

The Meaning of Life - 4. From Negative to Positive Believing

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The sermon explores the transformative journey from negative to positive believing, emphasizing that life's true meaning is found in serving others through God's purpose.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes that humans are naturally inclined towards negativity due to the negative world we live in. They discuss how people often view their problems, difficulties, and the world in general in a negative light. However, the speaker encourages listeners to have a different perspective by recognizing their relationship with God. They explain that through faith, believers can move into a consciousness of their identity in Christ and develop a relationship with God as a little child, a young man, and a father. The speaker also highlights the importance of relying on God rather than humans and emphasizes the power of God's presence and blessings in our lives.

Transcript

Holy Spirit, you're always speaking by your wonderful living voice. You have been all these days, and you are tonight, and through this evening, and through tomorrow. So we're able to hear your voice, and through you, hear and see, and come in living union with Jesus.

So we thank you. Amen. I'd like just to say, I suppose with my own missionary background, and therefore some worldwide outreach, how moved I was by hearing from Tom and Virginia Price yesterday afternoon and today, and of the extensions of this foundation, Father's Out.

I find I can usually sense when God is on the move, and I sense that. He is moving in a new way through this foundation, Father's Out, which is taking CFO Fellows and Witnesses around the world. As I know the world, I believe it's right for something like this.

And I have a conviction that this beginnings of the foundation, Father's Out, is going to be as big as the beginnings of the whole movement. You'll find that maybe in some ways the foundation, Father's Out, will overwhelm the CFO just in this country. So I hope we can begin to catch the thrill that God's beginning to

call us out now to build, to reproduce the same kind of living fellowships, in India, in Africa, in Indonesia, in Jamaica, and all around the world that we have here.

So I hope the day will come, maybe it is, I don't know, when the whole fellowship of Camp Father's Out catch on to this, and find it part of the Camp Father's Out commission from God. And, of course I shouldn't say this, but I'd like to see the day when every camp where they met had some time, when it was presented to them, this calling of God to expand ourselves to the world. Because as Tom knows, and I know, the world is ripe for this kind of thing.

I also have a strong conviction that God's seal is on those two. God seals men and women, and I believe those two are sealed in this kind of ministry. And God set him apart to be a large part with Dale Agneson, whom I know too is a precious man of God, in planting this witness worldwide.

So I thank God that he was brought to us these days. Now we've been talking these days of God's plan from eternity to manifest his lover father self, and whatever purpose he has for eternity, through his sons. His son, and through his son the sons, are a vast company of people by whom he manifests himself.

So they're the God manifesters. It's through the sons, the Father, Son, and Spirit will be seen in his love action, and love purposes, and love fulfillments. And we've been seeing how he has brought us as persons, as we come to the place where we can be reliable sons, through phases of recognition of our relationship to him.

The first phase was the redemption phase, the justification phase, where as lost sinners we found our Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciled the God through faith in his blood. We're producing in us the consciousness of justification. That's what we saw on the, using those terms that one John used, as the little child.

First phase of recognition, coming to his living, saved, redeemed, love relationship with Jesus, Father, and Spirit. Then we saw we moved on to what is the meaning of being a real person, to the consciousness of a unified relationship. That the actual meaning of the living person, Father, Son, Spirit, and ourselves, is that we have become a conscious unity.

So it's we functioning, we do function as humans, it isn't really we functioning. We functioning is Christ functioning by us, we're really Christ in human form. And this is what his purposes of redemption brought us into.

And again, it's always by an inner consciousness, because all we ever are is our inner consciousness. We are what we know we are. So we've spent some time seeing how God has brought us into this in Christ.

And how we by faith move into the consciousness recognition of it. We now move on for a few minutes tonight to the final of the three. Where it says that we're to have a relationship with him, which is like a little child, young man, and father.

Right out of you little children, right out of you young men, right out of you fathers. And we saw that the first two relationships are for our development, little children and young men. The third is for what is reproduced out from us in the fatherhood.

As in fatherhood we move out into responsibilities for the family and our place in the world, and all normal activities out from us. So the first two are into us, the third is out from us. The statement made in the John word about it here says, doesn't seem at first to mean much, it says this, I write out to you fathers because

you've known him it is from the beginning.

Twice over it says, I write out to you fathers because you've known him it is from the beginning. Now remember, knowledge is being mixed with something. Knowledge is knowing it, being it, it's part of me.

