn't say you put your lips on the thing. You don't put your mouth on the spout. No, you have to tip the pitcher and let it come and it has to have a stream and you have to hit right here.

You can't, I can't tell you how many wet ties I went home with. I mean, you see the stream right in. You see them do it.

They laughed at us Westerners, you know, until we learned how. Ralph was a slow learner. I got it pretty quickly.

But my hospitality and that's the word, have supper with them. And my Lord is saying, I want to come in and I want to really get to know you and have fellowship with you. And that's what God's been doing in these days.

That's why the clock comes down off the wall in the revival meeting. You know what's happening in these days? I'll tell you what's interesting. The meetings in the church that were so short before seem so long.

And now the meetings are so long seem so short. You can't even push the people out. You couldn't push those young people out 30 minutes after me.

They're still learning around here. Couldn't push them out. What's happening? We're having fellowship around the Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior.

We're having fellowship one with another and with Christ in the center of it all. And that's what we were made for to begin with. What a tremendous truth.

What's happening these days? I'll tell you. Some people start listening to God, close their mouth and start listening and are ready at any price, at any cost to follow and obey God. We're starting to take time for God.

So what's happening? We're starting to say, speak Lord to me. Thy servant is ready here. One preacher in Western Canada said, for the first time in my memory, people were willing to get right with God and with anyone they're wrong.

He said, I'd never seen it like that before. Oh, brothers and sisters, there's a tragedy of not hearing it. And I talked something about that last week and won't go into that.

But I suggest to you that what could be the thing that is causing you not to hear the voice of God? What has been the thing that has caused you not to hear the voice of God, even to this day? What could it be? I'm sure I'm talking to people this morning. You're happy to see what God's doing. You're all with what God's doing.

But somehow you haven't heard the voice of God. What has been the thing that has tuned down the voice of God in your life, whether you're conscious of it or unconscious of it? What could it be? Could it be the busiest of the world? Could it be the materialism? What is it that the devil is using to rob you from hearing the voice of God? A man in England had a plan of his life. He was going to own the cotton mill.

That was his goal in life. He was going to own it. And he succeeded.

He was driven and by the obsession to own that cotton mill. By the age of 40, he became the owner of the cotton mill. He drove himself until he owned it.

He no sooner owned the cotton mill, a few weeks later, a few months later, they found out he had cancer. And he's in a hospital dying with cancer. There he is lying on a hospital bed, dying of cancer.

And while he's leaning over, there he was a young man who was raised in evangelical church, heard the word of God, knew the word of God, but driving, driving, driven by this obsession to own the cotton mill. And there they heard him speaking some words on his deathbed. In his last words, they leaned over.

And what is he saying? And he said, they heard him saying, Jesus, Jesus, he's trying to speak to me. He's trying to speak to me. But I can't hear him.

I can't hear him. For the noise in the mill, the noise in the mill, the noise in the mill, and he died. What's the noise in the mill in your life today? My Lord is trying to speak to you, sir.

You're not here by divine coincidence. You are in this meeting this morning by divine providence of God. To hear from God, what's he saying to you? Will you hear? He will speak, it said.

You know the next words? For he will speak. No problem with God. He will speak.

He will speak. Whenever it's a privilege to have God speak to you, might be painful, might be painful, but it's a privilege. He will speak.

He will speak unto his people. He will speak unto his people. One man said to me in Western Canada, the Lord couldn't speak to me when I was well, so he had to make me sick.

He had to let me become sick. And I had to be laying on a hospital bed for months. And he said, I wouldn't trade that experience for anything, to have God speak to me once again.

He will speak. And it says he'll speak peace unto his people. Thank the Lord.

Might be painful. Some of you folks have been in surgery these days, and it's painful. But I'll tell you, there's not a person in these days who has been on the surgery table who would not say to me and say to you folks, it has been painful, but praise the Lord, it's peaceful.

I'll tell you, you have good healing when you have nice clean incisions of doctor surgery. This is not tranquilizers. This is surgery.

All together different. Getting a little relief. Go to the doctor, get a little relief until the thing arises again.

You're not on the relief program. Thank the Lord. God's not wanting to try to relieve you.

He's trying to release you. God's been releasing people in these days. You can be released from one of the shackles that have you bound.

And listen to what it says. Let them not turn again to folly. Somebody says, how long will it last? Ralph was talking about that.

How long will it last? Let them not turn again to folly. God says, I've got something so good you don't have to go back to your folly. You don't have to go back there.

You can go back there if you want, but you don't have to. How long will it last? Oh, praise the Lord. God's at work.

We need to adhere to the injunction of Paul to the Hebrews when he said, today, if you hear his voice, harden not your heart. But oh, what a tragic injunction that God said about his people in Psalm 106, verse 24. Yea, they despised the present land.

They believed not his word. They despised the present land. Look what the present land is.

Look at it in verse 9. Surely God's salvation is nigh them that fear him. God's answer. That glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring forth from the earth, out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Oh, what a place to live. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Oh, my brothers and sisters, are you ready to hear what God has to say? I think God wants to speak through many folks. Many folks this morning. And I want, Pastor, or Ralph, if you want to go down, or Pastor, we just take a microphone, and I tell you what.

You know what happened? I got, I got, I got two bottles of pills the other day, and I haven't used any. And I want my dear sister, you come and tell us about the two bottles of pills you gave me the other night. You come and tell the crowd.

