

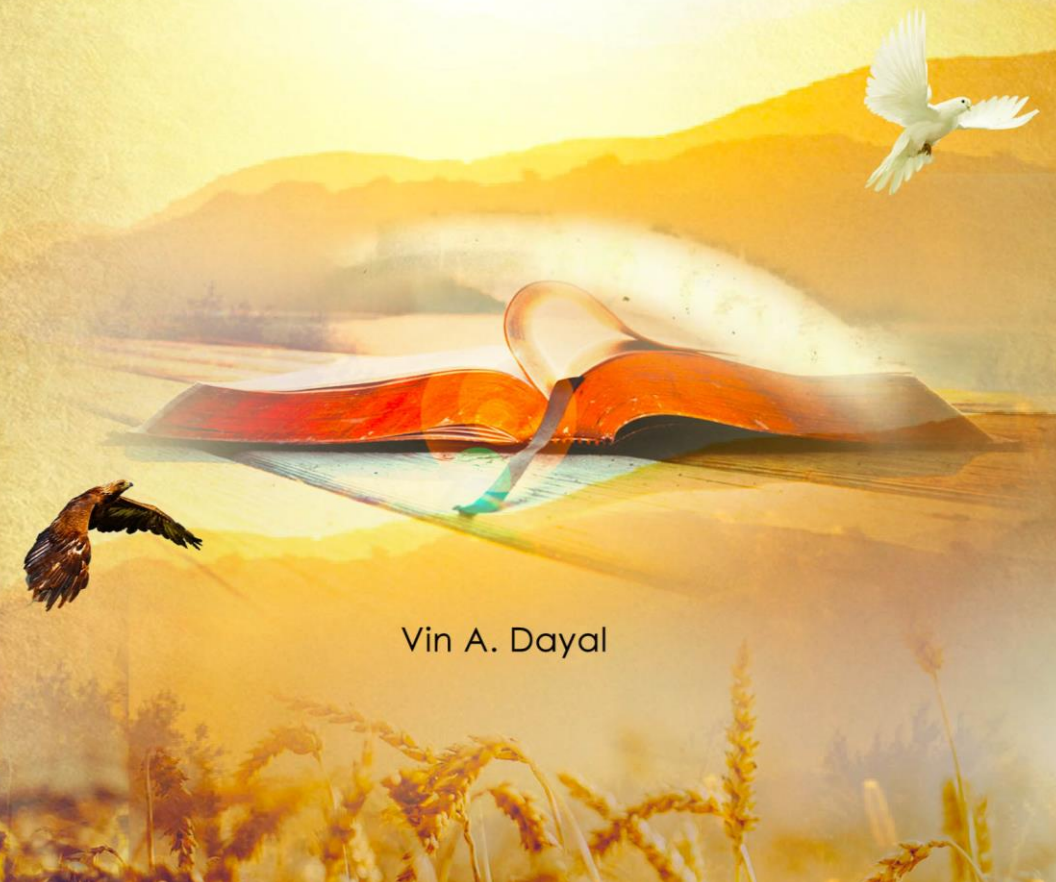
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[#146, Songs That Live. -Ed.]

*When He reached...*

*...for me,*

*When He reached down His  
hand for me;*

*I was lost and undone, without*

*God or His Son,*

*When He reached down His  
hand for me, for me.*

Amen, such great love. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes tonight as we look to Him in prayer. Still reaching down tonight for anyone that wants to come out of the condition that they are in.

Truly appreciate that song that was sung *Broken And Spilled Out* [#315, Songs That Live -Ed.] what a beautiful story it is from the Bible where that woman with the alabaster box, with that ointment, she broke it, such a sweet fragrance was locked up in that little box. As it spilled out and the fragrance filled the entire room, she began to anoint Jesus with it, she began to wash His feet with her tears. And how too His Life was broken for us on the Cross and spilled out for us. Truly, I believe as we would stand in His Presence tonight that we would desire nothing else that our lives would be broken and spilled out to anoint the Word for this Hour to do a service unto Him, something that would be appreciated by Him.

He was rejected, He was despised in that room where He sat. He had been criticized. He sat there with dirty feet, not even welcomed. They invited Him to make

ridicule of Him, to humiliate Him, but her eyes had seen something beyond their criticisms. I believe it is something like us in this Hour, seeing this precious, revealed Word, that the world has so ridiculed and criticized, but It is life to us, It is everything to us. Where would we have been had it not been for this Word tonight, It means more to us today than It did yesterday. Blessed be His wonderful Name.

*Prayer is requested for Bro. Hollis Cudjoe's father who is suffering from high blood pressure which has resulted in him falling down. He is experiencing headaches and general weakness in his body.*

*Also Sis. Andrea Brown is requesting prayer for her daughter Shalom who is suffering from gastro [Gastroenteritis or stomach flu -Ed.]. She said that she was taken to the doctor and there had been no improvement and she is in the service.*

I think she has the baby with her. I would like her to come forward quickly if we could anoint the baby with oil and pray, "The prayer of faith," the Bible says, "shall raise up the sick." We know even though the doctors cannot give assistance, there is One standing here amongst us, the Great Physician, the sympathizing Jesus. Praise His wonderful Name.

Let's sing that little chorus as we get ready to pray for the sick tonight, they are sick and needy, the Great Physician.

[#38, Songs That Live -Ed.]

*The Great Physician* softly, quietly, prayerfully. Sing it unto the Lord Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit could draw near, could have compassion on the sick, to break the powers of darkness, to bring deliverance to them that are needy tonight.

He speaks the drooping heart

Oh, we believe that, don't we? We have faith and confidence in His promise.

*Oh, hear the Voice of Jesus.*

*Sweetest note in seraph song*

Oh, sweetest Name...  
*Sweetest Name on mortal tongue*  
*Sweetest carol ever sung*  
*Jesus blessed Jesus*

Let us all agree together, upon the basis of His Divine promise He said if two shall agree, as on touching anything, it shall be done. And when you stand praying, whatsoever you ask the Father in My Name, He will give it unto thee; for what you bind on earth is bound in Heaven and what you loose on earth is loosed in Heaven.

Our gracious Father, we thank You tonight for Your unfailing words of promise. We thank You, Lord to know that the Holy Spirit, the One Who gave the promise, is here to confirm the promise. And Lord, we as heirs of the promise of the living God, we recognize our place that has been given unto us, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ tonight.

Father, as our sister stands with her baby, holding in her arms Lord, afflicted with gastroenteritis, we know that is a devil, Father, that is just the medical name given unto it. And, Lord, how the child has been afflicted and the mother caring for her daughter, Lord, taking her to the hospital that doctors may attend unto her. Lord, we know that doctors, Lord, were sent by You to help the people. Your Prophet said that when they cannot help then we can lift up our children a little higher, Lord; we can lift them up to One a little higher. That is how we come tonight, lifting them up to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ tonight. And we know and we are persuaded that He is more than able to help tonight. Our help cometh from Thee, oh Lord.

Father, according to Your Divine promise, Lord, You said, "Bring the sick to the elders, let them anoint them with oil and pray the prayer of faith and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise them up." Hallelujah! Heaven and earth will pass away but

that Word cannot fail tonight. As I lay my hands upon these requests and hands being laid upon this sick little girl, whom this request represents now, Father knowing she has been anointed with oil according to Your promise, I rebuke that devil in the Name of Jesus Christ. This prayer of faith is zeroed into that germ in that child's body, Father. Oh God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, may the Holy Spirit, Lord, destroy every bit of that affliction, Father, and may the Quickening Power quicken that child, from sickness back to health. Hallelujah! May she be healed in the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, for Your honor and for Your glory, amen.

Heavenly Father, our Bro. Cudjoe's father, Lord, sick there and afflicted, oh God, with that high blood pressure. Lord, he fell down with all those headaches. Lord, he asked that prayer would be offered up for him. Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray, may the great snow-white Dove that is here, take this Word of healing, oh God, and go to that man wherever he is and, Father, may that Dove coo into his heart, "Thy troubles are ended." Hallelujah! Lord, may the Holy Spirit quicken him, Lord, and raise him up from that affliction. May he be made well for the glory of God in the Name of Jesus Christ.

All that might be here tonight, holding a special need in their hearts, believing Lord, some of the neediest people in this world are Your children. Father, as they stand here in the house of God, looking unto You the Author and the Finisher of their faith, Lord, I pray that You will grant that grace and mercy unto them that the Holy Spirit will drop down tonight like Boaz commanded those reapers to drop an extra handful of wheat for Ruth on purpose when she came into the field. May the Angel of the Lord drop (down) something special, Lord, what they will have need of tonight, that they will go away rejoicing, knowing the Lord remembered them. Hallelujah! Look down upon them tonight, You are



mindful of their needs. Grant it, dear God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray and ask these things for Thy needy children.

Father, as we gather here in Your service tonight, Lord, You will speak to us. Your Word is Spirit and Life. Lord, one word from Your lips tonight, can settle every question, settle every doubt, oh God, bring such hope, give such faith and encouragement, bring such deliverance for Your children tonight. Oh God, while the Word is spoken, the Holy Ghost will fall upon the people, oh God, and fill them afresh, Lord.

Heavenly Father, I pray, Lord, that You'll move in the service in a special way. Thou knowest, dear God, the desire of my heart is to speak to the parents tonight. Lord, may as the Holy Spirit will give utterance, that the Word go forth and, not just the parents alone but, Lord, every individual that is inside of here, Lord, that You will speak to us and that need in our hearts and our lives would be met.

For Lord, we believe that this Message of the Hour was given for preparation and, Lord, how we want to prepare, how we want to make ready for Your Coming, Lord that there will be nothing lacking in our midst, all will be according to Thy Divine approval, it will be met. You'll look down and be pleased to see Your people, made ready by the Word that You've sent forth in this Hour through Your Prophet. Grant it, dear God.

We commit ourselves and the service into Your hand, asking that the Holy Spirit would lead and direct our paths tonight. Father, not forgetting the strangers, the visitors, Lord, may You just meet the need that they will have tonight. If there be one that doesn't know You in this service, I pray, dear God, that You'll make Yourself so real to them, that before the service is completed, Father, they will see Your grace and Your love. They will so desire in their heart to be a Christian, Lord. Oh, they will come to accept You and to receive the grace that You have provided for them in this Hour. May You grant

these things that we ask, for we ask it sincerely, Lord, that Your people might be assisted in this Hour that Your Name might be glorified, in Jesus' precious Name we pray. Amen.

God richly bless you all tonight. We certainly appreciate having everyone. I see Bro. Arthur is here with us tonight and we certainly appreciate him. I don't know if that's his wife there, but, every brother and sister and all the visitors and strangers that is here, wherever you are from, may God richly bless you tonight. We certainly appreciate you in the house of God.

I'll like to invite your attention to the Book of Genesis [chapter] 18, and also Deuteronomy 11. I would like to read two places tonight. I mentioned last night that I'd like to speak a little bit to the parents, maybe direct the message a little bit to the parents and it is so necessary. When we say parents, we mean families also, and then may God give the portion that is needed to every individual and every person, whatever they have need of tonight, that God would grant to them.

I believe it is a real serious time that we are living in and it is a time when we are getting ready to cross over. And everything that we know to do, that has been shown to us by the revealed Word coming unto us by the grace of God, to make us ready, we want to apply the Word, amen, to see It become effective in every area of our lives. Because sometimes we have problems and when you trace back the root and cause of the problem, it comes right out of the home, it comes right out of the people, you know, who have failed to apply the Word and know how to make the Word effective in their life; they hear It, many of them, you know, they give witness that It's the Holy Spirit, they have a confession that they believe It, but It doesn't go out to bring the victory in their lives and the deliverance that the Word is being sent forth for.

Then we know that the real accomplishment is when that Word accomplishes the purpose unto which It is sent and It is to make a people ready for the Coming of the Lord. Because the Message was for preparation, the Pillar of Fire was for vindication. Not just to be photographed, It was for vindication. It was photographed so we could know that the Pillar of Fire is here. Amen. But It was sent to vindicate the Message.

