

# Perilous Times!

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of having a lowly heart and avoiding the dangers of perilous times, including a godless world, a powerless religion, and a corrupt ministry.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. addresses the perilous times we live in, emphasizing the importance of humility and the dangers of self-righteousness. He warns against the corrupt influences of society that can infiltrate our lives and churches, urging believers to acknowledge their need for God's grace and mercy. Beach highlights the characteristics of a godless world, a powerless religion, and a corrupt ministry as outlined in 2 Timothy 3:1-9, encouraging the congregation to remain vigilant and grounded in their faith. He calls for a heart of honesty before God, recognizing our flaws and the need for Christ's righteousness. Ultimately, he reminds us that true healing and strength come from acknowledging our weaknesses and relying on Jesus.

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## Transcript

Your presence this morning, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who comes to live and dwell with those who obey you, those who acknowledge your lordship, those who cry out to you for mercy and grace. What a gift you have given us, Lord, the gift of being able to see your beauty and our need and as we continuously acknowledge our need, we are continuously brought to you who is the answer to all that we have need of. Now, Father, we pray that your wonderful word would speak to us, Lord.

I pray, God, that you would help us not be distracted from your word, that you would deliver us from our tendency in ourselves without your help to be self-righteous and to think that we are holier than we really are. Lord, deliver us from every single form of self-righteousness this morning and help us, Lord, to stand spiritually naked before you, taking off all the fig leaves that cover the true condition of our soul, taking off all the things that we have hid behind, Lord, the tree that we've hid behind, the tree of self-righteousness, the tree of focusing our attention on our good works, and help us to see you today, Lord, and give us an honest heart, Lord, a heart, Lord, that is not afraid to acknowledge the truth so that we can receive the wonderful mercy and grace that's available to us. We pray, Lord, we acknowledge that there is only one who stands in our midst that is worthy of praise, worthy of honor, and his name is Jesus Christ.

He is the righteous one, the worthy one, the holy one. He is the man after God's own heart. He is the one who loves righteousness and hates iniquity.

He's the one who perfectly obeyed you in all areas, and it is his righteousness that we desperately need today, his righteousness, his goodness, and so we pray, Lord, that your word will minister to us. Amen. I got a letter from Cary Bryant.

Maybe some of you have. He's doing well. It's been five weeks now, and in the letter he wrote a thought that intrigued my heart.

He said, brother, please pray for me that I might truly know what it is to be low in God's presence. He said the Lord's been teaching him that the activity of Satan is most felt in our lives when we get too high, too proud, too arrogant, too cocky, too self-confident, too focused on ourself and all of our accomplishments, or at least what we think to be accomplishments. Satan's meat is pride, and he loves to feast upon it, and so he was praying and asking me to pray that he would come to know a deeper fellowship of lowliness of heart, lowliness of mind.

I thought I'd pass that on since it was such a blessing. As you know, we have been looking verse by verse in the book of Philippians, and we've been discovering the beauties of Jesus Christ that were shining through that wonderful book. We haven't even gotten through the entire chapter, but today, during this week, the Lord turned my attention to another section of Scripture which I'm going to minister on this morning.

It's found in 2nd Timothy chapter 3, and in the midst of seeing this wonderful church in the book of Philippians, we've learned many things. You can be turning your Bibles to 2nd Timothy chapter 3. We've learned many things about our Lord Jesus Christ and about those who have come to the place where they are living their lives by the grace of God, and they're living their lives in obedience to Him. We've seen many of the qualities that are in the life of a church, a group of believers who have been apprehended by Jesus Christ.

