

Third Exodus Assembly

Jonah's
Prayer
Meeting

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Oh, You are my hope tonight.
You are my hope and my inspiration
Lord unto You will I cry.

Oh, I believe in You
I believe in You, believe in You
For Your faithful love to me
You have been my help in times of need
Lord unto You will I plea.
Lord Unto You will I plea
You will I plea

Amen. He is our Rock tonight, a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. Blessed be His wonderful name. Let's just bow our heads for prayer. What a blessed privilege we have to come into His presence tonight. To enter His courts with praise, to come into His gates with thanksgiving knowing that praise waiteth in Zion for Him and unto Him shall the vow be performed. Let us approach Him tonight as He has made a way for us, a new and living way through His blood that we could come with boldness before the throne of grace. He said we shall obtain mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. And I trust that if you have a need tonight, you come approaching Him - holy, holy, holy, unto the Lord.

You came knowing that He made a way for you to come. He said, "Because I go to the Father, you can ask anything in my name, because I go." He went on our behalf. Amen - Glory be to God. He laid His life down. He is our sufficiency tonight. He is the surety of a better testament, the Bible says. Glory be to God - amen - thank You, Jesus. Believe Him with all your heart tonight whatever you have need of.

Dear God with bowed hearts, we come into Your great august presence. What a privilege to come into the presence of the King. Dear God, to know that You have given to Your prophet this great Tent Vision, Lord, because You desire to dwell among us. You opened up this great mystery, oh God, of how we can approach You through sacrifice. How we can have communion with You. How that communion can be maintained, Father, and if broken

how it can be restored. And, oh God, You have shown to us the value of the atonement that You have given to us. And Father, God, we rejoice, dear God, to see the love of God revealed in such a way unto us. To show dear God, what we mean to You, Father. To know dear God, it was death to come into Your presence in times past but now it is death to stay out.

Oh God, and so we embrace this privilege to come into the presence of the living God. Hallelujah! And Lord, as we come tonight Father, God we come making our requests known unto You with joy. Remembering You said, You shall supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory. Oh God and You are the great bountiful One in our midst tonight. You are the all sufficiency tonight, Father. Oh God, You are the One who have made a way, that whatever we have need of, Lord God, to know that You are a God who are true to Your promises, Father. That dear God, as we come into Your presence tonight, we don't have to come burdened, and bowed down, oh God. We don't have to come, Lord, discouraged and wondering. But we can come, dear God, knowing we can ask anything in Your name.

We can come knowing, oh, God Father, that You stand ready and willing and able dear God, to minister unto us the things that we have need of. And Father God, we come tonight, not to ask for things, Oh God, to consume upon the lust of our flesh but, dear God, we come Father, that we might make ourselves available to You, dear God. Desiring to submit to Your will Father, desiring that You will make Your will known to us in a clearer way.

Dear God, that we could know Father, how to walk in this hour, how to live in this hour, how to serve You in this hour, how to carry out Your Word. How to fulfill Your Word in this hour, how to come into union with You, how to cooperate with You in the fulfilling a the plan of God. And Father, we pray that You would have Your blessed way in our midst tonight. Bless all that are gathered here tonight, Father. May You do the exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think. How we pray that that spirit of supplication and prayer will begin to move in such a way in our hearts tonight. Lord God, and You would build us up Father, into that spirit of prayer dear God, that Father we could climb up Jacob's ladder into the presence of the living God, where

the glories never fail. We can go Father beyond the riven veil, dear God, right into the presence of the King tonight.

Oh God, not just to be into the outer court, not just to be, Lord God, by the table of shewbread and the candlestick, or Lord God, not just here, saying a little prayer and offering up some incense. But Lord God, to come right into the presence of the living God, where the Shekinah can come down and overshadow us, and fill our hearts with a fresh baptism; with a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit. May You grant it dear God. We know this is the hour You are sealing up Your church, dear God. This is the hour You are claiming all the Elect, Father, for glorification in this hour. And, dear God, we pray tonight that You would just have such a free flow, such a free course tonight in this place. Take full charge of the service. Lead and direct us into all that is to be said and done.

Minister to every need dear God, inspire the hearts of Your children, oh God, that we could move up into that realm, where there could be a release of the spirit of prayer in this place, tonight. And dear God, those that might be on their way, may You bring them in quickly, oh God. Lord, together we could just sit under the influence of the Holy Spirit, as You minister to us, the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ. May You grant it, Lord. We thank You that we could be able to be here tonight into Your house Lord. We thank You, to come into Your courts and feel Your presence. We thank You, oh God, that You are a God who not only gives a commandment, oh God, to say that, "We should not forsake the assembling of ourselves." But You are a God who keeps Your promise that says, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst."

And, oh God, may You just have Your blessed way tonight. And may You be the principal theme of this service. We ask these mercies in the precious and lovely name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen and amen. Thank You, Jesus. God richly bless You tonight. I would like to invite your attention to the book of Jonah. We want to have prayer service and speak a little bit and then take a time to pray.

And this book of Jonah is a great book. Jonah means dove and the dove was always a loyal bird, faithful messenger. And Jonah is a sign of the resurrection, that Jesus said, "No other sign but the

sign of Jonah was going to be given. And we just want to take a little inspiration from there, to pray tonight. We are going to read in chapter 1. Also, I want to get a little place in Romans 8. I'll just read a little portion in Romans 8 first and then we'll read out of Jonah 1. Romans 8:28 – 26 really: Is everyone feeling fine tonight? Amen - Let's just really capitalize on the opportunity tonight, to get more of His Spirit in our hearts, to be more filled and more charged, to be more focused, to be strengthened with might and power in the inner man. Romans 8 verse 26.

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:
for we know not what we should pray – what we
should pray for as we ought:*

We know but we don't know, as we ought. It means that there is a more perfect understanding for us to come into, a greater knowing to come into. We don't know as we ought to know, but we know a little bit and we desire to know even better.

*...but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us
with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

But the Spirit knows even though we don't know – amen.

And He that searcheth the hearts,

That is the same Spirit. And the Spirit and the Word is the same, the Word is quick and a discerner of the hearts.

...knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit,

Because it is revealing the Word and the Spirit is a revealer of the Word.

*...because He maketh intercession for the saints
according to the will of God – He maketh
intercession for the saints according to the will of
God.*

*And we know that all things work together for
good*

You see this is also part of the thought that is being expressed here.

*And we know that all things work together for
good to them that love God,*

Do You love God tonight? All things work together for good to them that love God.

*...to them who are the called according to His
purpose.*

People that love God and people who are called according to God's purpose- 'the called.' The Spirit – they are the saints, the Spirit make known the will of God to them and the Spirit intercedes through them. "And the Spirit helpeth our infirmities." That's our weaknesses; the Spirit knows our weak places. So the Spirit comes as a helper to us. So we don't depend on our might and our power. "It is not him that willeth and him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy. Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, sayeth the Lord." The Spirit comes to empower us, to lead us, to quicken us, amen. To instruct us, to bring back to our remembrance, teaches us all things, shows us things to come. The Spirit gives us unction from the Holy One. Is that right? That's the anointing, that's the Spirit. That's the inside Teacher. And Jonah 1:

Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

And 'Amittai' means 'truth of Jehovah' and 'Jonah' means 'dove.' How wonderful. We need the dove to take us into the truth of Jehovah – amen.

Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city,

And Nineveh means the habitations of Ninus. You know that? And Ninus is Nimrod – Nimrod is the one who built Nineveh. It was named after him there. And that's this age, this whole age, this Satan's Eden that we live in, where the religion of Nimrod is raised up. Where that mystery king who have conquered the world, 'He went forth conquering and to conquer and a crown was given unto him and with a sword he made war against his brethren.' That's what Nimrod did. And he conquered the world and brought it under his dominion. When Nimrod conquered the world, he forced them to worship him. It was to such a city that Jonah was sent to cry out against.

...and cry out against it, for their wickedness is come up before me.

Here is God revealing His will to them but look at their response.

But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish

The Word said, "Come and go to Nineveh, cry out against it because the wickedness is come up before me."

But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and

he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it,

And watch all that - went down - went down. He went down to Joppa. Then he went down into the ship.

...to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord;

But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god,

And that is ...it is heathens. When they saw trouble they started to pray. Great prayer meeting broke out on the ship. Every man on the ship was calling upon their God. Could you imagine tonight, every man on this ship, no matter how stormy it is, in the midst of the storm, we could all unite and call onto the one true and living God, tonight. Amen. So he had paid the fare thereof; he went down, God sent the storm, the mariners became afraid, these hard rugged sailors who had sailed those rough seas before.

...and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them.

When you see people have to empty a ship of all its goods and sometimes a ship has very expensive goods. That's how they make their wealth, with their cargo on board. They have every kind of thing. You watch all those big freight carriers that come into this port here. They bring all your food that they import. They bring clothes. They bring motorcars. They bring everything that you could think of. They bring all kinds of jewels and gold, and they bring money, all types of things they bring.

And brother, when that storm came, and they know that this ship - we could go down because of the weight on this ship, and the only way of survival is to lighten this ship. Then sometimes it is hard, it's hard. You need every man on board to help. So you don't care if you have to lighten that ship ...life and death, but you had to lighten it. And they were throwing everything overboard that had to go overboard. So that just goes to tell you how afraid they were; and what they discerned for the hour and what it was going to take for them to survive. My!

But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship;

He went down, he went down; he was gone down into the sides of the ship.

...and he lay, and was fast asleep.

