

# Call to Sonship - Heb 4\_12

by Phil Beach Jr.

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*The sermon explores the journey of Christian sonship through obedience, suffering, and the transformative power of God's Word.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the call to sonship through the lens of Hebrews 4:12, illustrating that true obedience is often learned through suffering and tears. He explains that just as Jesus learned obedience through His own struggles, believers must also confront their self-reliance and trust in God alone. The process of spiritual growth involves a willingness to accept responsibility and allow God's Word to penetrate deeply into our hearts, revealing our true motives and idols. Beach encourages Christians not to be discouraged by their struggles, as these are signs of growth and an invitation to deeper union with Christ. Ultimately, he highlights that the path of discipleship requires a commitment to deny oneself and embrace the transformative work of the Holy Spirit.

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## Transcript

Anybody at all? So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest, but he that said unto him, Thou art my son, today have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. Listen closely to verse number seven.

As I sense verse number seven confirms what Sister Karen just said. He won't take the pain away. Listen.

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and he was heard in that he feared, though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. Jesus himself experienced the tears, the pain, the strong groanings and cryings that he subjected himself to, and according to the Scripture, these things taught him obedience. Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience.

We cannot learn obedience apart from tears and crying, because the very learning of obedience is the process that Karen so perfectly described that the Holy Spirit takes us through, which is a process that daily shows us the areas in our life where we are yet trusting in ourself and others and placing hope in

things other than God, and then we are brought into that crisis situation where tears and groaning and supplication always result, and it is the crisis of learning obedience and becoming willing to say, I will not trust in myself anymore. I will not trust in my children anymore. I will not take control, but I am going to ask the Lord to take control of these areas in my life.

You cannot walk through this path of the cross, because this is none other path but the cross without groaning and tears. You can't. So the presence of these tears is not a sign that something's wrong, but many times it is a sign that something is indeed right.

Do you know what happens to a human being, particularly a Christian, when God begins to bring you down the road where you have to learn to distrust self? Distrust self. You will experience the prayer, the supplication, the strong crying and tears. How many have experienced that in measure during your pilgrimage as a Christian of learning to distrust self? You see, God never forces the cross upon any Christian.

It's something that you have to choose as a result of God inviting you to take it up, and to take up the cross is simply your affirmation, your desire, your confession to God, Lord, I am willing for you to initiate through the power of the Holy Spirit and by the working of the Word of God, I'm willing for you to initiate in my life through revelation and through enlightenment. I want you to initiate in me and show me. See, now we are looking to God to do the work.

We are not doing it ourselves. He is the author and perfecter of our salvation. While He is doing it, yet He is responding to what? He's responding to our desire, and that is the key in discipleship and following the Lord holy.

As we ask the Lord, as we desire to know Him, Paul said that I may know Him. That was a desire that Paul had, and as a result the Holy Spirit was providing Paul with the opportunity through the circumstances that were coming into his life. So as we desire God to move, then the Lord does two things.

He begins in a most marvelous and a most sovereign way through His Word, through the Holy Spirit, through people that you meet, through circumstances that come in your life. He begins to unveil to you, and many of you here this morning are on this path, and I want to say before God and before the powers of darkness that may be lingering in your life, do not become discouraged or despondent if the path that you are on is causing tears and groanings and cries and supplications and a sense of what is going on. Do not despair.

That's the cross. The cross goes to the very seed and root of what we are and begins by the power of the Holy Spirit to loose us from trust and confidence in ourself and release us so that we can trust in God. Hey, listen, when you're on the cross you bleed.

Oh, but this isn't modern Christianity, is it? Doesn't the cross produce blood? How many have sensed a spiritual bleeding? Sure. This is the walk. This is, if any man will follow me, let him what? Deny himself.

It doesn't say self-denial. Self-denial is ascetic, denying yourself. Self-denial is where you don't eat this and don't do this.

No, it's not self-denial. It's denying self. The Greek word is disowning self, distrusting self.

But see, if I distrust self, that means I no longer trust in myself. Who must I trust in? God. But only God, only God can release a Christian from trusting in self as to give that Christian an opportunity to trust in him.

But see, this is why he's the shepherd. This is why he's the Lord. He is orchestrating this in the life of every believer who, through prayer and through touching God's heart, has made known to God, I want to know you, Lord, more than anything.