Right there, sister? Yea? Is that the sister? Not here. Oh, I'm looking at the wrong one. Sorry about that.

Here she is. Oh, you look, I'm sorry. Look at that.

Come on. This dear sister gave me two bottles of pills the other night, and I said, this is too good to miss. And I just want you to tell me why you gave me two bottles of pills.

I haven't taken any yet, but if I need one, just tell us. Because I can't. Take your hands off, please, for just a minute, on the soft voices.

I got the pill about, I think, I can't remember if it was a month ago, or a few weeks. I just can't remember the exact date. And I haven't taken it because I heard about the revival, and I say, okay, I just going to, I, I, no, I take the tablet about four years.

Over four years, I was taking tablet because of my, I couldn't get asleep, and the doctor says my nerve, something to go with my eye or head whatsoever. And I have to take the tablet before I go to bed, one each night. And before the revival, I, I said to myself that I know God going to do something in my heart and life.

And for the beginning, I say, I heard about Second Chronicle, 714. And I always kept that verse in my mind. And I know there is something wrong in my life, I say, because I get angry.

I, I getting angry so fast. And I claim that to God. I, I ask God to take away all that angriness, and I want to have a new everything, a revival in my heart and my life.

And it do work, because when I come here, I haven't take no tablet. I started out without taking any tablet. And I, from the time I leave here and I go back, I get my sleep.

And I leave the tablet, the two bottle just like that. And I know God done a miracle in my life. And for over four years, the doctor, even the doctor say, it's hard.

I was taking a tablet too long, and I should stop. But I know I can't go to sleep, but, but I know God done something in my life. He healed me, and it's completely healed.

Now, before you go, tell what your husband have to do every night for you. Well, he has to give me a tablet with a cup of tea every night, because I can't fall asleep. Once I, it passed nine o'clock, I can't sleep.

And now it passed about twelve o'clock, twelve one o'clock, and yet I could get my sleep, which I know and I could feel it. Because there is sometime I, I work with my feelings, not faith. But right now I working with faith, not feelings.

Just stay there, just one more thing. Ah, she's doing good. Tell me, you know what, she works eight hours a day or five, six, seven hours.

She gets, the other day she said, now with all the, without these tablets and all, and she gets done at four o'clock. And what do you feel like after four o'clock? Oh, I feel I could work another eight hours. I feel so good, because when I leave, I say, praise in God.

And I used to be ashamed of singing. And now I singing loud in the department. I mean, a lot of people joining me, because there is some girls, the way I sing, because the revival in me, even when I go to work, it never come out of me, all the time.

It is in me. And I, I singing loud. And even one girl, her eyes was dripping water and say, Camille, she really need Jesus.

And God do great things for me to come and sit in front of her. She was, she work night shift for five years, and they just move her two weeks ago in front of me. So I could share with her and I could pray with her.

And she just glad for me that she know there is somebody praying for her. Amen. Isn't that wonderful? God bless you.

If anybody want, needs any of those pills, I've got them, the two bottles. Isn't that marvelous? Four weeks, three weeks now, three solid weeks. I'll tell you.

Oh, oh, there's something more. You have an appointment with a doctor, don't you? Wednesday, she has an appointment with a doctor. You know why? She didn't make, she, this wasn't her regular schedule, was it? You made this one specifically? She's going just to tell him she doesn't need any more tablets.

That's all she's going. And so I want you Christians to help pay that bill, because that's a witness for God. She doesn't need to go to visit the doctor.

She's going to go to tell him that she doesn't need any more tablets. Praise the Lord, sister. I was waiting for Camille to sit down, because I could hardly wait to get up here.

I couldn't understand why it took me three weeks to come up and give this testimony, but now I see. I'm going to give a, I thought I was going to give a slight different testimony what the Lord has done for me in my home in the past three weeks. I'll begin with the first Sunday when, I think it was Lou that was preaching, and he hit the part where he said the sinful, the sins within you that are fear.

Now, fear, it's a miracle that I could be up here speaking in a congregation like this for the first time, because I've had a lot of fear within me. She waited for a nice large crowd to do it. I did.

I did praise the Lord, I did. And I'm so excited that I can hardly, the other reason I suppose is because Ralph often said just two or three minutes, and I couldn't see how I can release myself in two or three minutes. So can I take an hour? No, not really.

I knew that God was dealing with me in the past, say, 20 years, 10 years especially. Didn't know what it was, but when fear was hit, I knew that this was one of my problems. Okay, I went forward, I got released, and I thought, okay, Lord, this is all I have, fear.

I'll be okay. Well, another experience came up from that, that was the first Sunday. From that Sunday till a week ago Friday.

Now, this is something that's never happened in my life before. I'd come here to the meetings, I'd go home, I'd go to sleep, and through the night, I would hear that very same sermon, not once, not twice, three and four times through the night. Now, isn't this something? This is the same sermon, word for word, right through the whole night.

I'd wake up in the middle of the night, I'd leave our bedroom and go into the spare bedroom thinking maybe I could break this, but no, the minute I lied down in another bed, I heard that same sermon. I knew God was dealing with me, more than just fear. I'll go back a little further and say I have got a lot of physical problems, a lot of migrating headaches.

I've had headaches from the time I was about 12, but it got progressively worse. It got to the point that last year, and I've got to confess this to my husband, which he's sitting there and doesn't know, I was a pill bottle. I was taking, to relieve the pain, I was taking two tablets, codeine tablets, every two hours to keep me going through the day.