Look at this man. This man is running from the presence of God. This is a man who knows the will of God. This is not a Methodist or a Baptist. This was a man to whom God revealed that the judgement was coming upon the habitations of Nimrod. How many know that the judgement is come upon the habitation of Nimrod in this hour? How many know the Bride is raised up to be God's witness in the last days? That's right.

This man was commissioned by God. How many know there is an anointed and commissioned church in the last days? Why do you think God made known the Seven Seals to us? To give us knowledge? No, to reveal the plan for the age; to show to us our place in that plan. When God spoke to him God didn't tell him about somebody else, God showed him his place in God's plan in that hour. But this man wasn't willing to face up to the responsibility. So he tried to take the easy route. And he was fast asleep.

So many, tonight, are trying to sleep off their convictions. So many tonight, try to shut themselves down and pay no attention to what God has said, thinking God will forget. Thinking that maybe, God is going to get fed up and go and use somebody else. But if God calls somebody for the job, God doesn't use anybody else. God's purpose will never be defeated. And man's free will could never overcome God's perfect will. Did You get that? God's eternal purpose will never be overcome by man's free will. God will bring every son and daughter into subjection. God knows how to crush human will. God knows how to break the human spirit. God knows how to bring crisis in the life, to get you to come running to God, begging the same God you're running from, to come and help you. That's right - my!

So the shipmaster came to him.

Brother, when they called that prayer meeting, they wanted to be sure that everybody was praying. They went on top the deck. They went in the cabins. They went everywhere. They went right down to the very bottom, at the sides of the ship, way down in the

bottom. And they were searching out everywhere and they found this man fast asleep. Prayer meeting was going on, on that boat - a big storm was gathering. Think of it – ‘The Oncoming Storms of Judgement’, brother, heaping up and they were in one big tempestuous condition; and the man who knew the plan of God, the one to whom the will of God was revealed was trying to run and evade the responsibilities. Think of it. And he said,

What meanest thou, O sleeper?

Not Oh believer, you know. Not Oh Elect of God, you know. Not you who the will of God is made known to, you know – Oh sleeper.

...arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots,

Now they wanted to know the will of God because like nothing was moving. All the praying, praying, praying and after a while they said, “Like we are not getting an answer for this prayer. We need to get a little more sincere. We need to do every thing we can do to find out the will of God because if praying is not working, maybe we are not praying right.” Sometimes we are praying but there is sin to fix up. So they said,

let us cast lots that we may know for whose cause, this evil is upon us.

They weren’t just determined to pray. They wanted to know the cause of ‘our troubles.’ They wanted to get down to the root of the problem.

So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

And then they said they unto him, tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us;

First question –

Next question - *What is thine occupation?*

Third question - *Whence comest thou?*

Fourth question – *What is thy country?*

Fifth question – *And of what people art thou?*

Brother, that must have stripped him completely. What people are you from – the Bride? What is your occupation? What is your calling in this hour that God called you unto? Are you the people that God opened the Seven Seals to? What people are -

And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which had made the sea and the dry land.

Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

He decided to confess. He started to confess.

Then they said unto him, what shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? For the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea;

Inspiration struck him. Maybe he saw a vision because he knew what to do to remedy the situation. It takes a lot of faith and courage to say, "Throw me into the sea." Think of it. His hands were tied. To throw him into the sea, it took a lot of courage. That's a man that knows the will of God. Because they said, "What shall be done to calm the sea - to stop the storm?" And he knew what it was going to take to stop the storm. This is not just a frightened man knowing, "I will die." No, no, no, watch.

Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land;

Because they realized, "This man is going to die. As great as his God is, maybe this man is going to die. So maybe we could still try to bring him to the land, so we don't have to throw this man. We are going to feel guilty, to throw this man out to sea in weather like this.

...for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life,

Now they stopped praying to their gods and they started praying to Jehovah.

*...and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou,
O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.*

They had some understanding about God.

*So they took up Jonah, and they cast him forth
into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.*

Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly,

Because they realized, this is a God who answers. They saw immediate answer. Here the prophet said, "Do this and it shall be done." They say, "But wait, this man is in communication with God. We tried not to do that. Then we started to pray to this man's God and then this man's God answered. And exactly what he said would happen, came and happened." They saw God before them. They saw the Word manifested before them. They saw a condition that made them scared and made them throw all their wares into the sea to save their own lives. They saw a situation remedied right before their eyes.

*Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and
offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.*

Hard rugged sailors - Do you know what they say about sailors? When you see sailors praying – when somebody curse-real obscene, they say, "You curse like a sailor." Because the filthiest mouth you could get is a sailor. And when you get sailors praying and you get sailors making vows, is because something struck them, with a reality and they saw the manifestation of God.

*Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to
swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of
the fish three days and three nights.*

May the Lord bless the reading of the Word. You may have your seats. The book of Jonah is a very beautiful book. I spoke on it quite a few times and there are such great lessons in the book. It is a short book, but this is where Jesus Himself had stood up and looked back in this very book; authenticating it by saying, "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the last days and condemn this generation." And here also we see Jesus, who said that "as Jonah was in the belly of the whale." And Jesus said it was a whale. Because Jesus identified to us what kind of fish it was. He said, "So shall the Son of Man be, three days and three nights, in the heart of the earth."

And so, Jesus who is the Word Himself, who is God in the flesh, who is the author of the Word and the Word is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And He looks back at the book, identifying Himself in that book and speaks of Jonah then it means to say Jonah has to be an authentic book. Then it means to say that the things that are written in this book actually happen and it was a mystery. Though the book of Jonah doesn't have any prophecy given. Jonah prophesied about nothing.

You know you read Obadiah, you read Nahum and you read Jonah. And they all prophesied what is going to happen. And thus saith the Lord, so shall the Lord do and so on. But Jonah prophesied nothing. And then you don't see Jonah do any signs and wonders and miracles. But you see God worked in a way here and through his life and experience; it held a mystery of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because he said, "Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights so shall the Son of Man be in the earth and rise again. And that was the sign of Jonah that was to be given. So it was a beautiful thing when we think of it. I want to take for a little thought tonight: 'Jonah's Prayer Meeting.' And his great prayer came out in chapter 2. Maybe I should just, while I have your attention there, read in chapter 2, so we could just pick up the prayer at the same time. Chapter 1; we see how – the circumstances that led to him going into the belly of the fish. In chapter 2 – and you know something, this is the only time, maybe in all the history of man that somebody prayed and had a prayer meeting in a fish's belly.

You know, sometimes people say, "I can't get a place to pray. You know my prayer life – I'm going through a thing, because home by me, you know I can't really pray. If I was living up by you all, you all have a nice place for you all to pray. But down by me there is no place to pray." People could always find an excuse or something; why their prayer life could be weak; why they don't have time to pray. "Where I'm living the place is too hot or the place is too cold; or the place is too uncomfortable; or the place is too noisy." Or there is too much of flesh around them you know, and they can't pray - only seeing all that flesh. Anytime they turn, it is flesh this way and flesh that way. And then they want to justify maybe why they could be.

But the prophet said, “Which one of you could be in a worse condition than what Jonah was in?” And so tonight, as we look at this ‘**Jonah’s Prayer Meeting,**’ we want to see the – that a man could be inspired to pray anywhere and under any circumstance, and in any kind of condition. And that God is a God that will hear and answer prayer anywhere.

And then, sometimes when you could come in the presence of God and have a song service and have musicians and have exhortations and then you say, you still can’t pray. What about a man, down in the belly of a fish, brother, with all that stinking thing, all that fish vomit and sea weed and everything inside of there? Brother, you know how God would keep him alive to pray and everything else, all his clothes wet. See? Brother, just came from a storm, into the sea, into a fish’s belly and things just got worse and worse and worse and worse. And yet the man could pray with such power, such effectual fervent prayer. Amen! That God could come on the scene and God’s ear was listening, and God’s ear was attentive. And he couldn’t, he couldn’t, “I wonder if God is hearing this prayer? I don’t know if I could get a break through tonight, nah?” He was just praying. Amen - because something in his heart was moving him to pray. The spirit of prayer came upon the man in that condition.

Then I believe – I don’t think that there is a person here tonight, could convince me that the spirit of prayer can’t come upon you. Or you could have some legitimate excuse because you have to say that, in the face of Jonah chapter 1 and 2 – amen. And in the face of Jonah chapter 1 and 2, it tells you, you can pray regardless, under any circumstance. Hallelujah. Glory be to God!

You can be inspired. You can be motivated to prayer. Amen – you could have all kinds of hindrance, things humbugging you. You start to pray and brother all kinds of other fish and things that the fish swallowed, this big fish had swallowed. Brother, sea weed wrapped around his neck, fish passing, things touching him in his ears, things touching him on his head, he was uncomfortable. Things on his back, his foot was cramping, he needed a good position, but he was praying. Is that right? He was praying inside of there. Glory be to God in the highest! He couldn’t walk around. He couldn’t say, “Well I’m going in to the toilet a little bit and come back out. Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to God.”

He couldn't maybe, stand up straight and put his hand up in the air and wave and say, "Let me give God a wave offering or something." Brother, he might have been, for a little while, stuck up in a corner trying to work his way out but he was praying by the grace of God. The prayer was going forth. He was focused to God. Is that right? He knew there was a God there. And he knew God could hear under any circumstance, in any kind of situation. I think that ought to show us, "I would that men would pray always and everywhere and every time." Jesus said. Oh, my! "Because the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." And how much more, shall God avenge you - His elect, speedily if they cry unto Him, day and night.

