

Opening of Our Inner Eyes

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The purpose of God is to open our inner eyes and help us see beyond our outward circumstances to find Him within ourselves.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of having a hunger and desire for God that never dries up. He acknowledges that different individuals have different capacities for seeking God, with some being more intense than others. The preacher also highlights the need for self-reflection and facing personal issues, rather than comparing oneself to others. Ultimately, the sermon encourages listeners to fall in love with God and embrace His love and consistency in their lives.

Transcript

The beauty, the wonder of our God who can comprehend. The purpose of the Lord in the days that we have been together has been to open our inner eyes. You see, our body has outward eyes and so we have a problem imagining inward eyes, eyes that look in.

But the scriptures speak of the beings that had eyes without and within. And our spirit is capable of seeing within as well as without. It uses our eyes to see without.

In fact, God is far more concerned in developing our inward sight than He is our outward sight. In fact, most of the trouble we get in as Christians is because we've overdeveloped our outward sight. We're conscious of circumstances and other people's problems and our woes.

And it's His purpose for us to have inner eyes because that's where He is seated. That's where He is. That's where the seed of eternal life was planted in us.

When you say, look to Jesus, you don't just look upward or outward, you look inward. And God gives us inward sight. When you begin to seek the Lord, and the Lord sets you on this course.

Now, if you're going to do it on your own, that's just the work of man. But if God calls you to a time of seeking Him, long before you ever find Him, you're going to find devils. You have to go up through the high places.

You have to battle through the regions above, where the enemy has it locked up completely. Where everything is closed tight. And begin your warfare, seeking after God.

And it isn't until way into that time of seeking, takes a lot of time and energy, that you discover that you find Him when you look within. Not when you penetrate above. Because He's already penetrated that veil.

He's already come through into our world. That took place the day the angels announced that Christ was coming to this world. That's when the invisible world had to give way to the light of the world.

And the light came in the midst of darkness. That tunnel has never been shut. No one can ever shut that.

Christ is here. Although He rose and He is above, He is here. That's what the scripture God was saying to us is.

Here I am. Not only because He's present, not only because He's powerful, and not only because He's mighty, but because He's here. He never left this world, just like we don't.

We're here, but our spirit is in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. And as we look within, we're transported above. But in our seeking, it takes us a long time to discover that it's not wrestling through that impossible world to penetrate, that you win your victories, but as you find Him.

And in Isaiah, the Lord was revealing a greater secret than you may have thought when He said, Here. Don't search for Him there. He said, If someone tells you that Christ is coming and that He's over there, don't go.

Because Christ said He was here. He's within you. But He's not revealed in you.

He's encapsulated in you. And finding Him is breaking through that capsule within yourself. And the reason it is so hard to find God within is because before you can break the capsule into that place where He is living and manifested inside of you, before you can come into that conscious manifestation of that Christ within you, you've got to face you, your spirit.

Your spirit is that capsule. And that capsule has to die. That capsule is the seed.

Inside the seed is the oak tree inside. It could be a small little seed like a mustard seed. It could be an acorn as an oak.

But in it is the secret of all that tree. That whole tree, hundreds of years old, is compressed into that seed. And the shell of that seed has to be buried and died before the oak can be revealed.

Christ is in us, encapsulated in our spirit. But our spirit has to come to a place of death. We have to face our spirit.

God has to make us look inward. Our inward eyes have to be exercised, and we have to look within to find Christ. But before you ever find Him, you're going to find you.

And God's going to show you you as you really are in the light of His countenance, in the light of His eyesight, not from a bird's eye view. We have an eagle's eye view for everybody else when we look at everybody else's problems and sins and faults, but our own, we have a bird's eye view, and that at best. You know, I've come to the place where I realize that that Christ within begins manifesting Himself.

And as He manifests Himself, He begins to impermeate flesh and your spirit. It's almost like He begins to grow. In from that encapsulation, He comes out.