It isn't something I just know here, it's something that has become part of me. So I write out to you fathers because you've become part of him it is from the beginning. He's not even given a name there, he's just the eternal one.

Not him at the beginning, him from the beginning. And so we see here that the third relationship is union with him in his outgoing purposes, in his perfecting purposes, him from the beginning on to the ending of it. And we are in union with him, participators of him on that relationship.

That's a very strong message, a strong presentation. Because you see, this person, this living person, we've seen all along, only has one nature, he's for others, he's love, he is for others. His whole existence, his love, his thrill, his joy, his fulfilment, he's the means by which his universe is perfected, by people perfected, he's out for himself, giving himself for others.

This is the only nature he has, this is where his joy, his peace, his fulfilment is. So this is what this world is saying to us. The recognition that if I'm a justified person through Christ, if I'm a unified person in Christ, so it's not I living, it's he living.

Now I'm also a cooperating person, and there's no other meaning to my life except for others. That's a strong statement. There's no partial meaning, the only meaning to life.

If you and I are justified, unified, people in this living relationship to him, there's no other purpose of time and eternity, no other meaning to our lives except for others. That's a strong statement. It means that whatever happens to us, see we so easily slip back into the old concept, the old outlook, why has this happened to me? Why am I in this situation? Why am I in this health condition? I'm relating to myself.

Now as this new consciousness settles into me, this new recognition settles into me, every single thing happens to me because God has some purpose by me for others. Some means of which he's manifesting himself to others by me in this situation. No situation ever happens to me again for myself.

It's always part of a purpose for others. That's why I keep saying it's a strong thing, a strong thing to recognize it. Now in each case we learn, what we recognize, faith, faith is recognizing facts.

When we were saved, we recognized the fact that Jesus took my place, and then the consciousness came into us. When we recognize this unified relationship, we recognize it isn't I, it is living Christ forever as a person, as a real person living here. I recognize it by faith, the witness came into me, settled me in this fact.

So you see, in each case it's a recognition of a fact. So I'm just, in this final statement, throwing it out to you, for those of you who are here. Can I begin to recognize there's never any other meaning to my life? Everything that happens to me is always because God has some outgoing purpose by me in his saving, self-manifesting purposes in the world, nothing else.

If I begin to recognize it, it'll begin to settle into me. As I say, you see, on the health condition, often you know seeking health is selfish. It's why aren't I better? No, no, no.

Start by saying, what's God got in this? Don't start by saying, may I be better? Start by saying, what have you got in this? My body is part of you. What are you after? In what way are you revealing yourself through me in this situation? In every situation, start by saying, I'm a cooperater with God. My amazing privilege is to be the means by which God manifests himself.

We are the God manifesters in this world. This is our high privilege. Cooperate with him, and begin to have that outlook on life.

You see, we've moved over. It used to be a question of our dependence on him. Now it's our cooperation with him.

We used to know him, he's my living bread, he's my living water. That's a permanent fact now. I don't have to find him again, he's forever my living bread in here.

He's forever my living water. I don't have to find him again, or I have to recognize him. We talked about the difference between soul and spirit on that level, I think, yesterday.

So that's our permanent background. But our foreground is, we're co-bred with him for others. We're outpoured wine with him for others.

We're co-with God for others. It's a different relationship. It's a relationship of fellowship, cooperation, co-acting.

Not, oh God, I'm hanging on to you. No, no, no, he's hung on to me, he's got me, praise God. That's finished.

Those are hanging on, he's got me. I'm part of him, he's part of me. We are he in human form forever.

That's fixed. So don't look at that. Now, as he, we're as he, with him.

What's his purpose in manifesting himself in some way by me to others? So this, I'm just presenting it to you, this is the fatherhood level. It's actually the level which we, because all these begin in the beginning, even when we're born again we begin to do that. You know, the moment we're his, our delight is we're going to be blessing to others, isn't it? We know it already.

Our true joy is when we can be something for others, isn't it? When our lives can tell us that's our joy. That's eternal joy. It's the only joy there is.

That's eternal thrill, joy, fun, gaiety, wonder. When we, in some way, are bred, other people can eat and find Jesus. And outpoured living water, as it were, by which other people can drink and find Jesus.

That doesn't mean, it doesn't mean, don't get back, it doesn't mean we try to be for others. That trying out, it's this person acts by us. We don't do it, he acts by us.