Then most of all, what good would the Message and Pillar of Fire be, if there wasn't a Token that was for consolation, to give peace to the believer in this troubled time, to know that they are safe from the wrath of Almighty God. What a consolation, there is no fear, there is no torment, no flusterations, they meet God's requirements and they are safe from all danger. Like Rahab, the walls fell down all over and destruction, amen, but she was safe because she had believed the Word, she had applied the Word, she had the Word on display; that's what we are looking for, by the grace of God.

Genesis 18, I would like to read from about verse 7. [Blank spot on tape. -Ed.] Maybe I should drop down and read from -let's take from about verse 9, because we have strangers here that might not be too familiar with the Scripture. But to every believer in this Hour, we know where the Scripture is exactly, where the Message of the Hour, the visitation, we have received in this Day by God Coming unto the Bride has been identified. So we just want to read from about verse 9 that should set it just right. Genesis 18, verse 9:

*<sup>9</sup> And they said unto him,*

Three men came walking to Abraham, and he saw them, you see and he called one Lord.

*<sup>9</sup> And they said unto him. Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.*

*<sup>10</sup> And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah*

*heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.*

*<sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.*

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?*

Because Abraham was now a hundred years old and Sarah was ninety years old at this time.

*<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old?*

See, the Bible says she laughed within herself when He said, "I would return and she would have pleasure with her lord," you see.

*<sup>14</sup> Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.*

What a promise!

*<sup>15</sup> Then Sarah denied, saying I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.*

*<sup>16</sup> And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.*

Now, this is what I want to get. This is where I'm going to get my text from, these next three verses:

*<sup>17</sup> And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;*

*<sup>18</sup> Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.*

This is where my subject is going to come from, this verse 19:

*19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, that they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice...*

or justice and judgment; a better interpretation is righteousness and justice.

*...that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*

*20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;*

*21 I will go down now,...*

We know when He was going down to Sodom that was the end of it; destruction was going to follow. Lot had already gone. The two Angels had gone and now the Lord Himself was going down.

*21 And I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.*

*22 And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.*

Deuteronomy 11, I would like to read. We are going to be reading from verse 1. Now 'Deuteronomy' means two laws; it is a Greek word that means two laws: the law of life and the law of death, unconditional covenant and the conditional covenant, to obey and live and to disobey and die. We want to read from verse 1, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Deuteronomy. When they were preparing to enter into the promised land, It says:

*1 Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.*

*2 And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and [who] have seen the chastisement of the*

*Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his [out]stretched arm.*

The children were born on the journey; they weren't there when God was plaguing them when they came through the wilderness when He sent serpents, fiery serpents to bite them when they were murmuring. See. When the water was withheld from the rock and made bitter and these things and all the testing times that they went through, their children were not there. They were being born – they were born on the journey.

God is saying that the children didn't know these things. So I'm not telling to tell you about the children, but I'm telling it to you. See? He is reminding them. See, you know this day, you see? I speak not with your children, who have not known. Do you see it? And verse 3.

*<sup>3</sup> And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;*

*<sup>4</sup> And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day;*

Notice how he was taking that. He was taking the stages of the journey: in Egypt with Pharaoh, at the Red Sea with the armies.

*<sup>5</sup> And what he did unto you in the wilderness,...*

What He did unto them now in the wilderness.

*...until ye came into this place;*

*<sup>6</sup> And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram,...*

Disobedient ones were even among them, who challenged the authority of God's prophet.

*...the sons of Eliab, the son Reuben: how the earth opened [its] mouth, and swallowed*

*them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:*

*<sup>7</sup> But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.*

*<sup>8</sup> Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, [to which you] go to possess it;*

I want you to notice all those things they came through and they saw were relevant to them now, who were going in to possess the promise. Before they go in to possess the promise, God was telling them “Watch how God dealt with you, don’t forget that. Watch how He dealt with you there; look how He judged that. Look how He plagued that. Look how He swallowed up these here in the journey when they challenge His authority. Look how He chastised these over here, look how He destroyed these and wiped them out here.” He said, “And you’re going to possess the promise now. See? He brought you all through the journey. Those experiences were ordained of God; He passed you those places.”

Verse 9:

*<sup>9</sup> And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.*

*<sup>10</sup> For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from [where] ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:*

*<sup>11</sup> But the land, [to which you] go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:*

*<sup>12</sup> A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always*

*upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*

*<sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

*<sup>14</sup> That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain....*

Today it's not a natural rain and a natural land; it's a spiritual rain: The Holy Spirit. Is that correct? All right. Because we're in a spiritual exodus now. They were in a natural exodus: the First Exodus. We're in the Third Exodus.

*...that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

*<sup>15</sup> And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.*

*<sup>16</sup> Take heed to yourselves, [that's a warning, see?] take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;*

*<sup>17</sup> And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.*

*<sup>18</sup> Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.*

*<sup>19</sup> And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them...*

All these words that I have spoken to you, all these things on the journey, speak to your children and tell



them what God did in Egypt when He sent that prophet; when they tried to impersonate that prophet, when He was calling His people, speak to them and tell them when they refused to obey that Word, coming through that journey, what He did. Take all these words; tell them to your children, He says,

*<sup>19</sup> And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

*<sup>20</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates:*

*<sup>21</sup> That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.*

Let's just turn to Deuteronomy 6 there, I want to get a couple of verses because it's emphasized twice, so if it's emphasized twice, we'll read it twice, so it's double emphasis upon it.

Deuteronomy 6, verse 6:

*<sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

*<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently,...*

I like that Word, not just teach them, but diligently teach them.

*...unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house,...*

When you sit down in your house to talk, don't talk about this and that and the other, talk about these things to your children in the house.

*...and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

*<sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

If you bind It to your hands and as frontlets to your eyes, then wherever you go that Word is with you.

*<sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates,...*

Every time they go out, and they come back in and you have to come back in through your gate, it is right there. Amen, see? And upon the posts of thy house, that's your foundation. It is right there, amen, that Word.

*<sup>10</sup> And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob,...*

Now, remember we had just read where God told Abraham, "He would teach his family, he would teach his household."

*...to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not,*

*<sup>11</sup> And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;*

What does that show? You don't have to do one thing to get the promise. It is by grace. You're going to get wells that you didn't even dig, you're going to get houses filled that you didn't even build and tried to fill it. It is God's unmerited favor. It is God who is going to make that provision for you, but obey the Word and live and enter into His grace. Let's pray one more time.

Heavenly Father, just bring us to the right frame of mind, not just to preach, Lord, but to communicate, to talk to the people a little bit tonight knowing it is so necessary for us because we preach to them many times but how we need to sit and talk and relate to them these

things, that need to be so emphasized, and such little attention is given to it many times.

Lord, help us and give us revelation to know where to place the emphasis, that it might have the right effect. And by having the right effect it might have the right influence and by having the right influence, it brings the right behavior. And by bringing the right behavior, will show forth the right testimony that will bring glory to Your Name in this Hour.

Bless us all, tonight Father, I believe that there is not one here, but that is desiring to be in Your Kingdom, to do that which is right. And if Lord, we've neglected in some way, we have failed to see some way, then may You help us tonight, that we might be a more profitable servant in Thy Kingdom, and better representatives of You in this Hour. We pray and we ask these things, in Jesus, precious Name and for His sake, amen. God bless you, you may have your seats.

*Sis. Andrea Brown will like to thank the Lord for healing her from her severe back pain, which she had been suffering from after giving birth to her last baby. And she said that prayer was offered for her a few Sundays ago and since then she has been completely delivered from the condition. Amen.*

*Bro. Wilson will like to thank the Lord for keeping him and his wife; they are celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today. Amen. Praise God, brother. God bless you, amen. We will also like to give God thanks for his mother, who was prayed for about one month ago for a mental condition. She has been discharged from the hospital and is very much improved. Thanks be to God! Amen. Praise God!*

That is when you have a condition that just takes God to move in there and stretch out His healing hand and bring deliverance. Amen. They didn't want anything to do with Legion at one time, but Jesus had cared for him, He crossed the sea and went over to deliver that one soul.

I just want to speak a little bit to the Assembly here tonight, to the parents a little bit. I think it's necessary because I have a responsibility in the house of God, as a pastor, as a minister that is preaching this Message and you as believers that gather here. And many of you when you came under this ministry in the beginning, you were just a single person, as a brother and as a sister. Then while somewhere on the journey, along the journey, you became husbands and some of you became wives. And then, you know for a period of time you stayed like that, then as you went on a little bit, following the Word, serving God, then you even became parents. Right here in the church, I watched you as single brothers and single sisters, and then I watched you come to the place where you got married and became husbands and wives. Then I saw some of you become fathers and mothers and I even saw some become grand[parents]. Amen. So you know if God permits, then we will eventually see where we are going to be changed in our bodies too.

So, while we tarry here, serving the Lord and trying to fulfill His Word, you know the house of God is a place of correction; it is a place for instruction in righteousness in all these things. And we have all these examples in the Bible.

You know, normally today, people go to some little seminar and they go to some little family planning business, they go and somebody to talk about family planning to them. And they get some man or woman who went and took a course and maybe they had a good high IQ, so they could handle the subject pretty alright. But then, in their own home, they don't have any real family planning, in their own home, they're not really organized, so those kinds of people are not really qualified to speak for God. Because to be qualified to speak for God, you have to first possess the thing you're talking about, your very life must be an example and you must exhibit what you teach.

You know, here as Christians in the house of God we have this responsibility first of all to live honorable lives. Because sometimes when a man gets saved, his wife is still an unbeliever, his children maybe are unbelievers. And he has a responsibility before God because he has received a revelation in his heart, that he is going to dedicate his life and he is going to serve the Lord, so then he has that commitment. He, from there on, could try to share with his wife, or try to share with his children. In the sovereignty of God may be one of the children may come and the wife may not even come. It may take a certain season. God knows what purpose He wants to fulfill, how He wants to work. So first He might bring one of the children and there on going along serving the Lord, then eventually what is going to happen? Then we find eventually God may bring the wife or....

The real order of God, the perfect will of God is that the father is the head, then the mother, you know, she is part of the body, just like Christ and the Church. Christ, the Head of the Church, the Body, and the children there, the product of the union between the father and mother –the family; the Christian Family.

You know, the Bible speaks of a family relationship because God has a family. Ephesians 3, I believe it is, speaks about the Family in heaven and the family on earth that is named after the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible speaks about the Elect Lady and Her children.

Then the Bible also speaks about the relationship of a father and a son. Jehovah said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I’m pleased to dwell in.” Amen, and Jesus said “Father, I do those things that please You always,” and we saw the real perfect relationship of a Father and a Son. Then also, we see in the Bible, It speaks of the Lamb and His Wife, the Bridegroom and the Bride and we see a relationship of a husband and a wife that reflects Christ and the Church. So we see all these different types of relationships like father and son,

husband and wife —family relationship, it all culminates to bring forth the full Mystery and the full revelation of Jesus Christ with His people.

Since then, that comes naturally for us, because for every one of us, we were born, to begin with naturally, we had to be born in a family. Every one of us, whether you're male or female, you begin with the potential to be a father or to be a mother. That one day in the process of time, you will become a husband, or you will become a wife. See? It starts off with a son or a daughter being born. You're not a wife yet because you haven't got a husband, that's if you're not married. And you're not a husband if you don't have a wife yet but potentially you will become a husband; you have the potential to become a husband. Then you might have a wife and you might have a husband but you're not yet a father or a mother because you don't even have children. See, a woman can be a wife and a daughter but not a mother. When she has children then she becomes a mother; then she can express sacred motherhood to raise those children.