How many here? This is rhetorical. You don't have to respond, but you can if you want. How many here have truly said sometime in your Christian life, God, I want to know you.

I want to walk in you. I want to love you more than anything else in the whole world. Okay, now see, this is what God does.

He responds to that by introducing to us the cross, the cross life. And the cross life, like I said, is God initiates and shows us where we're trusting like he's doing to Karen in beautiful ways in ourself or in others. And then at that moment, you cannot avoid, beloved, you cannot avoid the groaning, the prayer, the strong crying, and the tears.

Because when this begins to happen, the Lord is going into the seat of our being, isn't he? He's going into the very root of what we are, but he's not going into us in order to hurt us or in order to frighten us or in order to destroy us, but he's going into the very innermost roots of our being for this purpose, to free us. From what? From the deep-rooted inclination within all of us to trust in something or someone other than the Lord, our God. And I believe that this perfectly harmonizes with earlier in our service, the Holy Spirit was moving and just it seemed like there was a message coming forth.

Find in Jesus, find in Jesus what you need. See, when God begins to search the heart, let's just run through a couple of scriptures. God has placed a teaching on my heart, but I'm going to hold for a second.

Maybe we can get into it, maybe not, but we're just going to minister the Word of God this morning, the beautiful Word of God. But let's just follow this theme for a moment because God is doing this in all of our lives here in various different degrees. How many would attest to that, in various different degrees? And I believe the Holy Spirit wants to, at this time, just shed some light into our hearts as to what God is doing.

Maybe you'll be able to understand a little bit more fully some things happening in your own life, and in understanding, your heart will be able to enter more fully into Christ's rest, and you'll get victory over the lie of the devil because the devil's always nosying around, trying to interfere with what God is doing in the lives of His children, especially when there's a child of God who is walking down this path of following the Lord, experiencing the workings of the Father, the dealings of the Father, so much as to disrupt everything in your life. Not to hurt, but to readjust your very inner being so that it is in union with God and not serving idols. You say, idols? Well, sure.

Isn't the presence of trusting in something other than God, in a way, a God itself? Sure. See what the Lord does? He delivers us from everything so that we can trust in Him. Now, watch this.

Hebrews. This is a familiar portion of Scripture. Hebrews chapter 4. Perhaps this morning, more light will be shed now on this particular Scripture in regards to the implications of its meaning.

Oh, we have quoted this Scripture so many times as Christians, but now we will discover possibly a deeper meaning. Hebrews chapter 4. And again, I want to emphasize that God Himself will initiate this

work in the life of the believer. God Himself will take complete responsibility to perform and perfect this work within the life of the believer, but the believer himself or herself has this responsibility, and that is to be willing for God to do this, and then when God brings us to a crisis, it is the believer's responsibility to learn obedience.

See, God is teaching us obedience. He's teaching us obedience, and that is accepting responsibility. Saying no to whatever it is that God wants us to say no to and yes to Him.

And as we say yes to Him, the very yes God is what hurls us into more participation in His life, which then becomes our victory. See, He's ultimately wanting to bring us into more and more union with Himself because it is in union with Himself that His life indeed is flowing through us, and in His life we are free from what we are as carnal human beings. Now, what's the power of God in this Scripture? Hebrews chapter 4, verse number 12.

For the word of God is quick, that means living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner, listen, of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Wow! Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. The ministry of the Word of God in the life of the believer who is being brought by the Spirit of God down the path of cross-bearing where God is asking us to grow up, become adults in Him, the ministry of the Word of God in that person's life suddenly becomes the very fulfillment of Hebrews 4.12. The Word of God becomes quick, it becomes living, it is no longer a dead letter, it is no longer something that simply satisfies the intellectual, mental, theological curiosities of the Christian.

Many people look to the Word of God as purely a place where they can be theologically entertained, intellectually entertained, they gather more knowledge, they equip themselves more, but seemingly it never penetrates into them and affects the very root of what they are and begins to bring them to a crisis where they must begin to yield their stubbornness or their pride or their deceitfulness to God. It never affects them in that way, and that's a dangerous place to be. But those who long, if you long for God this morning to truly, truly just so overcome you, then the Word of God will begin to take this ministry on, both the Bible and also God's dealing in your life.

So don't be alarmed, child of God, don't be alarmed. The Word of God becomes living and powerful. As I said, it's not a letter anymore, it's not something that just makes you religious, it's something that affects the root of your being.