He comes forth. There's a coming forth of the Christ within you. And He comes forth and occupies room in your spirit and eventually in your body, in your flesh, until you begin to take on the image of the Son that is within you.

God brought us here to develop our inward eye. One of our problems is that we become so quickly satiated. Satiated doesn't mean that we're so full of God.

Satiated just means that we don't see that we need any more of God. We think we have it all. And any time we become satiated, it's because our inward eye has an infection in it and is closed shut.

We're not conscious of our need anymore. We feel we have it. Everything they teach, we know.

Everything that's out there, we have. And then God sets us aside for a week and systematically, patiently, like only He can do, and sometimes miraculously quietly while He's at business, where you don't even know what's happening and suddenly it's like something exploded and you don't know who put it there or when it was put. God has been opening our inner eye and letting us see our tremendous need of God and bringing a hunger back of God.

If you think you have a lot from God, then listen to this morning's message because the purpose of God was, if you didn't get it all week this morning, you got told by God so clearly, you don't have anything. I left here wondering if I had anything from God. You could almost get depressed until you realize what God is doing.

He's awakening our heart. He's shaking the rug out from under you. He's showing you how much more there is and how little we really have.

Now we can start to feed again because satiated, we don't feed. You're starving but you think you're full. They call it anorexia in the medical world where you think you're fat but you're dying of starvation.

That's a condition we as Christians come into many times in our life and I must confess that that's the condition we were coming into as a church. And God in His marvelous grace to us has brought forth ministry from His own heart through one vessel through another because the vessels are really not important to awaken us to a need in our spirit of Him and that there is so much more and we're so comfortable fooling around ankle deep in the splashing water that comes up on the beach having fun. And the Lord's wondering when He could call us to attention and draw us deeper into Himself.

When it is He could cause us to turn and look within but not at ourself. I'm sure many of you found what I have found this week and this morning was no exception as well. You have a way of looking at yourself.

You have a way of looking in. You can't help it. God's pounding word whether it came simple and quietly or whatever is like bombs that go in there, explode and open up the panorama and let you know hey something's wrong inside here so you gotta take a look inside.

And before you'll ever find Him you'll find you. And you have to make it past that. Because looking at you will never be... You will never be safe nor saved.

The scriptures say looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. So it's not the direction that we're looking in that's wrong it's how far into that direction that we're looking. In years of doing photography some of the most I was gonna use the word sensational but some of the most amazing photographic and creative scenes can be arrived at simply by in or out of focus.

You get behind a beautiful flower that's colored but what you really want is something out there and so you take the flower out of focus but leave it in the picture and focus just crystal clear on something just beyond it. And it frames the beauty of a soft halo of something you can't really discern what it is but the beauty of it's there constantly drawing to you wondering what are you, what are you, what are you. In or out of focus can be either beautiful or terrible.

You can have something very terrible in a scene and I've learned that if you open the aperture instead of closing it down which gives you a very long depth of field you can have something very undesirable in that picture that you can't get out from where you are and you can't move from where you are and there's something very undesirable there. And so you shorten your depth of field and then you focus out there and you never see it. It's a total blur.

It's not even there. If you stand away from a screen like so many of us have on our porches it's like a mosquito netting. If you stand away from it you're going to see the netting but if you stand right up to the netting till it's in your face you can look right through it and you're never aware it's there.

And so God does this. He causes us to look within but the secret is to have yourself so close you don't see it, you see Jesus just beyond it. And that's why so many people can never see Him and He can never be revealed to Him because God always locks the things that are most precious in the most undesirable packages and He could find none so detestable as you and me.

And when we allow Him to look at us we will do anything in the world but focus there. Up, down, around. It's like a child when the dad says face me kid and he knows he's done something wrong he'll look up and he'll look down he'll look at his chin, he'll look at his ear he'll look at everything but he won't look at his eye.

