

The Word of the Lord to His People in Troubled Times

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God's purpose in troubled times is to bring many sons into glory and to make the captain of our salvation perfect through sufferings.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker addresses the recent terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City and the pain and grief that the city has experienced. The speaker quotes C.S. Lewis, who said that pain is God's megaphone, and suggests that in times of pain, people are more open to hearing from God. The speaker then turns to the story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8, emphasizing that God wants to bring us into a glory of His presence and knowing Him regardless of our circumstances. The speaker encourages believers to have a willing heart and to allow God to sanctify them and set them apart, promising that God is not ashamed of His children.

Transcript

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However, for all other forms of reproduction or electronic transmission, existing copyright laws apply. It's been a shocked and grieving city this week. As we've all had to face, in one way or another, the horror of the collapse of the Twin Towers, the terrorist attack.

And in times like these, that I believe that God opens the ears of many people. C.S. Lewis said that pain is God's megaphone. That pain causes us to stop in our tracks and say, God, what is happening? What are you doing? And I think as the Christians who say, Lord, we want you to speak to us at all times, against the backdrop of horror and pain, it's especially important that we hear Him speak to us.

God does not trifle with our lives. God has a purpose and a plan. And when we say, Lord, speak to me, and we say, Lord, I want you to teach me to tremble before your word, that when you speak to me through

this word, it has the full effect of God speaking to me.

And then we'll have something to say to people dying around us. Today, the word that the Lord gave me is called, The Word of the Lord to His People in Troubled Times. And if you would turn with me to Hebrews chapter 2, I'm going to pray.

Father, I ask, Lord, that you would come, that Jesus, you would walk in our midst, that you would touch the ears and our heart. Jesus, we want you to fully grip us. We want, Lord, in this time to know you and to love you as never before.

Jesus, we know that you have promised to be everything we need. Yet, Lord, so many times we fall beneath what you have for us. So, Lord, lift us up today.

Lord, let us hear this word. Lord, let us love this word. Lord, give us the grace to live in it.

And Jesus, we ask that you be glorified. We ask, Lord, that you be heard. We ask, Lord, that you do among us what we so desperately need to be done.

Lord, teach us to praise you with all our hearts. Lord, teach us to magnify you. Lord, teach us to live in your presence.

Lord, we thank you that that living word can create something, that that living word can be such a light and a lamp and a hope to us. Lord, let us not hold this word lightly nor disregard when you speak to us. But, Lord, let it be a holy trust.

God, we thank you that you do speak. We thank you, Lord, that you are speaking to your bride this hour. Lord, we love it.

We ask you to do its precious and its holy work. And, Lord, we'll give you the praise and the glory for it belongs to no other. We thank you, Lord, in this hour.

You're calling out a people. You're calling out a bride. And there's going to be a glory in her midst.

Oh, God, let us be part of it. And we thank you for it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hebrews 2, chapter 10. Sorry. Chapter 2, verse 10.

For it became Him for whom are all things and by whom are all things in bringing many sons into glory to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Beloved, this line is truly a thought in the heart of God. This verse is not something that you and I would think up.

But God is giving us a window into His heart for us to understand something about Himself so that He can be something in us that He needs to be. And it says, for it became Him. It is fitting for God.

It is not one bit beneath Him and who He is. And then, lest we forget who it is that's going to speak to us of this verse, He says it's not the least bit fitting. But it became Him from whom are all things and by whom are all things.

It's going to be becoming and fitting to a Most High God. That in bringing many sons into glory, that to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. It's saying here that it is God's heart that you and I as children be brought into a glory.

Beloved, this is not a glory that the flesh understands or our mind comprehends. But He says everyone who has the Spirit of God are led by the Spirit of God. And those that have the Spirit, God is saying that He wants to bring us into a glory of His presence and a glory of knowing Him, regardless of circumstance.