It's he takes us his way. So we don't try, don't try. Just be yourself.

This wonderful life, you're just yourself, as if you're just for yourself. It's a paradoxical life. You're just yourself, you're not you, you're Jesus.

We talked about it yesterday. Forget that and be yourself. This is Jesus I'll bring to you.

Live your life. Live it freely. But the person in you is the person for others.

The Holy Spirit in you is the person for others. He'll cause you to be for others. You can't help it.

He'll cause you to let your life so that there can be some means of which other people can find. They're also sons of God by grace in Jesus Christ and so on. So I'll just throw that out as a third recognition.

See, faith is recognising fact. So we begin to settle into this higher recognition. This is what's called the ascended recognition.

See, there are three phases. Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. Crucifixion cut me out from the old dominion of Satan.

Resurrection introduced me into a new relationship with the Lord Christ himself. Ascension is seated. Seated means you've finished it.

Jesus Christ has finished the death and resurrection. That's out. It's out for us too.

That's a background. Now, having finished the past, now you're going to occupy it in the next step. The next step going out is to bring in the multitudes, the harvest.

And we're the means of which he goes out. So we're seated with him to go out with him to bring in the harvest. On the victory of victory there will be fire above Satan and all the rest of it.

That's the ascended life we're in now. We've left behind the cosmic direction. We're living in the ascension which is the outgoing life by which, by us, he can reap in his harvest.

I say again, don't try and interpret that. Don't try and say, ought I be this? Cut that ought out. Don't know what's in it.

But if you recognize and accept by faith, this is the meaning. Accept, now Lord, it's up to you to put this through me now. Now Lord, you're in me like this.

It's you who in your own way move through me, manifest yourself through me to others in whatever way that may be. And I accept that by faith. I remember, it was a young man.

Precious scripture might be for a young person here. I remember how a young man got those two scriptures in John. One is, he shall be in you a well of water, Jesus Christ.

A well of water springing up in everlasting life. Like an artesian well. That's Christ in you.

A well of water springing up. There it says, here it bleeds on me, John 7.38. Out of him, out from him, out from his inmost parts, travail, shall flow rivers of living water. In you, springing up in everlasting life, out from him as rivers of living water.

I remember when I saw that in my early ministry. Maybe 20, 21 years of age. Hmm, I saw rivers.

Made me one day a muddy trickle. That's what the hawk had. Muddy trickles, they're cleaned up somehow in the rivers.

So, they do. Might there be one person who catches on to that? Might there be one person who says, OK, God says, I don't do anything. If I believe him, he said, out of my innermost part will flow rivers to the world.

OK, God, I take it. I sign this up. If you take that, I took it and made it my own.

Well, I don't know. Muddy trickles, I don't know. The streams do flow.

Streams do flow. That's all about it. Rivers is a big word.

These streams flow. And they don't dry up either. So, you see, this is the, that's all I would need to say, want to say about this, what's the meaning of the fatherhood level.

But the Holy Spirit in you is the one who fulfills it in your life. A religion of this or that, by which he manifests himself by us. Now, I just want to ask for a moment or two, by what ways does God manifest himself by us? By what ways are we God manifesters? We're in the foreground, persons in action.

This is persons in action. But the persons in action really are Christ manifesting by us. By what way are we people in action? So really it is the living God expressing himself through us and moving out into whatever his purposes of grace and power may be through us.

By two ways, inner, inner and outer. Because we're inner people and we're outer people. Or, if you like, we're spirit and we're body, or soul and body together.

Spirit, inner, soul and body, outer. Two ways by which he manifests himself by us. Now, remember, we are inner people.

Every outer thing comes from an inner relationship. The supreme importance is the inner relationship, the inner activity. What's the inner activity is it comes out in the outer form.

So, first of all, the inner one is the one that matters. Now, the simple term used in the Bible, of course, is by faith. By faith, we know that.

But it's given a place of supreme importance in the Bible. There are only two words in the Bible which are chapters themselves. One is faith, Hebrews 11.

The other is love, 1 Corinthians 13. And faith works by love. It works by the inner motivation, the self-giving motivation.

But faith always works by love. We used to have a self-loving motivation. And we worked faith for our own ends.

That's the old unsaved life. In a new life, we have the other love motivating us. And that lies behind our faith.

Faith works by love, but faith. So, faith gives a central place. Jesus always gave it to us.