We're that way with God sometimes. When He focuses on us we'll look at the person just ahead of us wondering thank God that so and so came tonight they sure could use this. Or we focus on the preacher and say my, you know he could listen to some of his own words as well.

Or we focus on our wife or our husband, now closer or the flesh of our own flesh, our children. But still, we have an expression in English and for those of you from the outside you may not understand it, we're waffling. Waffling is when you've got to say yes or no, you don't you just say well, you know, you're waffling.

You're not really getting down to the point. And we do this with God, we waffle with God. And we waffle with our eyesight too.

And it's taken God all week until we're finally ready to look inside and say alright Lord, let's do business. And the purpose of the Lord isn't to discourage you but God, you're going to see some discouragement before you see Jesus. And if you let Him walk you through the path into your own heart, you're going to see garbage you never dreamed was in your own.

You're going to be so disappointed and so shattered that you're going to wonder if there's any hope for you at all. But let Him take you by the hand and keep taking you deep within yourself because then you're

going to start focusing just beyond yourself, your good and your evil. And you're going to see Jesus high and lifted up.

Never concerned over a thing you ever did wrong or right because He's always in control. Then you will discover the here I am. And we have a song that we sing, He was here all the time.

But you will discover that. And it will be of greater meaning to you than anything in this world. And so some of you are still struggling.

I don't know if by the end of this service or maybe Sunday or when the Lord will release it so that we can have a good time and dance and sing and shout. But if it never happened, all the same, God's purpose this week wasn't for us to come and have a great time but for Him to have a great time. For Him to turn our hearts back to Him, to awaken us to our need, to show us that there is so much more and we've been satisfied with so little.

To put a sense of emptiness, a sense of guilt, but not guilt over sin, but a guilt in that He offered us so much and we're taking so little. A guilt in that what He points out is true. And it's easy to say, show me all that in the Bible.

Well, friend, if it was written so clearly in the Bible, everybody would have found Him. But as you begin to read the Bible, between the lines the Holy Spirit begins to show you the way. And then you don't just fall in love with the approach to God, you fall in love with the God to whom you approach.

And tonight there is a sense of soberness, nothing to be ashamed of. This is the atmosphere, this is the product, this is the result of the Holy Spirit working with us all week. It takes Him a week to get us sober.

We must have been quite drunk. God does ask us to be drunk in the Holy Ghost. There are times when the Holy Spirit is moving.

There are mighty experiences and glorious works of the Holy Spirit which are necessary, they're liberating, they're healing and they're wonderful. But God had something else in mind this week. He wanted to bring us to a manger and to the simplicity of just standing before Him as Elijah stood before the Lord.

I never could understand why Elijah wanted the double portion or the double mantle. But you know that Elijah never left Elisha his double portion. He left him his mantle.

His mantle was his ministry, his portion was his walk with God. And only two men that we know of and maybe perhaps Moses were ever taken directly into heaven off this earth. And these men were Enoch and Elijah.

The greatest gift God could give you as a man on earth is to just take you directly without seeing death. You're walking with God when you don't go through death to get there. And that prize, that reward was only given to these men whose testimony was that they stood before God and walked with God.

The rest went the way of all flesh. No, my friends, Elijah didn't leave Elisha anything that he had. Only a mantle he couldn't take with him or it would have burned in the chariot.

He had a tremendous ministry because he got some of the overflow of Elijah's ministry plus his own that he developed by his own faith. But I never have been inclined to be too motivated to seek from God some double portion of the anointing. First couple, two, three years of my life, very impressed as a young kid

with my father's ministry.

And I must confess that none of you know him as I knew him. In Africa, they call me fireball and in other places, something far worse than that. But my father would have put out all of those lights in his days.

And I remember I used to tell the Lord that I wanted his portion. I wanted what he had. But a few years later after the Lord took us through a wonderful time of the revelation of the presence in the person of God that lasted for a few years, couple at any rate, with an intensity of 6, 8, 10 months, I never did get over that.