And in this glory, He says the captain, the founder, the author and the finisher of our faith is going to be a leader to us, is going to show us something, is going to through His life and who He is, in order to bring us into the glory of those that belong to Jesus Christ, He says in order for that to happen, He is going to lead the way by being perfect through sufferings. And that word perfect means to fully complete, to accomplish the goal. And in order to bring us into glory, to fully complete and to accomplish that goal, of bringing us into that glory, He is going to teach us something about suffering.

Christ chose to suffer in order for us to be led into glory. And in the next verse, it says, For both He that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren. And beloved, this is talking here of He who sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one.

That means that Jesus Christ, sanctified means to be set apart. To be set apart, to be separated from and to be enabled to be made holy. And Jesus Christ who is totally set apart and who is totally holy is now going to do that in us.

And we who are sanctified or called of God are going to be called to be a separated people. There is no other way that we can walk with Jesus Christ except we become a separated people. Beloved, the call in our lives are to be a called out people.

The call and the way that we walk with Jesus Christ is to be separate, to have a completely distinctness from those that we live among. Beloved, separating is painful. We are very webbed in.

We are very tied in to the world. We are very tied in to the people around us that think differently than the thoughts of God. But yet there is no getting around this because He says that both He that sanctifies, He that is holy and apart, and those that He touches and moves into their lives, they are sanctified and they are holy and apart.

And the Scripture says all are of one. When Christ comes into our life, if we are one with Him, all are of one spirit. We are of one mind with Christ.

We are one in Him if we will be led by Him. There is a call of separateness. In 2 Corinthians 6.17 it says, Come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.

Beloved, the call on our lives is to let Christ separate us from the world and that which feeds that other life and other nature in us. And sometimes that is hard for us to hear. But Christ says, For the witch cause, those that are willing to be separated unto Him, He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

The them He is talking about is the brethren that say, Lord, there is something, there is a glory You want to give us, but You can only give it to a separated people. There is a glory of those that say, Lord, I want You to bind me to You and where You lead I will follow. But Lord, I know that is going to lead me out of the camp.

It is going to lead me out of the places, Lord, that keep me bound to this world and this earth. That keep me bound in my sin. And Lord, in this last day, I believe the call is so clear in the hour that we live that Jesus said, I am serious about this.

You need to hear this. The earmark when we have a divided heart is we are compromised. That we have a divided heart.

And the call in our lives is so much greater and so much higher. But we don't realize fully who Christ is because we will not follow Him. We will not be let out.

There is a glory that He gives to His people that are bound to Him. That are separated unto Him and not unto the world. But we know so little about it because He gives it to those, the brethren that are called out.

And He says, those that are willing to follow Him, He is not ashamed to call them brethren. Beloved, it doesn't mean that we are perfect. It doesn't mean that we never fail.

But if we have that heart to say, Jesus, bind me to You. Bind me to this glory in You and separate me from the world. There is, Jesus says, I am not ashamed of You.

He says that even though you don't see a full complete work in yourself yet. I know what I can do in a heart that says, bind me to You, Jesus. And separate me.

He says, I am not ashamed even though you see things that you would be ashamed of. He says clearly in your word, if we have that heart to say, Lord, lead me out. And have me not touch the unclean thing.

Give me that enabling power, what you are speaking to me. Give me that defiling thing that you are speaking to me about. Not salvation, but what keeps me separated from You.

And that I seem outside of the glory of the full presence of Christ in my life. Beloved, these last few weeks we have seen the Holy Spirit move into our presence. And I hope that He is creating a hunger for Himself in it.

There is a glory that comes with a people that are serious. Say, Lord, show me whatever it is you need to show me. But Jesus says that I will come and I will fill you.

I will give you a displace for the world. I will cut the ties. You will stand up and think that the cords that used to bind me are no longer attached.

You are no longer attached to it. But we have to have that willing heart. And He says, I will give it to you.

You see, because I sanctify you. And if you are sanctified, that means you are set apart. But I will give you the power to stay apart as you are bound to me instead.