Now, these are virtues that are given to God's people. See? Because those virtues are put inside of there to safeguard that responsibility they have, that they are going to raise these things for the glory of God. They will not be a perversion, amen; it will be raised correctly in the order of God's Word. So He puts that virtue inside of there, and a woman comes with three sacred virtues. The first one is sacred motherhood, then sacred womanhood, and then the sacred bedding ground. Because both male and female life, (masculine and feminine life) comes out of the woman. The woman was taken from the man. Is that correct? In Genesis. But out of the woman come both man and woman because she gives birth to male or female, boy or girl. See? God, through the woman, gave the first promise that the woman's Seed would bruise the serpent's head, that Life

was going to come forth through the woman for Redemption. Amen.

Then we find out that back there in the Bible, we look back and we see how God began to unfold that Mystery. And the woman now —what caused the fall is because she didn't exercise that sacred virtue of sacred womanhood. And you see, a woman must know how to conduct herself around men, other men. See, because she is going to be a wife one of these days. And the husband who is going to choose her for wife is going to be looking for a woman with character. If he is sane, in his right mind and everything else and he is raised right and he understands the principles of God and knows what the marriage that he is going to enter into, that he is going to reflect Christ, then he's going to look for a woman that has character because she will have to raise his children. She will have to bear his name.

If that family lineage came through so many years and had —you know, they guarded that family name. You know the Bible talks about the name of... 'Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain' amen, 'Let them that name, the Name of Christ depart from iniquity.' Is that correct? Why? That Name is not identified with that kind of living.

Here is a people with a family name and brother, as far as you go right back in that generation of that family, you see a real Godly life, you see they raised their children properly, they took care of guarding that name. That name meant more to them than maybe fame, or fortune, or popularity, or money, amen. They didn't go into maybe some kind of illegal business of trying to make some whiskey or some kind of, you know, robbing banks to make money; they cared for their name, so they guarded that character. That name identifies a life, that name is a reputation. Amen.

We will find out that that name, if that woman is going to take that man's name, then that man is going to have to choose that kind of character that is going to

safeguard that name. Because if it's some bad woman, right there, there will not be another generation (come on) but that will remember; that sin, remember that blemish upon that name, amen. Those children that are to be born, will carry the scars of the blemish upon that name. That woman comes into that family and doesn't realize what she is coming to inherit, because she of herself may not have a good name.

Like we all, who are part of the Bride of Jesus Christ today, could we present our family's name in Heaven? That is not going to take us anywhere. But we have to forfeit that name to take His Name. And how thankful we are, that we could go forth in His Name today, when we face the sick, when we face the dead, whatever condition we face, we can ask, not in our name, but in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We're so thankful that we inherit that Name and that is how we want to live now. "The life that I live now in the flesh," Paul said, "I live by the faith in the Son of God, Who gave Himself for me." There is an indebtedment, there is a responsibility, there is a commitment now that you've inherited that Name.

Now, what has happened is that we find out that we're encountering a lot of problems right here in the Assembly and we're trying to deal with it. And we're not scared of problems because if you walk into a hospital you're not going to see a bunch of well people in the bed. Amen. And then the people that they're going to employ in the hospital are not going to be somebody that they pick up off the street. They're going to look for trained, qualified personnel that are trained in those types of diseases that they are expecting to meet and that is plaguing the world today. And they are going to try to practice with the best kind of medicine that they can get out of their laboratories available to help doctoring up the people.

All right, well it's the same way in the house of God. You're not going to walk in the Church of the living God



and see a bunch of people like angels getting ready to go to Heaven. You're going to find the sick, the halt, the maimed, the lame, the sinners, the adulterers, the fornicators, and those who need deliverance because where are they going to go and get deliverance? Could you tell me where the people in the world, if they want deliverance where they're going to go? Could they go in a denomination and say, "I want deliverance." They may offer them religion, they may offer them church membership, they may offer them to become a part in the congregation or something like that, they may offer them to become part of some kind of movement or something but then to be offered deliverance, it's going to take the Word to do it. It's going to take the operation of Jesus Christ and He can't work through a creed, He can't work through a dogma, He doesn't work through organizations. "I am the Vine and you are the branches," (amen) He works through His Body. "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body. (Amen.) I will dwell in them and walk in them," saith the Almighty. He is going to work through His called out servants to attend to these things, that is what we find.

So sometimes in a hospital, we find some people in the isolation ward and you isolate them because you don't want them to mix with the rest of the patients in the ward. All sick people, but this kind of sick, some may have contagious sickness; some may not have contagious sickness. Do you understand what I mean? So then you see sometimes people don't understand.

You could imagine the man who is in charge of the hospital, the kind of headaches he has sometimes because when he stands there and he is faced with this whole hospital here and he is trying to get a competent working staff. He is trying to get compassionate people to attend to the sick, not just have the medicine and these things, but to care for them, to apply, to doctor the people with compassion, to reach down into their infirmities and these things, to try to help them, to show

friendliness. And then some of these poor people, I mean, they have problems themselves. Amen.

I remember some time ago, I read in the newspapers many years ago, how some woman took feces (I don't know if that's the right word) but excretion and rubbed it on a patient in the hospital. The woman was frustrated and the patient may be was a troublesome patient. But you see it was just a clash of personalities and she reacted. All right. So maybe she might have a case but then, you know here now is the image of the institution now. She may be reacted spontaneously as how she might have felt you know, she might have come to such – was so irritated and got so disgusted with the whole thing and maybe thought she was trying her best with the patient or whatever. But she came out of the atmosphere to realize when she did this it's going to be publicized, the institution now, you know, the image of it is going to be damaged. Amen. It's going to get a bad reputation, and she could have saved all that if she had recognized that she was part of an institution and not just an individual person.

Now that is where problems come many times because many times we have people who think that you are an individual, praise God but then you are part of a body also. And when you are identified with a body of people, then you have to be very careful. Let me put it this way, let me put it more closely at home. You are part of a family home, all right. So then when you go outside and you act and behave, then right away they'll say, "Oh, you're a Matthews, yes, you're a Matthews." And then the whole family's name now... Then somebody would say, "Oh, that's what your parents are teaching you at home" or "that [is] what is this", but it might be some influence you picked up from a friend. It may not be something they were taught at home. See? Then their whole family name and reputation begin to be smeared.

So then we have these kinds of problems, so then when we face it; we have to look in the Word now and look for the solution to deal with it. Because you see this thing is very practical, it is very simple. If a man comes in here with a toothache, you don't put him on a chair and put plaster of paris on his arm and a nice sling and give him a crutch to walk out; that doesn't do it. What the man needs is to get some cocaine, pull the tooth out, and send him home. Amen.

Now diagnosis is a very important thing. Practicing medicine is another thing. A lot of patients die, not because the medicine was not good but poor diagnosis, amen. And sometimes before you could start to treat, it may take months of testing and diagnosing the case. So you wouldn't open up here and then you realize it is not that. Then you open up there and it is not that, you open up a valve here and it is not that, you open up – it is not. That is experimenting. That is for the laboratory where you get a guinea pig. Do you understand what I'm saying? That is not where you try to improve somebody's health. See?

So, many a time, you see parents in their own home are like doctors too, just like I'm here to try to attend to all these cases here in general. Then in your own home, then you have your own little private ward that you have to diagnose certain things, you have to observe certain symptoms in your children when they come home. You have to say, "Wait now, where did they get that from? That is a strange behavior", you have to kind of monitor that behavior closely and see where the influence of that is coming from. Do you understand what I'm saying?

That is some of the things we want to look into tonight because there's a great challenge to parenthood in this Hour, that is what I am building on, I'm speaking about: **THE CHALLENGE OF PARENTHOOD**. It's a great challenge that's facing parents because the Age is an Age of radicals, it is an Age of delinquents, it is an Age that from the time the children reach teenagers they are

out in the streets. So then, does it mean that we just raise our children until they reach the age of accountability, and then we can't do anything for them anymore? There is a promise that says, "Train up your child in the way that it will go, and when it gets old it will not depart from it." Amen.

Now that is a responsibility that faces every parent. And they must be committed and dedicated to that task, from the time that child leaves the mother's womb until the child comes to the age of accountability; they have to watch over that like a farmer with a nursery bed with some plants, and while the plants are yet young and tender is when they could be susceptible to all kinds of diseases and fungus and different things. And he might have to spray it and watch over it and kind of mold it and put the right fertilizer to keep certain germs off and put a plastic bag over it and all kinds of things. He has to take such close attention to it.

Now, today we're in an Age when children, from the time they reach two to three years, parents send them to the nursery, daycare or something or the other because this type of Age is a busy Age and almost every wife is going out to work, because of the economic condition that is plaguing the world today; the whole world is falling apart.

Then there is not genuine Christianity that brings people back to the Bible and then this Age of free-thinking, then the Bible has become outdated and old fashioned for many people. So they don't feel that God will still deal with us with the principles that He layout here in the Bible, in this modern Age and they are trying to bring in a modern God, and in doing so, they add and take away from the Word. But we got to find out in this Day that He is the same yesterday, and forever, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or one title of His Word shall in any wise fail."

God is not some God standing back there watching everything roll on, He is working every day, "My Father

is working every day and so I am working hitherto.” He is right here in your own life; in your own kitchen helping you bake that cake just right for when your husband and children come home. God is right there. You say, “God helps me bake a cake?” Yes, the same God who is preparing a Bride for Rapture helps a housewife bake a cake, amen!

But you see it’s time we get out the denominational concept of God and come to the Bible revelation of God. “Lo, I am with you always even until the end of the earth. I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Amen, because that is a part of your duty as a housewife rather than eat the bread of idleness and gossip and talk on the phone the whole day, amen, you try to get industrious for your family, amen, help do something, knit the old socks and these things rather than your children having no socks because it has two or three with holes and you are too lazy to take a needle and sew it up and put it back there in the drawer. Amen! You don’t know what to do, what to do here, you see, it needs some inspiration. You see, it’s a neurotic Age and people’s minds have been almost worn out through tension and pressure that sometimes they have to think about what to do. They almost try to think, “I don’t know how to go, I don’t know what to do.”

Now what influenced me to come and speak to the parents tonight, has been this, you see, I had to stop the young people’s service. I stopped it for a purpose because something wasn’t hitting the spot, not hitting the spot; the need was not being met. And the thing that originally inspired the young people’s meeting was when I saw I began to lose the young people. You go back to the first tape with the young people and you’ll find out why we had young people service. I saw the young people were being taken away into sin and into the world and I begin to lose a few of them right there.

When I began to lose a few of them, it came out to even the incident with the sister’s car the time here

when it was taken. One of the brothers took the car and tried to almost confiscate the sister's car and was all in the town driving and different things, one night took the key under false pretense, right here. Then I realized we had a lot of young people, right here in the service but the thing is they need to be a- the real need in their lives is to focus attention upon that.

I know many of them in the services like Thursday and Sunday, wasn't catching the Word because many of them lack the Holy Spirit. Many of them need to die out to many things that are there and need to point out these things in their life. And we were going to have that service that was going to focus mainly upon those needs in the lives of the young people.

Well, when we begin to lose them and we saw the kind of pressure that was coming upon them that they were being faced with. Because you see, half of the time I can't say it is not their fault, some of them know better but the thing is, it's a great pressure upon them. Now many of us when we are grown up and we've come out of one stage, it is hard for you to be identified with somebody back there.

You can't do anything for them to begin with, other than criticize them if you can't identify with them. Other than being able to be identified with them, all you have is criticism for them— nothing else. But if you could identify with them, then you can put yourself back there and see what they are faced with and realize the grace of God put you to live in a past Age when you were a young girl or a young boy, you weren't faced with half of what they're faced with today.

Many of you older than me here, but I remember when I was in school it didn't have any security guard and guard dog and all these kinds of things and people bringing cocaine to school; it didn't have that in my days. Now the elementary schools have that. In my elementary school, we were free, we went to school barefoot, you tied your 'washy cong'[sneakers -Ed.] how

many know what is a ‘washy cong’? Amen. You tied your ‘washy cong’ around your neck and you were walking home in the rain after school, everything carefree, little children playing. You bought your channa, a penny a pack, you know, soft or hard anyone (channa), down in that little pack. And we talked about school days and we laughed, and it was stick-them-up [a game of hide and seek. -Ed.] in the bush different things, they don’t have time for that now. This is a different Age and what they’re faced with. Brother, the things that they’re faced with when I maybe was a big man going out there in the world, now going to find out there are those things in the world, they know that there already. It’s a pressure upon them.

