

Week of Meetings 06 1 John 2:

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Spiritual progress is essential for growing in our faith and becoming more like Christ, and it requires overcoming the enemies of spiritual progress through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of using our bodies as instruments for God's service. He compares our bodies to a television, stating that just like a television can be used for good or harmful purposes, our bodies can be used for either righteousness or sin. The preacher warns against the temptations of the world, especially for young people, and urges them to resist the devil's attempts to draw them away from God. He also highlights the enemies that believers must face, including the evil one, the world, and the flesh. The sermon encourages listeners to love not the world and to stay strong in their faith.

Transcript

1st John 2 13. I write unto you fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one.

I write unto you little children, because ye have known the father. I have written unto you fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abided in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For that is in the world the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the private life of the vain glory of life, is not of the father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. Little children, it is the last time, and as ye have heard that Antichrist shall come, even now are the many Antichrists whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, for they were not of us.

For if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us. For they went out, that they might be made manifest, that they were not all of us. For ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist, that denieth the father and the son. Whosoever denieth the son, the same hath not the father, but he that acknowledgeth the son hath the father also.

Let that therefore abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the son and in the father. Now this is the promise that he had promised us even eternal life.

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you, but the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you. And ye need not that any man teach you, but that the same anointing teacheth you all things, and is truth, and is no lie. And even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

May the Lord bless to us, or I guess we'll just get to verse 28 too to finish the section. And our little children abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. May the Lord bless to us this portion of his holy word.

Now this afternoon we talked about spiritual progress by personal experience with the Lord Jesus. We spoke about how the believer should progress in knowing Christ and to enter into his union with the Lord Jesus, and to increase that way, and then get on into the intimacy of it, where we abide in him. And how the proof of this was obedience to him by not only doing or keeping his commandment, but also keeping his word, which brings out the thought we do things for him because we love him.

And I was just sitting up there thinking a little while ago, sometimes we do think, you know, some people may question that, but we're just thinking, the people that I love are happy aren't they? You ever see a young couple that are really in love, they look really sad and mournful? Young couple are really in love and they look at each other, their faces are just glowing, you know, and they have that special look about them. Ever notice that? So it is when we're really in love with the Lord Jesus, it's bound to show itself. When you're in love with somebody, it's a joke isn't it? You make the face to shine.

It speaks about the scriptures, about the symbol of the Holy Spirit, the oil, you know, the oil making man's face to shine. And this certain, the fruit of the Spirit is love. God is love that will be laid on, and the more we are in love with him, the more faces we're going to shine, the more we'll have that joy unspeakable and full of glory.

The love of God will be shed upon our hearts by the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful thing to be in love, because when you're really in love, you're happy. And it's time to be more than just happy, but to be joyful.

That joy which is inward, that takes you through even the hard places. So now in this chapter, verse 3 on, we're speaking about spiritual progress, and we came down to verse 13. The term little children, we pointed out is found five times in this chapter.

Three of the times in verse 1, verse 12, and in verse 28, is the general term for all believers, a term of endearment. But when you come to verse 13 and verse 18, then has special reference to the young believers, to those that are young in the faith, to young boys, some have interpreted it. Now you have the degrees of spiritual progress, and you could also say the price of spiritual progress.

There's a price paid to become fathers. Everyone starts as little children. Now we have it, of course, here in the reverse, you speak first to the fathers, then to the young men, then to the children.

I think this is the vision we could see here from verses 13 on. First he writes to the fathers in 13a and 14a. He says, I write unto you fathers.

Not old men, but fathers. And he is writing to the fathers because they're the ones that are taking responsibilities. And he writes to them as those that are mature, I write unto you fathers because ye have known him.

He could write to many men, you know, that have swelled heads sometimes, I write unto you because you know the truth. Sometimes we know a lot about the truth. We can hold the truth in our hands so we can have the truth in our heads and it never gets into our lives and into our feet.

But he says, I write unto you fathers because you know him. This is what Paul picked aside. The word know here, you remember we pointed out the word know is found some 25 times in the experimental aspect.