After that, I started praying other things. Those others never concerned me. Ministry never concerned me after that.

Nor having somebody else's nor my own or the double portion of my own or anybody else's. But to know that God that those persons knew and to know the God that Enoch knew, to know the God that Paul knew, the God that Moses knew, the God my father knew and loved, a love that developed between him and God when he did nothing but wrench away the only love he had as a child in his father. And I could never understand how he wasn't bitter with God and how easy it is to be bitter with God and resentful.

God brought you here to enhance your appetite, not to give you a bigger one, to give you a deeper one, one with a whole new meaning, a different one, one that is glorious compared to what we really had. And now it's no longer an appetite for experiences or an appetite for God doing things in our life, but an appetite for God himself. And folks, the search is hard and long.

And when God stands you on the mountain of vision, it's all there, it's all so beautiful, but when you go home, give it a few days, it's going to all dry up. But there's one thing that, several things, but there's one in particular that's never going to dry up. And that's something he planted in here, a hunger for him, a desire for him.

And some of you will seek him in a capacity different than others, for we all have different capacities. Some of us are far more intense than others. I don't think one is greater than the other, but one sure does cut off a lot of time.

If you're an intense person, you can get the job done much quicker than somebody else is slothful. They'll take a week and you'll take seven minutes to get the same job done. Some people need to fast 40 days and 40 nights and somebody can get it done in two hours.

Just come right through heaven. You see, Jacob didn't have time to fast 40 days and 40 nights. He had Esau down his throat.

He had two hours and end of story, but he met God. The pressure, the pressure that that man endured that night, you will never know. You may not be capable of knowing.

So you can't measure yourself with someone else. They'll get there, the turtle will get there, same time as the hare. You shouldn't compare yourself to someone else.

But the Lord is calling us. And he's turning you around and making you look at yourself. This morning you either had to act ignorant or look at yourself real good.

All this week, you either had to act real stupid or you had to face some issues and look inside and say, Honey, something's wrong with you. I've got the feeling they're trying to tell you something. Are you sure it might not be you? They may be talking about.

But you know how hard it is to take that initial look? They call it the peak that kills. It's that first glance inside. It's like your whole world caves down.

You know Americans are masters of deceit, of disguise. When we are children, we are told to look at everybody else as the source of our problem. Our mother, our father, our uncle, our aunt, our sister, our brother, but never us.

We're not the source of any problem. Everybody else is. So we look out.

We have this garment that we seem to wear. And we come to church with it, we go to town with it, whatever. And this garment is what you think you are or what you would like to be.

It's a pretend world. It's not a real world. It's a pretend world.

And as long as you believe that you are what you think you are, that's fine. Even if all the rest of the world doesn't matter. We feel quite secure in it.

Then when God starts to turn you toward you, the first thing you discover is that you aren't you. Who is this guy? The facade is just like it melts off in the light of his glorious countenance. He melts it away and you're left with you.

God, what a terrible partner to live with. You can run to a mission field, you can go to the ends of the world, but you know who you're going to take with you? You. And as long as you can cover it up, as long as you can look out, as long as you can look at the lost souls, as long as you can keep busy, you're fine.

But one of those days, God's going to stand in your way like he stood in the way of the prophet. He's riding an ass. And you're going to come to a full stop and you're going to have to meet with God.

And you're going to have to face yourself. Before the prophet could face himself, he had even a mule speak to him. How bad does it have to get before an animal speaks to you and says, Why do you treat me this way when I've done nothing but serve you all my life? I'm not your problem, you are.

You're the prophet. You should have eyes. How come I have to see this angel? What happened to your pair of eyes? And suddenly this prophet's taking a look at himself.

He said, My God, something's wrong here. Marvelous revelation, this. Marvelous revelation.

My friend, something is wrong with us. You came to the wrong conference. But now that you're here, you might as well stick it out because it's so late that either you find the way out or you'll die.