So you can imagine how many tablets that would add up through the day. Sure, I might look happy anytime anybody's seen me here and wondered how I kept going. Well, I think it was the painkillers that were keeping me going because my head was very bad.

Now, in that week of having those dreams or visions of what the Lou or Ralph was saying, I could not kill these pains. They were worse than I've ever had before. I could take 50 pills and I'm sure the only way to kill them would be 50 pills.

That'd be me, the end of me. A Friday morning, a week ago, I woke up and I started to cry. I knew that God was doing something and was going to do to me that night.

I came to work at the church. I cried from that time right till the service was over. And I'll relate back with these pain pills.

I've also accumulated heart problems. My heart was not beating properly. I was at the point where doctors didn't know what was wrong.

I've also lost a hearing in one ear. It was buzzing, really buzzing and roaring constantly. I knew that there was something wrong, more than just health problems.

Friday evening, as I'm not going to quote who preached, I think it was Ralph, doesn't really matter, more sins were pointed out to me. I thought I had just the one. And I've got it written down because I've got a list this long.

I start to search my heart and I found out that I had a sin of criticism. That's number one. Resentment.

My resentment came through hurts. I've had a lot of hurts. I guess this is self-pity.

And then, through this all, I was quick to anger. I was always angry over everything. And also very, very stubborn.

Then, to sum the whole thing off, I won't quote the exact words, but something to the effect, if you have all these sins within you, if you don't have them released, if you're expecting a miracle, a physical miracle, this cannot be sold till you get rid of your problems. Boy, the pew I was sitting at was pretty hot. I knew God was speaking to me right there and then.

I could not sit any longer. I went forward. I've surrendered my whole life to God.

I want to tell you something, brothers and sisters. By now, it's ten days gone by. I haven't taken one single painkiller.

By now, I'd have 50 or 60 of them in me, the way I normally lived. I have no heart problems at all. My heart is beating at the right rate and no problems whatsoever.

I've got my hearing back. There's no sign of any noise in my ear. Then I thought this was it.

Okay, I've got rid of everything. That's fine. Where am I now? I'm forgetting where I am.

I just got healed, I know. Well, this is such a long process. It's a wonder I've sat here this long and not given my testimony.

This past Friday, which is two days ago, another miracle took place in our home. And those that know my youngest child, she's been going through an awful lot of health problems. Year of surgery, one after another.

Fear is something worse than even I've had. It's got to the point where she would never go to bed. Well, this is just a small example.

She'd always have the light on due to the fact that she feared she saw snakes. She saw spiders in her room. Well, you know what kind of concern this is for a mother.

I was no longer worrying about her. I was no longer angry with her. But I was concerned.

I was a concerned mother. I wondered how I could reach this young child. And so I took Friday night, I picked up a tape, and I can't remember, it was called Pathways to Depression by Henry.

And this tape was supposed to be for a friend of mine who was going through a depressing time, wanted to commit suicide last week, didn't succeed, was going to try again this weekend. And I thought I was going to take this tape to her to help her out. As it was, I listened to the tape.

And wow, that was for me. Another sin, sin of discouragement. Sin of discouragement has been really hidden in my heart.

I've been discouraged through everything. So, okay Lord, right there and then, I'd called, my girl has been sick for three days, not gone to school with these ear problems, blocked right out, couldn't hear, severe headaches, et cetera, et cetera. I called her.

We knelt down. I was able to relate in her little language what it meant to me and what it should mean to her. And praise God, she got up and she says, Mom, I have a perfect hearing.

My headache is gone. Well, I drove to church that Friday again to help the ladies. I don't remember seeing any lights.

I really don't. I guess I came through green and red lights, whatever may be. Excited.

What else can a mother be but excited, eh? Yes. Finally reached a child of 12. I had put her to bed before I came and I said, have a rest.

She wasn't coming to church on Friday because she was very ill. And I said, you have a rest. You'll be there.

And I walked in after helping the ladies. And the first thing she, when I opened the door, she said, Mom, guess what? I will not have any more light in my room. I have no more fear.

Now, this little fear of nightlight isn't all. There has been so many fears in her life. I can't name them.

They're just a mile long. And when she said that, she know what that meant to me. Yes.

It's been two nights. The kid is all excited. No more snakes in her room.

Praise the Lord. No more whatever she saw. So, to summon this all off, I really believe that I was waiting for a healing, thinking that being anointed, that's what I needed.

And I have been anointed many times and I've had different things that have been wrong with me. I've had back problems, legs, name it. And I've been anointed, prayed for.

And really, I have received a blessing and I have received an instant healing. But deep within me, those that have, and I'm sure there's a lot of ladies today sitting in this congregation and even men, that do have migrating headaches or any type of headaches or any kind of illness, I really think the thing is to get right with the Lord. And the minute you get right with the Lord, the Lord will undertake your problems.

I could go on for another hour or two, but I won't. And yeah, I think the pastor's here wondering when she's going to quit talking. I can also, in the three weeks, tell you the discouragement I had, how Satan tried to pull me down from that peak.

But praise God, I've been able to conquer it all. Thank you. Are we hearing the first time to speak? First time in this congregation to ever give a testimony.

