

Obligation to the Work of the Lord

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Transcript

Sweet Jesus. I think this would be the proper time to give some instruction. Those of you that have come forward for prayer and you've received prayer, you can find your way to your seat and come again for prayer in a few minutes when we open up the altars.

Those of you that are on the ground and you feel like you weigh a thousand pounds, just stay there. Because of the intensity of the meetings, we have made some decisions just recently to formulate a group of people that can help us pray and also a group of people that can help us catch. Now, there are times in our meetings where there are no catchers.

We've had the Holy Spirit fall in a wave and people were touched by the Lord and there was no one there and that's fine. But there are times that we'll be praying with you and there will be someone behind you and what we're asking for is to, if you're visiting from another church, please just come and be ministered to tonight, okay, rather than come and help us. We have a group of people from the church here that are helping us.

And also we have a prayer team and those of you on the prayer team that were in the meeting before the service tonight are the ones I want working with us. If you weren't in that meeting, then come to us tomorrow and discuss it with us and we'll talk to you about it. But those that were in the meeting, I want you working with us tonight.

Only those that were in the meeting. Those that were, the people that were in the meeting with us just a few minutes ago, the prayer team, are the only ones we want helping us tonight, praying with people, okay, because we're giving some important instructions. There's an impartation that's taking place around the world right now and a lot of us, we need to understand exactly what's going on.

This is beyond everyone in this room. I am taken back by it. I have stood back in amazement.

I have been thrown to the ground in every meeting several times by the power of God. And friends, I've never had these things happen to me before like this. And there's an impartation as we pray with some of you, suddenly the power of God comes on you and we've had some of you go out in the foyer, go out to your house, go out to a store and make phone calls.

And the power of God hits the people that you're talking to on the other line. One lady fell 200 miles from the church, fell to the ground as another was sharing what God was doing at the church. There's an impartation going on and it can be dangerous when you don't understand what the Lord is doing.

And so we want to make sure everybody has instruction on what God is doing in this place. This is not a toy. This is the power of God coming down and I believe without a doubt I've seen enough and been around long enough to see that there's genuine lasting fruit coming from this.

We've had a host of people saved in these meetings. We've had meetings in other cities that have had incredible healings documented from doctors. One lady was going for a heart transplant the next day.

A brand new heart was given to her that night. The doctor that had done all that, they had already had the donor. The donor gave the heart.

A man who was in Iraq, they got the heart and the doctor was ready to put the new heart in. The doctor already did the last minute preparations and x-rayed her for the locations and she said something's happened to you. She was given a brand new heart.

This is in Green Bay, Wisconsin. We're seeing incredible miracles, friends. If you've come tonight to receive from the Lord, you're going to receive.

Please work with us, okay, in these meetings. I want order and godly disorder, okay? As much as we can order things, we want it to be ordered. But when God comes on the scene and does something unusual, that's okay too, isn't it, pastor? That's okay.

Parents, please, I'm making these announcements because he can't. Please keep your children with you, parents. Please.

There are some that are running around and late into the night tonight, this place, it's very difficult to get around and children don't watch where they're going and it's easy for them to step on some of the people and we love you, kids, kids, we love you with all our hearts. I want to pray for you, okay, tonight. I want to pray for you.

But you can't be running around, kids, okay? You can't be running around. You've got to be very careful and also outside you can't be running around, you can't be climbing trees, you can't be out in the parking lot. Parents, keep your kids with you as best you can.

After you've been prayed for, if you're not up here seeking the Lord, then do not stand around and talk to people. We are in desperate need of altar space and so we've already taken out pews to account for, we needed some little more property, but it's never enough. So if you're up here and you've been prayed for and you're just chatting with somebody, then go somewhere else and leave that space open for someone who wants prayer.

I'd like to run this video, give you a little preliminary to it. This is a woman who, a young lady who was seeking the Lord for 14 hours. I have told everyone that's come to these meetings, seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon him while he is near and that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. And I encourage everyone here to come to every single meeting. And if I could bring Sherry, this young lady in this meeting, she would say that to you.

She would say things like, who do you think you are to order God? She would say, God can touch you when he wants to touch you. Your ways are not his ways. Your thoughts are not his thoughts.

And she would say these words, wait upon the Lord, wait upon the Lord. This woman was ignited by the power of God. So much so, that I use her for the people that were difficult, that were having a hard time receiving.

I would actually, she would take my hand, I'd say Sherry come here and take my hand. She'd take my hand and I would touch the person. And the power of God would throw him to the ground.

Incredible friends. I don't believe all that Steve. I don't understand all that.

Friends, I don't understand it, but I believe it. I believe it. There was something that happened when Peter said, silver and gold have I none but such as I have.

There's power. And that's what the world's looking for in our church, friends. They love our programs, they love our Bible studies, they love our singing, they love our cantatas.

But they want the power. They want the power. They want to know they can bring their kids like one lady did last night.

Brought her children. Prayed for them out in the Holy Ghost and the kids. After that, looked at me like, dear God, he's alive.

He's alive. He's alive. And everywhere I went, those kids would come for more prayer.

More prayer. Mom, dad, that's what you need for your kids. Could you imagine having a city full of children that all they say is pray for me.

Pray for me rather than get out of my face. Pray for me. I wanted to play this because this is just an encouragement.

This should be an encouragement to everyone here. To keep coming to the meetings. Do not give up.

Do not give up. Okay, let's run it. It wasn't a pain and it wasn't a burn.

It was just a, oh man, it was just a surge went through me that shook everything inside of me. And it's like I want God to take everything out and put him so deep in me that I can go and do what those people in those old days. Man, when you talked about that, man, that's what I want.

I don't want to fall out. No, I don't want to shake from one end of the church to the other. Shake sin out of people, you know.

And just have the fire of God. The devil could be scared of me again, you know. Man, shoot.

Man, I tell you, I told God a few days ago, I said, man, I want to experience salvation again. Because what I experienced was generic. It was environmental, you know.

Something that you look around and you see people do. That was salvation to me. Uh-uh.

No. Salvation is something totally different. Salvation is knowing God.

Not God, the shivers or God, the tongue. But, I mean, God laid on top of me, y'all. I mean, he just totally, I said, God, get your bat out.

I mean, he got his sledgehammer out. And it was awesome because, I mean, his peace just fell on me. And now I know God the Father, you know.

God the Father who won't let me down, who won't hurt me. And, ooh, ooh. And, man, I just want to be broken before God.

And just, ooh, to reach out to people. God has just put such a burden in me. To reach in and grab people.

Grab it out of them and rip it out of them the way he's ripping it out of me. There's so much more he's got to do in me. I'm not there yet, you know.

But I want him to use me, you know. I mean, when I go see somebody that's got some kind of just junk in their life. You know, God, use my hand and just rip it out.

The way he would. God, you know, God's not gentleman. I'm telling you now.

I mean, he's not. And he's got to shake it out of him. That's what he's doing to me.

He's purifying me. But, man, he's not through yet. He's not through yet.

I mean, Sherry's not come out yet. Y'all ain't seen her yet. And for the last five years, y'all think y'all know me.

No. It was somebody else. This is me.

This is, this is, ooh, ooh. This is me. Y'all better type this.

I just want so much more. So much more. Oh, thank you.

Did you feel anything when she was talking to you? Now I want you to understand something. Before she was prayed for, she was as despondent, just, I mean, she was just nothing. If I've ever seen a night and day transformation in a person, it was that girl.

When the power of God got a hold of her. There's some pastors visiting tonight, but God wants to do that. He's gotten a hold of me.

Friends, you know what? The first thing he did with me, got rid of everything. He got rid of all my preconceived ideas, the way he can move, got rid of all my teachings and all my trainings, and he just laid me waste. Then he goes, now I'm gonna fill you up again, boy.