Because of that, you see many times people can’t identify with them and they don’t go back there so all they could do is find the law part of the Word and judge them. So they have no relationship, the relationship is sinner and judge. So the type of relationship they have with them has no redemption in it. There is no way for them to – because the law has no redemption. The law tells you that you are a sinner, points out your sin, and then looks for the penalty to kill you. That is the law.

As I said the other day, you don’t have to be a Seventh Day Adventist to be under the law. Once you don’t have the Holy Spirit, you’re under the law, once you don’t have a true revelation of God’s grace, amen. Because the same thing you are trying to keep somebody out of, you didn’t do anything to qualify you to bring you into and have it. All the blessings of God, you can’t say, “Well I get it because I prayed a lot, I fast.” No! It was given to you by the grace of God. Amen.

We have to face... You see but the thing is problems scare people. But that is why we have the revelation, we have to take care of the problems, amen, to apply the Word. All you have to do is get the patient to sit quietly a little bit, and take in the medicine, take the vaccine, the inoculation inside of there. Amen! If they get sprayed

up with the repellant of predestination, you watch them spit the world out, amen. Do you think it is your flesh that spits the world out? It's the Holy Spirit in you that spits the world out. Amen.

So when I saw that, the pressure that many of them were under, I thought it would be good to have a service to deal with them and we decided to do that. See? And I started to attend the meetings in the early stages and I couldn't keep up with it because of other responsibilities and these things. So I turned the service over to the hand of other brothers because we desired that many of the young people themselves participate in the meeting and become part of the meeting. See?

But you see, looking at the record of it to this present time, we lose more people through the same cause that inspired the meeting and we never converted one to Christ. So something is wrong, see. It's not hitting the spot, because we have to find the need and deal with the need. Whether I have to come in here and maybe just talk on something simple; a shoe that needs polishing, and that is the need, the need will be met. Rather I come and talk about painting the house and repairing the roof and carpeting the floor and how to walk—we have to find out what the need is. And while we saw what was happening and a cause to come and have the type of meeting where we could deal basically with those things then all this time passed and we lose more people to the same thing, that we had the meeting in the beginning for.

When we would gather here on Tuesdays it is basically the same people. The same people here tonight are the same people here on Tuesdays. Seventy percent of the people here tonight is who will be here Tuesday, in a young people service. If you have strangers, five strangers in one meeting, we have plenty. So we're not really catering to strangers, it's our own people we're dealing with. And if we're dealing with our own people then we are aware of the need that is among our people.



What is the use that we are preaching one thing here and then when we're in the room, what we have to deal with for two, three hours is the same thing we should be telling them right here? See? Diagnosing.

So when I saw it, I realized – I said, “We have to stop this meeting” because it comes to a place that we have to reevaluate the situation and try to put things in their proper perspective. Otherwise, we could... “It's not him that will or him that run but God that showeth mercy.” We could try to do a lot of things but if it's not the thing that God wants done it can – no results, the results is nil. And you're doing something for results.

If you're doctoring somebody, you're doctoring them to see them respond to the medication. And if they're not responding to the medication then maybe it's not taking effect maybe some of them are not agreeing with the medication. You wait a little bit, and if you see they are immune to that kind of medication, then you try another medication or something else. See?

One of the things I come up with is that the parents, if they will take the responsibility that is rightfully theirs and don't just depend upon ministers to fulfill for them, in a couple of hours during the week, on service days, when their children sit down here. And half of the time the children sit down there, they're not even monitoring their children while they sit down here to hear the Word but they're hoping It has some effect upon them. See? Then we'll be in a better situation to handle the problems.

The training, as we read in the Bible, the training of the children is to be done in the home when you sit with them, when you walk with them by the way, when you lie down with them, when you rise in the morning with them; it is to be done in the home. As the Prophet said, “No two hours a week could replace and get the job done, that is to be done for hours in the home.” Amen.

You find that many of the parents have a certain type of method in dealing with their children. And I kind of

watched it over the past few seasons, they have a way that they threaten their children and they kind of use intimidation upon them. And long ago, before people knew the Word and they had a real knowledge of what the Scripture said about how to raise up their children and had any insight, under the old system and these things, then you find that they used to use fear: they want to get the children to go inside and sleep and they say, "You'd better go inside because the boogie man is outside and he is going to get you or so and so is going to happen." And the children get kind of scared, hear the boogie man, brother, they take off and they don't even know what the boogie man is.

You see parents are still using that kind of strategy today because they say, "All right if you behave bad, I will take you to the deacons. I will take you to the minister." So they threaten their children, they are going to bring them to the minister or the deacons, boy and that is a dread. Because when they come to the minister in the office or they come to the deacons, brother, well they've had it.

So all the children now they begin to develop a fear for the minister and they develop a fear for the deacons, when that fear, that godly fear should be for their own parents. That respect should be for their own parents. But it is the same daycare-attitude where you drop the child in a nursery, "Because mummy has to go and do something, I will pay a two dollars, and I'll drop you in the nursery." So then they find a way to dump the child on somebody else because they're not patient enough to deal with it themselves, where the real victory is going to come in their home, where God is going to reveal His Word and bring more faith to them and give them a testimony in their home.

Because the Scripture says, when God told Abraham here –we know that is this Message. And look where God injects that "Shall I hide these things from Abraham?" He is getting to open up the Seven Seals. He already

come with the sign and discerned Sarah's heart. That was the sign: knowing the secrets of the heart, "Why did Sarah laugh?"

And she started to laugh, she said, "No I didn't laugh."

He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

And then He said, "Shall I hide these things?"

And He began to open up the Seven Seals, now the Voice of the sign before He destroys Sodom with fire.

Right in there He injects, "I wouldn't hide these things. I wouldn't keep these Things sealed up in the Word, I'm going to reveal It to Abraham. I will not hide It; I'm going to reveal all about what I'm going to do in this Age, in this hour. [Genesis 18:17-19. -Ed.] Do you know why I'm going to reveal It to him? Because I know It's not just going to be knowledge in his head, he would not go to fight denominations with It, he wouldn't look for argument with It; he was going to teach his children. He was going to teach his children the way of the Lord; he is going to teach his household, that's why I'm going to reveal It to him", amen.

"Out of It, he's going to take It and bring forth a crop. He'll start with his own household, and through his own household, he is going to raise them up to walk in the fear of the Lord, in the way of the Lord. Their lives will be a very example and a reflection of the Word. Their life will be a testimony of Me and what I did in this Age; their life will reflect My purpose and what I came down for in this hour. I'm going to reveal It to Abraham because he will take It and teach his children; he will teach his household It."

Then here we see Moses, when they were getting ready to go into the promise, they had come through from Egypt, from the denomination, when the prophet had come to deliver them out. Egypt is a type of denomination, down there in Egypt. And then they were coming up to the promise and they had come through certain experiences. And Moses who was there from that

stage to that end of the journey there, he knew every junction, he knew every experience, he knew why God led them there and he knew how it was important and necessary for them, to enable them to go over into the promise. He knew that their children who were there didn't see these Things, didn't know these Things. Like our children today, they can't see It, they can't understand It, they can't get It like that [Break in tape. -Ed.] ...but we see It and we know It and we experience It, amen.

I was having a talk with Bro. Wendell the other day and we were talking about the Sunday school and different things. And I mentioned to him, I said, "You know all these Things about what God is doing in this Day, these Things should be taught to our children."

And he said, "Yes, I've been teaching them these Things."

And I said, "Well, praise God, that's exactly what we need." See?

If they get the right teaching here and they get the right teaching in their homes, see, it's going to equip them and fortify them to handle school. When they get in that environment, all them children whose minds blown with T.V and Superman and Spiderman and this and that, and all these blue movies [pornography. -Ed.] and all kinds of different things that come out there and they bring these things out in the school, then the children when they get in the right atmosphere here with the Word, they will be able to go out there and hold a true testimony still. They will have Something to fortify them and equip them and hold them. But if they are out there, brother, you watch they will pick up those things like going near to a dog and pick up fleas and bring it right back in their home, you watch and see. See?

Now a lot of juvenile delinquency today is because of parent delinquency. And sometimes parents, they're in such an atmosphere that they condemn their children when their children don't seem to bring forth the fruit

because they think they train their child. But you see training and teaching are two different things, amen.

You see the Word says, "Train up a child in the way that it should go and when it get old it won't depart from it." Now you could train a child and you could teach a child, it's two different things. The word 'train' means to mold the character, to instruct by exercise, to drill, to make obedient to orders, to put or point in an exact direction, to prepare for a contest. Amen. See, to train them

Let's take in the natural, brother, a fighter being prepared for a contest; he's getting ready to fight. He has a fight coming up and he has a certain type of opponent he was going to meet out there. And the opponent fights a certain way that this fighter here isn't too familiar with that type of tactics. He never faced an opponent with that type of tactic yet. He could go in there and get knocked out in a couple of rounds right away if he was not trained properly. Do you think his trainer will be telling him, "Well, do this and do this and do this?" No. Training, it has to be shown by example.

You see you could teach somebody something and if somebody else comes and brings another teaching, it could take them away from what they have been taught first, to something else. But the Word says when you train them up in the way they should go, when they get old they would never depart from it.

But how many parents are prepared by example rather than just to use the mother authority or the father authority or their seniority to the child to dominate the child? How many of them are going to even humble themselves to their children when they're wrong sometimes and deal with them by example?

You see why I'm preaching on these things tonight, I firmly believe people are not catching the Word. We talk about Seven Thunders and Seven Seals and all these different things but we fail to realize what It is. That is, that you are going to fulfill the place that God ordained

to fulfill in the Body of Christ. He is equipping you. And if you're a father and you're a mother and you are bringing a delinquent home, something is wrong with your revelation. Then it shows that you're getting It here but you don't know how to apply It in your everyday life. And that's the problem with people, they're trying to learn, learn, learn and not getting It in a way that they could apply It back to overcome the condition that they're confronted within their everyday life.

Now look at the Scripture, Jesus tells us in the last day, He says, "As it was in the day of Sodom and as it was in the days of Lot" and He quotes Lot, "so shall it be in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man," right there in Genesis 18. And right in there when He was speaking about that promise of how the Son of Man was going to be revealed, the Son of Man was in the side with Abraham but "as it was in the days of Lot"— Lot was down in Sodom too. Do you see? And He says, "Remember Lot's wife."

Now as we look at this a little close into this now, Lot's wife, Mrs. Lot... Lot and Abraham used to be together because Lot came in the picture because of Abraham. It's Abraham who brought Lot out with him when God called Abraham out. When God gave Abraham the promise of the land and all of these things, Abraham was God's prophet. Is that correct? Sure, read that in the Bible when God told Abimelech, "Let My prophet pray for you, Abraham." See Abraham was God's prophet.

Abraham was called out in that hour and he brought Lot with him. But you see Lot really wasn't a spiritual man. He had a lot of – so much of carnal tendencies and he leaned so much on the carnal side. He was like the earthly man, you know religious, but he goes by what he could see and by what he could feel. He was not really an eagle; he was like a hawk.

He can't really get up in the Unseen like Abraham was, staggering not through unbelief: considering his

own body now dead, for twenty-five years looking for a promise that God spoke, he was constantly looking to the Unseen. He had a connection with God that influenced his life. But he wasn't always so because we found Abraham, the first thing, a little famine came, he ran down in Sodom too. We find when a little pressure came upon him, he lied too. See? I'll get to that just now.

But here was Lot, he was coming along and he wasn't seeing the changes in Abraham's life. He only knew Abraham after the outward man, –Uncle Abraham. But he wasn't seeing 'but look this man's walk is changing, this man is talking more positive, this man's revelation is changing,' amen. This man, like there's something Supernatural in this man's life, this man isn't like he used to be some years ago when we now came out together. Something is pushing that man." See?