And He says, I am not ashamed of what I have to do in your life. And I don't want you to be ashamed. I am not ashamed of you, Jesus says.

You are my brethren. Beloved, I so understand this. Because having three kids, although they are not perfect, I am not ashamed of them.

I see who they are. And I know the promises of God over their life. And I am not ashamed of them.

And God is that way with us. He is saying, I am calling out to you. Now, I will give you the heart.

I will unite your heart that you may fear my name. And if you have a heart for that, I tell you, I am not ashamed of you. But there is going to be a work I will do in your life that is awesome.

Beloved, in the workplace, in our families, so many times, when we get among the laughing crowd and the mocking crowd, we begin to bow to the hardened spirits in our presence. When we hear their laughter and their mockery, when we hear their talk, all of a sudden we go into the mode, we don't want to offend them. We want to be able to present Christ in a winsome way.

But beloved, many times, that is us bowing down to spirits and people in a few that will never hear, in some who will never hear, who will always mock, always despise the name of Christ. They are enemies of the cross. But it is to shut us down because there are others in our midst who will hear.

There are others that would be so touched if someone will finally take a stand in the name of Christ. If someone will stand up and say, I am bound to Him. And begin to speak His Word.

Begin to cry out, Oh God, make me not ashamed. You say you are not ashamed of me, but God, I want you to drive the shame in me for you out. Jesus is calling for a called out people separated unto Himself.

In Psalm 25 verse 2 it says, Oh my God, I trust indeed. Let me not be ashamed. Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Because as long as we are ashamed of Christ, beloved, that is a devilish spirit upon us. And our enemies do triumph. We will fall down before those intimidating spirits every time if we are not separated unto Him.

But this is an hour and a time where the Word of the Lord can get cracked through hurting hearts. Can smash down walls if someone will stand and speak in the compassion and authority of Christ. People will hear.

This is a time where the church says, I need Jesus to stand up for you and be, I want to be that blood washed church. I want to be so separated unto you, I don't want the defilement of the world in my spirit and mind anymore. The world is crying for this witness and all the more in this hour.

Psalm 25 verse 3 says, Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed. Let none that wait on thee be ashamed. And here the Lord is teaching us.

Here is the first steps, the beginning steps of crying out, God, separate me from the uncleanness. That word wait means to bind together by twisting. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed.

But God, as I wait on thee, you say as I wait on thee, you are going to bind together by twisting my spirit and your spirit. What you say in Hebrews, that you who sanctify and the sanctified, they all are one. That's a promise that you make.

And through patient enduring, Lord, as I wait on thee, there will be a twisting, there will be a binding together of my spirit and your spirit, my mind and your mind. That's a promise that he makes to his children who will say, God, lead me out of the camp. Lead me out of compromise.

Lead me out of being ashamed. Lead me out of, Lord, defilements that you've been speaking to me about over and over again. You say the enemies will not triumph over me while I wait.

When we say, Lord, teach me that I will not be ashamed of you. Find me to Christ that I may be bound to glory. That's what it is.

Beloved, all of us start out shamed. We all start out poor. Some are born into hard, grinding poverty, to financial difficulties.

We can be born poor when we're brought up and we're emotionally needy. Where we were not given what was good and wholesome. And we grow up with holes in us.

If we could see each other in the spiritual way, we would see holes. Because of an upbringing that was inferior. But, beloved, the Scripture says we're all poor because we're all short of the glory of God in our lives.

We all fall short of that. And for many that are walking around, even in the body of Christ, there is a deep inferiority. A feeling of never measuring up.

A feeling of inadequacy. There are intensely painful memories. There's a feeling of shame.

There are areas of constant dismay and confusion and embarrassment. This opens the doors to rejection. Where people walk around and everything comes through a screen of rejection.

Everything they hear, every interaction they have, comes through a screen of rejection. And the result is a broken and a wounded spirit. It breeds deep inferiority.

And then when God asks us to trust Him, it seems like an almost impossible task. So many look in a mirror and say, I don't like what I see. I don't like who I am.