But today, we're going to focus our attention on a section of Scripture, 2nd Timothy chapter 3, verses 1 through 9. 2nd Timothy chapter 3, verses 1 through 9. Brothers and sisters, please let us pray that we will hear the voice of God's Spirit through the Word this morning. If there is anything that is going to hinder the testimony of Jesus Christ in our lives as a company of believers, or the testimony of Jesus in our homes, I believe it's everyone's desire here this morning to live in their home in a godly way, where Jesus Christ can be King and Lord, where the things that are going on in our home are pleasing to God. I believe, additionally, it is a desire in our heart as a group of believers to truly, truly be a group of believers, as we see in the book of Philippians, that are apprehended by Christ, whose corporate interest is for the Lord's interest, the Lord's interest, the Lord's pleasure, that His kingdom might expand, that His kingdom might have preeminent rule in our life.

But if there's anything that's going to hinder this testimony of Jesus Christ, it is what is found in 2nd Timothy chapter 3, verses 1 through 9. So we're going to read this, and we're going to go through it, verse by verse. And we must go through this with open hearts before God, because as our sister Colette read, we have not come to the Mount Sinai of old, but we've come to the heavenly Jerusalem, where God deals with sin, not by judging men and women and casting them into hell, if they will trust Him, but He deals with sin by showing us where our sin is, and then offering us grace and mercy, if we'll just acknowledge it. That's the wonder of grace, if we'll just acknowledge it with an honest heart.

And so I believe the Lord has taken us on a sidetrack here, because in the midst of seeing the beautiful spiritual qualities in the book of Philippians, and we have just barely touched that book, there's many more qualities that we want to get back into, but I believe He wants to give us a warning this morning, because we live in an atmosphere and an environment and in a society that is corrupt. And we must be careful, because the influence of society can come into our lives if we're not careful, and it can begin to hinder the testimony of Jesus Christ. Additionally, not only is society corrupt, but there is that which is in us that is corrupt.

It's the flesh. And unless we are on guard, by the grace of God, as soldiers and warriors, we can be easily led astray. And so may God help us today as we look to His Word, and I'm praying that today's Word will be a very sharp knife that will cut deeply into our hearts, but with this knife, I'm praying there will be the healing balm of the healing of Jesus Christ to go deep into our hearts and to bring healing where we acknowledge our need before God.

First, we'll read. I'm reading from the King James this morning. Verse number one, chapter three, 2nd Timothy.

Father, we thank You for Your Word. We thank You that the Holy Spirit of God, His preeminent mission on earth today is to take the Word of God and reveal Jesus Christ to us, to reveal the moral perfections of the Son of God and to impart them into the life of those who acknowledge their need. And Lord, we pray that today You would be gracious to give us this impartation from Your Word to our hearts, Lord, as we come to You through the blood of Jesus.

Amen and amen. This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof from such turn away. Now brothers and sisters, we're not done reading this section yet.

We have verses 6, 7, 8, and 9, but if you underline your Bible, please underline this. If you don't, just make a mental note. The Word of God says, from such turn away.

From such turn away. Now we'll get to that shortly. The significance.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses. Now the reason why the scripture is saying houses here is because the early church, for the most part, met in houses. And so, in order to seduce the church, in order to corrupt the church, false teachers and false leaders and false apostles had to get into the home because that's where the church met.

So that's why it says they creep into houses. Today, it's applicable because saints do meet in homes, but it's also applicable. They creep into the ministry.

They creep into the teaching ministry. They creep into the preaching ministry because that's a most effective way to affect the church today. Just become a teacher.

Start teaching. People will start following you. Just start teaching and people will start following you.

It's the nature of the way it is. Teachers get followers. They creep into houses and lead captive silly women, laden with sins, led astray with many lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now, as Janes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth. Men of corrupt minds reprobate concerning the faith, but they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be made manifest unto all men. This is a picture of what the last days are going to look like.

When the New Testament was written, it declares itself to have been written during the last days. So therefore, if when the New Testament was written 2,000 years ago, it declared itself to be written during the last days, how much more are we living in the last days now? How much more? And so if the scripture that I just read this morning was applicable then, how much more is it applicable now? So let us take heed to the Word of God and let us draw near to the Spirit, near to the Son, that we might receive grace and help in time of need. First of all, the idea here of perilous times means difficult, troublesome, trying, uneasy, hard, violent, threatening, dangerous times.