You're not in a coincidental meeting, men and women. I'll hear what God, the Lord will speak. And at the beginning of this year, I was determined that I was going to give my school to God and that I was not going to let this eat me up like it did last year.

And like it even, it started to show, like I remember the very first day when I went to register and selected my courses and my times and that. I just prayed that I get a timetable that was workable so that I could discipline myself to be able to work everything in and also work in my church life and my social life and my job and my friends. And that happened.

And the piece that I found began to show about three weeks into the year. There is a test in a course that I did not really enjoy and I failed it desperately. But I really didn't care because it didn't bother me at all because I just put it aside and said, well, next time I'll just have to do better.

And I didn't realize it at the time, but this was a real witness because there's about 10 of us that met last year. We're in a couple of classes together now and we're in a lot of classes this year because we all

managed to survive. And there's about four of us that failed this test and the others passed marginally like 51, 52 percent.

And a lot of them were really worried, but I really didn't care. Literally, I didn't care. And they noticed this.

And one friend said to me, she said, how can you just act that way? Like you got 38 percent on that test. How can you look at what you have to do for the next three tests? And I just said, well, I said, I gave that up. It doesn't matter anymore.

And she couldn't understand this. And over the years, I've been ministering to this girl. And she's begun to realize why I gave it up and why it doesn't bother me.

And this year, I really, really had a good time at school. Like, in fact, I had such a good time that I can't wait to get back next September because I played football at school. I played hockey at school.

I played racquetball at school. And a lot of friends of mine and I, we used to go out together during classes and we'd study together. And I was able to come to church more often, young people on Wednesdays.

And I just generally had a really good time this year. And I was thankful for the friends I met this year and the way I was showing them that I had given this up, given school up. And for me, just that piece of knowing that I didn't have to worry about it would have been enough.

But I got my statement of results this week and I raised my grade point average by .4 over a 3, which is about a 78% average. I'm just thankful for that. Praise the Lord.

See, when you get rid of that fear and worry, your mind is released. It's creative energy that's released. I preached the whole message on Tuesday night on fear and worry bondage.

We saw God set people free here on Tuesday night on that. Probably the first years to get up, I really got to praise the Lord for what happened last night. I am so excited with that youth meeting we had.

So many people came to the front and we were just, I doubt there was a dry eye in the place. We went through a lot of Kleenexes and we really, well, I don't know, it was just fabulous. I hardly know what to say.

Like my mother would say, I'm on cloud nine plus. But anyhow, it's, and I hardly got any sleep last night. I went home and I got thinking about it.

And I guess I'm like my mother in some ways, it kept going through my mind over and over the sermon. And I think it gave us us young people a real challenge to think of what we are doing in our life, what we think of our life and how we're witnessing and many other things like the shortness of our life. Like we don't know when our life may end.

Could be like we could leave this meeting today and be hit by a car and killed. And what have we done? Like, are we right with the Lord? And I was really pleased that the people, there was four people that accepted Christ. And I was with one girl as she did it.

And it was just a thrill to see her on her knees before the Lord seeking out help. She'd been a Christian before, but she'd backslidden. She was going to church and stuff.

And she was a Sunday school leader. And she just felt her life was empty. And I know now that she'll have a great assurance that God's with her.

No wonder her mom needs all those pills. Teenagers come in and wake them up half in the middle of the night, right? College and career young people could come last night. I think we made a mistake by not saying that louder and clearer.

And I'm glad here was one that was with us right close to the mic. Last night was the first time I was able to share in front of people. And I gave my testimony, or part of it anyways, to the young people.

And I really praise God that he's enabled me to do that because some of my testimony is very painful and hard to share because I'm ashamed of some of the things that I've done. But I praise God that he's brought me through it. And last night, it was just great to see everything that was happening.

And Lou talked about most of the people that we go to high school with we'll never see again after we graduate. And it really spoke to me because I could relate to the experiences he was giving. I had a girlfriend.

One of my best friends was killed in an accident a year after I graduated. And I had never seen her since I graduated. And I had never witnessed to her while I was in school.

And it was a real challenge to us as teenagers to witness at school. And it was a real challenge also to the adults. I know there was no adults there, but it's a challenge to the adults because, oh yeah, there was a few.

But it's a challenge to the adults because the statistics say that if you don't become a Christian by the time you're 25, you probably never will. And so it's a challenge to the adults to get out there in your work or if you don't work in your neighborhood and let people know that you're a Christian and that you're there for God. So what if they laugh at us? I mean, Christ was spit on when he was carrying the cross.

So we can't, I just can't say how we should just be out there witnessing no matter what people are going to do to us. And I just praise God for what he did last night. Her testimony was a real blessing last night.

Do you know 19 out of every 20 people, listen to this, 19 out of every 20 people who ever become Christian do so before the age of 25. That's what she was related to. That's the fact.

And I would just say as she's dropped that truth in this meeting right now, let me suggest to you that if you're out of that category and you're not right with God, and let me suggest to you, if you have the least bit of spark of desire, if you have the least bit of spark of desire to be right with God, would you, for your own soul's sake, put a little fan to that spark and start fanning it today? And let it burst forth in a flame. You better. I didn't see, I didn't give the, she didn't give the rest of the facts about that except to say that 19 out of 20 who ever become Christian, only one out of every 700 thousand ever become a Christian after the age of 65.