But I'm hopeless to change it. But when there is a cry, Oh God, I am ashamed. I'm ashamed of me.

I'm ashamed to speak Your name. Beloved, we are confronted with two realities. One is of true painful past and a painful present.

And the other reality is God's unconditional love. Love that says, this is love for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And beloved, He suffered.

He chose to suffer that our shame may be broken off our lives. Every painful memory can be given to Christ who chose to suffer that it could be broken off our lives. And beloved, then that path of separateness that He is bidding us to, when we let Him break off the strongholds that cause the fear of following Him.

Because we're all born in shame. We're all born poor and He understands that. That's why His word to us, I'm not ashamed of you if you will let me do the work I long to do in your heart and life.

I'm not ashamed of those that I call brethren. And He's saying, I'm going to break every area of shame off your life that you may stand up in the power of me and follow me. In verse 12, it says here, this is Christ speaking to His church, to His called out brethren.

He says, I will declare thy name unto my brethren. In the midst of the church, will I sing praise unto thee. God is saying, there is a glory to the called out ones that only they know.

There is a glory and you come to church to praise me. You come to church to honor me that I say to those that can hear my voice and will follow me out. He's saying, I will declare thy name to the brethren in the glory, in the heavens.

And in the midst of my church, I will sing praise back to thee. I will sing to thee. Jesus will sing the songs of strength and love.

Jesus will sing to us, to a called out brethren. Have you heard Him sing to you? Have you heard that tune back from heaven? That says, I'm not ashamed of you. No, I'm not ashamed of the work that's going on.

Don't be discouraged. Don't be fearful. In this time, I have come and I'm going to say words to you that are going to create life.

I'm going to create power and create hope to my called out ones. I'm not ashamed of you because I'm committed to bring you to glory. In verse 14, it's talking about when Jesus took on flesh and blood.

For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same. And through death, He might destroy him that had the power of death. That is the devil.

Now Jesus is saying, because I was willing to suffer to bring you through into glory. You're going to see that because I came and put on flesh, I needed to do that because I needed to die a death. And the death that I died, I break the power of Him whose power lies in death.

And that's the devil. Death is the ultimate separation. The devil has death at his command.

He is the Lord of death. Beloved, every time He touches our lives, He is bringing death if He doesn't already own us. Everything He has access to is death.

And beloved, the devil's whole intent is to separate us. Beloved, he's an accuser of the brethren. And because he accuses, his job is to separate us.

To separate us from the love of God, the consolation of God, the promises of God. And if he can separate us, if he can cut that vine and twine and we're left, Oh God, where are you? That accusations can rise up in the midst of our heart and separate us. Lord, that is when He's beginning to have death.

That death begins to reign in our life where Christ says, I came, I became flesh and blood and I suffered the death on the cross that you did not have to know this death. You do not have to know the death of separation between me and my love for you. You do not have to know the death of the separation in your spirit.

Jesus says that the power of death has been broken. And in verse 15, He says, And I deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Beloved, it's saying that Christ died and He suffered to bring us to glory so that the fear of death could be broken off our lives and bring a peace.

It is so precious, the scripture says, in the eyes of the Lord when the death of one of His saints occurs. There is such a peace that comes on one that have lived their life for Him. And then it's just one step from this side of eternity to the next.

And there is an incredible peace. There is a glory in that. But then also when He begins to break off our lives that fear of death, beloved, it determines how we live.

Because if He begins to come in and move and touch every area of death, that causes a separation from the reality and the glory of God. If we begin to separate from that fear of death, it determines how we live. And beloved, this is the hour when saints are to live, not saying, Lord, I want my life to count for You.

I don't want to spare myself. God, it doesn't matter how my life is lived as long as it's lived for You. Teach me that.

God, it doesn't matter where You lead me or how You lead me, it matters most that I'm bound to You. It matters that this binding and this twisting goes on, that where You lead, I automatically follow. Because Jesus says, where I am, You may also be.