Days when it is very, very dangerous. Now, it's not dangerous if you have yourself in view. It's not dangerous if you have how to succeed for yourself in view.

It's actually pretty good. But this scripture here, when it talks about perilous, dangerous times, is a term that refers to danger for those who are earnest in their desire to please God. Not dangerous for the world necessarily.

Not dangerous for the one who wants to start a business. Not dangerous necessarily to the one who wants to travel around the world as a traveler. But the one whose heart has been touched by the grace of God and by the Spirit of God, and it's your supreme desire to please God, it's your supreme desire to do what is right in the eyes of God, then it is a dangerous time for you and for me.

And so let's ask ourselves that question. What is the most important thing in your life today? What is the most important passion in your life today? What is the thing that motivates your heart more than anything else? If in fact it is not to please the Lord Jesus Christ, then I encourage you by the grace of God to confess to the Lord and pray that He will give you that desire. And if it is the desire of your heart, then I pray that today the grace of God and the mercy of God and the Spirit of God will help you to persevere and be guarded against these horrible sins that are literally like a tide, a flood of water coming into our world today.

Verses 2 through 4 speak of a godless world. A godless world. Verse 5 speaks of a powerless religion.

And verses 6 through 9 speak of a corrupt ministry. So these are three outstanding characteristics that are present, that are seen in these verses. A godless world, a powerless religion, and a corrupt ministry.

First of all, verses 2 through 4, people will be lovers of their own selves. This simply means that people will be self-centered, full of selfishness, as the focus of their point of their life. Lovers of their own selves is the heart is focused upon one's own pleasure, one's own desire, instead of upon God's desire and other people.

It is to put oneself before others. It is to put one's will before God's will. It is to seek out one's own desire without considering others or without considering God.

Essentially, it's the idea of, I am the most important person in my world. Young people, please listen to the Spirit of God and the Word of God. I am the most important person in my world.

I don't care what other people think. I don't care whether my actions are going to affect other people. I don't care.

I am just going to do what I want. Brothers and sisters, this is an attitude that is born right out of Satan's heart, and he is regurgitating it into society, and God's Word is speaking to us, and he is saying to you and I who are saved and who want to please God, beware of this attitude. Lovers of their own selves.

To be a lover of oneself is to feel that everyone and everything has to revolve around you, and if it doesn't, you get mad. You get angry. If you can't be the center of attention, then you are upset.

Oh, how super practical this is. You know how many family problems right within the church? The root cause? Not necessarily all, but I tell you, a pretty high percentage can be traced to this very thing. The attitude of the world seducing the church.

If I can't be the center of attention, then I'm just going to be mad and angry. How many domestic conflicts are going on, possibly even this morning, in your heart, in your home, in your marriage, with your children, that the root cause is you are simply unwilling not to be the center of attention? How much healing would occur just today, just today, in your heart and in my heart, if we would have an honest heart before God? Remember, except your righteousness exceed that of the Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of God. You know what that means? Their righteousness was an outward righteousness.

In other words, it looked like they were doing good, but inwardly they weren't, and they were unwilling to admit it. When we come to God, remember what Gary said, goodness. What is the goodness of God? This is the goodness of God right here.

Every one of us have just been found out. Every one of us in ourselves, in ourselves. We're self-centered, but here's what we do.

Oh, I hope my brother Robert's listening, because he sure needs this, and we stand just in our own eyes. We must pray that God will make us low. Think of the last quarrel or feud that you had with someone, and see if it's not true that you can trace it to an unwillingness to get out from the center of attention.

So much arguing. You know what the root of arguing is most of the time? You want your way. She wants her way.

You're not willing to give. She's not willing to give. It's pride, and Jesus stands in our midst speaking to us in His Word, and He says, come to Me, and I'll teach you what a lowly heart is.

Now, why wouldn't the Pharisees come? That's right, Mike. I don't need to be taught what a lowly heart is. Thank you.