This is the difference between religion and true Jesus-centered, Holy Ghost, biblical Christianity. How many here want the Word of God to affect you in this way rather than in a superficial religious way where seemingly you are being filled with the Word of God but you are remaining unchanged? Boy, I never want that to happen to me. I never, I never want my Christian life to get to the place where the Word of God doesn't change me any longer, but yet I'm learning more of it, and I seemingly am becoming more acquainted with it, and I might even have the power and ability to teach it a little bit more effectively, but yet I am remaining the same.

Oh Lord, no. I want the Word of God to always affect me. I want the Word of God to always go deep within me.

Well, beloved, this is the call of discipleship. When a man says yes to Jesus and keeps saying yes to Jesus, this is what will happen. It becomes quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.

Now, let's just look at this for a moment here. Sharper than any two-edged sword. Now, a two-edged sword.

Let's just, let's just do this right like this, all right? And let's just make this our sword, okay? Now, it is sharper than a two-edged sword. We'll say this is an edge and this is an edge here. Now, here's the Christian, okay? Here's the Christian, and, you know, here's what he looks like, and here is the heart, and this is the seat of affection, okay? This is the place where the real, the real true desires of the Christian are, okay? And this is the place right here.

That's the place where Christ wants to become King and Lord. He doesn't want to be King and Lord of the mind of the Christian only, where the Christian fills his mind with the Word of God and becomes a good talker of Christianity, becomes a good communicator of Christianity, but yet the heart yet belongs to the Christian. It belongs to the interests of the Christian.

It belongs to the disposition of the Christian. The heart, the mind becomes filled with the Word, but the heart yet remains my heart, which means my will and my desires seemingly continue to reign in my life, in the field of my life, and this is a state that the enemy would want us to be in, you see, because Jesus can still be the Savior of this person, and this person's sins can truly be forgiven, but until this person begins to say yes to the cross and recognizes the full extent of Christ's redemption and the purpose for which Christ saved this person from their sins, until that person recognizes that and begins to say yes, then unfortunately this will be the characteristic state of the person, where the mind will become full of the letter of the Word, but the heart will yet be controlled by the affections and the will of the Christian himself, which is the root of the carnal nature, but now when the cross, when the Lord introduces this life of following Him at any cost, something begins to happen, and this is where Hebrews chapter 4 comes in, Hebrews 4.12. Oh, is this exciting! How many enjoy the Lord working these kind of things in your life? I mean, this is what it's all about. I mean, this is what I want.

Oh God, please make this so real in my life. Okay, watch this now. The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, so what begins to happen is the Word of God begins to go beyond the superficial effects that most people only experience in hearing the Word of God.

It goes beyond the natural life. It goes beyond appeasing the mental and the theological curiosities of the person, and it begins to pierce. See, only the Word of God can do this.

It begins to pierce, and it becomes a sword. Now, why is it a sword? Why is the word sword used? Because it goes deep within. It cuts deep within.

It goes beyond the veneer of superficial effect, and it gets right to the heart of the matter, right into the very core of what we are. Now, what happens when Christ begins, through the ministry of the Word of God, being energized by the Spirit of God, as we begin to walk on this path of taking up our cross and following the Lord in all of His sufferings and in all of His, like Paul said, being made conformable unto His death? What happens to us? What happens? Now, remember, God will not do this against your will. He will not take, He will not, He will not work this deep, deep ministry into your life if you are saying, no, no, I will not.

Now, listen. He's not going to forsake you. He will patiently wait.

He will patiently wait until there is an awakening that occurs in your mind, and you begin to say, Lord, I do want this more than I want myself. Because He's a gentle Savior, He'll wait patiently. So, why does the Lord use a sword here? Because He goes deep within.

And then what is it that we see when the Word of God begins to go into the depths of the heart? We see our what? Idols. You say, well, Brother Beets, there's no idols anymore in this day. We start to see the root of self-life, which basically is strength, dependency, and trust in many different things, including ourselves rather than in God.

Now, this is where the Scripture comes in, where we read in Hebrews chapter 5, Hebrews chapter 5. This is where the process of learning obedience comes in. It is only after the Word of God starts penetrating, going into the depths of our heart, and making known to us the areas of readjustment that need to occur in our life. It's only then that we are then introduced into a posture where we have the opportunity to learn obedience.