Lot couldn't catch that, so all he was seeing was, "Abraham, yes the man around, the man around." What he was seeing was Abraham's cattle and how much cattle Abraham has. And he was trying to compete in that natural realm; he wanted that amount of cattle too. He saw Abraham have a few men under him and he would say, "Okay do so and so dig a few wells over here. You all go here, bring the cattle over here," and he wanted to do all of that too. So he started to compete in that realm with Abraham, then eventually what happened? Strife.

When the time came, look at Abraham, Abraham could say, "Alright son," he said, "take first choice." God told him to separate from Lot and when God told him that he didn't say, "Well, God told me so, I have authority and God told me and it is I who brought you out and..." No, he was so humble, he said, "Son, the land is big. It's more than enough for us. You go East, I'll go West; you go North, I'll go South." Amen. He said, "You choose, wherever you want, you could go ahead."

If Lot had any sense he would have realized what was happening. If Abraham, who ran down in Egypt for a

little famine, could stand up now and look at all the green pastures and all the nice water and he didn't grab for it first, he told the boy, "You take first choice" and Abraham knew where Lot was going to choose.

Now watch, all that time Lot had his family, he was with the prophet, he was identified with the Word for the Hour. The Angel of God was coming to Abraham and talking to him, calling him out and all these experiences were going on.

Abraham went out there, see, digged the wells, he knew where he was going to find the water and everything else. Pharaoh down there tried to come against Abraham and God stood for Abraham there and Lot saw those things. See? He saw those things but he wasn't catching anything, it wasn't having any effect on his life.

And he was building up his family there. Sometimes Abraham, no doubt, would talk to Sis. Lot, and try to talk to her and talk to her daughters, and so on. And they, you know, maybe kind of find, "That uncle of ours is so old fashioned. Every time we go over there he is always talking about God. He doesn't even have a T.V in his house; he doesn't have this self. [referring to some modern thing. -Ed.] We were listening to this music the day before and he started to condemn the music and he was so critical," and the girls couldn't take that.

And, you know, how sometimes children have a way to get at their parents. There are who children could sweet-talk their parents and dangle their parents on a string like this, [Manipulate or to get their own way. -Ed.] yes! There are children who could do... brother, some children are so smart they could run circles around [think ahead or know beforehand what to expect. -Ed.] their parents and their parents wouldn't even know what's going on. They know how to dramatize for them, they will say, "Mummy, you don't love me at all, you don't love me," and they know how to play with their parents' feelings. Then, the next thing you see the parents they get in an atmosphere there and



they can't correct the children anymore. They say, "Have your way, have your way, have your way, have your way."

No doubt Abraham must have warned Lot about those things but when he went after prosperity when he went after maybe a better living, a better social class because all that plenty of water and green grass represents the natural things of life, natural prosperity what the eyes could see; more commerce, more channels to expand your business. See?

This time, Abraham the more he walked with God, he was shedding, he was shedding. He wasn't trying to hoard; he was shedding, amen. Because why? He is getting bound to the promise. "God said so, God told me," amen. He was looking, "Soon it was going to happen, soon God is going to come down in a greater way, something's going to happen" because he saw the sins of Sodom.

He saw how the condition was changing, he heard the crime report, he heard about the bank robberies, he heard about the hard drugs, he heard about the immorality, he heard about all the wild parties. He heard about the crooked politics, he was hearing about it, and he couldn't understand when Lot chose there.

Lot went down there, and next thing, here was Lot's own wife, brother oh my, she had it made now because now she felt she didn't have to sit down with Sarah and wash dishes. And you know she had to stay in the house afterward and maybe just knit a sweater for Abraham or something or kind of clean out the house; she didn't want that kind of life, she saw too much of 'Dallas and Dynasty' and 'Falcon Crest' [Television soap operas TV series. -Ed.] that, brother, she wants the better crowd; she wants to socialize.

When she got down there now, it was cocktail parties and this over here and she didn't have any time to stay with the children now, she didn't have time to watch the girls growing up now. And the girls were bringing their

friends home and she was saying, "Alright, well, look you could bring your friend home here, I bought this video to keep you all home," and thinking that was going to keep them home. But when the friends come now they come with their blue movies. See? And they all sit down there.

And Lot had no more control over his daughters because he was too busy in business now. He was running for mayor of the city and he just sat right by the gate. They were always in the talk of Sodom; you know like they have the talk of Trinidad, they had the talk of Sodom, "I heard it through the grapevine [private source of communication. -Ed.] and so and so. Mrs. Lot wedding coming up. This boy is going to marry on to this one, who just won the hummingbird medal [awarded for loyal and devoted service beneficial to the state. -Ed.] or something over here, who has this scholarship over here", and not knowing the boy had AIDS. [Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. -Ed.] Amen.

Now you know that is the Bible. Lot's daughters got married to two homosexuals, you knew that, read that in the Bible. Because the Bible said they were married but were still virgins because their husbands didn't have any care for women anymore. When the angels came, they went after the angels instead, they said, "Bring them out." Lot said, "I have two daughters here," they had nothing to do with those daughters. Until it bought an incestuous relationship that Lot lived with his own daughters to produce the Moabites, that's the Bible.

A man who was around Abraham, a man who was identified there, who was called out with the prophet. A man who was loved and in the company of a prophet of God, look what their home come to, look at the parent's delinquency where it led to, look where they failed to use correction in the home, where they failed to become the buddies of those children, and stay with them and they allowed other things in their life and society to get

a hold of them that pulled them away from their real responsibility because they lose their vision that that is the way God wants them to live. They couldn't be contended with that kind of life. Their mind was being blown from what is a better life. They were being blinded with all this modern business. See?

Until Lot who was supposed to be like a believer, supposed to be a Christ.... when he went down there and he started to face sin and immorality, the Bible says, "The righteous soul of Lot was vexed every day by the sins of Sodom," only vexed, he couldn't say anything against it. He had to stay there and compromise, he wanted to talk out, but he couldn't talk out, he got too close to the world now. You got tangled up with the web of the world that you can't criticize anything anymore, you can't condemn anything anymore, you can't make a stand anymore, you got 'wishy-washy.'

It reflected because it showed the condition of his home got in. It showed the shame and disgrace when Abraham had brought forth the promised son, when Eliezer went to get a bride for Isaac, amen, there was Lot living with his daughters. See, do you see the condition?

Do you say people around the Message could do that? That is the Bible. Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife." He said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be." Not just the Son of Man part being revealed, the other part too, all of it 'as it was there.' You are a lukewarm believer, you come around the Word and you kind of live halfway and, you know, just kind of go easy and don't take the Word for granted and these things, brother you watch, it'll catch up with you one of these days.

No virtue, lose all that virtue because Lot could have watered down what Abraham said, Lot could have watered it down. "Well, you know, God doesn't mean all that," or try to make it sweeter and nicer. Full them up with religion but no conviction in their heart, no fear for God, no holy decency. See?

I remember a story in the Bible one time in the Book of Kings with Solomon; there were these two mothers, with their little babies. [1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:16-28. -Ed.] Today, you know, you watch many of the mothers come with their babies and they come before the altar here to dedicate them and offer them up to the Lord. And they dress up nice, baby bonnet and baby this and brother, they want to have the best thing here and sterilize this and sterilize this and sterilize this and everything is the best, they neaten it up nice. Sure it is your baby, take care, treat it nice. You could have afforded it, praise God but it's something more than that. It's not just a little dolly to dress up. No.

One of the women was so slothful, so lazy, that in the night when she lies down to sleep, she was sleeping so bad, to begin with, maybe have to nurse the baby and when she got up she can't even take the baby and put it back in the little bassinet or the little crib to sleep; rolled and slept on the child and killed the child in the night. You see? When she slept on the child and killed the baby, then she looked there and saw the next woman's baby, and the poor lady was sleeping; nursed the baby, may be comforted and nice. She goes easy in the night now to switch the babies.

She always wanted to be seen, you see. Like you could walk around with your baby and you're the best mother there is. You could hold your baby and shake your baby and do your baby this and everything else.

And then when the time come... And Solomon, brother, the Bible talks about the wisdom of Solomon, it was Christ in Solomon. And he knows how to trap every one of those spirits from the time it comes to him. He calls them and says, "Look," he says, "give me a sword." This woman cried, she put on a real act, how it is her baby and this next woman took her baby and different things.

And the poor mother, she could hardly even talk. The poor mother's heart was grieving when she saw

somebody competing with her for her own child, her own baby. When she thought of how maybe she tried to take care of herself during that nine months of pregnancy, how she tried to eat right to bring forth the baby healthy and everything else. The time when she went through with the labor and brought forth the child when she began to nurse the child and hold the child and rock the child and these things, and then to see this other woman is claiming the child.

When Solomon, with so much wisdom, because he knew sacred motherhood was going to reveal what exactly happened if the child dies... He was going to bring a test to bring out and expose that slothful spirit that would sleep on its own baby. He knew how to trap the spirit, you see. It was a test that was going to reveal true motherhood. This one was saying, "Yes, yes bring it, cut the baby in half; give her half and give me half." Because her spirit was, "Well if mine died, nobody should have a baby too." See? Do you see what jealousy could make people do sometimes?

What kind of... If that child had stayed alive, what kind of way she would have raised that child? What would she have nurtured that child's spirit and raised that child to be? What kind of example would she have had? What kind of influence upon that child was she going to have? And right there when they brought the sword, the mother said, "No," she said, "let her have the baby, let her have the baby!" Because she would rather lose the baby and it lives. See? And when Solomon saw that, he said, "Give her the baby" because right there he knew who the mother was. No motherhood, no sacred motherhood.

Then the Prophet came and said, he said, "Look at that mother hen," that mother hen, that farmer had the hen there with the chickens one time in the barn. And the barn was caught on fire and when the farmer went in he saw the hen dead and all charred and burnt and the whole barn was burnt down. And he knew that she

had some chickens and he couldn't see the chickens anywhere and when he kicked the hen over, all the chickens were under the hen. She covered them up as Jesus said, "As a hen doth gather her brood. Oh, Jerusalem how often have I gathered thee as a hen doth gather her brood." The motherhood in that hen that she gave her life. Do you see what sacred motherhood will do? It's not just trying to just say, "Well, I'm making sure that I feed them right. I'm giving them the cereal in the morning. I am giving them this" No! Brother, she came to a place she gave her life to raise them.

Even the little story he told the time with this girl who came off the train from the university. She had gone away and studied and oh she had a great time and she got out there in the city with all those city friends and had seen so much of movies and got her mind blown with all this modern education and these things and she was coming back home and she dropped off at the train station. And here was the old inspector of the train there, you know, when he saw the girl come back, he knew the girl and he had known the family she came from and all those things.

And she was away for maybe five or six years studying in college. And she and the friend came off, you know and while she and the friend were passing, here the mother had come by the train station to wait for the girl. And while the mother was sitting by the train station and saw the two of them come off the train. And the girl's friend when she looked at the mother, she saw the mother's face all deformed and disfigured. And the friend made some sarcastic remark, "Look at that old hag," you know or "Look how horrible she looks," or something like that and it was the girl's mother. And the girl felt so embarrassed to go and meet her mother and stand up there or confess that that was her mother, she kind of just straightened up her head and passed the mother straight. And here was the mother who had

saved, the Prophet said, and scrubbed on a washboard to try to send the girl to an education.

And here when the girl was passing now and playing she didn't even know the mother. And the trained inspector saw what was going on and he ran and he grabbed the girl, he said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself." He said, "Your mother... The beauty that you have can't even compare with what your mother was when she was young like you; when she had you. But one day when you were up in that house there, trapped up there and smoke was coming through the window because the house was on fire and there was no way to get in. And the firemen who came they couldn't get in the house and the mother knew that her baby was inside of there."