Amen - and brother he was three days and three nights inside of there. Not for half an hour, not an hour, not twenty minutes, brother three days and three nights. He said, "Oh God, my pillow, where is my pillow? I can't sleep without my cover. Oh God, I miss a night's sleep. I'm getting nervous. I'm going through a nervous breakdown." Amen. "But I didn't get any food to eat for the day. You know - what kind of life is this? You know, all God's people are having a good time." No, no, no brother, even inside of there he could pray - amen. He was praying by the grace of God.

And let me say something, Jonah was a type of a people who were raised up with a resurrection ministry. His ministry began when he came out of the fish's belly. And he had a ministry of judgement - amen, to the habitations of Nimrod. Hallelujah! Resurrection power - a ministry. Amen. It was a man, brother - because that coming out was a type of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Is that right? And it was a resurrection ministry, not to Jews but to Gentiles. It was a message of judgement and it was to the habitations of Nimrod. I believe the Bride has the same kind of ministry in this hour, a resurrection ministry. We have seen the resurrection out of dark denominationalism. Is that right?

A Seventh Seal - a resurrection seal ministry, a ministry of judgement, because the Supreme Judge has appeared in the last days and it is a ministry to Gentiles. Amen - that God is going to bring judgement, in forty days the city was going to fall and God had called a man and the message was urgent. Is that right? Time was running out - the countdown was on for the nations. Is that right? Glory be to God! But before he could go into his

resurrection ministry, he had a prayer meeting, under difficult circumstances. But he had to pray up to get into that ministry. Oh, thank You, Jesus. We found that all over the Bible already. Since we started here last year, we found that all over the Bible already.

Brother, on that boat they had a call to prayer. They said, "Every man regardless of religion, regardless of race, regardless of creed; call on your god. We don't want to see a man that is not praying." That was the heathens doing that. And the man who had the Word, and the man who knew how to pray, and the man who knew the reason, there were all the problems in the land; and the man who knew the storm was coming, and the man who knew that it was he who was not in the will of God – who the will of God was made known to. Amen - this was the man who wasn't praying- this man was sleeping. Is that right?

This man was sleeping. This man was trying to hide and run, from the presence of God. This man was trying to shut down his conviction. This man was trying to sleep off his conviction. Oh, my! This man lacked the courage to face up to his responsibilities. This man wanted to take the easy route, the way of least resistance. This man began to think of the opposition and the retaliation that such a message could bring to such a violent people. This man – if God had told him to go and heal a few people and go, and you know, do some nice works down there. Oh God, he was glad to go. Go and preach a nice message to pat everybody on their backs. He was glad to go.

But God wasn't sending him for a popularity contest. God said, "Go and cry out. Cry out against that false religion. Cry out against Nimrod. Cry out against the Babylonian spirit. Cry out against those fashions. Cry out against those things." Amen. "All the wickedness and the deceit, cry out against it." And when God told him, he said, "Because in forty days, judgement is coming down on this place."

Brother, we see that angel say, "Time shall be no more." We see that angel, with the fire filled censer and cast it in the earth and say, "Judgement will start in the earth," and a resurrection ministry, under the Seventh Seal, for a people to go forth. And the courage it was going to take to face up to the responsibility of carrying such a message. A message that brings rejection, a message that brings retaliation, a message that shows people their

religious sin, their immoral sin, their financial sin, their economic sins, their industrial sins. A message that uncovers their masks and the Light that shines and reproveth and makes manifest and exposes all the evil in this day.

Such a message – what did it do? Brother, they hated a prophet, they shut him down and they blackened the message. That was the kind of retaliation. And to the Bride that will have to fly with this message the same thing is going to happen, for you have to testify to somebody, but God wants a witness regardless. God wants a witness regardless. God must have a witness. God must have somebody to tell the truth, to say, “Judgement is coming. We are at the end.” It wasn’t a message to go and say, “Be a covenant partner with Jesus.” You know, “Put in your seed and expect your miracle. And I tell you, we’re driving, you know, the BMW by Easter.” It wasn’t that kind of foolish thing that they have on the radio and on the TV. Not that kind of nonsense – no sir!

It was a man standing saying, “I indict this generation for the second crucifixion of Jesus Christ.” He said, “You flee the walls of Babylon, like you flee the plague. Because the atomic bomb will cremate this generation.” Amen! It’s thus saith the Lord. You shall reap what you sow.” It was that kind of message – amen - that kind of message. And brother, he began to see that the message wasn’t just revelation. God didn’t just reveal to him, where the judgement is going to fall on Babylon, on the habitations of Nimrod, on Nineveh.

I’ve gone through that here in the church already, on Jonah and Nahum. And showed you that the judgement on Nineveh was pronounced. God postponed the sentence. A hundred years after, God put it in the ocean. ‘The mistress of witchcraft and the bloody city’, God called them. All the evil deeds and the deceitful economics and how they killed the people. And in Nineveh, they used to skin the people alive - their enemies and they put it upon their walls for decorations. And they took the skulls of the people and it was all over the place. That was an evil city, it was a bloody city.

It was a city of witchcraft. A perfect type of these last days and this evil system, of a mystery Nimrod. And the message is the judgement of the great whore. Amen - Babylon shall fall, so Jerusalem- the Lamb’s wife can rise.” That’s right. That same

Angel that reveals the Lamb's wife is the same angel that shall reveal the judgement of the great harlot. The same Angel with the vials is the same angel with the Seventh Seal. Is that right. My! And such a message was committed to Jonah – the dove, to fly with the message. Oh, my - and then look what happened- He ended up in the fish's belly. He ended up in the fish's belly. You see, as we read there in the scriptures, we don't know how we ought to pray sometimes. But God knows how to work all things together for good.

This man didn't submit to the will of God. This man chose self-will instead of the perfect will of God. I wonder if that's a reflection. I wonder if that's a picture - if the resurrection part is a picture - if the habitations of Nimrod is a picture. If the revelation of God's will, being made known to this man is a picture. I wonder if this other part is not a picture. I wonder if there are not people tonight, to whom the Seventh Seal is opened and made known the will of God. Open the rock beneath the rock that we might see Jesus and His program. We might understand the plan for the age, to know what God is working to achieve. Is that right?

By and through the members of the Bride we will finish the ministry of the Son of Man – this resurrection ministry. This ministry of judgement, the Bride will have a testimony to preach to the lost. Is that right? Then are there a people who after this is revealed, they see the revelation, they know what the Word says. It says that in the book of Revelation. It says that in the book of Ezekiel.

It says that in different – God told Ezekiel, he said, “Harden your forehead. Go and speak lamentation and woe and mourning to this nation. Eat this book and go and prophesy.” He said, “And I'll hold you responsible if they are not warned.” Is that right? Look at that same ministry here. That's the same ministry here, in shadow and type in the Bible, in the last days. And God had to shake him up. God had to shake him up. You know the prophet preached, 'The Presence of God Unrecognized.' Then he preached, 'Man running from the Presence of the Lord.' Then he also preached, 'In His Presence.' Which one are you tonight? Presence of God unrecognized? You don't know what is going on. You don't understand anything. It passed through you and you can't identify what you're seeing, where it is in the Bible.

Or you are running from the presence of God? You heard the Word, you say, "I believe it. You know I am part of that, but really I can't surrender to it. I find it is too much of a demand on my life. I am not willing to pay that kind of price. I have a fight with it. I'm looking for the easy route. I can't handle retaliation. I can't be confronted with opposition. I want a place of least resistance." Because you want to be Mr. Nice Guy, you want to be Miss Popular. You want to just have everybody love you. And everybody pat you on your back and have all your friends. But to testify to them why you're dressed so, it is hard. So you have two kinds of dress - one for church and one for when you go out otherwise. You have two identities.

You have a church identity around the church and you have next identity when you go somewhere else. So people don't know you're that same person. So you could live and get the better of two worlds. That's a profane person like Esau. He wanted to have the birthright and he wanted to have the morsel of meat. Think of it. And when you see such a situation, you realize you can't play tricks with God. You're only fooling yourself. You are only messing up your own mind. You are only opening up yourself to all kinds of different spirits, to take you over and control you and manipulate you. You're only sowing to the flesh and you're going to reap corruption.

And you're going to find that Jonah had the revelation. It was made known to him. He saw his place in the revelation that was made known to him. But he wasn't acting on the revelation. He was making plans, contrary to what the Word revealed to him, his place was. Did you get that? He started to buy a ticket to go to Tarshish. He started to plan a vacation. He started to plan a sight seeing tour. He started to plan something different to what the Word revealed and told him, is God's will for him in that hour. He couldn't bring his life in submission to that. Yet he wanted to go along having the knowledge of what God told him.

A lot of people are contented in just showing they have knowledge about the Bible. They have knowledge about the message. They could explain modern events. They know these things. But then to act upon the Word, to bear the reproach, to be criticized, to be humiliated, to be willing to lay down your life, no matter what it costs you, they don't want to go that path. They

want to sit in a comfortable chair. They could fall asleep and shut out the plans of God, even though they know it. And look for a place to sleep and go into an unconscious state of mind and pay no attention to the reality of God, while the storm is gathering, while the oncoming storm is gathering.

While the nation - Hindu, Muslim, Buddhists, New Age, Baptists, Protestant, Catholics and everybody is seeing the world in upheaval. And everybody is praying. Everybody is having special prayers. Everybody is trying - this week is fast and prayers. We will change the nation. Pray for the crime. Pray for this - all the storms that they're seeing gathering. Everybody is praying to their own god in their own way.

But in the midst of all of that there are a people, an Elect that have a revelation of the will of God. But need to wake up to the responsibility to carry this revelation because the revelation reveals a commission. Can you see that? Is that clear to you? Does that fit? Is every book in the Bible for the end time? That's right - that's right.