That's where the groaning, the crying, the tears, the times when you feel like you're in darkness, and you feel compassed about with all kinds of feelings. It's okay, just hold on. That's the Lord going into the depths of your soul, and basically He's just uprooting all the things that need to be readjusted so that you can more fully trust in Him.

Now, remember, as a Christian, He does all this, and you are completely free, always, from fearing that He's going to cast you out, or He's going to judge you in a way that would be damnatory. See, that's the joy of being a Christian. You're free from that.

This doesn't happen in order to bring guilt in your life, or in order to bring a condemnation trip. See, we have to grow to the place where we recognize what Jesus did so that when He works in our life, we don't end up believing that lie of the devil. Oh, my God.

Oh, I'll never change. Look at, oh Lord, and then the devil starts lying. You see, God can't love you, and you're not worthy, and then He puts this trip on you, and you just wallow around in that sense of guilt and hopelessness.

No child of God. If you are truly a child of God, when God starts this kind of stuff, it's never in order to bring that about in your life. The only purpose for this is to begin to expose the root of self-life and give you an opportunity to learn obedience.

See, now learning obedience is this. As God shines the light in these areas of my life, I come to a crisis where I have to choose. I have to decide.

What am I deciding? Am I going to decide to forsake and say, Lord, I want to be free. I want to be free from the inclination to trust in these things, and I want my trust to be in you, in union, in life with you. When God brings the believer to that place where the believer is saying, I want you instead of, whoops, instead of self-life.

I want you instead of the idol. Maybe God will show you someday that you trust in money. You say today, oh, no way.

No way. Money's not my God. Okay, there's nothing wrong with that because maybe the Lord hasn't begun to really deeply work in your life, so don't worry about it.

Don't worry about it, but let's say that you say to God today, oh, Lord, I want you more than, I want you to show me, Lord, if there's any area in my life where I'm trusting something other than you. Okay, so let's say five years down the road, God begins to work in your life in such a way as to completely disrupt your entire financial stability, and in the process of rocking it, you start despairing, and you start really going into times of depression, and all of a sudden, one morning on your knees, God's word becomes a sword. It begins to penetrate into the depths of your heart, and all of a sudden, you start to see that deep within your heart, there was an idol where you were trusting in money.

You didn't know it, but who did? God did. Now, why is he doing this? Because he wants to be mean, and he wants to, ah, now I got you. No, what is it that you prayed five years ago? Lord, deliver me from anything.

All right, he's doing it. See, he's doing it because he loves you, not because he's being mean. He loves you.

Listen, he wants you to know the joy of trusting in nothing but him. You see? See, this is love. Oh, I hope we can see it like that.

So, all right, now what's going to happen to you at that time? You're going to have to make a decision. Now, this is where maturity comes in. See, listen, you don't grow in Christ apart from making choices.

A lot of times, people think that growing in as a Christian means that you just, you just, God just makes you spiritual apart from you accepting responsibility. No. We like to use that as an excuse to continue in our rebellion, to continue in the things that eventually we have to begin to look at honestly and begin to say, I'm not going to do this anymore.

I'm going to ask the Lord to become my victory in this area in my life. We hope that Christian maturity can happen apart from that. A lot of Christians do, but it never does.

You don't grow in Christ through osmosis. You grow in Christ by coming to crises in your life where you have to say, ah, this is not right, but I can't find the power within myself to change it, but I must be willing for God to change it, and I must be willing to do what God's asking me to do as part of my responsibility. Now, when you say yes to God, you're not changing yourself.

God ultimately changes you, but he waits until he sees that there's a desire welling up in your heart to be changed, but not only to be changed, but to accept responsibility. See, one of the areas of maturity that God requires all of his children to eventually walk through is accepting responsibility in this area. I'm not going to allow my emotions to control me.

Now, you see, a lot of people are expecting the Lord to take away from them certain emotions, but that doesn't happen. The most spiritual men and women ever, ever, whoever lived, wrestled with feelings of despair, feelings of wanting to give up. How many have ever said, I just want to give this whole thing up, go find me a house somewhere in the woods, and talk to the squirrels? What do you think, Joe, huh? I want to just find me, forget about this stuff and trusting God.

Forget about never having any money. Forget about never being able to do what I want. Alright, let me ask you a question.