If you have the least bit of desire sitting in this kind of meeting this morning, this is an hour to hear from God. Brother Arthur, come give us a word. Well, last night was pretty unique for me because if you had told me before I walked in that I would have sat for four hours on a Saturday night in a church service, I would have said you got the wrong guy.

Because I really thought, you know, like I went over to my friend's house and we played football for a while. And then I got home and it's about a quarter after six and I still had a little work to do. And then my mother goes, you're going to church tonight.

And I went, is that a fact? You know? And, uh, but I kind of got in the car with a bit of a fuss and a ball. At least I got to drive the car, you know? And, and so I picked up a couple of friends and we all walked in together and I thought, hmm, you know, and then I thought nine 30 or else, you know, and then everyone starts testifying and I'm kind of sitting here and I'm starting to sort of sink in the seat a bit and I'm really feeling kind of ashamed of myself. And when Lou was preaching last night, I'm sure that the Lord was giving him those words for me and for a lot of other young people.

But one thing he really got through to me especially was the fact that what if, you know, a lot of young teenagers die long before their time, but it still happens. And what if, you know, what if the Lord called me home today? I really think that before last night he would have been pretty ashamed of me. And I was, I felt like Jonah in the whale.

The Lord was calling me into the ministry and I was saying some other time, there's a lot of things I want to do and everything seems to happen on Sunday. And if you're a minister, you can't do this and you can't do that. And so I got swallowed up by a whale and that whale was depression.

And everything going on in the church was depressing. And Daryl was leaving, I'm depressed. And there's four people out tonight, I'm depressed.

And I'm failing a subject in school and I'm depressed, you know. And then it just kept getting worse and worse and worse and I was coming to the point where I didn't care anymore. And I was getting tests back, you know, like 75% and I just thought, oh well, it will do.

And I wasn't happy with myself, but I found out last night where the Lord wants me and he wants me in the ministry. And if it's in Africa or Asia or here at home, I'll be a minister for him if that's what he wants from me. I just say praise the Lord and I believe he's going to help me through.

It was kind of hard for me because when we went down to Asbury for our Icthus 85, I saw the little town that the college and seminary was in and I've seen Spring Arbor. And I'm kind of a city boy, you know, if there's not 23 places to go on a Friday night, you know. And I'm looking around and, you know, there's one restaurant and one little shop and that was about it.

And I was kind of wondering, you know, well, you understand, Lord, that this isn't for me. And I guess he didn't because he really hammered me last night. And now I'm looking forward to finishing off school this year and then going back for two more years, improving my grades, and then I'll go to Biola College and prepare for full-time ministry for him.

And I just say praise the Let's stay up here, brother. Brother Ford, let's all pray for him. The devil is going to try to short-circuit a young man who's committed to God.

The whole crusade would have been worth it for this one testimony today. Amen, folks? The ends of the earth feel the effect of it. If nothing else ever happened, this is the kind of thing that you visitors are with us today.

This is no casual thing. God is at work in the midst of his people. You better believe it.

And thank the Lord for this, dear brother. Let's pray. And you folks take him on.

Arthur, what's your last name, Arthur? Hamilton. Arthur Hamilton, you folks just remember him on your prayer list. Satan will try to destroy him from getting into the full-time ministry.

And there are others, but this one has surfaced and we thank the Lord for it. Let's pray together for him. Brother Floyd.

Heavenly Father, our hearts are broken and encouraged this morning as Arthur shared. And Lord, he is your son. We commit him to you.

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and direct his steps as he walks in obedience to you. And in these days, Lord, that we might as a church be supportive of art and encourage him. And Lord, may he keep his eyes fixed on you and not on man or on things.

Lord, we pray this day your blessing upon him, that he will be your special servant. And we give you the praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

Arthur, before you go, did you go get Mike to bring him to the meeting last night? Yes. Come on, Mike. Join him up here, sure.

This is one of the culprits that Arthur picked up last night. Listen to what happened to Mike. Praise the Lord, these dear brothers.

Share what God did for you last night, Mike. Well, what did the Lord do for me? Well, for last night, I couldn't really consider myself a Christian, although I'd like to be, but I thought it would be like sacrificing a lot. And I considered it sort of like an option that I could consider later on.

But then when I, after listening to Lou, I realized that it wasn't an option. It's something I had to do. Something that I really needed to do.

So I decided to become a Christian and gave life to the Lord. He became a Christian last night in the meeting. Amen? Welcome to the family, a newborn babe.

And look at that. You came to the meeting out of obedience to your mom and dad, pretty much? See that? Even against his natural desire in the spot. What lessons we're learning, see this? He could have been rebellious and say, I won't, and just stubborn.

But even if it wasn't his number one choice to come last night in obeying the biblical injunction to honor his parents, who wanted him so much to be in the house of God last night, because they'd been hearing what an important message this was going to be. And look at the experience. These boys will never be the same again.

They'll remember for the rest of their life. Eternity shall reveal what happened in that situation. Praise the Lord.

God bless you fellas. Amen. I'd just like to say that up until last night, I was not a born again Christian.

And I thought I was, but deep down inside, I knew I was wrong. And it was, there were two, it was like two different people from Monday to Saturday. I was, you know, an entirely different person than I was on

Sunday.

And I thought that was just great because I had the advantage that none of the kids from my school went to my church. So nobody was going to know the difference. And then all of a sudden people started talking about this thing called revival.