Then Jonah chapter 2. Look at him. He is inside the belly of the fish. What do you think he was thinking? What do you think he was thinking? Prayer is not an intellectual thing. How did he end up there? He was seeing a next side of God. He was seeing what God - the measures God takes to get His Elect to obey Him.

He was seeing God as an 'upsetter' of human made plans. God wakes you up when you are sleeping and makes you face the crisis. God is not letting you sleep off anything in this hour. How many are sleepers here? God even has unbelievers - when they start to tell you how much they are praying for the things of the world and what they see; you realize that some of them have more compassion than you. Sometimes you don't have any compassion for people outside there, just human beings. You get in a kind of reprobate, elect, tares and wheat, a kind of knowledge information syndrome. And then, not looking at your heart and seeing the condition that your heart is supposed to be in, if you're really called in this hour and walking under this Word.

Then Jonah prayed; then Jonah prayed.

First Jonah was running. Then Jonah was sleeping. But then Jonah prayed. He had to finish his running. He had to wake up from his sleep. And he had to stop his hiding and running, to get

into this kind of prayer. How many know they have been trying to evade responsibility of the message? How many know they have been trying to live a life, where if the message could come in and blend into their life it's okay. If the message can be reconstructed to fit them it's okay. But if they have to tear up their life, rearrange their life, clean up their life, get things out of their life and get their life lined up, they are not really ready to do that yet.

So they say, "Well you know, I can't come on those days. Well you know I don't really have time because I have this and that and that." In other words, what they mean is if this was kind of convenient to what they're in, they would be doing those things. But don't expect them - Accept the legitimacy of their excuse because what you're telling them doesn't fit into their life. That life gets nowhere with God. That's the life that is sleeping. That's the 'asleep' life. That's the life - the storm is going on and man is telling you, "You see the winds being let loose? You see the kind of armament? You see the kind of deployment of weapons and armies? You hear the threat?"

You hear the lamb speaking with the voice of the dragon? You see the climate - the political climate in the world at present? You understand the kind of pressures? You see the continuation of September the 11th - you see round 2? You understand what is happening? You see the laws being passed and the things they could enforce now? You see how they've become more authoritative this round. Because this time they are not going against a bunch of rebels with no government and no army and just a few people with no shoes and thing up in Afghanistan. They are going to a full state.

But you see if it means nothing to you, it doesn't fit into your life so you could sleep while all that is going on. You find a good cozy place to sleep. And if somebody says, "What God say for the hour?" You say, "Yes, yes I know Nineveh has to go down. It is in forty days, you know the countdown is on for them." But you are sleeping. But you are in the bottom of the ship. But you're talking it, but not as though you are part of the ones who are to go out, commissioned to be the witness, and deal with whatever retaliation and opposition and if anything comes obeying God and carrying out His commission. You see there is no real burden but you're talking it.

Because he was sleeping with that understanding - storm going on and people are losing everything and every man praying and crying out. And he is sleeping with that understanding and he is going a different direction, by the plans he made. How many of you are making plans? You're planning for this and you're planning for that. And your favourite quote is, "If He is coming in the morning still plan for twenty years." But it seems that all you're doing is planning for the twenty years, and no preparation for the coming. You are not deceiving anybody. You're bluffing yourself. You think it is something to get past one or two critical views of believers. So you say, "Aha, I have the answer. If they ask me that I will say this. If they ask me this I will say this."

What God – God is not seeing what you are doing? Didn't God see what Jonah was doing? Didn't God see where He was hiding? Didn't God know to send the shipmaster to find him where he was? Wasn't his whole life going down, down, down, down? From there when they threw him out, he went down in the sea and he went down in the fish's belly and he went down in the bottom of the ocean. His whole life, from the time he got away from obeying what God said and was trying to make his own plans, he was going down, down, down, down, down. And the Lord sent the wind. And the Lord prepared the fish. Did the Bible say that? The Lord took it. God didn't say, "Now I'm defeated. Oh God, you see the same thing."

We parents do that. "Talk to the child. I'm tired talking to him. You talk to him now." And the child is doing what he wants. And both parents are talking and they're scratching their heads and they're frustrated. "You see me, you see me, best I don't live here. Best you go and get your own place to live." And everybody is making an excuse.

Do you think God is like that? God said, "You don't do what I tell you eh? Let me get the wind. The wind will obey me, if you don't obey me. And I will use the wind to shake you up into such a condition that when you're done, I will use the fish afterwards. And you who don't have time to pray, I'll get you praying. You'll be begging Me to get you out of it in a little while. You make your plans and go ahead." Oh, my! I tell you.

To carry this message is not an easy thing. 'Man running away from the Presence of the Lord' read it sometime. That's the

message of responsibility; that's the message the prophet preached on facing up to your responsibility. And he showed man's nature is prone to run. Since from the Garden of Eden, Adam ran and hid from God. Moses ran out in the wilderness away from the post of duty. Elijah ran from the post of duty, away in the wilderness, running from Jezebel, from where he was supposed to be a witness. Is that right? Peter, when the opposition came, ran and took off with his few friends and went back fishing. The prophet in this age was running in the woods too. Is that right?

And God said, "You run, I'll show you what will happen to you. You want to run. I showed you Babylon is going to fall. I showed you the habitations of Nimrod is about to be judged. I give you a message to carry out. I give a resurrection ministry and you want to run. And I showed you to cry out." Third Exodus Assembly, do you want to run? Any running you better run in God's presence. Don't run from God's presence; run into God's presence. And run for your life into God's presence. It's an hour of desperation.

*Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord, his God out
of the fish's belly,
And said, I cried*

This prayer is not what he was praying in the fish's belly, you know. If you read it closely, you will see he is referring to what he had prayed and what his experience was while he was in the fish's belly. He said,

*Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of
the fish's belly,
And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction
unto the Lord, and he heard me;*

See he is referring back to when he was in the belly of the fish crying out. When did I tell you - think of how he got there? A prayer from the fish's belly - in other words, a prayer from where God finds you out of the will of God is a prayer that must have repentance. Because when the Light shines on you it shows you what is the level of your attitude towards the Word. What is the level of your burden? Check your thermometer. See how on fire you are for the things of God. See. Check your sacrifice level and see how much sacrifice you are willing to make. Check your willingness level. See. Check your involvement and see how

involved you are. Check and see how much you are willing to deny yourself to obey God.

When God began to search that out in him and he began to search it out in himself, he realized, "God, look where You are finding me. When I should have been on the road to Nineveh, You're finding me going to Tarshish. You're finding me hiding down in the bottom of the ship. You finding me – now I end up in the belly of a fish. How on earth am I coming out of here? If I had obeyed You, Lord I would not end up in this."

He knew what he went - how he went in there. That was his plans. He said, "I" – he said, "Throw me in and it will stop, you'll see; because I don't want to submit to the will of God, though I know it. I know God talked to me about it. I know God showed me the urgency of the message that I was called unto. And what it was going to take to carry this message, to be God's witness in this hour." He said, "I realize, I was still serving God in a superficial way. And when God started to shake me up and burst up my thing, God brought me to a rude awakening. I realize God isn't playing dolly house with me. God isn't playing, you know, church with me. I realize that was my little superstition in my mind. I fabricate that and I was seeing God as a mascot boy. He wouldn't mind if I do that and I will put that on the back burner. And I am not ready to do that. Maybe I will do it later on, when I feel up to it."

He began to learn what it is to plan outside of God's leadership after God makes His will known to you. He began to see that putting your plans ahead God's plan is exalting your knowledge above God. It is elevating your own thinking above God. He failed to realize, not submitting to the will of God is to want to claim God as your God but you have no submission to God. So you are not really reverencing Him as God. So all, "Oh, Lord God, I love You," is vain because God wants obedience rather than sacrifice. Rebellion and stubbornness is like witchcraft and idolatry.

Remember, Jonah had a Bible to read all that out of because Jonah's prayer was quoting the Psalms that David had already prayed. And the same way, Jonah came under the same kind of affliction, though David was not in the belly of a whale, yet he saw his own calamities and his own problems that he was being faced with, his own crisis, he could go back in the Psalms because he was established in the Word.

That's why we too today, could pray back the same prayers that Paul and they prayed - that the Apostles prayed. Because those same prayers that they prayed for they never came into the fulfillment of many of the things that they prayed for because it wasn't time. That's why they only had the earnest, but this is the hour of full redemption. This is the hour, the Seven Seals are opened and there is no more generation. And this is the hour, when the things that they didn't come into, we are going to come into it because the second Bride fell just like the first Bride. Is that right? But this Bride is not to fall. Is that right?

And he began to cry there out of the fish's belly. What a prayer meeting. I could imagine he got there, maybe he sat down on a pile of weeds, inside that fish's belly. Because the Bible says, that the fish had gone down to the bottom of the ocean. And when he sat down there, he began to see how futile - how futile, his self-made plans were and how quickly it all came to naught. And from the time he saw that storm ceased, he knew, "Aha, I know it is God. The sailors know it is God. And I know why this happened." Because they cast the lots to find out why this happened, so everybody knows why this happened. It fell on me, I am responsible, I am the guilty one."

Did Joshua and they find out the guilty one in Israel – with Achan? Did Peter and they find out the guilty one in the Alpha Bride? That's right. Don't get in a kind of condemnation thing here, you know. If you're getting shaken, take the shaking, and if you are getting corrected just do like Jonah. That's why I'm preaching this.