We're gonna start over. You know, we say in the South, from scratch. We're gonna start from scratch.

Sweet Jesus, we're gonna believe that you're gonna say something. I was doing real good until I got to church. Brendan and I got two hours sleep last night, and I did real good all day.

I've been a little bit woozy, but I did real good all day till I got to church, and I was back there talking to Elmer, and my hips went. It's hard to explain, but my hips went. I just can't stand up.

My voice is pretty good, and I'm a little bit stronger than I was last night, but I called a preacher friend of mine that I knew had been going through a real struggle. I called him in Louisiana, and I got he and his wife to come up, and they were here Tuesday night, and whenever the service was going on, the power of

God fell, and he went down three times. He was standing right here, and he went down three times, and on the way to church that night, though, he just opened up his heart to me, and just really shared with me how that he's just burdened and struggling, and just been at his church for 20-some-odd years.

Devils lied to him, told him that, you know, he had nothing more to give. He just burned out, wore out, tired out, give out, discouraged, and so I didn't know that, didn't know it was that bad. I knew he was going through a little bit of a struggle, so I woke up that morning, and I called him.

Brenda called him first and told him to come, and so she told me that she called him, so when I woke up the next morning, I told her, I said, get him on the telephone, and he had told her, he said, well, I'm working on a bathroom at my house, and I'm not going to be able to come. I said, put him on the line, and so he got on the line. I said, look, I said, you get yourself over here, and I mean now.

I'm not, I don't care if your bathroom's rotted, and you're falling into the ground, come on. I said, you can always fix that plumbing. Cut the water off, and come on, and so he said, all right, we'll come on, so he came on.

That night, he went down three times. The second time he went down, I mean, he shook from his head to his feet, and he wobbled down. The third time he went down, he went down, and he was all over that floor.

God just charged him. The reason I'm telling you all this, today I was coming back from out of town, and talked to him on my car phone, and she called. She said, Brother Kilpatrick said, could you reserve us three rooms for tomorrow night? I said, yeah.

I said, I'll have Rose do it, and we'll get back in touch with you and give you the reservations. She said, we're bringing the leader of our denomination with us tomorrow night. She said, because when me and my husband left and drove home Wednesday, he had to preach Wednesday night, just a typical Wednesday night service, and said that he was standing down, like down in this area here, platforms up here, and he called a prayer line to pray for people, and as he started praying for people, the power of God hit him so hard, it picked him up, she said, and he literally flew up on the platform.

The power of God struck him, and the person he was praying for went one way backwards, and it just lifted him up on the platform, and she said, it has broke out in our church. She said, we didn't get out till way late last night. She said, it broke out in our church, and what I want everybody to understand, when revival comes like this, and whenever it starts going on, and people get to talking about revival, what you have to be careful of, is don't get your eyes on Steve Hill.

You understand that? I know sometime in revival you hear that kind of talk, but listen, you can't do that, because see, he went to London, and there was an impartation on his life. He came back as a missionary evangelist, and wherever he's going, the impartation he got, he's imparting it to others. It's like catch the fire.

It's like you stick your match in the fire, and it catches, and then you take it and give it to somebody else. So this is not a Steve Hill thing, and this is not an Assembly of God thing, and it won't be a Kilpatrick thing. This is a God thing.

This is a last day thing. So what I'm trying to tell you is, he caught that, and he took it back to his church, and her voice was so exhilarated. She said, we can't wait to get back tomorrow night.

She said, we're bringing a bunch of people from our church, and she said, get us some motel rooms, but she said, my husband is a changed man, and I noticed that they spent the night with Brenda and I Tuesday night before they drove back home Wednesday for the service, and when he woke up Wednesday, he was a different man than the man I talked to on that telephone. So what I want to tell you is this, if you know people that's discouraged, in their discouragement, they may try to convince you, well, I just can't come. I don't feel good.

I'm tired. I'm weak. I'm discouraged.

Get bold with them, like I did with him, and say, look, cut the water off, drop what you're doing, and come on, and I was so emphatic with him. He said, all right, and he came on, and she said today on the telephone, she said, Brother Kilpatrick, I am so glad you demanded him to come. She said, because we was not going to come.

We laid in the bed that morning and already said we're not going to come. So God did a miracle in that church, and I just want to say one more thing before they come. Folks, don't be discouraged.

If you've been prayed for and prayed for, John Michael came Sunday morning. He saw what happened to me. Sunday night, he saw what happened to his dad, and had to help me home, get me undressed, put me in the bed, and he looked at me, and he said, Dad, I want this to happen to me.

I said, well, John Michael, don't get discouraged. He came Monday night. Nothing happened.

Prayed for him several times. Nothing happened. Last night, he said, I know what you're talking about, Dad.

It's like somebody pulled the plug on him. All of his strength went, and he went down on the floor, and God touched his life. He's been different all day long, hasn't he, John Michael? Where you at, John Michael? Stand up.

Can you stand up? Yeah, he can stand up. There he is back there. God blessed him.

Terry, come here real quick. Terry, friend zone, real quick. Tell everybody what God's done for you, son.

We're just gonna take time for one testimony tonight, because we've got to move on. Hello. Well, I'm relatively new here at the church, about a year and a half now.

My wife and I joined at the same time, and we were real unfamiliar. Like I've heard people say, we're a doubting Thomas. I was brought up primitive Baptist, and she was brought up Catholic.

So, the other day, Sunday, when he had the altar call, people came up, and then he said, everybody wants to be prayed for, go ahead and come forward. So, we came forward, you know, just wanting to see what was going on, because we were both kind of iffy about it. We had seen people, you know, go out in the spirit and thought, you know, well, they're having an experience, but, you know, maybe they're kind of overdoing it.

So, we were standing right over here, and he was going around praying for people, and I was just standing there worshiping the Lord, and he came to me, and all I could say is my legs just started wobbling, and then he walked off, and I was like, praise the Lord, you know. This is real, and I turned to tell my wife, and she wasn't there. I looked over, and she was sprawled out on the floor, and I just threw both my hands up.

I said, thank you, Lord, this is real, and all my doubts were gone. And so, usually on Sundays, we go to my parents' house. We're usually there by one.

When she did finally get up, she said, let's get closer. So, we came up closer, and we stayed here till it ended at four o'clock. And so, it was Father's Day, so we were on the way to the parents' house, but we wanted to come back Sunday night, but we were trying to decide what to do.

You know, it's Father's Day, and my dad's there, and so we said, well, we'll just play it by ear. And before we left, Steve had said, some of you people will leave here, and you'll go to people, and the power of God will just hit them. And I was thinking, oh, that would be nice, you know.

And so, we went to my parents' house, and I couldn't wait to get there because my brother had left early and didn't get to see everything that happened. So, we got there, and he was there, and I went and hugged him and started telling him what happened. I looked over, and my sister was sitting over there.

Well, she had been going through some hard times, and so I just, something told me to go over and pray for her. So, I walked over, and I grabbed her hand, and I just started praying for her, and she just busted out crying. Here, I didn't know the night before, her husband had come home and told her that he wanted a divorce, and she just broke down right in my hands.

So, we got up and took a walk, and she was telling me about everything that happened and that was going on. And like I said, we wanted to come back that night, but we were just playing it by ear. So, I said, well, let's go to church tonight.

She's like, well, I said, come on, let's go. So, I went back and told my wife, and she's like, yeah, alright. So, we got out and came down, and as soon as Steve gave an altar call, she was one of the first ones up.

She came up here and got prayed for, and everything's just starting to pan out for her, and God's really working in her life. She's really gone through a drastic change just by coming here. She's been here every night since then, so have my wife and I. All doubts are gone.