Who are you? You illegitimate son. That B-word. I won't say it because there's children here, and they might stumble, but you know the B-word that the King James Version uses.

You illegitimate son. Who are you to tell me? I'm the teacher of the law. My righteousness is equal to God's, and the lowly, broken-hearted son of God said, fine.

I'll go find the cripples. I'll go find the lame. I'll go find those who will acknowledge that they're sick, but you who say, I know I don't need a physician.

This is fine. This is goodness. I'm so glad Gary mentioned that goodness this morning.

It's so ministered to me, brother. That's goodness. This is goodness.

Thank God for goodness. Number two, people will be covetous. Now, I know it's going to be hard, but if we come in mercy and grace, we can be free, but don't be afraid.

The law condemned men, but grace offers healing and life. Now, listen carefully. Now, why are we here and not in Philippians? You know, in myself, I'd rather preach about the victorious church in Philippi, and oh, we were getting into Philippians 2 and the beauty of Christ.

Why here? Because the Lord is saying to us, be careful. Be careful. I love you enough to warn you.

Covetous. The word covetous comes from a word that means a lover of money and possessions. People will want more and more, bigger and bigger, better and better, and they will not be satisfied with what they have.

In the last days, people will focus upon money and banking more and more and more for myself. For myself. I want a house in the best neighborhood.

Not, Lord, where do you want me to live? So that I can be a broken vessel through whom your son can minister to people? No. No, but I want the house in the best neighborhood. I, I, me.

Now, brothers and sisters, please listen. This is not God chiding us. It's God loving us.

Can we get the connection? Do we want to know the truth or not? See, when someone loves us, they tell us the truth. When someone doesn't love us, they flatter us and tell us lies. They tell us lies.

You know, when you get into the corporate world, sometimes, and I'm going to be soft and conservative with the word sometimes, because I suppose that I could use a stronger word like most of the time, but I won't do that. Sometimes, you'll find relationships among those in the corporate world that are so fake and funny, they'll tell you just what you want to hear, just so that you'll do what they want you to do. They don't love you, or they would tell you the truth.

And so, therefore, they lie to you. They flatter you. They tell you just what you need to hear so that you'll be able to fit into their plan.

They will focus upon possessions. I want clothes. I want jewelry.

I want this. I want that. I want this and that.

Now, this is what the word covetous means. Some Christians think that when they get saved, their covetousness becomes sanctified. Do you understand that? Some Christians think that when they get saved, their covetousness becomes sanctified.

In other words, they can still long and want all these things, but it's no longer wrong because they're Christians. They're Christians now, so it's okay to practice covetousness. Brothers and sisters, beware.

Beware. This is why we have to feed on the word of God. To be covetous is to focus on power, controlling more and more.

Men will love money, what it buys and allows them to do, and they will covet more and more of it and the things it buys. Their eyes and hearts will be focused upon money instead of God. Notice it's the focus of the heart.

The focus of the heart is upon money instead of God, and it's upon what money gets them. What it gets them? Power, prestige, protocol, predominance. These are things, dear ones, that we ought not to be after.

This isn't something we should be after. We should be after Him. You say, well, can't God give you those things? Well, do you want them? It shouldn't matter.

It shouldn't matter. Paul said, I count all things but loss. All things but loss.

Nothing matters to me. That's why they all forsook Paul. Okay.

Next, people will be boasters. The idea here is a balloon blowing up, but you know what happens when you blow up balloons too full? A boaster is a bragger, a vaunter, a pretender. A boaster is a person who boasts in what he has, what he is, and what he possesses.

Bragging may involve, but it's not limited to a job, a deal, good deal, a possession, an achievement, anything that may impress someone. Paul said, God forbid that I should glory. You want to start bragging with people? Let Paul come back here and talk like an arrogant man.

He'd put us all to shame. But he said, I refuse. Paul said, when I met Christ, I took all in my life that I could brag about that made me look good, and I put it behind me once and for all.