That's the heart of Christ for us. And He wants to break off every area of death in our life. And beloved, He will.

He will. To those that say, Jesus, separate me from those things that are bringing death into my life. Scripture goes on to say that He is a merciful and a faithful high priest.

Because He became a man. He knows what it is to face what we face. When we cry out to Him, He's going to say, I know.

When He had to be separated from the Father, that was a suffering. When He was separated from glory, from being totally in the Father's presence, there was a suffering in His spirit to walk as a man clothed in flesh and blood. He knew what it is to be lonely.

He knew what it is to be exhausted. He knew what it is to try to reach out to a people that are choosing darkness. He knew what it is to be misjudged and misquoted.

He knew what it is to have prejudice against Him. He knew what it was to be rejected by those that He had come to lay down His life for. He knew every facet of the human condition and the suffering.

Beloved, because the human condition that says we suffer, then He chose to suffer. So that He could say, I know. So He could say, in truth, that He is a merciful and a faithful high priest.

But in Hebrews 7.26, it says, That means separate from them in the way they think. Separate from them in how He lived His life. Beloved, if we are bound to Him, this is the call that God is asking us to do in this hour.

In verse 18, it says, And when you look up that Old Testament word for that word tempted, it means to be unwilling to refuse. And now Jesus is telling us, that when I became a man and walked this earth, and I put on flesh, all of a sudden, I had a temptation to be unwilling. Because I put on flesh and blood, I had a pull and a struggle in me to refuse the will of God in my life.

I know what it is in my flesh, He is saying, where it rises up and does not want to be willing to follow. Does not want to be willing to speak His truth. Does not want to be willing to be found in a place of being misunderstood.

Of being found in a place where there was a possibility I could refuse. And when we are tempted to be unwilling to do the will of God, Christ knows that struggle. Tempted to refuse.

Christ was tempted, yet never did He obey that unwillingness. But beloved, He knows what the struggle is. And He is committed, because in His suffering, He said, I'm going to experience everything they have, yet without sin.

I'm going to be a high priest that can be moved and touched by their cry. I'm going to be a high priest that knows every struggle, because I chose to suffer. So when they suffer to pay to follow me, I understand.

And I alone can help them in their time of need. He says He will help us when we find ourselves unwilling. He says, I know what it is to have that.

I know what it is to have something rise up, yet He never fell to it. And beloved, in this hour and this time, there is much in us that rises up to be unwilling. And yet there's another side, because Christ dwells in us.

That there is this struggle, and the Scripture says, unite my heart to fear Thy name. There has to be this cry, and there is. Lord, when I am unwilling, You understand.

You're not ashamed. You're not condemning me. You understand.

But Lord, I want to know what it is to follow You wherever You lead. I want to know what it is to be separate in this hour. I am beginning to see what this hour brings, with its music, with its devilish entertainment, with everything that is defiling me.

And I know what it is to walk half-hearted and divided. And I know that it's death. And Jesus knows it too, because that's why He tells us in Hebrews, I have come to destroy death, that is the separation.

But you have to hear me. If I lead you out, you must follow. Beloved, if the blood-washed church of Jesus Christ needs to be a separated people, and we have to settle it in our hearts, He must be able to speak to us in the areas where He says, that's unclean, you don't touch it.

Where He says, others may, but you may not. We have to hear that. If we're going to people that are going to rise up in the glory of Jesus Christ and speak with power and compassion to the dying around us, we have to have a separated walk.

We cannot have that doubleness anymore. There's got to be a determination. And I believe that the Spirit of God is moving in our midst strongly, speaking to us over and over of this same issue.

Beloved, we could count in the recent past how many times God has been bringing forth this word, that we're to be separated unto Him. That we're to turn from all that defiles us. This is not an hour.

This is not a time to have a foot in the world and a foot in His camp. This is not a time where we think we can handle the devil. This is not a time where we think that, Lord, you understand.