Do you think that when you finally become spiritual, those desires or the tendencies of those desires are going to suddenly disappear? I say no, because you are carnal, you are fleshly, and as long as you live in the body, your carnal nature is going to always want to be thinking that way. So you say, well, how am I ever going to be victorious over these things? Here's how. When God brings you to the place where you're willing to accept responsibility and say no.

Now, saying no does not deliver you necessarily from these tendencies, but what it does do is it brings you into union with Christ's life, who is stronger than those tendencies. You see, the Bible says in Romans chapter 7, Romans 7, I believe it's 14, I am carnal. You are carnal.

You are fleshly by nature. Even as a Christian, you are fleshly by nature. Therefore, that natural disposition in you is always going to be desiring contrary to God.

You will never free yourself from the desires of the flesh, but let me say this now, but you can escape the dominion of those desires. You can be free from those desires having their way in your life in Christ. So what happens? In Christ, I find a life working in me, which is Jesus's life, that is stronger than the life of sin that is in me.

Does that mean that the life of sin ceases from being in you? No, it's always there. So what is it to grow in Christ? What is it to accept responsibility? To accept responsibility is to recognize I am carnal, these tendencies are in me, and it's just what I am by nature. However, I do not need, nor do I have to become a slave to these tendencies, because there is, what does the Scripture say, greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.

Also, greater is he that is in me than the sin that's in me, than the desires that are in me. So my victory from being carnal and fleshly is in Christ Himself. But now here's the thing, if we, this is where maturity comes in, if we don't want the victory that's available in Christ, but for some odd and strange reason we enjoy or we want what is operating in us that is fleshly, then that's what we get.

See what I'm saying? So God's Word, Hebrews chapter 4, listen closely now, becomes a sharp two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. So when God begins to work in our life in this fashion, He begins to go to the root of our being and He starts revealing the thoughts, the intents, the motives, the very core of what we're trusting in. And He does this for one reason and one reason alone, and don't forget this, don't believe the devil, don't believe the religious propaganda that is being hurled into the church.

God does this for one reason and one reason alone, that we may be given the opportunity to share in an intimate union with the will of God deep within our lives, and thereby be liberated more and more from the tendencies to trust and depend on anything but the Lord Jesus Himself. And this is the call that God has for His beloved bride. But I will not, I will not paint a picture that will suggest that this work will be done and it will be done without any grief or sorrow or pain on your part, because it's not true.

But I will say this, the pain and the sorrow and the grief is not strong enough and is not great enough to bring you down, because it is God who's working in you and God is greater than all. Suffering, there's many, many forms of suffering. This is the ultimate suffering, it's the suffering that results when we say yes to the cross and no to ourself.

This is the suffering of Christ. There's other kinds of suffering too, but this is a certain suffering that every Christian is called by the Lord to follow. So consequently, as this begins to happen, God is seeking to establish His reign and His lordship in the depths of our heart and thereby bring us more and more and more into union with Himself, liberty from our own self and the carnal nature that lives in us, freedom from trusting in people, circumstances, and the blessed joy of just abiding in Him.

Now, you got to think about these things and let the Lord quicken them to you, but beloved, God has this call, this invitation to all that are truly His. Now, before we close, I just want to say, are there any questions? Are there any questions at all? We have a small family here. Are there any questions in relation to this teaching here? I realize that possibly for some it might not be really easy to grasp, but that's all right.

It's all right. God will give you understanding as you contemplate these things and meditate upon the Word of God and the Scriptures. God will help you to understand.

Any questions at all about this teaching here that you may have, that you don't understand? Yes. It just answered all your questions. Well, praise the Lord.

Jesus is faithful and He does that. See, He's the shepherd. He alone is able to answer all of our questions and His Word, His Word always answers our questions, doesn't it? Now, remember, beloved, before...now listen, I want to make this distinction because it's so important.

Before this entire dealing begins to really be realized in our life, we are Christians if we've accepted the Lord, but here's what it is. It's like we thrive on the blessing of God without ever accepting responsibility. How many have had that realm in your Christian life at one time where it was just like, Jesus just, you know, He was just great no matter what I kind of did.

Like, you know, like He would, you know, how the young Christians say, praise God, see, you know, and they're not really aware or they don't have a conviction growing in their life regarding areas where they need to really yield themselves to God. Well, the Lord gives every Christian that season. It's, listen, it's the season of being a child.