If you don't find the antidote, what was injected in you this week will kill you. Some of you will leave your ministries. Others will leave your jobs.

Some of you will just want to give up and die. Find the antidote because you're stuck. Jesus Christ.

The here I am is that antidote. And when you find him, you'll have found yourself all right. But you will find one that can cover that if you're willing to do business.

He'll cover all that ilk you saw on the way in. Some people are so terrified of looking in and find God there. They're on such a quest of finding God up there that they're going around all the worlds, binding the devils over cities and everything.

And they're up there, you know, lobbing missiles at the devil, trying to get through to God. They'll never get there. He's not there.

He's here. Here. Here.

Locked up, encapsulated. Uncover the fountain. Your walls are ever before me.

That's your spirit. Even guards and protects it. Like Papi said the other day, he guards and vigilantly.

There are no holes in it for the enemy to get through to you. But he also is very vigilant of what state it's in as well. For your walls, your spirit is ever before him.

Why? Because he's within. God wants to come out. You see, God did the work of putting Christ within.

It's a lot to do with us to bring him out. And the more you bring him out, the more he'll be manifested actually in your outward life. At first, he'll be manifested in your inward life.

Attitudes start changing. Your spirit, your attitude toward life, your attitude toward yourself, your attitude toward others, a lot of little hidden things start changing when you've met him and he starts coming out and his light starts shining out. The little seedling, the little beginning of that tree bursts through the surface and you begin to see a little bit of what's inside.

Still never would you dream it's this gigantic oak, but yet it's there, revealed in you. Until as he begins coming out through your spirit, your spirit becomes enveloped, as it were. That means like in an envelope.

It becomes enveloped. It's like Christ absorbs it into himself or like Christ comes out and you get absorbed in. And there is a point at which your whole spirit gets absorbed into him.

And from that day forward, in order to see your ilk, you've got to go into Christ and when you get to Christ, there's no further. That's it. He has all of you inside of him.

All you can see is Christ. There's nothing you have to worry about after that. You've been sealed.

You've been drawn into him. One thing is Christ in you. The other thing is you in Christ.

Jesus said this, but he only said it to his disciples because the people couldn't hear it. He said, if I am in you, and if you are in me, like I am in the Father, we have fellowship one another. What takes you inside of him? You've got to turn around and you've got to start walking a very terrible and difficult and sobering road back into yourself and you're going to find a lot of things you never dreamed.

And I have a feeling that you're going to have angels and the Holy Spirit giving you a lot of help along the way. There's going to be times that even when you close your eyelids, they're going to become transparent and you're going to see it anyway. God's going to turn on the light inside.

That's what the light is. He said, then the light will shine and the obscurity of darkness will begin to shine and continue until the noonday. The noonday is when he seals you up inside of him, but the light starts to shine when he gets you turned around, looking in.

It's the Christ within. Madam Guion used to speak of the Christ within. They put her in prison 17 years for that, but nonetheless, it's true.

There is a God. Don't miss it. If God had wanted to stay in heaven, he never would have sent his son.

The whole idea of Emmanuel was God in flesh. And that wasn't just Christ being born on earth. Christ in flesh was the purpose of God, that he himself should dwell in man.

It goes way back into the Old Testament. He writes, God forever has been penning his idea of living with men. The closest he could get with the children of Israel was that they all form camps.

Curiously enough, the camps were in form of a cross and right in the center, right where the head would be, was where the Shekinah glory was of the holiest of holy and then the holy place and then the outer court. But that was in the middle and Aaron and the Levites courts were just around the tabernacle. But you see, God was dwelling in the midst of his people, not in them, but in the midst of them.

That's why the prophets of old could only prophesy the Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty. He will say, you see, I have to be brought to a place where the virgin birth, what took place on earth takes place in me. There is a point of conception.

There is a point where God, where heaven, where all he is, a glory that we couldn't stand, a grandeur that we could never accommodate because it can't fit within us. God condescended, God in Christ. How small could God, who fills all the earth, who is omnipresent, that means at the same given time, he is everywhere.