He said, "And the mother ran inside, ran straight through the door into all the flames. All the firemen tried to hold and pull her back, 'Don't go in there, don't go in there!' And her whole face was disfigured and burnt and scarred but she came back out and she covered up the girl." He said, "And your mother disfigured herself that you could have your beauty today, and here you are ashamed of her."

He said, "And how much of us that when we see Jesus dying on the cross, look what He became: sin. And then here today we come and we're kind of ashamed to be identified with Him, we're kind of ashamed to take a real stand for the Word, when the Word makes demands upon our life, many of us..."

Now we have a responsibility as parents and I am trying to show you the extent that some parents, with the virtue in them, would go for their children because of how committed they are to the responsibility to raise them up.

Let me tell you something, when Bro. Branham saw the vision of the preview of the Bride and he saw that witch dancing to rock-and-roll music, vulgar, carrying along and it was the Miss USA church, he wept and he

cried, he said, “Oh God, out of all the labors, is that what we bring for You?” Because he knew that if that is what they were going to espouse to the Son of God, like Eliezer who went out looking for character, if that is what we bring for Isaac if that is all the virtue we could find – it hurt him to his heart because he wanted to know that if he had that responsibility, he so wanted to fulfill that responsibility, that with everything inside of him to bring forth the best that could be presented unto Jesus Christ.

And when we realize that God has given us families, given us children to raise them. And here we are in the Word, we just think raising them is feeding them or buying a new suit of clothes when they want a new suit of clothes and the real training in the home is to sit down with them and talk with them. Like today parents buy all kinds of toys for their children.

I just want to read one or two things here, little quotes of the Message on child-rearing, raising your children, and these things. Listen to something here. This is from a message: *The Voice Of God In The Last Days* [1963-0120M, para.46. –Ed.]:

*We notice, at Hollywood they raise up things. And just let me speak just for a moment on this before we go further. There was a thing come out not long ago, a man in Hollywood... Nothing against the man now, he’s a mortal that Christ died for but just to show you, they invented a little thing called – the kids use, called the ‘hula-hoop’, ‘hula-hoop’ or something. And if you ever noticed the vulgarity and the thing that follow that lot, in the little children, that’s not right.*

This man got a thought and invented the hula-hoop to give all those children. I remember, even my sister when we were small, my parents and them, they didn’t even know what was going on, caught up in the web of modern toys, they bought a hula-hoop for my sister and she used to be playing this hula-hoop. I’m sure many of these young girls just want to play hula-hoop too, see?



But the hula-hoop was too put a sex spirit upon the children because to play the hula-hoop you have to gyrate and get on real vulgar to dance the hula-hoop.

He said, then you watch what followed in the sixties when the hula-hoop come out, it was the peace movement, it was the flower people, what the world need now is love, the hippie movement, was all these things that followed that, free love and sex and all these things that follow up there in the sixties right afterward.

Today the toys, parents buy toys for their children, "Oh, the child wants this, the child wants that." "Daddy, I want this, I want that like my friend has." And they buy those kinds of toys and many of those toys are to open up the children to demon spirits. But the parents, they don't even have the conviction, what they're turning loose into the hands of their children.

Long ago a little girl had a little doll, a little ordinary doll; today they have all these Barbie dolls with the whole set, with the scissors to cut the hair, with the thing to put on the mascara, with the kind of hot pants to put on, with the little tube [top]. And when a little girl, who has a virtue of motherhood, she is a potential mother, and she has a little doll rocking. Why does she want a little doll to play with? Because she is a potential mother. One of these days she will grow up and have a baby of her own.

And here the baby that she has here now, the little mind, the clothes that is available in that dolly kit to put on is some lipstick, is some mascara, is to cut the hair, shaping the child that anytime when she (as a child) is grown-up what is going to be fashionable or what going to be attractive in her little eyes is that kind of thing. And here it is already displayed all around in the environment, in almost every little immoral girl that it has in that condition there, perverting the minds of the children.

And as we were speaking some time ago, look at the toys. Little boys had a little horse and dogs for toys and

these things. Today it's all kinds of He-man and E.T and out of space things and all kinds of dinosaurs and snakes, the children are playing with it normal now, because you don't get the other kind of toys anymore. Everything is the kind of thing to put their minds out in the year 2054, somewhere in the future there, after the nuclear war and some kind of thing to pervert the minds of the children.

And now remember something little children, at that age, these are the things that impress them and these are the things that are planted in the subconscious minds of the children and these are the things that begin to influence the children behavior. Then they have all these little video games and these things. And the video games there are in little sets for the children and them to play with and then right down on the corner from where the child lives, in a little bar, have about three or four bigger ones for when they get a little bigger. So they are not going to stay home and play the small one, they go down there and they play it inside of there. See? It is a trap set to catch their mind and get a hold of them in this Hour.

And many of the children, like *The Way Of A True Prophet* [1963-0119, para.228-232. -Ed.], 1963: this one is on tape. He says,

*Television uncensored, picture shows dirt, filth, and makes an example. Look at the young kids today. Look at the girls. See little bitty fellows coming from school, not over six years old, seven, eight lighting up cigarettes. Why is it? Their mammy before him probably done it, if they didn't do it then some other kids they're associated with... Watch who your kids play with.*

(He said) *Here the other[day]... Some time ago, wife knows, we were setting at the table. And my little Joseph let out a word that would make a drunken sailor ashamed of himself. I turned around, and I said, "What's that?" And mother like to have fainted. The little fellow he looked innocent.*

*He said, "What's the matter daddy?" And big tears in his eyes.*

*I said, "Don't you never say a thing like that." He didn't know what it was all about. Come to find out, the kids at school was using that dirty word. I said, "Honey, that is of the devil."*

*See, there you are, your kids. It's got into a place brother, till it's just dog-eat-dog, a conglomeration of sin. Oh my! Television programs, sin lovers, [everything, See?]....*

Parents letting their children see certain things, sitting down home there— Let me tell you, TIME Magazine had this thing recently, where a child – they monitored it and they showed a child from about five years to about seven years, those two years how much murders they would see on television, how much rapes, how much adulteries, how much fornications, how much killings just by looking at the movies. And they say it's thousands of murders, thousands of robberies that child is seeing and taking in through the eye gate and it is going down the subconscious mind. Just in the form of entertainment: learn to rob a bank, learn how to seduce a woman, learn how to lie, learn how to bribe a policeman; they're learning all on the television right there— the abominations in the form of entertainment coming right through your TV [television] screen into the home. See?

What do you think the child would grow up to be? Because what they are taking in is what they will put out. When that child should be there hearing about little David in the Bible and hearing about Samuel in the temple, little Samuel in the temple serving the Lord and little Jesus growing up in Nazareth and these real heroes, who do you think their heroes are? Rambo. They want to be a Rambo, they want to kind of walk in, fight and kick everybody. They want to be a kind of Bruce Lee, throw two karate, lock somebody's neck. Then they want to be some Billy, the kid and shoot down

somebody and these are the heroes that are being given to them. And parents, they say, "Let the child have a little entertainment. If God has to bring him, God will show him for Himself." Let me tell you, that is parent delinquency.

The books that they read, today the kind of books available on the shelves alone. You walk in any market...[Break in tape. -Ed.] ...it's this, it's the other, all kinds of hot stuff right there, that they could buy from the shelf like that. And parents many a time when the children get there and fool the parents— and you know, what they did in school long ago? They would take a book and they put it inside the next one like this, so right before the mother's eye, they are kind of flashing a little bit of the cover to fool mammy, see, but they're reading something else inside of here, behind the pages. Do you see?

And poor mammy and daddy don't have any discernment, from the time the children start to fool them so [meaning 'in such a way' -Ed.] well it is now they are carrying them deeper. Well, they are fooling them, in every turn, they are fooling them at. When the parents should have the Holy Ghost to discern the children's action; the children have more schemes and the parents don't have the Holy Ghost, so you know what is going on.

The music that they listen to, when it's proven that they take that rock-and-roll music and play it at a slower speed and they play it backwards and they hear the filth and the lying and the swearing and these things that is being said on the records. And the people take it in their subconscious mind; it's in a higher frequency so they're not hearing it with their ear but the subconscious is picking it up. And parents know that and hear that and they let their children listen to rock music, let their children listen to that, that is normal.

Let me tell you, don't ask me to dedicate any house where that thing will be played inside of. Because how

are you dedicating a house and having those things come back in the same house? God will hold you all responsible. Parent delinquency! If you see your child taking a needle and injecting it in their hand, you're going to be so scared but listening to that kind of music and kind of having a good time, you think it's all right, it's not harmful. Let me tell you it's more harmful. Because the spirit that they open themselves up to right there, if they don't know, you know better, you could tell them. When you should sit down with them in the house and train them and talk to them and teach them about these things, sometimes after a little while you yourself are humming the same thing yourself. See?

The company that they keep, the shows they're watching, the books they're reading, the music they listen to, the company they keep, every parent is supposed to closely monitor these things with their children. Failure to monitor those things is parent delinquency. When the children's minds get perverted now and they want something a little hard and something a little more exciting outside there, and you have no control over them, why? You lead them up to it, in your ignorance. See?

Let me read something here for you again. *Questions and Answers* [1964-0823M, para.116-127. -Ed.]. Bro. Branham is speaking, he says:

*Now, how? If your house believes in the same way you believe. See? You pray and commit your children to God and hold onto God, believing that they will be saved.*

*I just went through the experience with my Rebekah. See? Just commit it to God. When she got to be a little 'teen-annie' and she was going with some girl when we first went out there going... run over to some girl's house taking music lessons. And this girl... I come by one day, and this girl was sitting at the piano playing rock-and-roll. (see?) Well, that was just enough for me! So I told her stay away from over there. See? And then she said,*

“Well, it’s the only place I could go and take music.” He said, (You know how ‘teen-annies’ get.)

You know the girl started to put up a fuss, “ Well, you don’t want me to do anything.” She kind of put on a cold shoulder, she is not talking to the mother at all. She is going through the house, her face serious and she is not saying a word, you know. The mother says, “Come and do something,” and she kind of walks up and does it like [with vexation –Ed.] and just walks away— retaliation.

*Every kid has to go through that. Practically everyone goes through that age.*

See, but what Bro. Branham is saying there now they have to go through that. But when you have a problem, you don’t just blow up, you don’t just fight them down. No, you start to seek God now for revelation to handle that because you’ve never passed that way yet and now you are confronted with these things, get to the Word now, amen. Now the moment you begin to get out of that now what is going to happen? You’re going to find yourself in such a situation and see your home deteriorate.

He said, *Every kid has to go through that. Practically everyone goes through that age. You did, I did. And we’ve got to think their thoughts.*

Watch the wisdom of God now; he said, “You’ve got to think their thoughts.” In other words, you have to start to identify with them; you have to start to put yourself in their place to know the pressures upon them to be able to relate to their situation.

*So then a few days after her mother got after her for something, and she sassd her.*

Do you see what that rock-and-roll music starts to produce? She started to answer back the mother, she started to sass the mother. Now he says, *Now that’s not Rebekah at all* and he knows ‘but that is not the girl at all. What’s the matter with the girl? Look at that attitude.’ The company she keeps, the music she listens to.

*Now, I ought to have seemingly, just taken my belt off, and followed her out in the yard, and brought her back with warps around her. See? But I thought, "Wait a minute, I've got to think eighteen-year-old thoughts." He said, "I've got to think eighteen-year-old thoughts," see?*

*"Now," I said, "Mother" – She started crying Meda. I said, "I know you done all you can and I done all I could. Now it's out of your hands, we've have to take the next step." And then when she started that. And I took Meda about an hour. I said, "Meda, take your hands off."*

He was talking to his wife now. Here was the girl, an eighteen-year-old and look at how she was acting in the home. They tried to raise her the best; they had her in Sunday school in church, she sat down on the backbench chewing gum sometimes. See?

You see sometimes we are quick to point at one another's children and condemn one another's children but then look at his own child right there. See? I mean, and he had to stand and preach to the Age and tell them what is right and yet he was not immune from the kind of problems too. Because do you know why? It's so the revelation was going to come, to give to us who were going to have to pass the same way; he had to partake of the fruit first.