I think it actually is 26 times where it refers to they know by experience. You know him. Well, there's only one way to get to know someone and that's to spend time with them.

You get a young couple and they fall in love with each other and they want to get married right away. Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't. And all the people that are more cautious, you say, now you just take it easy, get to know each other.

Get so you can get together and get acquainted and get to know each other. You know, that's how you really get to know. If you don't get to know each other, you will after a while you get to live together, you know.

Sometimes little angels, it turns out, have horns. You live with them and so on. And that perfect looking young gentleman, he might not just be his knight, the gentleman you see him in everyday stress and strain.

It's good to know somebody. He says, now I write unto you fathers because you know him through personal experience. You've had dealings with him.

You've been walking with him. You've been talking with him. You've been living with him.

You've become intimate with him. What a privilege to know him in this aspect. So the thought of maturity here, the experience of fellowship, is the vision filled with Christ.

Like Paul said in Philippians 3, 10, that I may know him. Don't you know him, Paul? Oh yes, I know him, but I'm not satisfied with the present knowledge. I want to get to know him better.

I want to get to know him more intimately. And this should be the desire of any believer, get to know him more intimately. We speak about the person accepting Christ and to come to know him as your own personal savior, that's just accepting him.

Well, that's only the beginning of knowing him. Then as you go on with him day by day, moment by moment, year in and year out, we get to know him more and more, better and better. And the wonderful thing is, the better you know a person and the more intimate you are with somebody, the more you're going to be like him.

People that live happily together for many years, they become more and more alike. Sometimes people say they almost look more alike. And there's truth in that.

Oh, to be more like the Lord, to be more like him, to have his characteristics. And then the Father, of course, speaks also of authority. Those that know how to guide things, these were the ones that were sort of fathers to the little flocks, men of shepherd hearts, men that had the authority, men that were looked up to, the father type of men, men with spiritual maturity.

And it's so wonderful, I'm sure Brother McKay can testify to this. He's had many, many years experience in pioneer work to see men develop from little children to young men. They get into spiritual maturity and see them become fathers in the assembly where people look to them for guidance and directions and leadership and examples to one, men that have the people of God in their hearts who has real, this father, the father traits.

So he writes to the fathers, those that have known him. Then the second group he writes to are the young men. He says, I write unto you young men.

Now, he's writing to the young men, not as much as those that are facing each responsibility of fathers, but he's writing to young men because they're facing foes. And he gives us three foes, and of course verse 18 you get a fourth one. They're enemies.

He says, I write unto you young men. First you have their character in verse 14. The last part of it, I've written unto you young men because ye are strong.

The word strong here means powerful or able. Young men that are strong, powerful, able. Men that are conviction of mind and purpose of will.

It's just wonderful when you meet young men that have real convictions and purpose of will. Men that are determined to live their lives for the glory of God. Men that are willing to stand up and be counted.

Men that are willing to be forecomers. The character that was strong, written unto you young men because you're strong and the word of God abided in you. There's nothing that'll make you strong like the word of God.

You'll not get strong any other way than what's the truth of the word of God. The word of God makes us strong or a granting to be able to say to them. The word of God abided in you.

You have verse six where they abide in him, abiding the Lord. Here's the word of God abiding in these young men. That the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching, admonishing one another.

This is a tremendous thing when the word of God really grips us. What we don't do is just study the word, but the word studies us. The word changes us.

The word forms us to be strong in the Lord, strong in the word of God. The soul of the spirit for the conflict. That's what Pilgrim used when they fought Napoleon there in the Valley of Humiliation.

He drew the sword and he fought with the sword and he won that victory as he faced the foe. Well, here's the foes or the conflict now in the foes. First he says, I've written unto you young men because ye have overcome the wicked one.

Again, now the last part of verse 14, and ye have overcome the wicked one. The word overcome is found six times in this epistle, 17 times in the book of Revelation. I think John is the only one that uses that word.

And the wicked one or the evil one is found five times in this epistle. So these men, these young men are the overcomers. You know when the uncle Sam wants people to go and fight, who does he choose? Who does he call? From the physical standpoint, he calls the young men.