He says, I do understand. I understand more than you know. That's why I say, come out from among them.

And it tells us in Hebrews 18 that He knows what it is to be unwilling. And He's able to help those that are tempted, who are even unwilling. He's saying, I've taken away every excuse, because I chose to suffer, because I know in this separating, there will be hours, there will be times in your life, in the choosing to be separate, it will bring a sorrow.

It will bring a pain with that wrenching of separating. But He says, there's a glory. That those who are not separated, that those who are not cleaving to me, that are not saying, Jesus, bind me to you so that I can't run away.

Jesus, bind me so that wherever you lead me, I will follow, because I'm bound to you. We're twisted together. And, beloved, when we have that, we're going to find in the midst, though there is sometimes when that flesh wants to rise up, and we say no to it, and we say no to it, and that is a time of sorrow, it is a time of pain.

And yet the glory of God is going to move through us. It is going to accomplish things that we never thought possible. We're going to touch people we were never able to touch before.

We're going to be able to move into situations and see with the eyes of God what is happening and what is going on. We're no longer going to be a blinded people. But as we are separated unto Him, the glory of God, the courage of God, the authority of God, is going to be, we're going to be able to finally stand up and not be ashamed of Him.

We're going to be able to speak His name. He'll give us wisdom, that He will give us the strength that we need. Turn with me quickly to John 8. In John 8, verse 1, this is a story familiar to most, but for the sake of the new believers in our midst and those that are our visitors, it's a story about a woman that was taken to Jesus in the very act of adultery.

And the Bible tells us that the men that brought this woman to Jesus were Pharisees and scribes. And verse 3, And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery. And when they set her in the midst, they say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery in the very act.

Now, Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned. But what sayest thou? This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He not heard them.

Now, beloved, in verse 6, where it says, And they said, tempting Him. That word tempting means to prove that one has been evil or to make Him evil, to sin. And these men came and they wanted to either prove that He had been evil or that they could make Him evil, they could make Him sin.

That's why they'd come. And they just knew from hanging around Him that if they had this woman caught in adultery, somehow they just knew, they felt they could get Him on this point. Because He would speak mercy to her.

And the law clearly said that she needed to be stoned. But on another level, they wanted to make Him sin. There was going to be something in them.

There was going to be something in this interaction that could cause the man, Christ Jesus, to move in His flesh. And so they're coming now, fully animated by the enemy. Because they want to either accuse Him of evil or cause Him to sin.

And they brought her that they might accuse Him. And they say, she was caught in adultery, this is the law. Says she has to be stoned.

What do you say? And Jesus fully well knew that this, why they brought her, was an absolutely unrighteous intention. There was no thought in their mind for the community good or upholding the law or certain standards. If that had been their intent, then they would have brought the man also.

But they had no intention, see, she was just exhibit A. She was nothing to them. She was just there to prove the point. The point to entrap Him.

The point that they could get Him on the law. The point that they could tempt Him to sin somehow in this accusation. And so here they are, their intentions are evil.

And beloved, they brought her to Him because they were filled with envy. They were moved with envy and there was something murderous in them. And in every chance that they could accuse Him, that they could cause Him to sin, they would do it.

And so their hearts filled with envy and hypocrisy. Because beloved, I believe one reason they never took the man, he could have been a comrade. They themselves could have been with her.

They could be lusting after her. They weren't interested in accusing the man. That was a little too close.

And so they bring Him to her to tempt Him. But it says, but Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground as though He heard them not. I've heard this preached many times.

But beloved, there's something in this story that so moved me. Because when I saw Jesus stooped on the ground and He began to write as He heard them not. All of a sudden, all of a sudden, I felt Jesus ashamed that His Father was being so misrepresented by this man.

And yet at the same time, He wasn't listening to their voices. Because that word stooped down, that word means stooping down to look into something. And as there was something in Him and He's so ashamed of these men and He sees right into their heart.