We've been here till it ended, every night. And it's just been, all I can say is what he keeps saying, sweet Jesus. He's just powerful.

He's just powerful through all these meetings. And I'm trying to cut it as quick as I can because this has been one week. It's just something.

I don't really care too much to talk about business and church and everything, but I've been going through a hard time in my business, and this past week, it's like somebody just opened up the doors, and it's just been pouring in, pouring in, pouring in. A machine that I've been trying to sell for almost two years now, a man finally called and said he wants it. And it's just something.

Amen. God bless you. I know that all of you have been to meetings before where you've seen people pray for and they go down, but what makes this so different? I believe that this is an end time move of the Holy Spirit where God's calling out His bride, and He's loving on His bride, and He's healing His bride, and He's cleaning His bride up.

But when people go out in the Spirit, it's not just a thing where they go out in the Spirit and you lift them back up. Paul, they're down. I mean, we're having people that are seeing visions, and whenever I say that,

I'm a real skeptical person, and I don't just buy anything.

But now the people that's telling me that they're seeing visions, I know these people. These people don't stretch it. These people are logical.

They're sharp folks. They don't get into fanaticism. These people, while they're down, they're seeing visions.

One man was down and he saw the Lord standing on a rock, a big rock, and he said this church was whirling around him like in a whirlwind, and was going around him while he was standing on that rock, and he just sobbed and sobbed and sobbed for hours. And God's doing a lot of wonderful things in people's lives that we're hearing about, changes, people loving Jesus more, loving their mates more, making things right, getting things under the blood, asking for forgiveness, getting rid of bitterness, and all these kind of things. But this is just different than anything I've ever seen.

And what I really believe is, though, I believe that from among the body, that God is really beginning to determine the bride of Christ, getting us ready for the rapture. That's what He's doing worldwide, and I'm so glad that the Lord has chosen to visit Brownsville. I believe He's going to visit many, many other churches.

This is not going to be the only church in Pensacola this is going to happen in. We don't want the focus on Brownsville, and take the focus off of other churches. This is not a Brownsville thing.

We don't deserve what's happened here. It just so happens we've been praying and hungering for revival, and God has honored that hunger. But there's nothing special about this church, or this people, or this pastor, or this staff, that has merited a move of the Holy Spirit.

This is simply a sovereign move of God, and I thank Him for it. This is all spontaneous, folks. Believe me.

There's a Buick outside. There's a Buick outside. There's a Buick outside.

I can do it loud. RGU70. There's a Buick outside.

There's a Buick outside. RGU71Q. You need to go turn your lights off.

Amen. Usher's going to help me receive an offering tonight. If I can talk.

If I yell at you, I can do it alright. Amen. We're being blessed here, aren't we? Praise God.

Hallelujah. Amen. We want to be also a blessing to the men of God.

We want to be a blessing to what the Lord is doing in Russia, particularly. As I shared last night, Steve has a burden for the drug addicts, the teenagers in Russia. They have a major problem there, and he is in the process of working with—is it Don Wilkerson? Don Wilkerson—in building the very first Teen Challenge outreach in the country of Russia.

I know they're needing \$25,000 for that project. We would love to be able to give to that project in faith that God's going to reach over in Russia and save the drug addict and save the teenagers. Amen.

Praise the Lord. Father, in the name of Jesus, we once again just give you praise and thanks for what you're doing in this place. Lord, we just take a moment to worship you, Lord, with giving offering unto you.

Lord, you are a cheerful giver. You have definitely not given grudgingly this week. And Lord, we want to become like you.

Lord, we want to become cheerful givers as well. And we want to be able to express our thanks and our praise, our love and our adoration to you, Lord, by blessing you in the kingdom of God. Lord, with a financial blessing tonight.

Father, we give, Lord, to you tonight freely according as we have freely received this week. Lord, bless your people as they worship you in this offering tonight. And we thank you for it in Jesus' name.

In God's people's name, amen. Amen. Amen.

Once you stand with me, let us sing one more song of praise before Steve comes back to minister the word. Praise the Lord. It's wonderful what God's doing in this house.

Amen. Sing it with me tonight. Look what the Lord has done.

Hallelujah. Look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done.

He healed my body. He touched my mind. He saved me.

It was just in time. Oh, I'm going to praise his name. Each day is just the same.

Why don't you come help me praise him? Look what the Lord has done. Well, look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done.

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It was just in time. Oh, I'm going to praise his name. Each day is just the same.

Why don't you come help me praise him? Look what the Lord has done. Yes! Sing it again! Look what the Lord has done. Come on! Look what the Lord has done.

Has he touched you this week? He healed my body. He touched my mind. He saved me.

It was just in time. Oh, I'm going to praise his name. Each day is just the same.

Why don't you come help me praise him? Look what the Lord has done. Sing it one more time tonight!
Look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done.

Yes! Look what the Lord has done. Oh, has he healed your body? He healed my body. He touched my mind.

He saved me. It was just in time. Oh, I'm going to praise his name.

We're going to praise him tonight! Each day is just the same. Why don't you come help me praise him?
Look what the Lord has done. One more time! We're going to praise him tonight! Look what the Lord has done.

Look what the Lord has done. Yes! Look what the Lord has done. Well! He healed my body.

He touched my mind. He saved me. It was just in time.

Oh, I'm going to praise his name. Each day is just the same. Why don't you come help me praise him?
Look what the Lord has done.

One more time! Look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done. He healed my body.

He touched my mind. He saved me. It was just in time.

Oh, I'm going to praise his name. Each day is just the same. Why don't you come help me praise him?
Look what the Lord has done.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Yes, oh Lord. Praise your name. Oh, we praise you, Lord.

Glory to his name. Sing his praises, church. Hallelujah! Oh, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to his name.

Glory to his name. Hallelujah! Praise you, Lord. Sweet Jesus.

Hallelujah. Glory to his name. Glory to his name.

Yes, Lord. Before you sit down, every night I've been reading a little bit from the Azusa Street. I'm a church historian.

I love studying church history. I like to find out where we came from. And I find myself thanking people like Count Zinzendorf who led the Westwinds to the Lord.

Have you ever thanked God for Zinzendorf? Never even heard of him, brother. He's the one that ignited Wesley. Thank God for Henry Schugel that wrote a little book, The Life of God and the Soul of Man, that George Whitefield read.

Read that and turned his life over to Jesus Christ and from that ignited a revival here in this country. And we came out of all that. That's where we came from.

So I love studying church history. And when the Holy Ghost started moving in our meetings, ever since January 19th of this year, the Holy Spirit started moving in an incredible way. And we've had great things just like you, Pastor, have had some great things.

You're visiting here. You've seen some wonderful things in your services. But we've never seen anything like what's happening now.

I've told folks I've never seen God do so much in such a little amount of time that is so lasting. And isn't that nice to see so much? Counseling sessions have almost become extinct. People are just being touched by the power of God.

Marriages are just melting in the arms of Jesus. Forgiveness is just flowing freely. But I call Springfield.

We are Assemblies of God. I'm a missionary evangelist with the Assemblies. By the way, if you can help us with that project in Russia, we need your help.

Some of you here can financially really help us. I do that with the Assemblies of God. I plant churches, teen challenge centers around the world.

And I called Springfield a few weeks ago and I said, I said, I'm having a problem. I called up the archives and I said, I'm having a real problem in our services. The Holy Ghost is falling.

And I said, I said, ma'am, many of you know who Wayne Warner is. He's the one in charge of the archives up there and his secretary. I said, I said, people are falling and some of them are violently shaking under the power of God.

And I said, others are being hit like a crack in the air. And they just, it's like lightning hits them and they fall to the ground. And others are, they describe electric, electric rivers flowing through them as we pray for them.