Some of us when we get a little bit older, you know, we're not too bad for a little while. I can't see that I could get in the ring with one of my boys for a couple of rounds yet, you know, but it's a couple of rounds. We're not used to it anymore.

You get up, your knees get, your legs get tired, and your hands get heavy, you know, and you get puffy, and you just, you can't stay with it. So the young men are the men to face the foes, they're the men for the conflict. And that's why especially he is bringing out the enemies they have to face.

The first one is the evil one, the enemy from beneath. Then they ought to have the enemy from around them, the world. Then they have the enemy within the flesh.

Then of course, later on we see the enemy from alongside of them, these false teachers. Now the first conflict is with the enemy, the evil one. And oh, what an evil one that he is.

But thank God that although he's that wicked, that evil one, he's not omnipresent, he's not omnipotent, he's not omniscient, he's not all-knowing, he's not all-powerful, he's not all-present, he's not almighty. He's limited. Thank God he's a defeated enemy.

And we can overcome him because the Lord Jesus destroyed him to the power of death. That is the devil. Too dead to destroy, he broke the power of his enemy.

He's a defeated foe. And as Paul also said, we can be more than conquered through him that loved us. Resist the devil, he says, and he'll flee from you.

We can be overcomers. Who is he that overcometh? The one who has faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You need not be a defeated Christian we can be victors, overcomers.

And he said, now you have this foe from beneath this evil one. He's the accuser of the brethren. But remember we said we have the advocate up there on our behalf.

One that won the great victory, one that's alive right up there representing us. Our attorney up there with the father. And then we have him that's great and he that they knew that he that in the world we have the Holy Spirit.

You have an anointing as he says in verse 20. We have the power of God the Holy Spirit. That's why we can have the victory.

There's no need for a Christian to be defeated. There's no need for a Christian to be on the losing side. God wants us to be overcomers.

Then you have the the enemy around the world. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. Now the Bible, the word of God, says that the God of this world is the devil.

That evil one, the same evil one, he's the God of this world. How inconsistent it is to be to seek to overcome the evil one if we are in love with the world. The thing that's under him, anything in the world that's referred to here in this type of a world is that which is antagonistic and opposed to the will of the Father.

And I may go further to say anything that comes between the Lord and our lives. There's so many things in this world that can distract us and take our eyes off the Lord Jesus that can spoil our appetite for the things of God. And he says don't you put a love on anything that'll get between you and the Lord.

I think it's what we need to emphasize here. What is the world? To me there's some specific things that say there's anything that comes between you and the Lord. If you cannot do that certain thing, or you can't go that certain place for the glory of God, and you cannot take the Lord with you, then it's better not to do it.

So many people say well is it wrong to do this, or is it wrong to do that, is it wrong to do the other thing? I think it's much better to look at it from the positive approach. The thing is that you're really in love with the Lord Jesus. This is the real thing isn't it? Then you don't have the love for the world.

But nevertheless we are in the flesh because we have that flesh in us. When I'm speaking of the flesh, I'm not speaking about the body in front. I'm speaking about that falling and damning nature spoken about, that galactia.

We have that in us, and because we have that all nature, this thing in us that responds to the world around us. That might be the word of God also says make no provision for the flesh, but we'll come to the flesh. But the world around us, oh it's allurements how you can get involved in many things that are in themselves harmless, and yet they love you.

The secret is to be so much positive with the Lord, and so occupied with him and his business and all that you haven't got time for these things. Young people often say well we're harmless in this, and we're harmless in that. And when I just said, when the Lord saved me, he just, I was 21 before I got saved.

I realized that a lot of folks that were brought up in Christian homes and didn't have something experience we had as young men, we've tried some of the things of the world. But when I just said as far as I was concerned from one standpoint, I was true with the world. And I realized the world still has all kinds of pancakes for me like it has for anyone else.

But the point I'm making is that a lot of these things that the Christians know they call the world, they said well I'm not right for Christian to dance, and I'm not right for Christian to drink, and I'm not right for Christian all these things. Well I didn't want to do them anyway. They didn't have to tell me I didn't, that I shouldn't do them.