He's getting, I believe because of what stooped down means like a check in the spirit. Have you ever had a check in your spirit? Do you know what it is where you can feel something rising up in you and you get a check? There's all of a sudden a Holy Ghost saying stop. And He stooping on the ground begins to write.

And I believe that Jesus could have justifiably stood up and called these men like He had and rightly so, men with these intentions in their heart. He had called them whited tombs. He had called them vipers.

He had called them full of dead men's bones. And now seeing through them and what they were up to, I believe that there was something in Him that in His flesh would once again want to speak to them that way. But He stooped down as if into looking at something.

Believe it. Beloved, here He is waiting on the Lord that your enemies may not triumph over you. And there was a fleshly battle.

There could be on one hand to speak the truth. But as He's bent down, as He's bent down, when He rises up, beloved, He speaks the Word of God. And He says in verse 7, So when they continued asking Him, He lifted Himself up and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let Him first cast a stone at her.

Beloved, the Scripture says, He was as though He were a son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And I believe bent down, there could have been a war in His flesh. And He could have rightly spoken words to those men.

But bent down, being tempted, He waited. And when He stood, He had the Word of God in His mouth. And beloved, the word He spoke to them was able to convict them.

The Bible says everyone, every one of those men were convicted by the word that was in His mouth. That He spoke, given to Him by the Spirit of God. And the Bible says that they dropped down their stones, every one of them, beginning with the eldest.

Beloved, our battle is going to be in the days ahead when we say, Lord, lead me out. There is going to be that same battle where the flesh wants to rise up and speak its mind. Where the flesh wants to rise up and compromise and pad the truth.

Or to be ashamed. To let death reign in our tongue, to lash out, to wound and shame. But as surely as the Word came to Jesus, stooping down, looking into something, He is our pattern.

That the flesh does not need to rule the ones that are called out. And those that await upon the Lord, He will fill our mouths. And it will go forth in the power that it only can when it's anointed by the Spirit of God.

They went out convicted one by one. And then, beloved, He turned to the woman. And He said to her, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned thee? She says, there are none, Lord.

There are no more accusers. And He said to her, verse 11, she said, no man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee.

Go and sin no more. Beloved, the only way that she could go and sin no more, is to separate herself from her sin. To separate herself from that lifestyle.

To separate herself from that path. To separate herself from those companions. To separate herself and to cleave unto Jesus.

That is the only way that we go and sin no more. Is we separate from that and we cleave unto Him. But then what does Jesus say? I don't condemn you.

I'm not ashamed of you. I'm not ashamed of that work that I've started in you. I'm not ashamed.

I see who you are. I know what you've done. But I'm not ashamed of you if you will cleave to me.

If you will separate yourself. If you will do what I ask you to do. If you will learn to wait on me, I will fill your mouth with power.

And you will stand and testify of me in this hour. Beloved, that is the promise. But there is no glory if there is no separation.

There is nothing of what we're talking about unless we say, Jesus, lead on and bind me to you. But there is that promise and there is that glory. For those that will follow Him.

Beloved, I believe that God is speaking to us what He wants us separated from. Today, after the service and that powerful word, a precious couple came backstage. They said, we want to get married.

We're living in sin. We have a child. We want to get married now.

We hear the warning. We know the time. Our eyes have been opened and we see what we're doing.

Beloved, do we see what we're doing? Do we see the glory we miss by a compromise? Do we see that God is saying, we have a heart for Him, I'm not ashamed of you. But are we saying, God, why am I

ashamed of you then? If you're not ashamed of me. It is an hour to let Him call us out.

I love you, Lord Jesus. I love you, Lord. Love you, Jesus.

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I love you, Lord. I love you, Jesus. I love you, Jesus.

I love you, Lord. I love you, Jesus. I love you, Lord.

I love you, Jesus. I love you, Jesus. I raise my voice up with a cry.

I raise my voice up and will silence the dry my eyes. I, I, I love you. I love you, Jesus.

You are the Alpha and Omega You're the first, the last, the same This is the conclusion of the message

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