Like little children, you know, you just sort of enjoy them and love them and you don't always, you don't always be demanding that they accept responsibility and grow up. You put too much on...listen, they're incapable, they're incapable of accepting this kind of responsibility. They just need to be lavished by love and by unconditional acceptance and by unmerited mercy.

It's okay. You did wrong, but it's okay. I did wrong, but it's okay.

Well, sure, God deals with children sometimes like that because He understands their inability to correct themselves. They're just too immature. So we don't want to disannoy this unprecedented time of mercy and grace and it seems like God never just asks us to accept responsibility.

But, beloved, God does not want us to live in that realm until we're 75 years old, been Christian 60 years. He wants us to become sons and daughters. Now, Paul said in 1st Corinthians chapter 13, we're very familiar with it, this will probably shed some new light on this scripture too.

1st Corinthians chapter 13 verse 11. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, and I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I what? I put away childish things.

What does that mean? I began to accept responsibility. I had a sense of accountability. I was accountable.

See, maturity means I accept responsibility. I am accountable. Listen, my life is more than revolving around my own interests.

Becoming an adult is this, if I do wrong, I'll pay the consequences for my wrong. That's life, guys. Hey, come on, stop going to work for a couple weeks.

What's the consequences? You might lose your job. You might not get money. How come you don't do it then? Because you've grown up.

You've accepted responsibility and so you go to work. Let me, let me, listen, in spite of how you feel, right? Okay. Okay, there's responsibility.

Do you suddenly become free from the tendencies of not wanting to go? No. But how come they don't rule you? Because you've grown up. You've said, hey, I don't care how I feel.

I've got to go to work. Okay, what's spiritual maturity? The same thing. I'm going, I'm going to look to God.

See, going to look to God. That's maturity. That's, that's, that's the renewing of the mind.

Romans chapter 12. Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. That is a mind that says, no, I'm not going to succumb to this.

I don't have to. I'm, I'm going to accept responsibility. Here's the responsibility.

In Christ, I can be free from this. I'm not a slave anymore. You see? So that's part of growing.

So the distinction is here when we're, when we're living the Christian life and we're not, we're not being challenged to accept our responsibility and, and becoming accountable for our actions. We're enjoying God without accepting responsibility. But when God begins to walk in our feelings and by saying no, you find union in Christ and you find more of his life flowing through you.

When this realm begins to come, then you're going to find a different dealing in your life. Not that the mercy and the grace ceases, but God begins to say, all right now, accept responsibility. And he might let you experience some consequences of neglecting responsibility.

Whereas when you were a child, he just sort of made up for your lack. You know how as a kid, you know, you sort of make up for their lack and then you let them grow up and they reap the mistakes of their own actions. I heard one preacher say that his daughter had a job and she had it for several years, but she just always overslept.

But mommy was merciful. Come on, wake up, wake up. And then they would disrupt their whole family and they would stop what they were doing.

They'd get in the car, mommy and daddy would take them to the job just so that she can make it at the nick of time. And then finally, mom and dad sat down and said, you know what? We're not helping this child grow up. We're just helping this child be comfortable and irresponsible at the same time.

So you know what we're going to do? We're going to wait till next weekend. And instead of running upstairs and waking up our little girl, we're going to let her oversleep. And guess what happened? Next

weekend came, still mommy and daddy, still the child, there's still that love, but there's a different action now.

There's a different dealing. Now it's, I'm asking you to grow up. Child overslept, woke up and a friend, mom, mom, mom and dad were downstairs.

Yes. You got to hurry up. Take me, take me to the, take me to my job.

Oh quick. I'm going to be late. Mom and dad said, no, we're sorry.

We're not going to take you. It's your responsibility to get up. And we've decided that we feel that it's time for you to accept responsibility.

And therefore, if the consequences of oversleeping result in not getting to work on time and possibly losing your job, then we feel that that's exactly what needs to happen to you in order to teach you a lesson. Now, how many here believe that there's a time in our life as Christians when God starts showing us that side of his face, but you know what? That's a lovely side because that's the side of face that tells us this. Oh, the Lord is inviting me to really know the son of God in a deep way, because that's how Jesus walked.

And you want to know the life of Jesus in you. Then it takes a readjusting of you so that you accept responsibility and cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit. Well, any more questions?

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