I didn't want to do them. A fella staying at our house some time ago, he couldn't understand why we always had this kind of second-rate Christian music on on our radio. Why don't you put on some nice worldly music? He said, I could put it on, but I like, even though Christian music is, may not be at highest standard as far as production go, I love the words and the things that they sing about.

I love the Lord to sing about. I'm not putting that on because we have to put it on, but we love these kind of things. We love the kingdom of the Lord more than we love these other things.

It's a matter of choice, isn't it? And I think this should be the secret. Nevertheless, he said, love not the world, nor the kingdom of the world. Why? There's a big caution here.

For if a man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. That is, it's not the controlling, the stronger force in him. The love of the Father is not in controlling his life.

If it really is, then you'll not love the world. If you start loving the world, you're sort of getting away, and it'll love you. I'll never forget what Henry Armerding told back in 1949 at a workers conference in Philadelphia.

He said it's a boy, they were a large family, the Armerding family. Those days they, at the bake shop, they could get a whole pie for a nickel. You know, that's quite a while ago.

And their fare in the evening was bread and butter at home. This day he was given the job to mow a large lawn, and the man paid him a nickel. As soon as he got that nickel, he knew what to do with it.

He went right down to the bake shop, and he bought that whole pie. And he ate the whole pie by himself. So when he got home at dinnertime, when they passed him the bread and butter, he said, no thank you.

His appetite had been spoiled, and the things of this world will spoil our appetite for the things of God. So love not the world is good advice. There's nothing in it, and he had to say that to the young men, because the young men, they see the bright lights.

Ah, dead and motherly holding things back from us a bit, you know. I just imagine the prodigal son doing that when he left home, getting with some rough gang and so on, said, ah, sissy boy, your mom and dad, they're just babying you. They're holding you down.

You're going to get out and enjoy life. You haven't seen anything that they're saying out there. You ain't seen anything.

These rough fellows get out, you know, and make us reading some trashy books or something else to get some idea into. You want to get out and see life. Well, he got out and he saw life all right, and he experienced it.

And there he was down in that far country feeding the swine, and his stomach was so empty, he was in rags, and he was hungry. Then he came to himself. What a fool that I have been.

Well, here he's writing, the age of John, by the Spirit he's telling the young men, love not the world. It'll disappoint you. It'll rob you of your experience with the Lord.

It'll rob you of never going to become fathers. It'll rob you of the judgment seat of Christ. Love not the world.

Because all that's in the world, for all that's in the world, I said because, but for all that's in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, these three things, I think the lust of the flesh is the desire of having. The desire for something, the desire of having. Have you ever seen an Asian country that decides to have as much as America? Kids, they have to have so many toys.

I remember we'd be so happy we just had some one little toy to play with, or make up something up for all. They get bicycles, then they want a bicycle, then they want a motorbike, then they want a sport car, then the man, he gets a Chevy, after a bit he wants a, you know, he wants a Buick, then he wants a, he's going

up the ladder all the time. Never satisfied.

He gets one car, then we get two cars. Get one boat, well after a while that motor is not powerful now, I got to get a bigger motor, you know, to get, go a little bit faster. And my whole mind is that my boat isn't as big as neither John's, so I got to get a bigger boat.

Decide to have. Keep up with the Joneses. Materialism.

I heard a missionary one time in behind the Iron Curtain, and this missionary said to the believer behind the Iron Curtain, we're praying for you out here in the persecution heaven. They said, oh we also pray for you brethren in America. We know how hard it is for you to be spiritual there with all your material things.

And we need prayers just as much as they do. Christians are much more spiritual, or easier to be spiritual when you haven't got too much. The lust of the flesh, the lust of addicts.

And in the eyes, the lust of the eyes. This is IOC. All these eyes.

Let your eye be single, says the Lord Jesus. Have a single eye. Have a single purpose in your life, in other words.

But the eye gate, you know, is a very powerful gate. They tell me you remember about 10% of what you hear, and about 50% of what you see. And the Lord spoke about the eye, even for a man's relationship to a woman.