It is a person who feels the insatiable need to push himself above others so that he can look better than someone else. Do you see why Jesus was a hated and a despised man? Because when he walked, and when he walks in our midst, and we have open hearts to his word and his spirit, this is what he tells us. It's a big test.

It's a big test to all of our hearts. Now we see why Cary said, Phil pray that I can get real low. Next people will be proud.

This is exalting self, putting oneself above others, looking down upon others. It means to show oneself, to lift oneself head above another, to look down on others. Very simply stated, a proud person feels he's better than someone else, and it comes out in little ways.

It comes out the way we talk. It comes out the way we act. It comes out sometimes the way we carry ourselves.

Oh yeah, Jesus said, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. The proud person might appear quite humble, but in the heart, he thinks himself to be quite good. People will be blasphemers.

The word blasphemy means to slander, to insult, to reproach. It can be against God. It could be against man.

Casting curses and insults against God or man. Mothers, fathers, children, teachers, professionals, cursing, railing insults and accusations against one another. Blasphemy ought not to be once named among us as men and women filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

Next, people will be disobedient to parents, refusing to do what one's parents says, rebelling against one's parent, showing disrespect to parents. Brothers and sisters, this is running rampant in our society today. Some of the music in our society today supports and propagates rebellion and disrespect against authority, against parental authority.

God's word says, if you want to live long upon the earth, honor your father and your mother, Exodus 20. If a child does not obey his parents and rebels against them, the child has no hope. Because rebellion will destroy a soul.

Brothers and sisters, we need to pray, listen carefully, that God will purge in our lives the deep rebellion that lurks there. Some of us might say, well, I just don't see this rebellion in my life. Well, let me pray.

Let me ask you to pray and ask God. Most people don't demonstrate rebellion until their will is crossed. This is why we often see it in our children, because as parents, we cross their will.

But who crosses our will as parents? Some of us get into a place where we live a life and nobody touches us. But there's a father in heaven who knows how to get to the rebellion in us parents' heart, and he will cross our will. He'll raise up others to cross our will.

And I want to challenge you at that time to be honest enough to recognize when that rebellion starts to creep in, and pray that God will purge you from it and deliver you from it. Because rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Rebellion is the very sin that was birthed in Satan's heart, that turned an angel into a devil, that turned a messenger of God's light into a messenger of hell's darkness.

Rebellion. Parents, listen carefully. Do not tolerate rebellion in your children.

Pray and ask God to help you understand what true rebellion is. Don't tolerate it. Don't put up with it.

To tolerate rebellion in your children is to tolerate a cancerous tumor in their soul and to do nothing about it. You weep with your children. You pray with your children.

You punish your children. You do whatever God shows you to do on your knees in prayer in order to teach your child that rebellion is not acceptable in this house. Now I'm not talking about ignorant disobedience.

I'm not talking about making a mistake. I'm talking about downright defiant rebellion. When you know and your child knows that they know that they're doing what you distinctly and clearly told them not to do, that is rebellion.

Deal with it. Don't let them get away. Spare the rod in what? Spoil the child.

Now I am not condoning abuse against your children, physical or mental, but I am condoning the scripture. Discipline. And then I pray that you will go to God and you will pray, listen, that He will be as severe with you as you are with your children.

And that as your Father in heaven, He will do to you even more than you do to your children because you know better. Don't us parents know better? Yes we do. It comes by virtue of being parents.

People will be unthankful. No sense of gratitude or appreciation. No giving thanks to God.

They have a little sense of debt to God and to others. A debt in the sense of I'm not a self-made man. I am what I am today because of others.

It's not because I'm this great person. Unthankfulness comes into the heart and an unthankful heart is an unhealthy heart. An unthankful heart is a discontent heart.

Now remember we've mentioned this before, but I'll mention it in passing before we go on. The enemy to contentment is comparison. The enemy to contentment is comparison.

You cannot be content if you are constantly comparing yourself with others. Husbands listen. Do you love your wife and are you content? Then stop comparing her with other women.