And I didn't know what it was and I didn't know why we were having it, but I knew that it was going to interfere with my life. And I didn't want that because I thought it was, you know, I thought I could handle everything by myself. So I just said to God, if this is what you're going to do, just don't interfere with my life.

And mom got sick for most of the revival. So I had an excuse not to come here because I didn't want to hear what was going to go on. But I came last night and God was talking to me.

He said, when are you going to become a Christian? When are you going to give me control? And I said, not yet. I'll wait till I'm older. And right at that moment, Lou was just saying how 19 out of 25 people become a Christian when they're teenagers and how it gets harder when you're older.

And I thought, uh oh, this is not going to work. So last day I gave my life to the Lord and I just praised God. Praise the Lord.

Welcome into the family. Another one. Praise the Lord.

You're making all these adults jealous that they weren't here last night. All right. Any other folks? We're going to move right on quickly now because you know what? I want us to give an opportunity.

I just believe there are many, many people in these pews that need to go to a place of prayer and say, Lord, you have spoken. I'm hearing your voice loudly and clearly. And this is an hour that I want to give you an opportunity to go meet the Lord.

All right, brother. Anyone else want to come? Just come quickly. Last Monday, June 3rd, was our 18th wedding anniversary.

And rather than sending flowers to my wife, I told her that I would be leaving her and the children. I guess it was one mistake that Satan made. I didn't want to tell my wife at home because of the children.

And I thought, well, let's go out. And there was a satiric crusade on. And I thought, well, we might as well drive here rather than any other place.

And I told her just before we went into the building, throughout the service that night, I don't think God really spoke to me. I had, for the past four months, been really backsliding. I had not been able to experience a victorious Christian life.

And because of that, I had decided that Christianity cannot be real. That if there is no victorious Christian living, then God cannot be real. And all is really a farce.

And as I decided that, Satan started to isolate me from the family and things came to a point of no hope. After the service that night, I was standing at the back waiting for my wife. And I guess my wife knew that I meant what I said.

And she said, well, I'm not going to leave this church. And she disappeared into one of the prayer rooms with a couple of ladies. And as I was wandering through the premises here, a pastor friend got hold of me and he wouldn't let me go.

And I wanted to leave. And he said, no, you've got to come and talk to someone. I ended up speaking to two pastors downstairs in the basement.

I guess I argued and I brought up all of the things that maybe a human mind can dream up, why Christianity does not work. And finally, I accepted in faith that God is real and that that victory that was won on Calvary was sufficient for all times. And that as I really accept that victory and resist Satan, he will flee from me.

And as I did that, the assurance came over me. It really didn't hit me too much that day, but the following day as I was driving home from work, I just started to realize how great God's grace really is and that he kept me from some horrible things that that mind cannot even understand. And I was just started to bawl in the car all the way home.

I thought rather silly, you know, people stopping next to you and you're crying in your car. But after I had made that decision, I guess I came upstairs and my wife was waiting for me. And as she looked at me, she knew that I had seen Jesus and that I would never be the same again.

Thank you. Just stay here just a minute. Come, dear sister.

Brother Farris, you come and pray over this couple. Let this be like the beginning of a new marriage. Amen, folks? Praise the Lord.

Thank the Lord for that testimony, brother. And let's just join in heart. Brother, give the name so Pastor Farris can pray.

It's Mary and Edgar Reich. Amen. Thank the Lord for this.

Shall we pray? We thank our Heavenly Father that you are our victory. That when we allow Jesus Christ to take complete control, he clarifies our thinking. He helps us to see that we're battling against the mystery of lawlessness, the devil who wants to destroy families.

He wants to confuse the mind of the husband and the wife. But we're so glad that when we allow the Holy Spirit to take control, that he brings clarity of thought and he helps us to see that Jesus Christ is the answer to every need of every family, of every home. And he is the answer to everyone here this morning.

We thank thee for the uniting of this family and for your power and your grace that you're going to minister to them day by day, moment by moment. Bless them, we pray thee, and let the fire of God continually rest upon this family so that they may be a witness to others and say to them, we are witnesses that God's power really works and it's working in our lives. Bless them, we pray thee, because we ask it for Jesus' sake.

Amen. Let's keep our heads down and let's just come before God. I just sense this is the right moment.

I know we can have many, many testimonies and I just believe this is the moment that we ought to just pause and give people a chance to be prayed for who God has been speaking to. So many areas, what you have learned is God is setting people free from any kind of shackle there is. Believe me, we haven't

prayed for a person to be healed, there's not been a healing meeting, you've heard of deliverances, physical deliverances, just two.

I know God has done more and nobody's been prayed for in a public way. This is just God setting his people free. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there's liberty.

And the Spirit of the Lord is here and you can be in bondages that you've given up, you think there's no hope. And thank the Lord in this environment, your faith has been raised to believe, yet there could be hope for you if you'll just say, Lord, I'll hear what you're saying. I'll be honest, I'll face myself for who I really am.

In the sight of your cross, in the sight of you, I need your mercy today, Lord. And God's speaking to you. You break before God and you want to be prayed for all over this meeting.

How many folks would say, Lou, would you please pray for me today? God is speaking right through my heart and I'm saying, yes Lord, speak Lord, thy servant hear us. Would you pray for me? Our heads are about all over the congregation, let me see your hands. I want to pray for people that God is speaking right directly to.

God bless you. Hands are being raised. God bless you.