Not just so fast that you can't see when he moved. It means he is everywhere. The very air you're breathing.

Some people think that the air you breathe is God. He didn't say it was. He just said he was.

He's everywhere. How did this God that's everywhere do it to be encapsulated in a little tiny baby's body? So much so that people couldn't even see his glory. They thought he was a carpenter's son.

They looked at his flesh and they saw nothing through his flesh. God had predicted that they wouldn't. That's why he covered the tabernacle with badger skins.

They only saw his comeliness. God put his beauty inside of us and he covered it with our comeliness. Comeliness meaning ugliness.

Commonness. Something not beautiful or to be desired or anything special. And my friend, when we're talking about me, that fits.

When we're talking about you, that fits. How did God do it? He said the Holy Spirit shall come upon you and he which shall be born shall be the son of God. That's exactly what happened to us.

You don't even know what you have inside. How can you until he turns you around and you make that long journey inside of you. It's one of the most dangerous journeys there are.

You'll keep your sanity only because he's given you the spirit of sanity. The only thing keeping you from taking a headlong dive into total depression is the Holy Spirit holding your hand so you don't take a

landslide. You start walking inside of you and it's like going on a steep incline, a board.

It's like a toboggan. It's nicely soaked up and greased up and then wet. And you take your first maiden step into yourself.

And my friend, you're going to find it's down all the way. And the further down you go, the faster you're going to go. Until you're on this headlong dive that you think is going to go right into hell.

And then you discover this word that has more meaning to you than any time in the past. Underneath are the everlasting arms. No one wants to take that walk.

No one wants to walk that way. No one wants to go that way. Everybody wants to look out.

We're safe looking out. My friends, this week God, in His mercy and in His grace to us while we were rampantly running toward building God's kingdom down here on earth, in some little way or big way, arrested us. Locked us in a situation where you can't run because you're on a special fare.

And one thing that we're going to have to do, I changed the words, put it on the computer, the second one. Take those down over here, behind me. You've awakened my heart.

It's the second part. I would say that this is a very fair evaluation. Would you think that we'd be lying to Him if we just said this? I don't think so.

I can say truthfully that this week He's awakened my heart to love and adore Him. And I know I'm going to have to face a lot of stuff that's inside, but I'm going through all that trash and the garbage heap and I'm on my way to the King. And somewhere behind all that, there's one that's so high and glorious and wonderful, He doesn't care.

And friends, let me just stop you for a moment and beg of you not to commit a very big mistake that most people will commit as a compromise once you have to go into yourself. You start stacking all the good stuff that you are and all the good stuff that you've done, all your ministry and the people you've saved and all this on the one hand. And then as God shows you the things that are inside of you, you stack it on the other hand, totally convinced that before you're through this journey, the good stuff is going to stack up much higher than the bad stuff.

But let me remind you that before you ever take that journey, God says you've been put on the balance and found wanting. That means the part of all your good that you've done in the world is on one side of the balance and all your ilk and evils on the other. And my friend, when it came to it and they pulled the cord, it went clonk on the one side and it wasn't your good either.

So spare yourself some hassle and time. Commit your ways unto the Lord and just walk inside that dark room. And you don't even have to hope for the best.

The best is your hope. Because he's there waiting for you. He's there waiting for you.

And if what you think is that God wanted us to fast 40 days and seek him so we can have a tremendous ministry, you didn't even hear a word he said. You never even heard a word he said. His whole purpose while you're in this life is that you might find him and know him and be known of him.

That's the whole deal. All the rest is added. When you seek first the kingdom, all these things are added.

And when you seek first the king, all the rest is an outcome of him and an outbranching of him. So, you've awakened my heart. That he's done.

You talk about somebody getting your attention. He's got it. Freely flowing from an awakened heart.