Jesus put starkly emphasis on faith. For instance, when the woman came to him with the issue of blood, she touched him and he knew virtue came out of him. When he turned to her, he didn't point to his virtue.

He said, daughter, thy faith has saved thee. What interested him was somebody who moved in by faith. And the faith liberated the virtue to come through.

And he was centering around the human element of the faith which made it possible for the virtue to come through. So, faith. Now, there's an attitude of faith and an action of faith.

I want to stay on this for a moment. Attitude of faith. How you see things.

All faith is how you begin to see things and then you attach yourself to it. All faith is, you see something, you believe something, you want something, you take it, you go to it. So, it starts by being able to see what you're believing in, what's attracting your attention, and then faith is, I'll take that, I'll go there, I'll do this, your action of faith, your attitude of faith, your action of faith, follows your attitude of faith.

I've got a tremendous revolution on this one. I don't know if you have. You see, we humans are geared to one attitude.

That's the negative. We're in a negative world and we're always seeing things negatively. Life's full of it.

We see our problems, we see our difficulties, we see the large and small things, we're seeing everything in terms of difficulties. Difficulties in people, difficulties in things, difficulties in situations. The whole of life pours in on those negative situations.

Dark, evil, bad, negative, disturbing situations. So, we live in the negative. Now, when you see a negative, you're beaten by it.

What can you do with it? That's the trouble. Life is a trouble. What can I do with my problem? What can I do with that difficult situation in people's lives, or these family situations? What can I do with finance problems? What can I do with people who've hurt me? What can I do with larger things in the world which are hurtful today and evil and so on? What can I do with them? Well, what can we do? The devil's stronger than the human self.

We can't touch it. What can we do with it? It was a tremendous revelation to me. Have you had it? I had it when I got a reverse in how I'm to see things.

A total reverse. And that total reverse was when it dawned on me that I must see things wholly differently. For one thing, I had a stretch in my understanding of God.

See, I understood God personally to me. I understood Jesus Christ personally to me. God personal, Christ personal, Holy Spirit personal.

God universal. I had a vague idea. It dawned on me.

God's in everything everywhere. Of course he is. We've been talking about it all the time.

Everything is expressed in him. The whole universe is expressed in this one. This person's in everything.

Good and evil? Oh. So everything, whatever situation it is, that situation, God's in it. I went further.

I'll prove it to you in a moment. I found that God means a thing to be what it is. God means evil to be evil.

It is in it. That's difficult, isn't it? God means evil to be evil. He means evil things to be evil, evil people to do evil things, and evil consequences to follow.

He means it. I've cut the word permission, permissive will, a long time after my life. Means it.

What do I mean? Well, I saw it like this. The only way God can have living persons, living sons, they must be free people, of course. Like himself, free people.

So he has to start, he does start, by making persons feel free. Now freedom is a necessity of choice. You know that.

Freedom is I have to choose all the time, all life I'm free to choose, and once I choose, it takes me over. You've come here this week, you came, it took you over. Life is, that's what faith is, you're free to choose between your alternatives, you choose it, it takes you over.

So that's what freedom is. So if we're to be people, we have to be free. And so we're free to make our choices.

And of course our basic choice, we talked about in other talks, is am I with Christ as a self-giving person, with Christ expressing his self-giving love through me? Or am I with myself, or really with Satan, in being a self-loving person? Is my choice with Satan to be a self-seeking, self-satisfying, self-gratifying, self-centred person? Or is my choice with Christ, by his Spirit, by being self-giving, as a lover? Well you know what happened of course. The whole human family went this way down. Now God's not responsible for the consequences.

He's responsible for the freedom. He's not responsible for the consequences. So God's not responsible for any evil thing.

Evil things all come out of our misuse of freedom. Now we're all involved in this world, so we get his corruptions, we get his diseases, some things we are responsible for, indirectly. Mostly things just happen, accidents, hurts, tragedies in the world, we aren't directly, but we're mingled in the whole human family in this chaotic condition, this corrupting, disastrous, hurting, evil condition of this world.

Now God's not responsible for that. God's responsible for the freedom which we use and produce this. But because he's God and perfect love, because he's everywhere, he's also in the situation, everything is he.

So he's in the evil situation. But because he's love, he's in the evil situation to bring good out of it. Oh, that's it.

He's in every evil situation, he's not responsible for it, it came into being through the products of this freedom of thought which produces us. But he's everywhere, he's writing those things there for. Therefore, the very evil thing, he's there, it's he in a sense, but because he's love, because he's perfect purpose, he's there to turn that thing into a redemptive end.