And some are spinning around the church like helicopters. And I said, has this ever happened? She said, oh, yes, brother. She said, that's the Assemblies of God.

I said, are there any books on it? She said, yeah, there's three. And they're all out of print. Basically what she was saying is no one reads them anymore.

But I got a hold of them. And listen to what took place in some of these places. This is before your city.

You need to stand for just a few minutes tonight. This is a man that was at Asusa. Now we came out of the Asusa Street, friends.

The Assemblies did. We came out of that. This is a man who was about to receive something from God.

He said, I stretch my arms toward heaven and ask God to fill me with the Holy Ghost. Now some of us that have been filled with the Holy Spirit need to do that very thing tonight. Okay? You've already been filled with the Holy, you need to be refilled with the Holy Ghost, brother.

Is your shadow healing the sick? Are you raising the dead daily? You know, if you're not, then you need to be refilled with the Holy Ghost. You need more of God. So he stretched his hands toward heaven.

I love the way he describes this. My arms began to tremble. How many here have experienced that? Your hands began to shake.

Look around. We're talking hundreds of people in here. I watched some of you.

One lady right down there last night. Lord, have mercy. You could have turned the lights out and plugged them into her.

He said, my hands began to shake violently by a great power. And it seemed as though a large pipe was fitted over my neck. My head apparently being gone.

I was now filled with the Holy Ghost. Words cannot describe the power I felt. The nearest description that could be given would be the action of a pump under terrific pressure.

Filling me with oil. I could feel the filling in my toes and all parts of my body which seemed to me to swell until I thought I would burst. I do not know how long this continued, but it seemed to me a long time.

The pressure was now removed and my soul and spirit seemed to leave the body and float in the air just above. This is happening to people in these meetings, by the way. My body seemed hard and metallic like iron.

Is there anybody here that had a hard time getting up? Anyone? 30 hours afterwards, he says. This all happened at his home, by the way. 30 hours afterwards.

He found his way to the Asusa Street meeting. He felt his throat and tongue begin to quiver. Without any effort on his part.

He began to stutter and then out came a distinct language which he could hardly restrain. I talked and I laughed with joy far into the night. Praise his name for such a wonderful experience of power and love and joy.

Don't sit down. Charles Finney, of whom I have tremendous respect. I'm reading from a book of, these are just photocopies of old books that I have in my study.

And I can't carry them around because they're so brittle. They'll fall apart. Listen to what happened to the famous evangelist Charles Finney.

Without any expectation of it, and I call that surprise by the Holy Ghost. How many have been surprised by the Holy Ghost? Friends, without any expectation of it. Without ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me.

Without any recollection that I have ever even heard anything mentioned about this. The Holy Spirit descended upon me in a manner that seemed to go through my body, through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression like a wave of electricity going through and through me.

Indeed, it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love. For I could not express it in any other way. By the way, Finney was a lawyer, a very analytical man.

And God had to get a hold of him. It seemed like the very breath of God, I can recollect distinctly that it seemed to fan me like immense wings. No words can express the wonderful love that was shed abroad in my heart.

I wept aloud with joy and love. And I do not know, but I should say I literally bellowed out the unutterable gushings of my heart. These waves came over and over me one after the other until I cried out to the Lord.

I shall die if these waves continue to pass over me. Now some of you saw what happened to your pastor and myself over there. That's how I felt.

I was jolted, they have that on film by the way, jolted up in the air. Now those of you that know me in my past, I don't do things like this, okay? Do I, Jerry? Where you at, honey? She's never seen this in her life. You know, your mate knows you by the way.

And I was, as I was being thrown, jolted up in the air. Now I don't know what God's doing. I know there's more power flowing through me.

But as I was being jolted up in the air, I was going, stop this, Jesus! Stop this, Jesus! And at the same time I was saying that, I was going, more Lord! More Lord! But stop this, Jesus! And that's what Finney was going through. You know, there's great experiences that people have in their lives, friends. And this man, this was the foundation for the miracles that took place.

He shook our nation. I believe it's Syracuse, New York. I believe that's the city that Reader's Digest just did a whole report on.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but Syracuse is one of the cities up there that is the most livable city in the United States of America today. Crime-free, just about, I mean, it's the most livable city in America. And you go up there and they base it all on the revival that Finney brought there years ago.

To this day, 1995, over a hundred years ago, Finney was there. And the businesses will tell you it was Charles Finney that came and purified this city. But it was Jesus Christ that came and purified Charles Finney on the floor in his study.

This is where it started. I'm going to let you sit down just a second, but I'm going to tell you what happened right next. He said, I don't know how long I continued in this state with this rolling over me and through me, I do not know.

But I know it was late into the evening when a member of my choir, for I was the leader of the choir, came into the office to see me. He was a member of the church. He found me in this state of loud weeping and said to me, Mr. Finney, what ails you? I could make him no answer for some time.

He then said, are you in pain? I gathered myself up as best as I could. A lot of folks have been asking the pastor if he's okay. He's all right.

Are you in pain, Mr. Finney? I said no, but so happy that I cannot live. Think about that statement. I could die of happiness.

He turned and left the office and in a few minutes returned with one of the elders of the church whose shop was nearly across the way from our office. This elder, listen carefully, was a very serious man and in my presence had been very watchful and I had scarcely ever seen him laugh. When he came in, I was very much in the state in which I was because when the young man went out to call him, he asked me how I felt and I began to tell him.

Instead of saying anything, he fell into a most spasmodic laughter. It seemed as if it was impossible for him to keep from laughing from the very bottom of his heart. Now, friends, what's going on here is not the laughing revival.

It's not the falling on the ground revival. It's not the shaking revival. It's not this revival, that revival.

This is a move of the Holy Ghost. And if He comes upon you and hits you in a certain way, you're going to respond in a certain way. But God forbid, forgive anyone in this church, any visitor, anyone at all, who begins to peg what the Lord is doing.

You don't know what the Lord is doing, friends. And I appreciate so much Charles Finney, who just wrote openly. This is what happened.

Waves of liquid love. Elder walks in, breaks into a spasmodic laughter, and Finney's crying his eyes out, and a man comes in and bursts into laughter. That's Jesus, man.

Jesus can do anything He wants to us, when He wants to do it. I want you to close your eyes with me. We're going to pray this prayer together.

Dear Jesus, everyone again, if you're visiting, we've been praying this every night. Dear Jesus, speak to my heart. Change my life.

In your precious name. Amen. You may be seated.

Something happened, didn't it? What's happened? A woman gave a testimony that she was going to the city council meeting tonight to give an altar call. She went down there tonight for her five minutes and gave an altar call at the city council meeting. And the National Organization for Women chairman got up, and when she came to the microphone, she opened her mouth and could not speak.

She opened her mouth and could not speak. Yes! Look what the Lord has done. Let's sing it right now.

Look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done. He healed my body.

He touched my mind. He saved me. It was just in time.

Oh, I'm going to praise His name. Each day is just the same. Why don't you come up and praise Him? Look what the Lord has done.

Well, look what the Lord has done. Look what the Lord has done. He healed my body.

He touched my mind. He saved me. It was just in time.

Oh, I'm going to praise His name. Each day is just the same. Why don't you come up and praise Him? He healed my body.

He touched my mind. He saved me. It was just in time.

Oh, I'm going to praise His name. Each day is just the same. Why don't you come up and praise Him? Look what the Lord has done.

Hallelujah! Sweet Jesus! Lord Jesus! You don't know how bad right now I want to pray with everybody. I mean, friends, but sit down. There is such an air of expectancy in this building.

God will not disappoint you, friends. I don't know why, and I'm saying this again, but friends, do not miss a meeting. The pastor and I have been talking, and I am on the edge of what is going on here.