*And he said Meda take your hands off (and she said) "Me? That's my kid." I said, "Isn't it mine too?" All right. I said, "If she was dying this morning, you'd have to commit her to God for her eternal destination. Why can't we commit her to God now for her earthly journey?" And she said "Well, that's my kid" I, said "It's mine too."*

See it start to bring a noise between the two of them now. She feels that that is a negligent way to approach the case. See? So he says,

*I said "It's mine too..." Me not saying nothing to her?" I said, "I never said that. We'll quit scolding her, just advise her, she needs a buddy, and you're the one to be a buddy, you and I. We are her parents."*

This is what I want to get to. To be her buddy you have to have communication. But what you get a lot of parents when their children grow up to a stage and the way they train their children “Go and do this. Go and do this, go, and do this, do this. Don’t do that, stop doing that. Come over here, stay from over there.” Only instructions; no communication.

The Bible says, “When you lie down with them.” Do you lie down with them? When you lie down with them? It says, “When you sit down with them in the house”; It says, “When you walk with them.”

Like I was talking to a sister the other night, we were talking about a child and so on and a little problem she was having with her children. I said, “What do you do after service and work and so on?”

She said, “Nothing.”

I said, “Well, it is getting monotonous for the children in the house.” I said, “Well, maybe you grew up so. But because you grow up that way that isn’t the right way you grow up.” I said, “You should take the children out sometimes a little bit, give them a little outdoor, show you identify yourself with them a little bit, go out with them.”

She didn’t know where to start to go, because the first thing is like in some parent’s minds, they are so religious. The hardest people to deal with is religious people, because they feel everything they do is a sin, is a sin, is a sin. Sin is unbelief. It was religious people who told Jesus He was a sinner when He was eating and drinking with a publican but that was the Shepherd down in the ditch with the hook to pull out a few sheep. See? Did that bring the disciples of the day? “They are sinners,” all they could have seen were sinners and He was seeing, “I have come to seek and save that which was lost.”

I asked the sister, I said, “Let me ask you something. If the same Jesus in the Bible is in you, He will still go to the sinner, He will still go out in the street and look



for somebody, if that Jesus is in you still. He will still talk to the Rasta person and try to win him to Christ if God leads you to talk to one of them there.”

Some people get so holy and religious and everybody is almost obnoxious to them. They can't be led by the Spirit anymore; they're bound by the tradition in their own mind. What about the Prophet when the Voice said, “Keep walking, keep walking, keep walking” and he walked into the little house with aunt Jemima. He said the little colored woman with her head tied with a piece of cloth, stood up there.

If he was this big Prophet with big meetings all over in South Africa and different things, how could he go in that little house there? He said, “But God said to go in there.” He said “And I held on to the little boy's feet and the little boy was there and for two days he didn't even take a bath, under the cover, out in the dark in a coma, groaning,” and he held on to the boy's feet and began to pray.

You see, some of us are too religious. Their daughter may come with a rash on the face or something and oh boy, they are up by the drug store, they get this cream, they want to cream it off, they want to put this here, they want to bleach this, they want to do the other there and they are quick to respond to anything outward. And then spiritually, they might have a problem and they scorn it or they react violently towards it. When it's the same way, take the Word and begin to approach it and deal with it. You see. No communication.

Let me tell you something, those instructions, when you just instruct your child like if it's a dog you train, “Go here Rover, come here. Sit down there. Go over there,” when you train your child so, after a while, the only relationship that is established is a sinner and a judge, and you're under the law again.

Listen to me real close tonight, real close, and look how I'm going to put this in the Word for you. When I was getting this from the Lord, I began to think, the Lord

started to show me Abraham; what a true parent and child relationship is. How Abraham was called the friend of God. And I looked at Abraham's life and I began to see the demands God made. Few men, God ever made that kind of demand upon them: separate from your mother and your father and your country, separate from Lot, put away Ishmael, kill your boy— constantly.

And then I begin to look at Abraham's mistakes: he lied down here, backslid over here, ran from famine over here. But I begin to look and see how God dealt with Abraham's mistakes. Because God had called him out and said "I (it was an unconditional covenant) am going to take you out and I'm going to bring you into a land. I'm going to give it to you for an inheritance, I'm going to give to you a great name," just like any parent would have a plan for their child. Any parent that has ambition for their child that they want to see them serve God, be a real Christian, be a real representative of Jesus Christ— all these things. And sometimes the child may not be meeting the expectation of the parent because of things that the child encounters, the child is not equipped at that stage to really deal and handle it and they begin to fail here and fail here and fail here and make mistakes.

But I began to think, I said, if God made that kind of demands upon Abraham, then how it was those demands it seemed so strong, it seems such a hard thing to ask of somebody, it's like a pressure on a person's life and yet he could obey it. He could obey it through love for God.

So I realize, I said, "Wait now, you could make demands on your children's lives and they could do it and they could do it through love too." But you see the relationship that God had with Abraham— not when he sinned God wants to kill him or God is going to throw him down in Sodom, or God says, "I'll take back My promise from you," and threaten him. But a lot of parents brother, they promise their child something and

you watch how fast they threaten them to take it back from them. And in doing that they're breeding insecurity in the children, and they have the children under tension trying to live off of their own ability and these things. God is not relating with you so [meaning 'in that way' - Ed.]. And He is the real Parent.

If a child asks a father for a bread he wouldn't give him a stone. If he asks for a fish he wouldn't give him a scorpion showing that He is a type of a Father. So here is a Parent and a child and the Parent is relating with the child but the type of relationship that was established between God and Abraham, Abraham was even called the friend of God. I'm trying to show you where he says, "They need a buddy." He says, "At that age, they need a buddy." They don't need somebody who would just instruct them, "Do this and do this," they need somebody to communicate with.

Look at Abraham and his fears: "Shall I go childless?"

And God came and said, "No Abraham not you. You're not going childless, boy." And God further confirmed to him the promise. He said, "Look at the stars in the sky, look at the sand on the seashore, so shall your seed be."

God was determined to put confidence in Abraham's heart; He was determined to let Abraham see He will never leave him. He was determined to let him see his mistakes will not disassociate him with God—God was not going to disassociate him because of his mistakes but rather He was going to come after him to help him and restore him back.

But we want God to deal with us so, and then we can't deal with our own children so. Do you know why? We are talking about grace and a revelation here, but we don't have it. Because many of us are Legalist, Armenians, remember, what you live out is the reflection of your revelation. You can't have a revelation and live something else you know. What you're living out is your revelation. It just shows when they receive

the Word, to apply It in their everyday life to face the challenge of the conditions it seems so difficult. A true example of child training – look at God and Abraham, Abraham was actually called God’s friend. He and God were like friends and yet God could make that kind of demands upon the boy’s life; upon Abraham’s life.

But you see, many times we let our children get friends when you should be their friend right there. But you don’t have the time or you don’t identify deep enough to get into their world, so then you say “I’ll take you to the pastor.” So everybody is afraid of the pastor. When the pastor passes, every man starts to cringe with fear and kind of hide and get in a shell and put on their best behavior.

They would say, “I’ll take you to the deacons,” and brother you don’t want to face them because they are the police, amen. See? You’re using scare-tactics on your children when the Word says you should sit down with them in your house and you talk with them; fellowship with them. See?

I was thinking about Jesus, how Jesus said “Father, I do always those things which please You.” Who had it harder than the Lord Jesus Christ? Who had a harder road to walk than Him? Do you know anybody? But do you know something? What was it? Now the Jews tried to get Him to see God a different way. They tried to get Him to see God on Mount Sinai. See? But they failed to realize that was not the true relationship, the true relationship was revealed in Abraham but people choose that part of it.

You know, last night in service I mentioned Phillip, how he being a deacon in the house of God, an evangelist raised four daughters, had four daughters that were virgins and all prophesied. And the Prophet said if you go to ask today how much are virgins... In Africa and those places there, he said, if a person is coming to get married and is not a virgin they’ll kill them. They pass them through a test, they have a way

they test them back there according to their rituals and things, and they have a way they do it (some of the brothers were explaining it to us) to find out if they are a virgin. See? He said, "And if that had to happen in Christianity then nearly everybody will die." He said back there it was uncivilized people.

And Phillip raised in his home four of them and four of them were virgins. What kind of revelation of being a parent he had? What kind of influence he had to have upon his children? Young girls growing up could have respect for their daddy as a deacon in the house of God, could have respect for the things of God, and keep themselves clean, young girls teenagers growing up there. Could you imagine that?

Now we have an apostolic doctrine here but where is the apostolic life? Where is the apostolic home life? Where is the apostolic family life? Look they were not talking about how well he preached in Samaria and how many miracles he did and how many people he baptized up there, this is not talking about that; this is talking about his children in his home that he raised. So it shows it was not just being dynamic in the pulpit; it was effective in the home, amen.

But many a time the parents in the home there, they get to a place where they themselves, who are supposed to be real examples... That's the time? It's time for me to close, I didn't know we passed the time. I'm sorry. I just want to take this little one here. *Respects*. He was speaking about respects in the home. He said "*But instead of that no doubt...*"

He was talking about when Elisha cursed those children (forty-two children) and two she-bears came out and ate them up and the spiritual mind of the Prophet caught a revelation right in there, when the children were judged for irreverence and disrespect and look at it. [1961-1015E, para.130-133. -Ed.]

He said, *But instead of that, no doubt they had been told at home, oh, they heard papa and mama sat at the*

*table laughing, one another saying “What do you know.” They said “that old holy-roller was taken up. Did you ever believe anything like that?” And they said “this old little bald-headed fellow was just as bald as a pumpkin up there, he ain’t about thirty-five years old and here he’s coming down through there, and he’s going to hold a street meeting, expect us to believe such nonsense as that. Why, he’s nothing but a little, just a mockery. That’s all it is. Cause he won’t come to our churches. He’s just like Elijah was, he won’t come to our churches. Probably some kind of a witchcraft, hoodoo, hoax that he’s got like Elijah.” They didn’t believe him. So the children was taught that at home.”*

The children are playing in the kitchen and they hear mammy and daddy talking about the minister and talking about people in the church and they’re hearing it. They come out there in the street and they start to throw their jokes too.

*If they had been taught reverence and respect they’d have walked out there before that prophet of God and have ask prayer for themselves. But they were taught to snicker and laugh and to make fun...*

Parent delinquency in the home, teaching their children but not training them, not being an example before them in the home.

*...and like the children of today. No, too many of them would make fun of a street meeting; they make fun of the preaching of the Gospel. (See?) So Elijah cursed them in the Name of the Lord.*

My little boy came to me at home the other day and he said “Daddy, daddy you know a brother saw a man passing with some books and he told him, ‘Mister, you go and pray that God gives you some understanding!’”

And my little boy was laughing and I said, “But you don’t ever say that you know.” And he saw me get serious and I said, “But you don’t ever say that you know. Forget what the man believes. You don’t say that, you don’t grow up that way.” See?

*So Elijah cursed them in the Name of the Lord not because of the children but because of the irreverent parents that had brought their children up that way to disrespect God. And two she-bears came out and kill forty-two of them.*

*Now that's irreverence. God demands respect. When they disrespected His prophet, they disrespected Him; no matter if they didn't believe, they ought to have kept their mouth shut, stayed away from it. But no, they had to put in their nickel's worth. They had to say something that they ought not to have said. And what happened? See?*

Let me stop, if I continue I'm going to go on too far. But I want us to see without a true revelation of the grace of God, a person cannot have a true relationship with God, it will always be perverted. And that perversion is going to reflect in the way they deal with their children, in the way they deal with their husbands, in the way they deal with their wives, in the way they deal with their parents, it's going to reflect. Because remember God is a Parent, God is a Husband, the Bride is a Wife. See? God is a Father and our natural life is only to reflect That. And when He reveals Himself to us through His Word, that Word is What is to be applied in our everyday life to relate to one another.