Don't you see what that means? Do you see, I can have a reverse way of seeing things, and I find this a key to liberated life. I can either say to people, oh, what on earth should I do with this, seeing humanly? Or I can say with God's sight, wait a minute, it looks like that, but I'm not seeing it like that. I'm seeing the perfect God with the perfect purpose, who meant it, a perfect action, perfect love, and a perfect outcome to this thing in that situation.

Thank you, Lord. You meant that thing to be, you aren't responsible for it. You meant freedom to have its effects, and freedom to have its effects.

You're not responsible. But because you're everywhere, because you're perfect love, and you're in the heart of that business, and you're going to turn it into a new revelation in yourself. Now that transforms your inner seeing.

You are governed by your inner seeing. Do you understand that? With inner consciousness, you live and are controlled by the way you see things, not by things as they are outside, how you see them. It's tremendous.

As you see a thing, oh, oh, oh, oh, now you always talk like that. We're human. All our life, oh dear, what about that? We're meant to be human, so I'm startled, bewildered, hurt, but when I know the secret, wait a minute, I'm doing it all the time.

Wait a minute, God, it doesn't look like it. It looks like the devil. It is the devil.

But God, you gave that freedom, out of freedom, there's been this operation, if you like, of the devil here, but you're everywhere, you're there, and you're in the middle of that thing, and I see you meant to be, and I see you're going to turn this into a new revelation of your grace, and love, and power, and presence. Oh, I say, all right, okay, God, okay, praise the Lord. And from depression, and a sense of binding of the feet, so I'm liberated.

God's in that thing, and you'll see God's going to come out of it. Transfer it, out, look. So do you see this terrific thing? If this is true, there are no problems left in life unless you see them as a problem.

There are no difficulties left in life unless you see them as a problem. There are no diseases left in life unless you see them as a disease. Don't look at diseases, see living Christ in you.

Let God handle diseases. Don't try and get the diseases healed, get busy seeing Jesus. Much better, much better.

Don't, don't, you get it, don't see evil. Now that's tough, don't see evil. The Bible says God doesn't.

He's a purer eye than the whole evil. Read it, Habakkuk says that. God's a purer eye than the whole evil.

And then it says to us, this is pure at heart, but then you see God, and that's all you see. The pure only sees God. Now, I'm not to see evil, but of course I see evil.

Ah, ah, ah, it looks like it, and it is, it is so on the outside, but I'm not, it's how I think matters to me. It's actual fact, it's an evil thing right there. But what matters to me is how I see it.

My, my, my, my contribution to me, it will be not, it will be according to how I see it. Now, you see, so, is it evil? No, I'm not seeing it evil. No, I'm not seeing it.

It is evil, it can be called evil, it looks evil, but I see everything as what God meant out of freedom. He didn't produce that, but he meant it to be the effect, but because he's perfect love, perfect purpose, perfect will, out of that thing is going to come a good thing. Now, I shall, sure, if I asked the hands raised in this room for the number of people who had tragedies in their lives and they'd been blessed, I'd look up all over the place.

Or over the place we found tragedies turned out a new blessing, a new, a new, new, new, precisely, precisely. You see, you thought, oh, turned out to be a new relationship for you to God and to people and so on. Precisely.

But I say again, do you see the tremendousness of that? Do you see that everything in the Bible is total, it's never partial? Do you see the totality that there's one problem left, there's one human death, there's not one tragedy left. I'm hurt as a human, that's the human part of me. If I can see through, oh no, that it is like that, and that came out of misuse of freedom and so on, that my perfect God meant it to be, my perfect God made freedom have its effect, my perfect God is fitted in that thing and he's going to come through with a new presence of his power of blessing and salvation and so and so.

Oh, it's a revolution, I just think. And that's where we become on top people. If I just, I think I should do, you know it, if I give one or two biblically proofs, what could be greater? What could be greater than Jesus at Calvary? It's fantastic.

Who did Jesus see at Calvary? Who crucified him? Well, we know Satan did. We're told at our last supper, Satan entered into Judas. And Jesus knew Satan had entered into Judas and he said quietly, Judas, he loved Judas, tried to win him.