Because I know many people are making a lot of self-made plans, outside the reveal will of God that they exalt and put above the will of God. And have the will of God on a back burner, while they're working day and night to get their own self-made plans, that is contrary and not in harmony with the plan of God for their life. That's why in their life God is a Sunday, Wednesday and Friday God. And the rest of days they have their own time. They are not bought with a price. God doesn't have rights of ownership over them. They kind of live with the Armenian concept; "Well, I gave God His dues. I did my righteous deed for the day. I gave God His portion. They don't say like the unprofitable servant, that after I serve in the fields and I come in the house, I still have to

serve my master. And when my master says, "Okay, you're dismissed. Go and see about yourself now." And gives you a space and time for your thing- then.

They are not serving God that way, though they know that. If you ask them if they know that- "Oh, yes, I know that. That is Luke 17." And they explain it for you too. Well, that was Jonah- They know it but they are not acting upon it. They know it but they are planning their life, apart from it. And the storm is gathering. And all those hard men are being shaken up, because they see death and destruction moving in. And that is coming because the answer to the problem lays in the one who God gave the revelation to.

I trust you are catching and seeing what it is in the sight of God by Him coming down in this day and opening Seven Seals. Seven Angels coming and God putting a big witness before the whole world- twenty seven miles high and thirty miles wide and a Bride on the earth having 1158 tapes of God's will to this generation made known to us of what time - 'Sirs, is this the time?' What time is it? 'Uniting time and Sign.' Showing to us, 'Recognize your day and your message.' Showing to us the plan for the age; open the Rock that we might see Jesus and His program.

A Bride in this age knows we are at the end of the Seventh Age. A Bride in this age knows the Cloud has been turned- the Supreme Judge. A Bride in this age knows the priest handed him the book. It's the day of vengeance at hand. A Bride in this age knows these things. That the rock is thrown up and judgement has started in the earth because mercy has been spurned. A Bride in the earth knows Souls that are in Prison now. Right in this age - has been shook and Seven Thunders wake up the sleeping Bride and say, "Time to pray. It's a call to prayer."

And we find him, before this resurrection ministry, running from the presence of God. You see you don't run away from the will of God and then run into the things of God. You have to find a place to stop and repent and pray and make your vow and make yourself available and re-consecrate your life; and link back up with God. And look once again to His holy temple, if you want to get into that kind of ministry, the last part of every ministry that

goes out, to be a witness flowing out in judgement, lamentation and woe and mourning.

*And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction
unto the lord, and he heard me, out of the belly of
hell cried I,*

He called the fish's belly- the belly of hell.
and thou heardest my voice.

God – a disobedient man away from the things of God. A man who got in self will but watch the turn around here. I want you to see it is something so beautiful here. How God uses our mistakes, how God uses our failures, to work all things together for good – to work all things together for good. Because when he began to cry out, all this was God working out His perfect will.

You get what I'm saying? All this – if he had asked God, "God, how am I going – how am I going to Nineveh?" God says, "I'll send you in a fish's belly." But he didn't wait. He didn't even go and pray. He didn't wait for a clear understanding and a clear revelation as to how – he said, "God, You told me what to do but you didn't show me how I am going to get there. What is Your transportation? How am I going to do it? Show it to me, Lord instruct me, I don't want to inject my own thinking Lord."

Before he could even seek God for a clear understanding of how God said to carry out the will of God, he started to plan contrary to the will of God. But God's way was to carry him in the belly of the fish. God's way, to introduce him to Nineveh was to be walking out of the fish. You say, "Is that so?" The prophet said, "They criticized Jonah." He said, "But I will stand up for Jonah." He said, "They say Jonah was outside the will of God. But I'll prove to you he wasn't outside the will of God. He was in the will of God. Because in the plan of God, the way to justify the Bride was by resurrection, "He rose for our justification." The resurrection was the seal of His Messiah-ship. Is that right? That was the acceptance of the sacrifice.

And when Jesus came, Jesus looked at what seemingly, to be the man outside the will of God, the man ended up in the belly of the fish, and said, "As Jonah was in the belly of the fish, so the Son of Man will be in the earth." So, if Jesus is the anti type of that, how is He getting in there? Remember, the Lamb was slain, before

there was even a human being, before there was a molecule, in the mind of God the Lamb already died.

You say, "Brother, you mean to say, we get ourselves many times, after knowing the will of God, going making plans. And that is God's way of bringing out the self-will that is still in us to expose to us He can call us to use us, even though He sees things inside of us. But to get the job done and before the job could be done, He has a way to bring that out. And by experience, you could put the sword upon it and mortify your members; so He can have the preeminence and the oversight and the leading, amen, in your life to fulfill His very own Word - all things. Why? Because Ephesians 1 says, "Being predestinated according to the purpose of Him, who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will"

God knows how to work this out in this man's life. This man was predestinated according to the purpose of God. You are called according to His purpose. And all things work together for good, for you, even though you choose self will. God will show you the futility of self will, of trying to trust in the energy of the flesh, of trying to plan outside His counsel. God will show you your victory lies in lining up with His Word. And letting His Word that He spoke and that can never return unto Him void work Itself through you. Because it is not you, it is God's infallible Word, working through you that cannot fail. So if that Word works through you it cannot fail because it is not you. You are dying so that the Word can be projected through you. Amen.

And so, the Word interpreted is the manifestation of the name. And there you see, the name of the Father being glorified in you, when the Word is being fulfilled in you. You see the unchangeable God, you see the unfailing God working in you. "If you abide in me and my Word abides in you, you can ask what you will."

But if you want to live a church life, if you want to take God and put Him in your back pocket like a genie in a bottle; like a little mascot boy or something; and you have your own plans. And you feel that it is just religion, it is just joining church, it is just learning doctrine and you think is that kind of thing. No friends, the God who came down and pulled the Seals back and revealed His will to us, has raised up a Bride anointed and commissioned to finish this ministry in this last days.

And when Jonah got into prayer, it was real prayer. It was prayer. Look at the kind of prayer. You see prayer before resurrection ministry - you can pray anywhere and anytime, under any conditions. And God can hear and answer. There is no excuse there. We live in a realm, where everyone makes excuse for something. Well because of this, because of that, because of this. He was in a place where he couldn't make any excuse. My! Listen quickly. Think of it. Oh, my! My time is gone already. Just trying to finish. "I cried." he says,

*...he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I,
and thou heardest my voice,
For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the
midst of the seas;*

He began to acknowledge, "God that was Your will. You cast me into the deep. You cast me into the midst of the seas." David in the Spirit was praying those prayers. Not knowing, that Jonah was going to come along, couple hundreds of years after and pick that out of the Psalms.

Sometimes you're singing something, sometimes you get inspiration, and you are out in the seas and in the deep. And David talked about being out in the deep and the sea. And brother, maybe it was not to the magnitude of where Jonah was. But it wasn't David praying and singing. It was the Spirit in him. And the Spirit was dropping that there for a man, who was going to get a hold of a few words. Amen – and a few words spoken by another anointed servant under the influence of the Holy Spirit he was going to draw strength and faith, and inspiration and find encouragement and comfort.

And was going to be able to persevere, no matter what the circumstance was, from the words he was drawing from another anointed servant of God, who had spoken those things. Not even applying it and defining it specifically to him but laying it out there, just expressing under the utterance of the Spirit. My! Think of it. Because this is the Psalms – this was in the Psalms. I think it is Psalms 42.

*...and the floods compassed me about: all thy
billows and thy waves passed over me.*

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight;

He is referring back to His prayer and experience.

yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

“You cast me out of Your sight, but yet I will look again.” I wonder if there is one tonight, who feel cast out of God’s sight. Who feel it has been a hard time for them, who feel discouraged. Maybe they even find God dealt with them with a heavy hand. It seems like sometimes they think, “Oh God, why God deal with me so?” You know, “Yes, I’m wrong. Yes, I was making some of my own plans but the way God dealt with that, as if I kill a man.”

But God knows how to get the foolishness out of His children. Because you have yet to grow in the understanding of how privileged He has made you by putting you in the Bride and giving you a part of His very own ministry, to show forth His victory and the reason of His death. Maybe you don’t meditate on those things enough. Maybe you don’t fellowship and say, “God, You didn’t put me in Luther’s age. You didn’t make me some little - get eternal life by doing some good works. You put me in the Bride and gave me part of Your ministry, and said, “I’ll be bone of Your bone and flesh of Your flesh; faith of Your faith; virtue of Your virtue. That the very literal life of Jesus Christ will be in me and I will show forth Your victory. You left back part of the Word for such as this. And I’m included in it. I’m considered in the plan of redemption. Not just salvation but in the plan of redemption, I’m considered, Lord.”

“And Lord, to realize so many good people, so many people who sacrificed, so many people who did things and you put me in the greatest age. You gave us the greatest revelation. God, have I taken these things for granted? Is that why today, Lord, I feel like I’m being broken? I’m being put on the potter’s wheel, all over again. He’s breaking me to remold me. It seems like I’ve become so helpless. He purged from me any desire to want to do my own thing. I’m even careful of what I say. Because I know that by a man’s word he is justified and by a man’s word he is condemned. I want to speak as an oracle of God. I want my lips to glorify Him. I want the word – my mouth to speak His Word, His truth.”

“I want my feet to be sprinkled with blood, so I could walk holy, holy unto Him. I want to be clothed in His holy vesture. I want to stand in the Sanctuary and minister to Him. Because Lord, You called me unto that.”

See, and he is praying. He said, "Yet I will look again towards thy holy temple." Here is the knowledge of the Word, in operation in a man's life. Why out of all - the whole Bible in the Old Testament, thirty nine books there but he goes into, "I will look again to Your Holy Temple"- a verse of scripture. "If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, confess their sins and call upon my name; I will hear and answer." No matter what kind of trouble they are in, if they look to this place, on that day of - dedication day, that house of prayer that was built, when prayer was answered back.