With an eye, I think, you know, and that lusting effort. I did see. Remember the man with the gold, he saw it.

Then he decided. Eve saw that that fruit was good come to be desired. And she took it.

And this is especially temptation to young people. And I say that to those of you that are young here tonight, the devil would like to rob you. So you get into this world, and love this world, and hug this world, and go in for things, possessing and seeing things, and so on.

And when you come to stand at the judgment seat of Christ, you will be empty-handed. He's writing to the young men. They're the ones that have the real temptation here.

Them to be in glory of life. The lust of being. The desire of being.

Want to be somebody. Be in glory of life. Many a young fellow may be at missed giving his life for the Lord and Lord's service, because mother or daddy, they decided to be something in this world.

Parents, it's your first desire for your children, your grandchildren, to be all for the Lord or wherever the Lord wants them to be. My heart's desire for my children more than anything else. I don't care if they ever make a headline in any paper or in an earthly relationship, but I want them to make account for God.

I want the Lord to be able to say to them, well done, thou good and faithful servant. I wish this more for my children than anything else, because he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. All these things of the world, I don't care what you reach up to in this world, unless it's really God's calling for you, and this is where God has pushed you, and where you can do the most for God's glory, if it's only for being glory, it'll come.

It'll just be to your own loss and shame as you stand before him at the judgment seat of Christ. Let's go on. There's so much else we could figure out practical things in these things, but that's for the young men, about the world and the lust of the flesh.

Wittian, and all this in Galatians 5, 17, it speaks about the flesh lusted against the spirit. The flesh is always on the aggressive side. Amalek came and attacked Israel.

It wasn't Israel that attacked Amalek, but Amalek attacked Israel. The flesh lusted against the spirit, and all of us, we have the flesh in us. You have that divine nature, you have the flesh.

The body is only that which the flesh uses to express itself. This body can be turned off to the Lord completely in fear, an instrument, God's hand, to be used for all the services of God decided to use it for. It's like a television.

You could use it in a wonderful way for God. You can put things on television that could be a tremendous power for God, but sad to say the devil is using it mostly for things that are harmful and detrimental to the minds of people, and especially young people. But it's not the television that's wrong, it's what they put on it.

It's not all bodies that are sinful, it's what the body's used for that's important. So let's make, let the word of God says, make no profession, a provision for the flesh, but put you on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then little children, verse 18 on, the little young lamb, it is the last hour.

The time here was really the last hour, and it was the last hour when John wrote to these little children and to connect with the little children. Now he's writing to them concerning the false teachers and the false spirit of these teachers, the spirit of the evil one. And it was the last hour then, if he said it must certainly be the last seconds of the hour now.

We're living in tremendous days. We never lived in a day when there's been such a state of revolution, rebellion, and open antagonism toward that which is right. He never lived in a day when we've seen such momentous things happen in the Middle East.

The old part of Jerusalem is in the hands of Israel, and just imagine if they're really going to keep it now, what will it mean? Already I read in some account, right after that, that some of the people driving through the old Jerusalem had signs in their car windows, when are we going to build a temple? This is tremendous, isn't it? Already things have been shipped from Indiana to go, the material to go into this temple. The plans for the temple on the planet have been drawn for around five years. Things are heading up.

He says, I write unto you little children, it's the last hour. Friends, if we're going to do anything for God, we must do it now. It's the last hour, the last moment of the hour.

As you have heard, that Antichrist shall come. Even now are there many Antichrists. Now Antichrist is known as against Christ, antagonistic toward him too, whereby we know that it's the last time.

All the many false teachers we have have the time to be, you know, many of them, many that their thing is, many of them are in institutions of learning. They're not the other, not sinners. They are professors, intellectual men, men of polished, polished gentlemen sometimes.

Sheep for wounds and sheep clothing. Marvel not this, Paul, unto the Corinthians, the eleventh chapter, second epistle, that such are his ministers, ministers of righteousness. Terrible age of deception.