Alright, go out Judas quietly and do what you're going to do. He knew what he was going to do, betray him. And Satan was on the march now, and got into the Caiaphas and Pilate and the Pharisees and the soldiers and the, Pilate wasn't so much to blame as other people were to blame, Judas and so on.

Satan, wide open. Do you get what Jesus said? Twice over, do you get it? The last verse, but one, in John 14, is the supper table, wonderful supper table conversation on the supper table. The last verse, but one, says this, Jesus, his beloved disciples, hereafter, I won't be much with you, I won't speak much with you, for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me.

In me, in consciousness, out to anything. Tear him to pieces, and scourge him, crucify him. In him not at all.

You're not a person. You're only a person. You see, this is the great secret when you learn it.

There are no prisons except your own self. A prison is not a prison, unless you take it as a prison. There's nothing that binds a person.

A communist isn't a bound communist when you've got Jesus. He's a Jewish thing, and Jesus is in him, and Jesus is giving you a chance to sort of like what he is. There are no bindings and no prisons on earth, except the way you take it.

That's your only prison. When you take a thing as evil, and you're caught up by it, then there's evil and you fight it. Well, you say, God put me there.

It's love. It's perfect. God's got me.

You're free. That's the strange reason why Paul said to a slave, he said to a slave, remain slave. Well, it isn't very good social gospel today.

In 1 Corinthians 7, he says, if you're a slave, remain a slave. Why? Because if you're a slave, you're outwardly bound to your master. But if you're Christ's slave, you're Christ's free man.

You're free to love. That's freedom. To have Christ in you and to be able to express the love of Christ, that's freedom.

And you, slave, as a free person, and your master, caught up with his flesh stuff. He's a slave. A slave to his flesh.

Do you know what I mean? And so, do you see with Jesus, that's the first thing. Look at that. Right at, confronted with Satan.

He has nothing in me. Can't see him. Don't see him.

Can't see him. He has nothing in me. Outwardly, oh.

How do I know he can't see him? Because three chapters afterwards, Jesus went to Gethsemane. Kind of settled the thing up there. You know that dramatic moment and that's a wonderful word.

You know it, of course, by the way, Came out of Gethsemane, there were the soldiers, the torches and the shouts and the noises, come to arrest him. And there was our beloved Peter, having one good shot, one last flesh shot for Jesus. He got his sword out.

Wow. He got a little nervous, so he cut the ear off. He meant to cut the head off.

A little shaky, that's why. And carried on. But do you see the beauty of this? Do you catch the beauty of it? Think, for instance, of the poise.

If your body is arrested, you're pretty nervous, because evil, when you see evil, you're pretty nervous. If Jesus had been seeing these soldiers, he'd be nervous, pretty tense, wouldn't he? Didn't see him. He's so free, he could pick up the ear and put it back.

That's a miracle. Right. Confronted by the soldiers.

Then, listen. Tremendous. Peter said, drop that.

Don't use those swords anymore. Listen, Peter. The cup which my father has given me, shall I drink it? He called the devil the father's cup.

That's going pretty far. The devil crucified is his father's cup. The devil with his father's cup into that cup, out of that cup would be poured life for the world.

So he called the wicked devil his father's cup, which the father gave him. That's going pretty far. So do you see how far we can go and say, that's the Lord.

That's the Lord. It looks like the devil. It's the Lord.

You watch. We can see the Lord coming through that very thing, which looks to me like a mess and a devil and everything else. We begin to get somewhere where we begin to see our lost dear ones like that.

It's the first thing you've lost. It's all right. God means for them to go that way to teach them some sense.

God means for them to go down to prepare us to go up. Leave them alone. OK.

Let them go that way. The father's got them. That's my faith.

You watch. The father's got them and through this thing they come back again. Then you have freedom and love and faith towards the ones who outwardly all tear you up.

Of course, the other famous illustration was Joseph. I repeat, I should know it because it's a word used where God had set a purpose to make Joseph his deliverer to the children of Egypt. You know the story, of course.

He put Joseph through all that selling of a slave by his own brothers and then under Potiphar's as a prisoner and Potiphar's wife lying him back in the prison again. Back 14 years, it says, he ironed it into his soul. Not only the iron, not only the bands.

All the time that precious Joseph knew God. There was peace. I won't go into it now.

You could see it. Then he came up to the Prime Minister and you know the children of Israel returned and the moment of reconciliation came. But that famous word, it's in the last chapter of Genesis.