All over the congregation. Wonderful. How many others? Just put them up right now.

Pray for me. Up and then down again. Just put them up once and then down again.

God bless you. Men as well as women and young people. Yet others, pray for me.

God's speaking to me today. God bless you dear folks. Yet others, pray for me.

I'm hearing from God. God bless you. Back there in the back areas, the annex areas, I see those hands as well.

Others, pray for me. I want to be prayed for. Pray for me.

Thank God for his presence. God bless you. Yet others? Others, God's speaking to my heart.

I know what I need to do. I need to do serious business. I'm playing games with God.

Pray for me. Can I see yet others? God bless you. They're still being raised.

Wonderful. God bless you. They're still being raised.

I see them. Pray for me. Maybe you're not even sure you're a Christian.

Put your hand up. Let me pray for you today. Let God come into your life.

God bless you sir. I see that hand over here. God bless you.

You're not really sure you're a true child of God. Or if you are a Christian with great need, far from God today. Pray for me.

Can I see yet others? I look all over the congregation. Pray for me. Thank the Lord for his presence.

We've heard life's story of the reality of God setting people free. Yet others? Could I see? Pray for me. Dear Lord Jesus, I just thank you for these many hands that have been raised this morning.

Lord, you're at work in the midst of your people. And I thank you for speaking so powerfully. And through the word and through the testimony of thy people.

And now I pray for everyone who's just now raised his or her hand for prayer. I pray this should be the morning of release. This should be the morning of release.

You shall set your people free. Beyond the shadow of any doubt, they shall go with that victory of God in their soul. Let them leave no stone unturned that needs to be turned today to hear from thee, Father.

We'll thank thee and we'll praise thee. In your wonderful name we pray. Amen.

I think we ought to stand and sing. Have thine own way, Lord. Have thine own way.

And I want from all of this congregation. Thank you, dear folks. From all of the congregation, I want you just to come from the rows where you're standing and go to the place of prayer.

Down this way, downstairs, is it? Just go downstairs. I think this is the moment we ought to let people go to meet God. Or in the lounge over here.

We have the back room back here. We'll use it as a place of prayer. Get on your knees and tell God about your need.

Let's stand and sing one chord. From all of the congregation, come this morning. Sing it.

Have thine own way, Lord. Everyone raise your hand. Just go to the place of prayer.

Down at the potter. All men make me. After thy will.

Just go to the place of prayer. Give thanks. Don't hesitate.

Don't play the game with God that you raise your hand for prayer and you're not ready to do business. This is the time. In an hour like this, you raise your hand.

So many hands were raised. I went to God. Every one of you, raise your hand for prayer.

Take that step. Take that step to God. Tell God you mean business.

And just get on your knees. Have a private conversation with God. Tell Him about the sin He's shown you in your life today.

Give yourself over to Him. Say, I want to die to that ego, that I that wants to be so real and so alive. And then invite the Holy Spirit just to take over in your life.

Invite Him to do it today. Come on while we sing verse 2. Have thine own way, Lord. Keep coming.

Search me and try me. That's search. Master today.

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me. Wash me just now. As in thy presence, humbly.

Humbly I bow. Verse 3. Keep coming. Have thine own way, Lord.

Keep coming. Have thine own way, Lord. Wounded and weary have me, I pray.

Wounded and weary have me, I pray. Power of power, surely is thine. Keep coming.

Power of power, surely is thine. Surely is thine. Touch me and heal me.

Touch me and heal me. Master divine. Savior divine.

Let's pray while the organ is playing. Dear Lord Jesus, I just thank you for the many who have already gone. But Lord, we can see the struggle in so many people's faces here today.

We see the struggle. They're so close. Satan doesn't want them to own up to their real need.

Lord, forgive us for having all the answers. Forgive us for our rationalization. Forgive us for blaming everybody else and circumstances around about us.

Lord, let us really say, I will hear what God the Lord will speak. We'll close our mouth and open our ears and let God speak to us today. Lord Jesus, do that work.

Do what no man can do. By your Spirit and through your power, wouldst thou call yet this morning, those this noon hour, call those that need to be at the place of prayer. Thank you, Father.

Thank you, Lord. I believe there are yet many others. Let's sing verse 4. Keep coming.

Just keep coming. That's it. God bless you.

Just take a step out. Hold on my being. Absolute sway.

Absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see.

Christ only, always. Christ only, always. Living.

People are still coming. Sing the first verse again. Keep coming.

Go to the place of prayer. Thou art the potter. Don't be so near and yet so far, folks.

Hold me and make me after thy will. While I'm waiting, give it up. Thank the Lord for his presence this morning and I just sense yet others are coming to the place of prayer.

Even as we dismiss the meeting, if you need to go meet God, please don't go out. Go to that place of prayer. Make this your hour.

Let's just hold steady. People are still coming to meet God. While the organ is playing, let's just pray.

Breathe a prayer to God. Say, oh God, don't let a person miss what God's saying. While the organ is still playing, you need to go do it today.

Praise the Lord. Just pray one for another. Step out.

You need to make this your hour. We're sitting in divine presence today. God will set us free from the casualness, the callousness, the indifference, the lukewarmness, the lack of discipline in our Christian life.

We need many prayer partners now to just slip out. Many prayer partners go to the place of prayer right now before the crowd gets moving to help these. We're in for some great meetings tonight and tomorrow.