Every time husband you catch yourself comparing your wife with another woman, go find a prayer closet, get down on your knees and beg God to take it out of your heart because the beginning of unthankfulness is discontentment. And we live in a society that thrives on discontentment. Discontentment.

You can't hardly look in a magazine today without being discontent with what you are because you're going to see someone that's better looking than you. You can't look into a magazine without being discontent with what you own because you're going to see something nicer than what you've got. You can't hardly go to a mall today with these mega malls without walking up and down the aisle and leaving feeling depressed because you saw so many things that you wished you had and you didn't have.

What is that? Let's call it what it is brothers and sisters. Let's stop playing games. It's unthankfulness.

It's greed. It's covetousness. Doesn't God say seek first the kingdom of God and he knows what we have need of? He knows.

It's the word. It's the word. That's why we need the word.

We need to feed on the word. In addition to being unthankful, people will be unholy, profane, indecent, shameless, given over to the most base passions. Recently, I heard that something happened at the halftime of the Super Bowl.

And I've been doing a little experiment. I've been running into teenagers and young adults and I've been just asking them, excuse me. I want to be gentle.

I don't want them to think I'm a nut. Excuse me. Are you aware of what happened at the halftime Super Bowl? Yes.

In your opinion, do you think it was right or wrong? Appropriate or inappropriate? So far, many of the teenagers that I've talked to said, fine. Nothing wrong with it. Unholy.

Not ashamed. Not ashamed. Let me just say this, brothers and sisters.

Don't let the society that we live in form your ideas about what is holy and what is not. Don't let society. We've got to go to the word of God and let God's word tell us what is right and wrong.

Society has gone crazy. It is now becoming more and more acceptable in this country for two guys to get married and they call it a holy matrimony. It is not uncommon for both men and women to show off their

physical bodies.

Not by what they wear, but what they don't wear. Whatever happened to modesty? Whatever happened to a woman is supposed to dress to please her husband, not the fellow five seats down. We're not supposed to be doing this stuff to attract attention to ourselves.

We're not supposed to be living in order to impress other people. We're supposed to be living to God. We're supposed to be pleasing for God.

Oh, if these things are in our hearts, brothers and sisters, I beg you. I beg you to let God purge. You know, the man or woman who has a secret to actually fall, you will eventually fall into some kind of sin.

See, the devil lies to us by making us think that as long as it's just a little teeny thing inside and we got it in control, we can control it. I mean, hey, we can control this thing. You can't control it.

You're right in the jaws of the serpent. The only way to overcome sin is to confess it and pray to God for mercy. You don't overcome sin by recognizing it and then saying, well, I can take care of this.

I'm good at this. I've been doing it all my life. I haven't been caught yet.

Watch out. Watch out. Holy.

Without natural affection. Heartless. No human emotion.

The lack of feeling for others. How many have experienced road rage? Not necessarily you, but you become a victim. I'm telling you, I actually, I actually am making it a practice now that when I see someone in my back mirror giving me one of their fingers because I'm going the speed limit, not five minutes under, but I'm going the speed limit and I see that they are about to jump out of the car and rip my head off.

I'm asking, I'm making it a practice now. I just pull over. You better be careful when that happens.

Don't let the devil stir wrath up in you because it's there. You know, you see someone mad and you slow down five minutes under the speed limit just to spite them. Now I know no one has ever done that in this room and that no one has even thought about doing it.

So everybody pray for me because I have, that's why I don't have on my bumper sticker, I'm a Christian or I'm a preacher. No, that's not true. I'm just kidding.

That is not why I don't have it on there. You ever see people honk if you love Jesus and they're driving like the devil? Honk if you love Jesus and you accidentally cut them off and they pull out a 45 and they're aiming it? I mean, my God, have mercy on us. That's the idea here.

Without natural affection, there's no longer respect and care for one another. This not only includes within family relations, but it includes the brotherhood of mankind. You know, just the kind of respect that, you know, the guys years ago would open the doors for the ladies.