And here was a man; that Word was planted down in His heart. That Word was planted in his heart. He might have sat there in services and heard that Word preached, as a young boy with a prophetic gift, growing up, amen - and that Word stayed with him. He might have read those things in Chronicles and Kings and rejoiced to see that God had such a place in His economy for a people. And had thought of people, who were not even yet getting into that kind of condition through their own fault, but prayed and made provision that if per chance they do end up there, they don't feel stranded and left alone, they could claim that scripture.

And yes, he was in that kind of condition and he was saying, "That applies to me. I could claim that. Because my God, by foreknowledge spoke that, knowing that one of His children - I didn't know it was going to be me. But He said, "One of His children somewhere could end up in that. And that fit me today and today I am going to climb out. I'm not going to sit down here and say, I'm dead and I'm done and God gave up on me. No, I'm going to claim that. And though I'm cast out of His sight, I will look again to His holy temple, and I will call upon my God." Amen - hallelujah! Here was a man having faith in the grace of God. Here was a man having faith in the house of prayer. Here was a man having faith in the vindication of God, when the Pillar of Fire came down to confirm the Word.

He was looking to a temple that had the Word in it. Is that right? He was looking to a temple that was built according to the pattern from heaven. Is that right? He wasn't looking to some Baptist temple and Methodist temple that had some creed and dogma in it. He was looking to a Word temple, built by a prophet. Amen - Hallelujah! - Built by the wisdom of God, the intelligence

of God. Is that right? - A temple that housed the glory of God. He understood that the ministrations of mercy and judgement went forth from that sanctuary. Is that right? He knew the channel, he knew the approach and he knew the direction.

“I will look again to Thy holy temple. My eyes are fixed on Jerusalem, amen, the city of the living God. There is a temple there. Hallelujah - there is a glory of God there. There is a Word of God there. There's an ark. There's a cherub, amen; there is a man with the golden pot. There is a budding rod that is there. I will look again; I will look again.” ‘Jonah's Prayer Meeting’ - what a prayer meeting. What a prayer meeting. Think - a run away man, a self willed man, a man who got in trouble with God, a man who God was crushing and breaking but the incense was being compounded together. It was coming up sweet before God.

It wasn't a head knowledge prayer. It was a man praying out of the grace of God. It was a man knowing God is rich in mercy. It was a man having faith in the grace of God. It was a man looking at the ordinance and the economy of God where God's temple was established, amen, and that temple was built by a pattern. Is that right? And that was God's economy on earth, set up. That was how man was to approach God. Is that right?

This was a man in his thoughts, brother, was lining up now. He was lining up now. He wasn't running away from God now. He was running back in the presence of God now, amen! He had meant business now. He was saying, “Lord, I'm going to make myself available. Lord, I'm going to be obedient. Lord, I'm going to carry out Your Word. Lord, I'm going to act upon the commission. Lord, I'm not going to sympathize. Lord, I have no more plans of my own. Lord, I'm submitting to Your plans now.”

Oh, my! God could hear that prayer. God could hear that prayer. A run away man, a runaway servant. Hallelujah! A rebellious servant was coming back to line up with God. Someone who had learnt to trust in human ability and see it fail; and know that is not God's plan for him. Someone who was sensitive to see the crisis and the depths and the condition that God with His strong hand of chastisement had brought them to, to crush self will and surrendered to the plan of God.

And out of there a prayer was coming up. Out of there, “I cried, I cried to the Lord, and He heard me. I cried to the Lord, out

of this belly of hell, with all this flesh all around me and seaweed around me. I've been crying in tears and tears mixed up with slime and snot mixed up with vomit, in the whale's belly and everything else. But I was crying and I had no place to lie down and I had no pillow. I had no juice in the refrigerator. I had no nice clothes. My clothes was wet and slimy but I was crying out and God was hearing. I got beyond my own image. I got beyond my own prestige. I got beyond my own status. I came to a place I was yielded. I was surrendered. I was making myself available to God once again."

My! And look at the kind of symptoms. But watch when faith got anointed, he called all that lying vanities. "I will not forsake my mercy. I have faith in my mercy. Mercy is going to rewrite my life. I'm going to trust in His grace. I'm going to believe in His grace. Mercy will rewrite my life. I can't get myself out of here. I can't behave good to get out of here. I can't work to get out of here. But I will trust in God's mercy. I wouldn't forsake my mercy. I will call all my symptoms lying vanities. I'm coming back to my God. I'm believing in my God. I accept His chastisement. I humble myself. He cast me into the deep. I say, be it unto me, Oh Lord, according to Thy Word."

From 'Hannah's Painful Desire' to a 'Jonah's Prayer Meeting' And he still prayed and the prayer is still going up and different things being identified. And each prayer, in each prayer meeting, that is being uttered, is defining certain things that we see in ourselves, that need to be removed. And things that need to be cultivated, that we ought to be lined up with God, until we are prayed through until we are prayed through, amen, and in a resurrection ministry, like Esther, "If I perish, I perish." "You could speak, even to half of my kingdom, Esther." Oh, my! Yet will I look again toward Thy holy temple.

The waters compassed me about, even to the soul:

He said, "My body was soaking wet. The water was in my bones. The water was down in my spirit. Like I couldn't tell the difference, my spirit was so saturated with water." He said, "Even down to my soul. I could feel like the little compartment in my heart where the soul resides, like even there and all was full of water. I was so water logged. I was so water soaked." My!

*The depth closed me round about, the weeds
were wrapped about my head.*

*I went down to the bottoms of the mountains;
the earth with her bars was about me forever:*

“It seemed like I couldn’t come out of here. I was shut up in a prison. I was shut up in hell. Oh God, look where my self will, look where my own disobedience brought me. But I’m willing to cry out tonight. I’m willing to say, “God have mercy upon me.” I’m willing to say, “Lord I was wrong.” I’m willing to say, “Lord I will be obedient. I’ll be a good boy from now.”

How many remember when the prophet was in hell, he said, “Oh God, I didn’t commit adultery. Lord, if You get me back,” he said, “I’ll be a good boy.” He said, “Think of me. That is all I could plead before God.” He said, “I didn’t commit adultery. I was asking Him, if I go back, I’ll be a good boy.” He said, “Oh God, have mercy” He said, “I did everything except commit adultery. I lied, I cheated, I stole, I did everything.” My! But He brought him back. He brought him back. He said, “there was no father there, there was no mother there.”

Brother, there is no KFC down there. There is no little park and avenue down there. There is no nice place of comfort down there. There are none of your friends down there, no, no, no. He brought you to a place of isolation, where He broke you, where He ground you to powder, where He stripped you. But He is rebuilding you. He is getting you ready for a resurrection ministry. He is getting you to learn to trust in Him and have faith in His grace. My! He said,

*...yet hast thou brought up my life from
corruption, O Lord my God.*

He said, “God, yet I was shut away forever but You brought up my life from corruption.”

*When my soul fainted within me I remembered
the Lord:*

From the Psalms again – I would have fainted, lest I believe to see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

*I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in
unto thee, into thine holy temple.*

He said, “Maybe it was the greatest time I felt so uninspired. I couldn’t concentrate in my prayer. The water was down in my

soul. You know, all my bone, I was trembling. Fish – seaweed all around my neck. Fish vomit and slime all about me but yet my prayer somehow it came into Your holy temple. It came up right into Your ear. It came above the Mercy Seat, right between the wings of the Cherubim, where You were there in the most holy place. Somehow where I was down in hell, in the belly of hell, this prayer was zeroed to its mark. Because I tied it onto the wings of the Dove, the Holy Spirit, I sealed it, in the name of Jesus Christ. And I sent it straight into the presence of God.

Can you do that tonight, for a few minutes? You could take that prayer, tie it to the feet of the Dove, seal it in the name of Jesus Christ and loose that Dove. And let it fly with that prayer, into the presence of Almighty God, tonight. That your petition could come up before Him to say “All to Jesus I surrender. Jesus be the Lord of all the kingdoms of my heart. Jesus I surrender all and I mean it tonight, from the depths of my heart. I’m going to put You first, Lord. I’m not going to trust in my own ability any more. I’ve learnt my lesson Father. Oh, I’ve learnt my lesson. I’m turning around tonight; I’m lining up tonight, Lord because I believe the time is at hand. I see the storm gathering. I see the judgement coming. I see, You want that Word pronounced in the habitations of Nimrod.” Amen. It’s coming; it’s going to be poured out. Babylon will fall. Think of it. Think of it friends.

They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own mercy.

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. God never refuses mercy. But we forsake His mercies. God extends mercy, but we forsake His mercy by observing lying vanities, all those obstacles and symptoms and hindrances. That’s why Abraham considered not his own body now dead. He didn’t take it into consideration. “I don’t care what the doctor says. I don’t care what might bother me. I don’t care what it feels like.” You want to get somewhere with God, that’s the place you have to get into, friends.

Then you walk in a place with God. Not a concept of God. Not a memory of something you heard about God. Then you walk in union with God. You walk in union – Why? Your heart becomes surrendered. The more you surrender is the more you come into union, the more God could have the preeminence. Not the more

you learn about God. No, no, no, the more you surrender to the will of God. The more you mortify the members of your body. The more you pull down the strongholds of reasoning and imagination. Cast it down. And every high thing that exalts itself above the Word of God and the more you be in readiness to revenge all disobedience in your life. To show that you are determined to lay that head down, lay that inward down, lay that fat down, lay those feet down, on the altar for God because God is going to try you to see if you would make your own plans.