They're in the lounge, folks, over here. We're using the lounge area. It's a prayer room.

Just to kneel next to these who've come. Yet others need to come to meet God. Do just come.

Our prayer partners are coming. You come out of the road. Now shall we look up for just a moment? We could have gone on.

We could go on for several more hours today, just letting people share. But we still have tonight. We have tomorrow.

I would just encourage you, you really can't afford to miss what God is doing, saying. These are hours and days that you cannot recall. And God may have just the thing to say to you in one session.

Maybe not today. Maybe tonight. Maybe tomorrow.

I would just encourage you to have a hungry heart. Come. Some of you have not yet received a copy of the late issue of the Revival Fellowship News.

The reason why I want you to have it is twofold. Not only because it tells the story of what God is doing in other places as a result of a ministry like this, schedule of the Crusades, but also the announcement about the conference that's going to be in Bramalea next February. You know, I just really feel that some of us are beginning to sense that what is happening is not just a single church crusade.

We are in tune with something that's far bigger than just that. We're in tune with what God is really trying to say to a whole area. In southern Ontario, they're talking about things happening in churches that they can't even explain.

How God's at work. Here, there are pastors who are gathering and people are gathering to pray for revival. And this conference next February is on the subject of prayer for revival and spiritual awakening.

And we're just anticipating. They just think that Bramalea Baptist Church is going to be too small, seating over 2,000 people. They think it's going to be too small.

People are going to come from all over the continent. And they're making plans for the overflow with a closed-circuit TV for another possibly 2,800 or 2,900 people. What's God saying? God is just preparing our hearts for something here.

And this is just another phase of it. And if you're still on the outer fringe, I would encourage you to recognize that God's trying to do something. And this will get you informed as to the dates and all the material relating to it.

Make sure you get a copy. The ushers will have them in their hands on the way out. If you have not yet received a copy, one to a family.

Would you want to come on and close our meeting in prayer? You lead the choir so much and play the organ. And last night. Come on up here.

I want you just you're just a little older than the teenagers. And you saw you. I don't know.

You're supposed to be here. They asked you to play the piano and organ. Oh, I guess I was.

I was there. But what amazing. I I have to say that the God has been doing marvelous things in our church.

And one cannot help but be touched, as Lou and Ralph said, that if you stand in your seat or not stand, but in your stand up now and not recognize that how God is speaking to our hearts, this moment in time. And for those who can just go away and say that this is just something that will happen and just fade away. You cannot ignore when God is knocking the door of your heart.

And I could see how the young people have been able to respond. And of course, you know, when you think that young people are so busy with things in school and then put their life, you know, that they wouldn't be interested in spiritual things. But God can reach the hearts of young people and challenge their hearts to live a dynamic Christian life.

And for those who have perhaps the ones that are older showing the gray hairs, as you say, that God is still knocking on the door of your heart and saying that, are you satisfied? And just living a Christian life in which you've been used to having things a certain way and you're not rejoicing in the Lord. I think when you're talking about having Christian life, when you're rejoicing in the Lord, it's something that flows. Like I was thinking in terms of just one illustration.

I get washing duty at my house. I have to clean the sinks. And sometimes the water doesn't go quite through because it's always clogged all the time.

And I think sometimes in our lives we have things that just clog us. The water is not able to go through. And as Christians, we're supposed to, I guess, have that kind of living water, that joy that's supposed to be there present all the time.

And we get things in our lives that just clog us. And we're not able to express that life. And I think the Lord is just wanting us to just take that plunger, as it were, and just wash it all down that we're able to just flow in His Spirit.

Was that a sight last night for you? Amen, it was. And I'm just wanting to rejoice in Him. And certainly, always, as you said in Psalm 85, to always have that sense of joy in praising God.

Because, you know, if why we're here in the first place is to praise God, everything else just falls into place. When my voice goes bad, I know who to call on to preach for me. Praise the Lord, that's marvelous.

A choir leader always has a song to sing, doesn't she? Sing a verse of something, something that will cause us to go home rejoicing. The pianist and the organist are there. Let's sing a trio, Lou.

How about, To God Be the Glory? You sing it, that's good. Oh, I don't know. To God be the glory, great things He hath done.

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who healed us, His life an atonement for sin. That opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice. Oh, come to the Father through Jesus our Son.

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done. One more time, come on. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice. Oh, come to the Father through Jesus our Son. And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

What about the youth leader last night who doesn't want to leave the church now? The young people, it's so wonderful getting right with God. And he's sort of sorry that he's got to go off to get married. Well, what a wonderful blessing.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I thought you were going to sing some more.

Oh, how about, I love you, Jesus. Okay. As many as possible take the melody.

The ladies, the high part above. Men take the melody, ladies above in the harmony. Here we go.

Let's just thank the Lord again once more. Amen. Let's pray.

Lord, we just thank thee. Thou art here. Thou art ministering to hearts.

Just continue to do it. May there yet be others who will not leave this place until they know that they are thoroughly right with thee. Oh, Spirit of God, have thy way.

Continue to do thy work. As we go, may we go with a conscious sense and awareness that thou art in the midst of thy people. We thank thee.

We love thee. We worship thee. We adore thee.

We praise thy matchless name. Dismiss us for thy love, thy blessing, thy benediction, and we give all thee all the praise and the glory. In Christ's name we ask it.

For his sake. Amen. Amen.

God bless you. Good day.

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