I want you to know that I don't go to meetings and say, well, this is just another meeting type of thing. Every day is spent in the presence of the Lord saying, Jesus, what are you doing? I know He pours out His Spirit in places, at times, and there's purpose behind what the Lord is doing. I'm saying, God, are you about to explode in this whole area? Could it be that the council here are going to fall under the power of God? What's going on? Yes, it can happen.

That's not the first time I've heard stories like that. Brother, I've heard stuff. We've had people to where we've had someone testify in a secular meeting type, and someone else came up to talk.

And began screaming just when they got around where that person was standing. Just went berserk because there was just like a spout right there. And so don't miss a meeting.

One of the lies that the devil will tell you is just relax. You know, skip a couple. Stuff like that.

Friend, we've only taken up a couple offerings. It's not the money thing that we're after. I'm after everyone here getting everything they can from Jesus.

And because I've seen people receive at such odd times, like the Sherry girl. You know, 14 hours into seeking God. That was at three or four different meetings, okay? That I'm beginning to see that there's not a pattern to anything that's going on here.

And so a discouragement could come upon you. And that could be the very night that you're about to receive from the Lord. And so I'm just giving some instruction.

Just calm and believe in God that he's going to do a great thing in your life. And every night we're going to be announcing what we're going to be doing the next night. We are going to be here tomorrow night.

Okay, so we're going to continue. And invite everyone, friends. If the evangelist who's visiting here is running around town inviting people, you should.

You live here. Okay? Okay? Take the time to invite people and tell them about the wonders of the Lord. Their mouth will drop.

I went up to this one gang member looking guy. This was in another town. We were holding meetings and I said straight to him.

This guy was stoned out of his mind, you know. I said, have you ever seen anybody drop to the ground by the power of God? He went, no. You know, he'd seen everything else.

He's dropped every drug. Seen everything else, you know. I said, have you ever seen the power of God come on somebody? They were hit like lightning.

Went to the ground and shook violently under the power. No, I haven't seen that. You need to come on over the meeting, you know.

Some young people, that's what it's going to take. Come and watch. Come and watch.

And we've had God get a hold of them, friend. We don't have anybody mocking. I've never had a problem with that.

Never. I had one woman stood up one time and started cussing me out in a meeting. And I looked at her and walked over and said, Jesus.

She hit the ground and was delivered of demons, man. In about 30 minutes she was just down on the ground shaking. And the church realized, hey, the Lord's up to something in this place, man.

So, invite people. Sweet Jesus. I'm going to let you rest.

Where are we heading with all of this? Where is the Lord heading with all of it? I'd like to talk to you for a few minutes. For Christians and non-Christians alike, I want everyone to listen for the next few minutes of what the Lord is going to show us through His word. I believe everything that happens in the kingdom has a purpose.

I believe in divine encounters. How many believe in divine encounters? I believe there are moments in history, church history, that are just ordained to the Lord when the glory comes down. And you can look at church calendars of 300 and 400 years and see where they just peaked out and entire nations melted under the power of God.

We may be at the beginning of that right now, friends, in the United States of America. And it's a long time coming. It's time in this century, before we close out this decade, not only this century, but a millennium.

I would like to be part of a tremendous outpouring of the Lord at the closing of the second millennium. The year 2001, they go, dear God, He came down. He came down in the United States of America.

And have people coming from all over the world to Pensacola. All over the world to your church and to receive prayer and to take the news home of what God is doing. I want to be a part of that.

I believe in divine encounters. But there's purpose in all of it, friends. And what I'd like to talk to you tonight may be a little bit heavy for some of us.

I don't want to set a heavy yoke on everybody. But I want to talk to you about what I feel in the work of the Lord. And I call it an obligation.

An obligation. And if you turn with me tonight to the book of John. Chapter 9. We're going to talk for a few minutes.

Why is God blessing you? Where are my Methodist buddies here tonight? Where are you at? God bless you. Why is God blessing you so much? We got folks coming from the Methodist church that are being hit by the power of the Lord in this place, friends. Why? What's the purpose behind it all? We're going to talk about that for the next few minutes.

God has a plan. He's up to something. And I want all the people in this church to be blessed, man.

I want you to be so full of the Holy Ghost. But what next? Why did God choose to touch me in October 28, 1975? And then again in February, fill me with the Holy Ghost. And then after that, several different occasions received from the Holy Spirit.

Special touches. But then on January 19th of this year, receive what I've received. Why you? Why is God doing this right now? What's the purpose behind it all? Where is God going? Well, we can always find the answer.

In the word of God, and I believe it's right here, friends. Chapter 9, verse 4. Jesus said this. This was in the midst of a man.

A man was about to be healed miraculously by the Lord. And he said this. We must work the works of him who sent me.

As long as it is day. Night is coming when no man can work. I'm going to talk about our obligation for the next few minutes to the work of the Lord.

Now, there are some people in this room that don't know the Lord. And I want to tell you, friend, why you're so miserable. You're miserable because you do not know the Lord.

That is the reason for your misery. You were born to know the Lord. You were born to know your Creator.

And as long as you spend your life outside of that relationship, you will be miserable. Regardless, my friend, of the money you make, of the relationships you have, of the friends that surround you, when you're alone, when you're by yourself, when you turn your head to the pillow, when you shut the door, turn out the light, you're by yourself. I don't care if your mate's next to you.

You're alone. And you know what I'm talking about. You feel alone.

And the reason for that is there's only one person that can make you feel. Like you have purpose. And that is Jesus Christ.

And He's got you in this meeting tonight, not only for us to pray for you. We're going to pray for you. But we want you to know the One who put you on planet Earth.

The One who brought you here. You were here. You were born, whatever date it might be of this century.

You were born for a reason on that date. And you're here under the divine plan of the Lord. This is not because Joe called you up and told you to come to church.

One young lady came up to me and she said, I brought two of my friends, two friends with me tonight. Those of you, those two friends that are here with her tonight, are here not because she invited you, but because God brought you here tonight. That's the way things work.

You're here for a reason, and you need to thank the Lord right now for that. That He cares about you. What if He had just looked at you and said, hopeless, reprobate, worthless? But He didn't.

He's had mercy on us. But let's look for a few minutes, friends, on our obligation to the work of the Lord. When I'm obligated to something, for example, I'm a father.

My family is with me right here. A few minutes ago, I was holding my new baby girl, three weeks old. You want to know what I see in that girl? Obligation.

She's my responsibility. No one has to tell me that. I've got to take care of her.

That's what obligation is. You feel it in your gut, man. It's something that you do because you do it.

You know you've got to do it. No one has got to twist your arm. You know that it's God's plan for you.

And that's what I'm talking about tonight, friends, concerning this move of God, this outpouring. Why is He blessing your socks off? Why is He giving you visions? A man that had a vision and saw Jesus, a transparent Jesus, and the wind whirling around Him. What was that? Why? Why is He allowing you to see things that you're seeing, experience what you're experiencing? Why is that? There's a purpose behind it, friends, and it has to do with that four-letter word, work.

We must work the works. And He's getting our attention. How many would say God's got my attention in these meetings? Lift up your hand high.

He's got my attention. He's got my attention, friends. He says turn right, I turn right.

Sometimes I turn right before He turns right, man, because I feel He's going to say turn right. That's how close I want to be. But let's talk for a few minutes about our obligation.

And if you're taking notes, I want you to write these down, friends. If you're not taking notes, write them down. Anyway.

We are under obligation, friends. First of all, to our Savior, Jesus Christ. You better get your priorities right, friend.

People ask me all the time how I can keep working the way I work. I don't work for my salvation. That's received.

I've received it. I love it. I thank God for it.

But I work because I love Him. I love Him. And I want to fall in line with His divine plan.