God will try us like He tried Jonah. He didn't explain everything. He left part for you to enquire of Him. Like Abraham, God didn't tell Abraham when and where and what time the child was coming. God didn't tell Noah what day the rain was coming. He let him go for a hundred and something years and then told him. He let Abraham go for twenty-four years and then told him. It was when Abraham came out before God and said, "Lord, shall I go childless?" And started to enquire, God started to reveal more, God started to confirm. It was when Gideon started to enquire; God started to bring confirmation. Is that right? God doesn't explain everything because it is not education. God speaks in a way that you have to be interested in it and talk to Him about it. And talk it over with Jesus, fellowship with Him about it.

That's why with the prophet, He said, "Your message has to forerun the second coming." But then He came and told him about healing instead of the message. He said, "But He told me about a message, though there is all this healing." He says, "Under that healing I was looking for a message. Because with this healing, I'm only catching little fish and it never really hit the spot." But he kept enquiring. "I know I am looking for an Elijah to rise. I'm looking for a man with a message to restore the church back to what it was in the beginning. I'm looking for these things. He had to enquire of God about it. That's why you have to take the Word in your heart and hide it, shut it up and talk to Him about it.

My! Let's stand to our feet - take a few minutes. This man lacked the courage to face up to his responsibility. This man had tried desperately to evade that responsibility but look at him.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. I

will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

That's the key. God is the author and the finisher. Be confident that God, who began the work in you, will perform it even until that day. It is not him that willeth or him that runneth. Salvation is entirely of the Lord because Jonah realized, "Look at my plans. Look at what I'm doing. But look how God came back after me. God could have parked me up and choose somebody else. But look at God, how He is bound to His Word. Look at God's predestination."

He began to learn it is not by how many mistakes you've made, who made more mistakes, who made fewer mistakes. He began to understand God's elective love, because God chose you. "Look how God was patient with me. Look how God didn't judge me and cast me away because of my mistakes. Look how God took my mistakes and work it together to bring to pass His perfect will. Look how God, in the end, got glory. And I have learnt that my free will could never overcome God's eternal purpose. And when I see that, I'll surrender everything to my God. I will not hold back anything from Him."

This was a man in failure. This was a man who was running away. This was a man, who was making his own plans. This was a man, who had received a knowledge of the will of God. This was a man who God, by grace, had put a gift in his life. And this was a man who though he know the will of God and the plan of God, yet didn't surrender to what he knew. And this was a man who was still willing to plan his own life, apart from knowing the things of God.

That's us friends. That's human nature. That's mine; that's mine. That's all of us. We are Jonah but we are redeemable. We can be corrected. We are teachable. God can renovate us. Just like He'll renovate this earth, He can renovate us. God can break self-will. He is the great master sculptor. He can take all this confusion and make something beautiful out of our lives. He can take this old rock and make a masterpiece. Would you let him do it tonight? He has revealed His will to you. Seven Thunders uttered its voices; unfold the mystery of God for you, for this age, showed the hidden counsels of God.

And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Brother, when he saw those people fall on their faces, when a man came walking out of the mouth of a fish saying, “Repent or perish.” People who used to worship the fish god. He saw the wisdom of God. He saw how God took all his mistakes. Though he was taught yet God was glorified. His thought came into alignment with the will of God, he died to self that God could be glorified.

Such a great God we serve tonight, such an awesome God, such an awesome God, tonight. He doesn't have to cast us away forever, friends. We have all kinds of defects tonight, but He can straighten you up. He can fix it up. Jesus will fix it in the end. Jesus will fix it in the end. And all your hindrances that try to tell you, you can't come out, that you're guilty, that God's punishing you, that you're doomed to die and that you don't deserve a second chance. Look where you're trapped in.

He said, “I'll count all that lying vanities. I wouldn't look to that. I will look to the temple. I will look to the Word that God spoke. I'm going to focus my faith on that Word. Because, something in my heart is telling me, even as I hear the Word tonight, God has not given up on me. God could take the – all God needs is my cooperation. And I'm coming tonight, because I see the Bride has a ministry. I see a part was left back for us. I see a witness, a ministry of testimony is to be given in this hour, and I am going to make myself available. I failed the first time. But this time round – coming around I'm saying, “Father, not my will but Thy will be done. Father not my will but Thy will be done tonight.” Oh, Jesus be the Lord of all. Let's sing that – the kingdoms of my heart.

Jesus be the lord of all

Oh, Jesus be the Lord of all. You mean it tonight.

Jesus be

Sing it with understanding, ‘Jonah's Prayer Meeting’ - time for your prayer meeting. No matter what the circumstances under which you are going to pray but he was praying according to the Word. He was praying by revelation. A cry from the belly of hell and God heard me. I had symptoms that were discouraging me, but I called it lying vanities and I looked to His holy temple. Jesus I surrender all – Would you lift your hand tonight as a sign of

surrender? And say, “God, my hand is up and that means I’m surrendering to You. I see it so clear tonight. I feel the Spirit spoke to my heart so expressly. And I’m answering back. I’m responding to You Lord.”

Jesus I surrender all

Yes, I’m surrendering; I’m laying down my head. I’m laying down my fat and my inwards. I’m not going to trust in self-made plans, Lord. I’m not going to use my will in a position against Your will. I’m coming in submission to Your will, Your revealed will that You have spoken to us, in this hour. Oh, Jesus be the Lord - as we go into prayer. You find your little place. I mean that, from the bottom of my heart Lord. Oh, God would You Jesus – would You? I’m sorry, I’ve failed. I want to live to see this promise made manifest. I want to live to fulfill this portion of Your Word. I don’t want anything in my life that would lift itself above You, Lord. You be the Lord of all the kingdoms of my heart, tonight. I cried to the Lord and my prayer came up into His holy temple. My petition came into His ear. [The church goes into prayer.] [Prayer time ends.]

Oh, may God give us courage- courage to face up to our responsibilities, that we will not run. Like God told Joshua, “Turn not, to the right or to the left but be thou strong and very courageous.” Oh, that is the way we want to be, by the grace of God, friends. Samson, he began to pray and out of prayer he came into a ministry of restoration. He saw a return of dynamic power. He saw greater works. Out of prayer, God drove him to a place. He began to pray and pray.

God had to strip Jonah. God had to bring him to a place. He felt that he couldn’t go to a foreign nation and take God’s Word to them, a place where he was not known, a place where he expected rejection, a place where he expected opposition and retaliation. If it was to go the Jews, it might have been all right because he was a Jew. He knew the ways of the Jews and they could accept him. But God sent him to Gentiles. God sent him to a nation that was not his own nation.

God sent us out into the Caribbean, out in those places friends, to take this message to people who could say, “What are you coming here for? Why you all don’t stay in your own country” - and everything else. Throw everything else in our face. Sometimes

the first door of entrance when you get in there you can meet all kinds of opposition- in customs and immigration and everything else. You can meet all kinds of doors locked in your face. But the thing is, if God is sending us, God will make a way. God will make a way somehow. God said, "Behold I hold before you and open door that no man can shut." Look at Paul when he was going out there, he said, "What shall separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus? Shall famine, pestilence, persecution, peril, sword, nakedness?"

Jonah was counting bridges before he reached where he was going. He was thinking about situations before he even faced it. And he began to get in reverse gear. And he was looking for a place to run, because it is hard to face up sometimes. When God sent Israel into that land with nations mightier than they, He said, "Only be thou strong and be thou courageous. Have not I commanded you? Every place that the soul of your feet tread upon, that have I given you." We have to expect a challenge. We have to expect opposition, friends. It is not going to be easy.

Esther was afraid to go in the presence of the king. That's why she was looking for a detour and making excuses. Then she was shaken to the place, she said, "If I perish, I perish." Amen. But she found strength in prayer; she found the leadership in prayer; she found the way to do it in prayer. She dressed herself in the royal apparel. She went right in to the presence of the king. Instead of finding death, she found, "Ask even to half of my kingdom." God knows how to turn things around for His children. Think about it friends. Blessed be His wonderful name. Nothing is going wrong, friends.

God has taken care of all these things. God knows what He is doing. We don't have to be afraid. We have to make ourselves available to God because God knows what to prepare for you to bring your crisis. Because God prepared the storm, and in the storm it brought confession, he said, "It is me, I'm out of the will of God." The storm shook him up. They cast the lots. He couldn't hide; it came right upon him. God led the man straight to find him. He said, "What are you doing here, when everybody is praying? You can't hide from God. David said, "When I go into heaven, You're there. When I'm in hell, You're there. Where can I go that You are not there?" Jonah knew those things in the scriptures.

But that is the folly of man, even though we know what God's Word says. Some foolishness gets in our minds and tells us it will be different with us. "I might get through. It might work out." Only to see our folly made manifest. And the only thing to do is to throw up your hands and surrender to God. Say, "Lord, lead me. You lead me Lord. Take a hold of my hand precious Lord. You go ahead of me, Jesus. You forge the path for me to come behind."

That's God's way friends. He ran away from God's presence instead of running to God's presence, and say, "Father, I have some doubts. I have some fears. Let not my heart faint within me. Give me courage and strength. You sent Moses as one man to take over a superpower. You could do it for me." That was written in the Bible.

But his mind was more taken up with the fear and the rejection. He got pessimistic. Satan began to magnify his circumstance in his eyes and it terrified him and he looked for a detour. That's the mistake we make many times. He could have said, "Lord, Samson as one man, defeated a thousand Philistines. Joshua as one man stood there, Lord. Gideon – He said, "Have not I sent thee. You will smite them as one man." Think of it. That was written in the Bible for him. But he was not reading it. He was planning his escape. He was planning his alibi. He had some money so he was going to pay the price and buy the ticket and pay the fare.