Yes, ma'am. No, ma'am. Respecting people.

Children. Yes, sir. No, sir.

It's not saying yes, sir or no, sir. It's the deeper meaning. The children were taught to respect authority.

Now today, children, look at you. You ever have kids playing in a development basketball and you're driving up the road and they look at you like you're coming into my territory and they won't even move for you? Or when you go through real slow, you feel like they want to dagger you. Like, who do you think you are driving on this road? So I just drive by and go, hi, how you doing? And it sort of breaks the ice, but no, no respect.

What about get out of the way? Let him go. Thank you, sir. Have a good day.

Respect. Don't let these things creep in to our hearts. Don't let these things creep into our homes.

Parents, when you see these things in your life, beg God to forgive you and deliver you. And when you see these things in your children, beg God without natural affection also includes people will turn from the normal use of physical pleasure to abnormal. People will turn to unnatural relationships, unnatural pleasure, unnatural physical enjoyment.

There will be little affection between husband and wife. A spouse will be little more than a person to help pay the bills and to keep up the front of social life. But there's no intimate love and fellowship.

Let's stay together. Let's keep together just so that we look good. There will be very little brotherly love.

Well, brothers and sisters, I realize we've run out of time. It's dangerous, Mike, to say that because we might go on. All right, just a few more minutes.

Remind me what it's for. Someone say when it's one o'clock. I don't listen, brothers and sisters.

I'm trying to be as honest and transparent as I can. And I'm trying to put some humor into this because I know this is heavy stuff. But let me tell you something.

There is nothing that I'm interested in hearing from you or from me unless it's the word of God. This is what saves our soul right here. People will be truth breakers.

Listen, breakers of promises. A man's word will no longer mean what he says. Untrustworthy, faithless, untruthful.

A truth breaker is a man or group of people or an organization who do not keep their word or promise. They are simply untrustworthy and undependable. What happens when in a home a husband or wife cannot trust one another anymore? What happens when in a home a parent and children cannot trust each other anymore? What happens in a fellowship of believers when believers cannot trust each other anymore and believe in the credibility of their words and their promises and their and their desires to be committed one to another? What happens within a working environment when employee and employer can no longer trust one another? What happens, brothers and sisters, what happens is there is a tearing down of genuine relationship out from which comes evil thinking, suspicions, misunderstandings.

All of these things are entailed in truth breaking. What happens when people can no longer be trusted by what they say? A barrage of broken promises, broken covenants. Divorce is now in the church percentage wise equal to how it is in the world.

It's over 50 percent now among those who do not believe in God. And now they say surveys taken within the professing church divorces now over 50 percent. The breaking of promises.

What happened? I, Phil, promise to you, Colette, to be my lawful wedded wife. I promise to be your husband. I mean, I promise to honor you, to love you, to cherish you.

Whether we are rich, whether we are poor, whether in sickness, whether in health, whether we feel good or feel bad, no matter what, I promise by the grace of God till death do us part. What happened to that? Come on, everybody, let's renew our vows today. Let's not be truce breakers.

I'm going to stop now because I know it's late. Let's bow our hearts before the Lord. If you need to go, it's okay.

We don't have to rush out at one today because there's activities. That's why I went a little longer. I did get permission from Norman.

Listen, listen, listen, listen, listen in the midst of our bleeding hearts. Christ, the law came by Moses and what came by Jesus Christ? Grace and mercy and truth. The wounds of a friend are what? Faithful wounds.

Our friend just wounded us. Our friend who loves us just wounded us. But his wounds are faithful because out of those wounds, Pedro, out of those wounds flows healing and grace and mercy to those who will come and say, Jesus, help me.

I need you. I need your grace. I need your power.

I see what I am apart from you, but now I want to escape what I am in my flesh, and I want to know union, fellowship with you in a deeper level than I already have. Let's bow our hearts and just let the Lord minister to us these next couple moments.

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