What was His reason for coming down here? Why did He come when He came? What was His purpose? Whatever that was, I'm going to fall into that plan. I want to bless Jesus. I want to be one of those that when, you know, right before in Genesis, when God was about to destroy the world because of the wickedness, there's two words in the Word of God that I love so dearly, and it is, But Noah.

But Noah. And God looked down and saw a righteous man. And I want to be that man that God looks down in these last days and He goes, But Steve, but Judy, but Bill was righteous in the eyes of the Lord.

That's what I'm about, friends. I want to please the Lord. My number one obligation is to my Savior, Jesus Christ.

And I want to tell you, The last thing He said to us before He departed this earth, He was looking at His disciples. He's looking at everyone in this room. I want you to imagine Jesus pointing His finger in your face and saying this.

He's about to leave. Now, if a man was about to leave, if this pastor right here was about to go away on a long journey, maybe never to return again, this church would be packed and you'd be at the edge of your seats to hear His last message. What does He have to say? The man we love so dearly, what is He about to say to us? And Jesus turned to His disciples and He pointed at Peter.

And He said, Peter, you make sure all these men have a good home. He turned to John and said, John, you make sure every one of my disciples have garments that are worthy of my kingdom. Turn to Matthew and say, Matthew, make sure all of my disciples, all of my followers, make sure they all have money in

their pocket, Matthew.

No, sir. He turned to them and He said, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. That's what you do.

You understand me, Peter. That's what you do, John. You understand me, by the way, Peter.

You're going to die for this cause. They're going to lead you away, Peter. You know, Mark Twain once said, he said, it's not the scriptures that I don't understand in the word that bother me.

It's the scriptures I do understand. You know, all of us go, Pastor, what does this mean in the book of Revelation, you know? Friends, I want to tell you, scriptures like that never bother me. It's the ones like this that go, go into all the world.

You know the ones that sort of preach that you can't get around them? Like, love your neighbor. Love your enemies. What does that mean? Come on.

That's moron level, friend. Anybody can understand that. Love your enemies.

When they spit in your face, hug their necks. When they abuse you, buy them a gift. Those are the kind of scriptures Mark Twain went, man, they drive me nuts.

This is one of those scriptures, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, man. It's ABC. One, two, three.

We are under obligation to the work of the Lord. And that is one of the things that God is doing in these meetings, friends. And He's going to continue to do it.

He is placing the burden of the Lord upon you. And some of you are testifying, we didn't talk about this. But you're standing up and you're talking about, I want to start doing this.

I want to start doing this. Who was it, Cindy, that went to the council? What's her name? Vicki. Why? Because that's what God spoke to her about.

The work of the Lord. Everyone needs to know. I need boldness, she said.

I'm going to be strong in this girl, Sherry, on the video. What does she say? She gets hit by the power of God. She shakes under the anointing.

Violently shakes, friends. I thought she was going to fall apart. Then she gets up and what happens? God not only dealt with the sin in her life, which He needs to deal with sin in our life, friends.

But He speaks to her about her friends. If you were listening to the video, she said, I want to go out there and tell everybody. That's the work of the Lord and that's what this is all about, friends.

The Lord is preparing the church for an end time harvest. Our obligation to our Savior. My number one reason, friends, for working, is to please my Savior.

The second thing tonight. By the way, you remember JFK, he said, ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country. I say, ask not what Jesus can do for you, but ask what you can do for Jesus.

Ask not what Brownsville can do for you, friends, if you're a member here, but ask what you can do for Brownsville. We all want to be pampered and babied all the way into heaven, friends. Turn it around.

Turn it around and say, Jesus, I look at the skid row bums walking past this church. I watch them lying in a pool of their own vomit right down the street in front of the liquor store. But by the grace of God, there am I. And here I am, a stuck up snob in the church, wanting more from the pastor, wanting more from this person, that person.

Why don't you say this? Jesus, dear God, that could be me. What can I do for you, Lord? What can I do to show my love to you, Jesus? Show me an area that I can be a blessing to you, Jesus. I feel obligated to your work.

I must work the works of him who sent you. Oh, I hope you're hearing me tonight, friends, because this is where we're going. This is where you're going.

I've had some high school kids in our meetings get ignited by the power of God. They go out and bring ten unsaved friends. Wham! Right in a whole pew.

We had one whole family, two entire pews saved. The whole family, it started with two people. By the end of the revival meeting, the entire family minus one was saved.

Why? This. It wasn't just, oh, Jesus, wow, man, Lord have mercy. They went right out and went, you're not going to believe what's happening to me.

You need to experience this. They went out in the work of the Lord. Number two, that's the first one, is the obligation to my Savior.

The second is our obligation to our neighbor. Obligation to my neighbor. I'm talking about the obligation to the work of the Lord.

The first one is your obligation to your Savior, Jesus Christ, for saving you. And then our obligation to our neighbor. Does anyone feel that? Do you feel the burden of the world? Do you feel the pain of the world? In these meetings, we may one night pray the Spirit of God would rest upon you and give you the burden of intercession for the world.

I prayed that one night, and about 100 people fell and moaned and groaned under the power of God. I've never seen the likes of it. Some of them were wreathing, just wreathing, grabbing their stomachs, going, Oh! As we prayed for them.

With groanings and moanings for the world out there. Your obligation to the world. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5.11, he said, Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.

Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. That's why this evangelist, when I come into a city, I don't just park my car, sit in the hotel room and party all day long. I feel it when I walk through the malls.

I feel it when I'm in stores. I went and got a suit today, and while I was in that store, shared with everybody in there what's going on in these meetings. Why? Because one day I will stand on judgment day.

I will stand before the Lord. And I want to love my neighbor. And I want to hear it from Jesus.

You loved them as yourself, Steve. You were just as concerned about them as you were your own family, Steve. You took care.

I was reading in John Lake's book, a book that the pastor gave me. His wife died. A great evangelist back in the early 1900s, his wife died.

He was in Africa. His wife died in Spokane, Washington. They say it was from malnutrition.

They say one of the reasons for it is because so many people, John Lake was a healing evangelist. People would come and camp out in tents all around their yard, waiting for the evangelist to come back from Africa to be prayed for. They would camp out, they would be starving, they would be hungry, and she would feed them.

They had hardly any money to begin with. And she would take care of all of them. Because she did that, they went with very little food, and improper nutrition.

I go, dear God, what a crown. What a star, what an emerald she's going to receive for looking out there in her front yard and going, Carl Moore, Moore, my husband's going to come and pray for you. Let me feed you, let me take care of you, let me wash your clothes.

I liken the world, friends, to a sinking ship. And here the church is. We're on this big cruise ship with the world, and we're cruising along, and you and I, side by side, we wander down to the bottom of the belly of the ship, and we see something, brother, that no one else sees.

That's what Christianity's all about, by the way. It's a revelation from the Lord. We see like no one sees.

We see a leak. The boat's going down, man. The boat's going down.

And water's gushing in. We race upstairs, knowing that within a short amount of time, the whole boat's going to go down. But here's what happens to us, friends.

The further we get up into the main part of the boat, we start seeing the party rooms, and the gambling rooms, and the restaurants, and the discos, and everybody's dancing, everybody's clapping, everyone's having such a wonderful time, and we go, well, hey, maybe there's a little time left. I don't want to, you know, look at them. I don't want to disturb them.

The boat's going down, friends. Pensacola's going to burn. It's like a burning house that every one of us has been delivered from, and we're standing out on the street, out on the sidewalk, and the house is ablaze, and we're brushing the cinders off our clothing, and we're thanking God that we've been saved, and we hear cries coming in from inside the building, hoping somebody else will run in there and save them.

Dear God, get the lead out of your feet, man, and run into that house, and help the people out of the same misery you've been delivered from. I thank God that someone had the guts to come and deliver me. I mean, friends, that's what evangelism is, Pastor.