He said to his brothers who were still a bit frightened because of what they'd done. You meant it for evil, God meant it for good. Write that under every tuft of cloth you've got.

God means that for good. Every tuft of cloth. Right, God means it.

Doesn't permit it. God wasn't responsible. The tuft of cloth came out of that evil dude but God meant to use those evil dudes for good.

And so, the devil does the evil doings of a fallen man. OK, OK. God doesn't see it.

That's alright. That's the very thing I mean after that's going to become a new good. Isn't that beautiful? If I wanted one final proof it's the actual boldness of the statement of Peter of the first speech after Pentecost after the crucifixion.

You read there he's put the crowds around there he said your people through determined counsel determined it determined counsel of the full knowledge of God by which it has a crucified state God determined you. God determined you to do it. God determined which it has to crucify.

So, this is the first way in which the light manifests through us. Because when in all sorts of situations you have poise and you have peace and you have praise light's shining. A light which the world hasn't got because of course the world is always getting torn up by things you can't see things as we do.

Now I want to say one more thing I've had to have a bit tonight but I may maybe finish it tomorrow morning but one other thing at least begin it. That's we in faith attitude that's victory. Faith attitude I've died you may say to the attitude seeing it negatively seeing it as humans see it.

I've lived to see as God sees it with God and this release and praise and so on. Faith action what's faith action? Faith attitude faith action. You see the whole point of being sons is we function as sons.

We are equipped with all God God dwells in us you know that we are equipped with all of God you get that? We are actually forms of God God's resources God's presence God's power is we is we we are equipped people we haven't got to get him he's got us you get all that please God do I never waste time asking God to do things I just say thank you you've already done it I've got you I never ask God to come and bless me I say you're here you're the best you go on with it I don't waste my time asking what I've got

if a person offers me a plate of cookies I keep asking for them I insult them don't I?

I just take it so I don't I've given up a lot of that that negative praying asking God for things because I you and I function as God we function God's put himself in his influence up into us with his resources and we function as God we use the resources of God this is this marvellous new life this new ascended life we live in this father life tremendous life that's why we don't bother with the devil anymore the Bible says that he's we're far above the devil but why do you make a big mess of the devil when you're up in an aeroplane an automobile looks like a peanut that's about the only size the devil is and so on so you don't bother with him don't bother with him bother with the person who conquered him but just one word I have a few moments here on it how do we function as sons now

faith action what is all I told you what is all action in life it's inwardly say I'll do something the word the faith you don't call it that every single thing you ever did in life in future I'll eat that I'll sit there I'll go there inside you you've set a decided word thought doesn't do it you may then make several chairs you can choose out of several things you may eat several places you may go to thought is like a father level it's general faith is a son level which comes to a decisive moment that's what I'll eat that's what I'll go that's what I'll take that's what I'll make like those things you just hear made now they said we'll make those I think John didn't say I want to be an artist I'll go and make it that's faith so faith is my inability to relate myself you see to something

that's available like food or going to a place or doing something and then I'll go there the faith is the moment of decision I'll go there I'll take that I'll do that now humanly on a human level I do it with my hands or with my feet or with my tools and I produce the thing or with my car I go to a place so I fulfill my word of faith humanly by my actions now we're talking about people of the spirit we're talking about the spirit now the spirit are the acts now can I just catch this the whole meaning now of being in places of problems those things we talked about our privilege is to be in a problem life with its distortions and distractions and challenges and disturbances that's always going to be it's our privilege to be in disturbed situations you always get them life is that now I

told you the first attitude wait a minute God meant it get there first ok God you meant it you're there so you've got to precept it first release it not fighting it and all that you accept it you start by saying ok God this is you meant it to be you're going to handle it now that's the first faith attitude now the faith attitude is if you don't like it you're there to be the agent by which God will change it you're to be the agent by which God changes what do I mean I mean you accept the thing you don't like well you still don't like it you say ok God I've accepted that that thing wrong in that life or that lack of finance or that problem in my business or that problem in church I accept it you meant it to be it hurts me I don't like it I accept it for you you've got a purpose you've got

to first accept your attitude but you don't like it God doesn't mean to like it because God means you to be a person to disturb a situation that you may be the one that goes further and say God you're what I see as a need is with you a supply it's already a supply see there's that marvellous scripture in Isaiah where Jehovah God says before they call I will answer well that's silly try it on a telephone before they call I will answer well very well you've got to call first to get an answer lots of things lots of things God does are silly or witty whichever way you like before why before they call answer before they call I will answer means God has the answer before you call precisely God's always got the answer there so He's eternal there now to get the answer through us He causes us to