And, folks, there's only two ways that we can really go, I think. Maybe there's 15, but I only see two. Either I have to hate God for sticking you up.

That's what they do in a robbery, you know, and they stick them up. You don't have a choice. You don't like to hold your hands up high.

But it's a stick-up. You can hate him for it. Or you can fall in love with one that keeps insisting with these sons of Adam with a love that never fails and with a consistency that will marvel you.

In fact, it says it marvels the angels when they see him working with us and his wisdom out there working with all us sons of Adam and so freely flowing from an awakened heart. And tonight, there'll either be frustration, anger, hatred, resentment, confusion, or there's going to be love and trust. And we say, Lord, you know, I fear this to death, but I'm going to have to start trusting you.

And I love you for getting a hold of me and shaking me up. Because I, too, was satiated. I thought I had everything any person could ever have.

And God comes along and lets us know that there's 17 miles more and we've only gone three inches. And my God, to have three inches, you don't know how far past baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit and gifts and ministry. That's all in the first quarter inch.

Some of us have gone three inches and God's saying there's 17 miles. My, my, you need capacity to drink. And David said that capacity was built while he was in distress.

And he didn't say distress either. You have awakened my heart. And so tonight, we're going to start singing this song.

And I don't want you all to stand up to your feet. I want just one by one. Those who can truly say to the Lord tonight and will say when you begin singing it.

You've awakened my heart to love and adore you, oh my God. And if that's true with you, and you just want to tell him that you've been awakened and you know that it's to know him and to love him and that's what you're willing to do tonight, well then, one by one, as we begin to sing the song, you just stand up. And you just sing your own little song to the Lord because you don't have to do it because I'm doing it.

I'm giving you a way out. If you just want to sit there and listen, this is your chance. You don't have to honor me by singing.

Honor him if it's true in you. If you can say this week, Lord, in retrospect, when I look back over this week, I can say this thing. You've awakened my heart to love and adore you, oh my God.

To pour this heart out before you, oh my Lord. And to love you in return. In return of what? In return of his love to us.

Freely flowing from an awakened heart. And let me share with you just a little secret. There's something greater than faith when you're going to take a leap into the darkness this big.

And that's trust. Trust is greater than faith. Trust will hang on long after faith quits.

Trust. And there's a beautiful song. The words are, you are my hiding place.

You'll always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I'm afraid. I will trust in you. I will trust in you.

I don't know what you're doing to me, Lord. I'm afraid to death. But I trust you.

I will trust in you. And then it says, let the weak say, I am strong. In the strength, oh, no longer of myself, but of the Lord.

I will trust in you. Let the weak say, I am strong. Let every weak person here, every afraid person, every confused person, every person whose rug has been jerked out from under them, those who are left in a way unknown, let them say, I am strong in the strength of the Lord.

And I will trust in you. And when you are at home and in your private chamber of prayer and seeking, he will have you turn inside and look within you to find him. But when you are in the congregation of the saints, he will have you look out to find him.

For where two or three are gathered together in his name, there is he in the midst of them. That's why we speak outwardly. That's why we worship outwardly.

That's why we speak what we speak in our heart. For he is no longer within. For those moments that we are together, he is in the midst.

And when you sing, you sing out to him, for he is in the midst. You love him and you love him outward. And then when you go home, he is the God within.

Don't try to analyze the secret. Just know it. And tonight as you sing this song, reach out and touch him, for he is here right now.

He is here. And what the Lord is going to do, he is just going to touch you and heal you from the shock of looking within and let you know that it's all right. He is just going to touch you.

He is going to do as he did with Moses, hide you in the cleft of the rock and cover you so that you can make it. Let him cover you tonight. Let his hand come down and touch you.

He is not going to heal you from the process. He is going to heal you from the shock and then begin the process. And the things of earth, the outward things, everything we were concerned with until we came here, will go strangely dim.

Just let him work. For that will happen in the light of his glory, his presence and the wonderful grace that is his glory.

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