I mean, folks come in, they literally pick us up. I've had people that I've tried to minister to just cuss me out as I was ministering to them. You know what you do? You still love them, man.

Why? They're being burned alive, friends. They're drowning. You've heard of, you know, a drowning man wants to take as many people down as he can.

You're going to hold a drowning man responsible for some of the things he does? You're going to hold a blind man responsible for tripping over a curb? You're going to hold him responsible for cussing at you or saying something to you? You're trying to help them, man. They respond in a negative way, and some of us just give up our responsibility to our neighbor. Let that sink in tonight, friends, because God is going to continue pouring out His Holy Ghost in this place.

But when everything is said and done, what I believe the Lord would want to see in Pensacola is tens of thousands of people that have been ushered into the Kingdom of God from a church that has become alive with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, that felt the burden of the Lord. The obligation, friends, is not an option. By the way, this shouldn't lay heavy on anybody.

This should be, Jesus, I receive this. I receive this. Lord, after what You've done for me in these meetings, lay it on as thick as You want.

And the last thing, friends, tonight, and you can come back, Renee, if you want. Concerning our obligation to the work of the Lord, Jesus said here, said, We must work the works of Him who sent me. My Lord Jesus had such direction.

The last one, friends, is our obligation. We have it first to our Savior, then to our neighbor, and our last is to ourselves. Now, stay with me.

See, we're going somewhere. And there's coming a time, according to my Bible, where we're all going to stand before the Lord. How many believe that? Sinner, if you're in this room, you don't know Jesus, you're going to stand before the Lord, period.

I had a man one time in an antique shop, cussed me out, man. He said, You're a fool. Man, he cussed me up and down, around and up.

Man, he just ripped me to shreds. I just stood there and listened to him, and I shared my testimony. He said, You're an idiot.

I said, Friend, let me tell you something. Regardless what you feel about me, I said, One day, your knee's going to bow, and your tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. I care about you, man.

That's why I came in here and shared like I did. I could have just looked at your furniture and walked out. But I care about you.

And he broke out in the most hideous laughter, and I walked out. But the bottom line is, He will bow. And I don't know what's going to flash in front of him.

I don't know if his whole life's going to flash, but maybe just me and that date that I was in his antique shop will flash in front of him. And the Lord will say, Enough said. But I'm under obligation to Steve Hill.

Because there's coming a day that I'm going to stand before the Lord. And Paul said this. He said, I have fought the fight.

I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. Now, my friends, there is laid up for me a what? A crown.

A crown. A crown of righteousness. Now, whatever pastor or theologian here, whatever your theology is on this, you can part it any way you want to, okay? Or cut it up, slice it any way you want.

This is what I believe about this scripture. I believe there are crowns. I believe there is a reward.

I believe there's coming a day where I will stand before the Lord. And one of the reasons I work so hard is because I'm going to have to face that moment in time. I may be standing in line with a host.

I don't know. Or it may flash just in an instant. But I will be there and I'll be facing the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

And I'll be washed, man. I'm going in. That's not the point, Christian.

That's not the point. Yeah, I'm saved. Good, great.

We're going to heaven. My question is, how many people did you bring with you? How many people heard about the blessing of the Lord at Brownsville? How many did you tell about the outpouring? How many had the opportunity to come in because of what you shared? I'm going to stand before the Lord. And I don't know what it's going to be like, but let's just imagine together it's going to be like this.

I'm going to kneel. I'm going to kneel. And this is what I want to see.

I want to see several angels off to my right saying this. Dear God, what is this? Who is this for? And I want a crown to be passed from angel to angel. And when I see that crown, I want to see the most precious diamonds and rubies and emeralds and sapphires.

I want to see platinum and gold and silver. I want to see the most beautiful crown that was ever created pass into the last angel's hands and then into the Lord's. Stay with me, friends.

I don't want a cardboard crown. I don't want a paper crown. I don't want a tin crown or aluminum crown.

I don't want something that's worthless. I want something that means something in the kingdom. And as the Lord takes that crown and He begins to place it on my head, I want to stop Him.

And I'm going to push it up. And He's going to push it down. He's going to say, well done.

I'm going to go, no, Jesus. Yes, Steve. No, Jesus.

And I'm going to take that crown and I'm going to throw it at His feet and say, Jesus, that's all I can do. I didn't want to give you paper. I didn't want to give you tin or aluminum.

I didn't want my life to be spent wasted. I did everything, Lord, so I could give you the very best that you were going to give me here in heaven. Here's the best crown.

Throw it at your feet, Jesus. This represents a life that was dedicated to you. Do something for yourself, friends.

Give yourself something to give back to Jesus. Sweet Jesus. Think about that day because everybody's going to face it.

That's not a pride thing at all, friends. What are you going to give back to the Lord? That represents, that crown represents your life's work. How you live for God.

Your purity. Your evangelism. Everything you did in the kingdom since you were saved.

What are you going to throw back at the feet of the Master? Will you have something, friend, to give Him back? I'm going to close with this illustration. I'll never forget it, Pastor. I lived in Argentina for seven years during the Argentine Revival.

One of my neighbors was Jose Luis Solano. He won five gold medals at the Pan American Games. I've never met an athlete like him.

He was a Christian, man. The fastest speed skater in the world was my neighbor. I went over to his house one day to see the gold medals.

You know, that stuff thrills me, you know, to be around a star like that. He went on ABC, NBC, CBS, all the major networks and shared his faith in Christ when he won the Pan American Games here in the United States of America. In Indianapolis it was.

I went into his house to see the gold medals. And I looked up on the walls of his room and there was newspaper articles and pictures of him with some of the, you know, Dan Rather and some of these folks here in the States. But I was looking around for the medals.

I said, Jose, I want to see a gold medal. He said, I don't have them. I said, where are they? He said, I gave them all away.

I said, you gave them away? To who? You don't give away a gold medal. He said, Steve, I gave one to the man who taught me how to skate. And I told him if it wasn't for you, I'd have never won any.

I gave another one to a coach back when I was in elementary school that told me I could make something out of myself if I'd really give myself to it. I gave one to my brother for always telling me to be the best. I gave one to my mom for loving me.

And one to my dad. That to me is a taste of what it's going to be like when we stand before the Lord. Here, Jesus.

All for you. It's all for you. Lamb of God.

So friend, our obligation in the work of the Lord is to Jesus primarily. Just to bless the Lord. I want him to look upon us.

Look upon you in these meetings. Look upon you in the days to come and just be pleased that you're doing his work. And then to your neighbor because you've got a genuine burden.

You want everyone to come into the kingdom. That's why in this city I tell people about these meetings. Now there's a good chance that tomorrow night in the balcony is close to full tonight.

Good chance tomorrow night this place is going to be just packed to capacity. Not just from visiting churches, friends. Which a lot of folks are coming from far away.

But because you went out and shared with some people, man. I want you to experience the power of the Lord. Just like some of you are already doing.

You brought me your friends already tonight. With joy on your face, man, that here they are. I told you I was going to bring them and here they are.

Could you imagine if everybody took an effort like that? What could happen? I mean it could mushroom, pastor. Explode. Not just in this church, in every church that's represented here.

I want to pray tonight for those in this room. First of all, who do not know the Lord. You do not know Jesus.

You are away from God. Perhaps you've been brought here by a friend who cares for you. They want you to know Jesus Christ.

Friend, I want you to know something. First of all, Christ died for you. And if you think you have to understand everything about it to accept him, you're wrong.

I was a drug addict. When a man shared with me Jesus Christ and I knew nothing about the Lord. But he told me Jesus Christ could just set me free from all the pain and misery in my life.

And that's where you start right there. Faith in him. That he's real.