That is why you find many times in the home there, the children, the parents, there is no communication, only instructions. What is it? It's just like the law. It never brought about a relationship. When Jesus Christ came, He came with a revelation to make God and man one, "I am the Way, I am the Truth." Because under the Old Testament they were taught to fear everything, "Otherwise you're going to die" and they're doing it through fear and not by love. See?

True, there are times when you have to be firm, there are times when the father has to stand up there and that authority figure in the home – because the father is the authority figure, see. Sometimes the child is accustomed to mammy and, you know, being just

anyhow. That father's role is the authority figure in the home. He has to stand there and when it comes to the father, it's a no-nonsense thing, they're not going to kind of carry on anyway, there must be respect there for the headship in the home.

And if you find that sometimes the father has to correct certain things, then that is where the mother has to stand with the father too. But sometimes mothers don't stand with the fathers before their children. So then being carnal and not having a true revelation, then they go now and split the family by trying to relate to the case differently after the father corrected the thing. It comes like when we're in church when the Word rebukes something and leaves the pain there, then somebody wants to come and sing a set of songs and make everybody happy again. No, leave that conviction right there, let it sting, let it go home and burn, right there. Exactly. Don't sing away that conviction, no sir. See. The wife must stand there. If the wife disagrees then she and the father could talk about it privately. Otherwise, the next thing is a breakdown of respect in the home is going to start right there.

We'll talk on these things some more, a little more because it's very necessary because you see we're at the time here, as I said it's going over time and you're responsible for your own home. Because this church is just a collection of homes, that is all it is. It's a few families gathered here and a few individuals gathered here. See?

And that is why many of the times that we are confronted with situations and the Word comes forth to show us how to deal with it and how to handle it, people fail to take the Word and go forth and apply It with faith, that they have the mind of the Lord for the situation and knowing exactly what it takes.

And you see, it comes to a place where we have to have closer communication, deeper identification with our children, with our young people here because just



like in this home here, this home church here, the wife—the husband, the wife and the children, see.

And that is why you see we must be able to know how to relate to one another. Sometimes something happens here with one person and when it happens everybody is running through the church as if the person has a plague. “You know So-and-so say this. So-and-so do this. And So-and-so do that.” It’s only a self-righteous spirit, a self-righteous devil upon a person that wants to make them feel they’re better off than someone else. They didn’t even stop for one moment to pray for the person or to go and talk to them to find out. They heard it through the grapevine and then they start to spread it. “You know So-and-so did so. So-and-so do so. I heard So-and-so over here do so.” And when these things happen sometimes, it’s just God showing you where some of the needs are that need to be prayed for. Because if you can’t love those who you see, there is no way you can convince God that you love God who you can’t see. The Word says that you’re a liar and the Truth is not inside of you. You have to love those who you could see.

So it comes to a place we need to really enter in a little deeper for the Hour is here; it’s a challenge to all of us. I have my responsibility here, part of the parent here in this Assembly. Then you have your responsibility in your home. What we want to do is, when I saw what Abraham, the kind of demands God made upon his life and it was never hard, never frustrated him, it never drove him back, it never made him feel to give up and say he couldn’t serve God. Abraham did everything in willful obedience.

Because when he made mistakes I look and see how God related to those mistakes. Bro. Branham said when he did wrong he reaped what he sowed too. He didn’t get away, they didn’t get away. But you see that is your son, you know that is a believer, if you know that is a seed of God there, then you relate to them with a real

burden of heart, by the grace of God and you watch the Holy Spirit bring deliverance. But if you stand up in a self-righteous attitude, in a more holier than thou spirit then you just drive him further and become a stumbling block. See?

So may God help us have a deeper feeling, to put ourselves in one another place where we could really be touched with the infirmities of one another. The Bible says the strong bearing the infirmity of the weak, amen, putting yourselves in one another places, thinking on the things of others, bearing one another burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Let's all stand to our feet tonight. I'm sorry for keeping you a little long, but time slipped away on me and I didn't even realize it.

I want to sing a real little old-fashioned song tonight that we used to sing years ago 'What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer' tonight. Amen. Do you appreciate the Word tonight? A little family talk around the supper table, amen. That's what we are supposed to do in our home; that is what we do in our home church here, sit around the table and talk, when you do that you have a better family.

This is one I should have read. He said, "The reason why we have all these delinquent homes," he said, "When last, you got your family together and pray at home?" He said, "Do you do that?" He said, "Because of lack of praying in the home, gathering them around and praying together with them that is why it has a lot of delinquent homes." May we not just gather together and pray together here in this church, but may we do it in our own homes, when we get our children together by the grace of God. And you watch and see how the Holy Spirit will bless you. He will bless you, He promised to bless you. Look back there, how It says parents teach your children these things when you sit down in your

house. Take the time and sit down with them in your home ... [Break in tape. -Ed.]

Maybe you might have a better wife, you wouldn't criticize so much, you wouldn't fall out so much if you will sit down and fellowship with your wife in the Word, listen to a tape together amen, pray together. See. Rather than running behind these brothers, running behind these brothers all over trying to fellowship all over the place. Let's just really get together, amen, in your homes, take your children out for little walks, talk with them.

Look at Jesus walking through the marketplace, He passed by the temple and saw the two men praying and He stopped. What did He stop for? To teach His disciples. He said, "Observe them praying," He said, "Which prayer do you think God heard?" He said, "Do you think He heard that Pharisee there or that publican?" He was teaching them about prayer.

Then another day they were passing again, passing by the synagogue, they were giving their alms; He stopped them and said, "I want you to learn this lesson too, which one of them..." While they were walking in the way He was teaching them. He stopped one time, brought a little child, and said, "Look any one of you want to be important in the Kingdom of God, come like this little child otherwise you can't enter in, learn humility." He was teaching them in the way.

He sat down there on the Mount of Olives: "Blessed are the meek, blessed are the poor," amen, teaching them. Let's take an example, it's all in the Bible. If we look in the Bible we'll see these things in the Scriptures: how we should raise our children, how we should establish our homes, how we should relate to people, whether they're a sinner, whether they're a saint, whatever it is, where God has you to shine the Light that you'll be able to shine that Light and be a real Christian, you are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the

world. Let other men see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.

Let us all prayerfully tonight sing this song What A Friend We Have In Jesus.

[# 24, Songs That Live. -Ed.]

All our sins...

*All our sins and griefs to bear!*

Oh, what a privilege to carry tonight.

*... a privilege to carry*

Everything; don't hold back anything.

*Everything to God in prayer!*

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, think about it.

*O what peace we often forfeit*

Oh, what needless pain we bear.

*O what needless pain we bear,*

All because we do not carry...

*All because we do not carry*

Everything..

*Everything to God in prayer!*

Have we trials and temptations, we all have that.

*Have we trials and temptations?*

Is there trouble anywhere?

*Is there trouble anywhere?*

Oh, we should never be discouraged, never, never be.

*We should never be discouraged,*

Oh, take it to the Lord in prayer.

*Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Oh, can we find a friend so faithful like Abraham found?

*Can we find a Friend so faithful,*

Who will all our sorrows share?

*Who will all our sorrows share?*

Oh, Jesus knows our every weakness.

*Jesus knows our every weakness,*

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Are we weak and heavy-laden tonight, I believe many of us are?

*Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Oh, cumbered with a load of care.  
Cumbered with a load of care?*

But precious Saviour is still our refuge tonight, what an encouragement.

*Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord ...  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?*

Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
*Take it ...*

Oh, let's do that tonight, let's take this advice, let's pour out everything unto Him. In His arms ...

*... His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou will find a solace there.  
Thou will find a solace there.*

Oh, every head bowed, every eye closed.

Almighty God, gracious Father how we thank You tonight that we could have this audience tonight with You Lord, we could come right up to Your Divine Presence without condemnation. We could come with boldness, we could enter into the most holiest Place. Lord, that we could do that to You the Father of all spirits in whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning.

How Lord, we should be able to have that same kind of relationship with our children that they could come right up into our presence. When You came and You walked the face of the earth, Lord, You saw it was so fit, in the midst of all the things that You preached rebuking the religious systems, identifying Your forerunner, identifying Yourself, preaching prophecy about what was to come in the last days, dedicating babies yet even Lord, You saw it fit to speak about the

family relationship; how parents and their children ought to relate, Lord, we know that You're still that same Jesus.

I pray tonight, Lord, as we stand here in Your Presence, the Word has gone forth and speaking to many of our hearts, Lord especially us who are parents, who have the responsibility of establishing a real Christian home, raising up Christian families for the glory of God, what better example can we have than have You the extreme Parent, Lord.

Oh, precious God may You open up Your Word, may You inspire the hearts of Your servants here tonight, Lord all who You have committed with that sacred responsibility, Lord that they could see a greater improvement in their homes, greater communication with their children, greater fellowship, dear God, see greater results being accomplished. Let the mind of Christ come down to every situation, may You grant wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Father, knowing that this is the Hour when every home must have that Token on display just like it was in Egypt, Lord when they were getting ready to go out. Death was passing by, gross darkness was in the land and upon the people, death was striking everywhere. But where the Life of the Lamb was on display, where the father, the priest had his family together, oh God, under the blood and they were eating that unleavened bread and that bitter herbs, their loins girded, with their staff in their hands, Lord, reminding their children, oh God, teaching them, instructing them, Lord, communicating with them, Father.

It was so pleasing in Your sight that You forbid death to pass by, oh, death could not strike. It was a reflection of the real Family of God in the house of God where the Blood is at the door. Hallelujah! Oh, glory be to God in the Highest. The only provided Place, the only provided plan for the Age, hallelujah.

I pray, dear God, the inspiration being released tonight out of Your Word, Lord, would bathe down in the hearts of Your people, Lord, and tender up and strengthen them, Lord, to cope with the problems that they are faced with in this Hour. May they be encouraged to know that You are on their side. Lord, Your Word is more than able to meet every condition, hallelujah.

Know Lord, that everyone no doubt is trying, desiring to bring forth a real Christian testimony out of their homes for You. Grant them Your grace and Your mercy, Lord. Give them the assistance that they have need of tonight. Know God that we ourselves sometimes relate to our children because of the revelation we have. And if we have a wrong revelation, a perverted revelation, if we see You, Lord, as some hard taskmaster, then no doubt that is the way we would reflect. But when You draw that example of how a parent relates to their child, Lord, You showed that God, the real Parent relates to us in a magnified way.

Then, Lord, if it's the wrong revelation then, Father, they will just bring that down to their very children and relate to them the same way. Husbands will relate to their wives in that same way, wives will relate to their husbands in that same way, parents will relate to their children that way, children will relate to their parents that way, what a perversion that will be, Father.

And You say sin is to miss the mark. And I pray that You'll channel our hearts, our souls, our spirits, our minds tonight, through Your Word, Lord, and bring us into a real fellowship, real communication, real atmosphere of love with You Lord, that that will just flow out in our homes and our fellow citizens and our fellow men. Oh God, may You grant it. I pray and ask it tonight, Father.

Bless each and everyone that is gathered in Your Divine Presence tonight. Be with us all, Lord, as we will leave this place, go with us to our homes, may the sweet

holy Presence that is here with us go with us and take us safely. Watch over us should You tarry or allow us life, bring us back another time that we could be gathered together in Your house to lift up holy hands and worship You. Father, we will not fail to honor the opportunity and hasten to the house of God, we can't wait for the doors to open to come and take up our places and stand at our post of duty and show forth our testimony in this Hour. Grant it, dear God, we commit everyone into Your hands now. May You go with us for we ask it in Jesus' precious Name and for Your sake. Amen.

Learning to lean, I'm learning to lean. Learning to lean on Jesus. Gaining more power than I've ever dreamed, I'm learning to lean on Him. Amen.

[#313, Songs That Live. -Ed.]

*Learning to lean,*

*I'm learning to lean.*

May God bless you and be with you.

[Bro. Vin leaves the pulpit. The songleader conducts the rest of the service. - Ed.]











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