call that's the need He puts us in a place I don't like something I don't like I like to see that supplied that health or that financial or that changing a person's life or something whatever you like I don't like it now God made me to do that so I can be the agent who has turned up to call in other words turned up to face something I don't like now the whole thing God is saying to us you desire you can take now this is the royalty all He gives us all He has is at our disposal what you desire you take so you get that famous scripture whatever you desire when you pray believe you will see them you should have them no limits on desire now don't say you see we've got so used to suspicion being suspicious of ourselves my desires might be wrong drop that count your desires and write your

God's got you count your be bold count your motives and write it's not wrong go for what you desire be bold all He says is what you desire alright then if you desire see what He's saying now desire means there's something that you'd like to have which isn't there but you say wait a minute everything's in God God calls you to have that desire because the things are already there with God it's there already before they call our arms are there now then this is how a son acts a son uses the word of faith on that level same as you do on earth on earth you desire food well you can see it I'll take it and you take it now in the spiritual realm you desire something whatever it may be material things financial things needs jobs health salvation whatever it may be you desire it now this time it's

in the spirit you can't take it the spirit is the person who breathes it not you so we then say you're doing it thank you you've done that that's there that finance is there that healing is there that salvation is there that salvation is done that's the word of faith the word of faith sees the thing as done in God because it's all about the spirit now in this case it's the spirit that brings it about we can't go with our hands against it this time the spirit is the hands or the car or the thing which brings the thing into being the spirit brings it into being now that's the use of the word of faith I mustn't stop I was stopping a moment but I think in the main two things hinder us there one is we're afraid of our desires we aren't old enough we can't quite believe it can be so we're

afraid of our desires well more for you then that's all more for you God says watch your desire the other is your emotional reaction oh it couldn't be ridiculous say God's done that thing that lost thing is found that need is I don't see the need I see the supply that problem I see the solution's there that bound situation I see it's released you're one nonsense your whole reason your emotion is one nonsense talking like that so the spirit has to operate against reason against emotion and against your emotions against your reason you have to speak the word the word is spoken when the word of faith is done I say it's done now the key moment is the word of faith a word is decisive you don't come here because shall I come shall I not come you come because I'll come that puts a person into

action a word puts a person into action and a word puts the Holy Spirit into action and so when we as humans use a word of faith the Holy Spirit is moving through to bring it to pass so the word is the Viking moment I've said it's done it's finished I don't repeat it supposing it doesn't come well then obviously you haven't believed you wouldn't ask that you say supposing it doesn't come in other words you don't believe it or you wouldn't say that because you said it's come it's not for you to get it to come that's God's business put him on the spot and keep him on the spot really now just get it there that's all go on saying it don't go in if you said the word of faith that's put God in action not you he's given himself to you available for that purpose he's put God in action leave him

in action and don't it's done stick by that you die for it stick by that now that's a that's a son sons of God in spirit action in spirit action because your attitude is this top bun all the time praising accepting believing in

ridiculous circumstances and then you help other people do make a difference between sympathy and compassion sympathy lies you down with people where they are it doesn't help maybe you have to do a little bit you don't just help the poor things when they're poor it doesn't help them it helps you a little to feel nice that you've been like that that's all compassion is sympathy helps you to take the attitude you like to take on the other person compassion is what the attitude you need to take for them compassion then is to quickly believe God and so to operate that

way instead of being all told up saying no it's ok God means this you watch you praise God you see what happens that shouldn't be to help other people like that so this is faith attitude and faith action some of you do it but I can't stop now but I mean my whole life has been spent that way my whole life has been lived on words of faith a little tiny mission with a handful we've become a great world mission now with thousands all around the place and every step has been gorgeous thanks this year for giving us 10 next year gives us 15 next year gives us 75 next year gives us 50 we've just been taking, taking, taking from God all the time as the thing comes into existence so we don't have to bother with humour it's a nuisance I can't get anything I can't get anything out of humour they're

too mean I prefer to get it out of God it's much better it's all it's an easy life that's the secret so that's just the spirit phase of this cooperating life with the Fatherhood life of God a little bit tomorrow for the last moment we'll speak about the body phase when we get to action of bodies that's as little as we can do for the night thank you applause

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