And I had very little of that. I really didn't believe in Jesus. But that doesn't make a bit of difference when it comes to truth.

Whether you believe it or not, it's still truth. I didn't believe in Jesus, but he was still real. And as I began to call out to his name, the Holy Spirit came on me and delivered me from sin.

So tonight you need Jesus. If you're here tonight and you don't know the Lord, that's the first thing you need. The first thing you need is not some manifestation from the Holy Ghost.

You need Jesus. The number one manifestation is when your heart begins beating like this. It's called conviction.

Holy Ghost conviction. That's what you need right now. I feel sinful.

I feel dirty. I want to come to the Lord. I want to pray for you first tonight, friends.

My first calling in life and will always be is evangelism. That's what I've been driven to do all my life. Same with my wife.

We are evangelists. Not because you tag us evangelists. That's what I've always been doing.

I was told about the Assemblies of God when I was preaching in a city park one time. A man came up to me and said, what are you doing? I said, man, I'm preaching the gospel. He said, you need to be Assemblies of God.

That's how I heard about the Assemblies. Because I love people, man. If you don't know the Lord tonight, I want to pray with you.

And this is what we're going to do. I'm going to open up the altar for you to come. And I'm going to stand right here.

Don't look to your left or look to your right to see if your neighbor is going to respond or not. You make up your mind right now. If you need Jesus, you need to be delivered from sin.

Or if you're a backslidden Christian and you want to make a commitment tonight to the Lord. Then I want you to come. But I've made that commitment before, Steve.

And I've slidden backwards now. Friend, what are you going to wallow in that the rest of your life? Or are you going to do some gutsy commitment making, huh? God's not Santa Claus. He's not making a little puppet out of you and he's just going to make everything just wonderful.

He wants to see you make a commitment. Same with marriages in here. Let me tell you something, brother, something, sister.

When you got married, you signed a contract. That contract is for life. You commit yourself to that person whether you feel like it or not.

You commit yourself to Jesus whether you feel like it or not. Maybe wonderful today, but five years down the road, maybe you're going through some hard times. Lennon Ravenhill always told me you want Jesus to destroy.

You want to receive Jesus? Then get ready for God to destroy your social life. Get ready for problems. You receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Because the world is at war with Him. Yeah, praise God. You want Jesus Christ to come into your life tonight? I want you to come join me right here.

Just get up and come right now. Don't look around. Just come join me right now.

Get up. Get up right now. I want Jesus Christ to come into my life.

Come on, join me right now. Don't look around. There's a lot of folks that are going to join you, but don't wait on them.

Get up right now. I want Jesus Christ to save me. Come on, stand right up here.

I want Jesus Christ. Come on, get up. Get up.

Stand right here. I want the Lord to set me free tonight. Stand right in here.

Come on up here. Come and stand right here. I want the Lord to set me free tonight.

Come on. What are you waiting on? I want to give my life to Jesus. Get up.

Come. There are some people in here under the convicting power of God. You need to get up right now.

Get up. What more does God have to do for you? He's the son of God. He's done it all friend.

He bled for you. Has anyone died for you? Has anyone else shed his blood for you? And listened to your cursings and your strivings all your life? Give in to Jesus. Come on.

Lord, I've given my life to you. Come on right now. Get up.

Get up. Your back's slid. Come on to the Lord right now.

Come on. Come on. Come on.

Come on. God's dealing with you. I want to love you more.

I want to love you more. The greatest thing in all my life Now in a minute, friends. In just a few minutes, everyone, don't look this way.

In just a few minutes, all heaven's going to come down in this meeting. I mean all heaven. Some of you that are sitting here are going to experience for the first time in your life the pure, sovereign, holy power of God.

The unpolluted power of the Lord. I mean, it's just going to be overwhelming. I've seen cynics melt to where one minute they were criticizing and 30 seconds later they're going, dear God, forgive me.

We're going to experience that in a few minutes. God's going to move in this place. But there are some, before we pray for you, there are some in this room that are struggling between evil and good.

And you are losing that battle, friend. You need to come and give your life to Jesus. But I'm a Christian.

Friend, 85% of this country say they're Christian. I want to ask you this. Do you know Him? Do you know Him? Is He on your lips? Is He in your thoughts? Do you drink, breathe, eat Jesus? Is He all around you? Is He everywhere you go? If that's not your Lord, then you don't know Him.

Get up and come and give your life to Jesus. Say, Lord, I settle for nothing less than a totally consecrated life. Get up here, friend.

I want to pray with you. Come on. I want to pray with you.

I need Jesus to set me free from this battle between evil and good. Come on. Come on up.

Come on. Come on. God's dealing with you.

Get up. Get up. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.

I want to know you more. But you know, dear boy, the greatest thing in all my life is love. Friends, I'm going to move on right now, but there's some folks in here.

There are some folks in this room. You are playing. You are playing Russian roulette with your life.

You're spinning that chamber and pulling the trigger. You know exactly what I'm talking about. Don't play games with the Lord, friend.

Don't play games with God. Don't play games with life. Young people, listen to me.

I work in high schools all over this country, secular schools, not Christian schools. Secular schools ask me to come in and speak. And I've watched student bodies of 500 to 1,000, I've watched kids begin to cry.

Students cry everywhere. I'm talking about from basketball players to cheerleaders to jocks. I mean, they're just crying, man.

Why? Conviction in their heart. They know they're not happy. It's all superficial, man.

They know that deep down inside, they're not what they should be with God. And one of the reasons I think principals invite me to come speak is because they know I'm going to hit dead center, man. I'm going to talk to them straight.

And I'm going to talk to every one of you straight here, students and some of you adults. This is a commitment. These ain't games, man.

What's your name? David? No games, man. When you give your life to Christ, you want to know why? Because if you're coming to Jesus tonight, and it's like you've got a deck of cards, and you're playing a poker game with Him or something, and giving one of these for two of those, and this type of trading off with Jesus. Lord, you can do this for me.

I'll do this for you. And you'll never get anywhere with God. What you do with Jesus is you come and you lay it all on the table.

Say, God, here's my chunk of a life. I know there's nothing for you to take, but you can have it. That's how you start with Jesus.

And from there, He can take you and make you into the most beautiful person on the face of this earth. You'll look back five or 10 years from now, and you'll go, dear God, I almost miss this, the joy of this Christian life, of this committed Christian life. A lot of us are not happy because we're not committed Christians.

I'd like for members of our team to come around here and come to the front of this group. You can still come up, friend, if you want to receive Christ as your Savior. Get up right now and come.

We're going to pray a prayer. These members are just going to stand with you at first, and then we're going to pray a prayer together. Make sure every person has got someone with them.

OK, what we're going to do right now, before we go any further in our conversations with them, I want you to just, I want everyone to bow their heads, and we're going to pray a prayer. And this prayer is between you and Jesus, no one talking but to the Lord right now. I want you to follow me in this prayer.

And if you mean it, then Jesus Christ will cleanse you, come into your life right now. I want you to pray out loud with me. If you're not accustomed to praying out loud, just do it anyway.

It's just talking to God. That's all prayer is. Pray with me.

Dear Jesus, I thank you for speaking to my heart. I thank you for speaking to my heart. Thank you, Lord, for not leaving me alone.

I need you, Lord. I need your forgiveness. I need your love.

Forgive my sin. Wash me clean. Everything I've done wrong, I ask you now to forgive me.

Come into my life. Be my Lord, my Savior, my best friend. I give you my heart.

I give you my future. All my plans, I lay at the cross. I am yours, and you are mine.

In your precious name, amen. Now those of you that have come forward and you prayed that prayer, God has touched your life tonight. He has forgiven you.

Now I want these members that have come with you, I want members to find out their name and then pray for them. They're going to lay hands on you right now and just pray a blessing on you.

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