He says, these, they went out promised. Verse 19, Christian, as little children here are warned about facing these pelts, lambs facing these wolves. Gives them this solemn warning here in verse 18.

But then in verse 19, we have this sadly minded, they went out promised because they were not of us. When people are not real genuine, their false teachers come in. Sooner or later, if the assembly is healthy and strong, they're going to go out.

For they'd been offered, they would have continued with us. But they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not of us. Then we have this wonderful verse in 20.

And I'm hurrying on then because time is almost gone, and we're going to have the privilege Sunday to hear of Brother McKay. And I'm looking forward to that, and I'm, you all get a real treat to hear Brother McKay. With the few reasons we have here, we can't cover all his epistles, so I'm just hitting some of the highlights as we're passing through.

But he says, ye have an unction, the word there is to be anointing from the Holy One. And ye all know, some have rendered it, here it is, ye know all things. For the wonderful truth is, we have the anointing.

Every believer has this anointing. In 2nd Corinthians chapter 1 verse 21 and 22, he speaks about that we have the anointing. We have the earnest.

We have the serious. We've all been baptized by the Spirit into one body. We're all indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

We have God the Holy Spirit. And look it down verse 27, since we're on the subject. For the anointing which ye have received of him, when the Lord Jesus went back to heaven, he sent the comforter.

He came on the day of Pentecost, which we pointed out yesterday the afternoon. He came and the Lord Jesus promised when he comes, he shall not only be with you, but he shall be in you. You have God dwelling in you, divided in you.

He's a permanent gift. And then he says, you need not that any man teach you. That doesn't mean that there's no need for any gift of teachers to be used by the risen head, because the risen head has given some teachers.

But we have God the Holy Spirit, the author of this book. So when you read the word of God, you can understand the things that are God. And when you hear somebody speak, and if he speaks error, you can detect it because you have the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth to guide you.

And he speaks about that, and is truth. He is the Spirit of truth and no lie. Even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

How wonderful to have God the Spirit dwelling in your body, the temple of the Holy Spirit. And as we come to the great assurance chapter in chapter five, you'll see there's a witness of the Holy Spirit. We know, we know, John says, we have eternal life, also because his Spirit, God the Holy Spirit, we have this anointing in us who bears witness to our spirit that we are the children of God.

One foreseeing word, verse 25, and this is the promise that he had promised us, even eternal life. Where is eternal life found? John says in chapter five, and I just want to go, we'll be going into that much more, but just for tonight, there may be someone here tonight not saved. You may not be here to hear it again.

We don't know the day of the hour when the Lord is going to come. He can come before we have another meeting. He could come before this meeting is over.

You may never see the light of another day. The Lord may suddenly take you. You may never see the light of a new day.

We don't know. And if you're here and you're not saved, God wants you to know that you can have eternal life tonight. And where is this eternal life? Verse 11 of chapter five, and this is the record of the witness that God had given to us eternal life.

Where is it found, Lord? And this life is in his Son. Eternal life is in a person, in the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Lord Jesus, he is so loving.

He has his hands outstretched to you. He says, come unto me. I just long to give you eternal life.

I long to save you. I've come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly. I lay down my life for you that you might live forever.

I die that you might live. And I promise to you tonight, if you receive me, I give unto you eternal life, because he that hath the Son hath eternal life. These things have been written unto you, that believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

If there's no soul salvation, because it's found in a living, resurrected, victorious Christ who will never die. And God wants you to have that tonight. May God bless these few thoughts, as with you the Christian, as the father, the Christian youth as a young man, Christian youth as a little child, as fathers facing responsibilities, as young men facing the fold, as little children facing perils.

For God has made a vision for each stage of Christian growth. Isn't he wonderful? What a wonderful God. Father, we're done.

I think in light of the last closing remarks of our brother, it would be good if we could sing old brother John Ferguson's hymn, I Believe It. You know, I Believe It. Anybody got that number? Thank you, 176.

This is all gospel all the way. There's a story ever new. It is wonderful and true, and the best thing you can do is believe it.

It will count your troubled breasts and will give you peace and rest. It's of all the news today. Oh, believe it.

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