God let's you buy a ticket. God let's you go into self-will and let you make your plans. And then sometimes when God tells you what to do, you still want to go through with your plans. Because you don't want to lose out that you spent your money badly. And you do things that God didn't tell you. And then you get into crisis. And then you really pay the price. And then you find out the fare is a really high fare to come back to God. It's higher than what you paid to go down to Joppa, to go down to Tarshish. It's far higher than that. And God wouldn't change His mind and choose somebody else, friends. He'll get you into shape. He'll break the vessel and put it back on the potter's wheel. And prepare it unto every good work.

God's purpose will not be defeated. But we will carry many scars. We will bear many stripes to come into alignment with God. Let's obey and live. Let us cooperate. He wants a co-worker. He wasn't sending Jonah by himself. He was going to go with him.

But Jonah didn't seek Him. And then God prepared the fish. Are you in crisis? God prepared those things to bring you to the place, to see your folly, to bring you to the place to see the futility of your self-will and your self-made plans. He prepared the things. But God rich in mercy is working all things together for good. He'll forgive you when you repent. He will blot out all your transgressions.

And He will come back and He will use you mightily for His glory. And you will learn that it pays to obey God. And you will know that God is a God plenteous in mercy, full of compassion. "As a father pitieth his children so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Blessed be His wonderful name. As I strive daily Lord to see Your Word perfected. Help me be so deeply sincere from within. For I know this – this prayer meeting, this call to prayer is my time for consecration.

I see a time of prayer Jonah had and what he entered in. I see a time of prayer Samson had and what he entered into. I see a time of prayer, in Gethsemane, Jesus had and what He entered into. I see a time of prayer that Esther had and what she entered into. Think of it friends. Think of it. I see a time of prayer that Abraham had and what was the results of those prayers, before Sodom was burnt. Think of it friends.

God had chosen Jonah, yet God knew what he was, all that was in him. But God knew He is the great master sculptor. He'll build a masterpiece. He'll chip away the things that need to be chipped away. He knows how to do it. He knows how to deal with us. Don't be discouraged. Just surrender yourself. Just praise Him in the good times and praise Him in the bad times. And thank Him for His chastisement. Thank Him for His whipping. And become more disciplined. And become more yielded and more surrendered. And go in His power and be a witness of His resurrection- a ministry of testimony. Ezekiel ate the book and God said, "I'm sending you into a rebellious house but I'm going to make your forehead hard. They are going to reject you. And they are not going to receive what you are saying. But I'm sending you anyhow."

God told Noah, "I'm sending you, but build the ark for just eight people, because they are not going to believe you. But go anyhow." God wants us to go still even though He knows we are going to be rejected. He sent the prophet, knowing Revelation 3:20

was laying in the Bible. The shuck was going to pull back and reject the grain. He knew that. Jesus went obediently to do the will of the Father, knowing Israel was going to reject Him. He came to His own and His own was not going to receive Him. But He had to be faithful and go anyhow.

That's the kind of servants God wants, friends. It's not playing time. It is time to be matured and realize what we are called unto- to be the Bride in this hour. To accept the responsibility, not to run from it, to learn to carry it, to know His commandments are not burdensome, it's not grievous. He doesn't ask us to do anything that He doesn't give us the strength to do. It is not in trying but in trusting. It is not in running but in resting – amen

As I strive daily - Oh, Help me Lord -
so deeply sincere from within

Hallelujah! For I know –
this is my time for consecration,

And I must lay aside; I must do it.
My every weight of sin.

Jonah had to learn that lesson. God crushed him. God broke self-will. Then God had a prisoner bound in chains and fetters of His Word to carry out His revealed will.

[Congregation continues singing]

on the wings of faith

And soar the heavens wide.

So I can live in heavenly places,

Far beyond the clouds and skies.

So I can see like the eagles,

The things God sees from up above,

Just to follow in the way of the Dove.

Oh, seeing Lord, You've given me a path to follow- Can you see it revealing in the Word tonight? And You showed me just what I was called unto- Can you see that in His Word tonight? He showed it to Jonah. Lord, prepare me to be always in Your service - I don't want to run Lord, but a true service unto You I want to do.

No matter what the circumstance I might have to face. I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me.

So I can rise up on the wings of faith

And soar the Heavens wide.

So I can live in heavenly places,

*Far beyond the clouds and skies.
So I can see like the eagles,
The things God sees from up above,
Just to follow in the way of the Dove.*

Oh, as I strive daily – You want to see that Word perfected in you. You want to see a perfect faith in this hour. That is what you are striving for. Help me be - We want to see a sin free church. For I know- this is our time friends, a call to prayer,

*And I must lay aside my every weight and sin.
So I could rise up on the wings of faith
And soar the Heavens wide.*

*So I can live in heavenly places,
Far beyond the clouds and skies.*

*So I can see like the eagles,
The things God sees from up above
Just to follow in the way of the Dove.*

You know Nehemiah – he had to build the walls in troublous times. There was opposition all around. But they looked back in the Bible and saw it was not going to be easy. The scripture had already said, “It shall be built in troublous times.” And when the opposition came and tried to bring fear and turn him around and hinder him from fulfilling the revealed will that was already revealed to him that he knew God had made him responsible for. He began to pray and he asked God to strengthen his hands that he might fulfill that work. He desired to be strengthened in the purpose of God that what he started he was not going to abandon, but he was going to see it come to completion. Oh, what an attitude tonight.

Can you catch that faith? Can God move your soul up into such a place, tonight? Do you have that kind of determination? Perseverant means to be persistent inspite of all obstacles to achieve your goal – going forth to achieve your goal. Is your faith fixed on your goal? Is your faith fixed on God's purpose? Has the Holy Spirit spoken to your heart to reveal to you His will for you? Ask Him for the courage. He told Joshua, “Only be thou courageous and be thou strong.”

Let's sing that, 'It is not in trying but in trusting.' Could somebody tell me the number of that song please? We could start with the chorus; you could find it by the time.

*It's not in trying but in trusting,
It's not in running but in resting
It's not in wondering but in praying
That we find the strength of the Lord
It's not in trying ...*

Oh, but in trusting, Oh, it's not in running, but in resting. Oh, it's not in wondering but in praying tonight.

Wondering but in praying,

Oh, that we find the strength – Oh, lift your hands and sing that. It's not in trying Lord, but in trusting

trying but in trusting

Oh, it's not in running tonight, like Jonah, but in resting
running but in resting.

It's not in wondering, Oh but in praying that we find the strength of – Oh, come on sisters you sing. It's not in trying – Oh my, I'm not going to work up myself and wear out myself anymore but I'm going to trust Him. It's not in running – I'm not going to be a coward. But I'm going to rest in His promise. It's not in wondering – I'm no wondering star. Oh, but in praying – that we find the strength, that we can do all things through Christ. Oh, come on brothers. It's not in trying

It's not in trying but in trusting.

Oh it's not in running – Moses ran away and God sent him back. Paul ran away and God sent him back. The prophet tried to run away and God sent him back. Jonah ran away and God sent him back.

That we find the strength of the Lord.

Let's try the words now.

Sometimes life seems – word and music

That cannot become a song.

Oh and we cry inside

And wonder what could be wrong

And when we turn to the Lord

At the end of ourselves

Like we have done at times or before

We'll find His truth - it's the same as it has always been

We never will need more.

Oh, it's not in trying,

Oh, it's not in trying, but in trusting,

Oh, it's not in running
It's not in running but in resting.
It's not in wondering but in praying
That we find the strength –

Oh, sing the chorus again – It is not in trying - I would like to invite Brother Glaude, to come and pray.

Trying but in trusting
Oh, it's not in running, but in resting,
It's now in wondering –
wondering but in praying
That we find the strength of the Lord.

Hallelujah, let just bow our heads, all around the building, and close our eyes. And even in these last few moments before we leave, coming in tonight, into His house, into His presence sitting under His Word, hearing what the Spirit is communicating to us. The areas that God focused in our lives, the places where His Light shone; the places where we saw ourselves, where we were corrected, where we were helped and assisted, where we were instructed; where we were admonished.

Now let us – let that Word sink right down in our hearts. And purpose in our hearts, that Lord, the things You showed us, the things You spoke to us, it is not just another service. But dear God, we want to mix the Word with faith. We want to take the Word and apply it to our lives. We want to take that Word and feed upon it, that it could become spirit and life within us. Where He can lead us out – the Spirit can lead us out into a fulfilling of Your will Lord. Just get your heart and mind in that attitude. And if there is a need in your heart, you hold it still; something special, something urgent, God knows. And while our brother would pray and we unite, “If two shall agree as upon touching anything, it shall be done,” in an atmosphere like this, where there are believers.

That's why I like the midst of the week. We just come relaxed, quiet. God could do the exceedingly, abundantly. Let's just believe Him. Let's just take the person's hand next to you, tonight; right there and believe, as our brother would pray. Amen - as a church tonight. As a church that wants to fulfill God's revealed will that has been revealed. As a church that recognizes that we have weaknesses, and failures. And we still make our own plans and we still do things. But the Spirit of God is searching out these places in

our lives, to free us from ourselves. And we want to mortify everything. And God, circumcise these things away that the Word might have the preeminence. I know He will do it for us. Let's just believe Him, tonight.

[Brother Glaude prays.]

Amen. Turn around and greet your brother and sister. Tell them God bless them with real Christian love. And tell them you will be praying for them - amen. You may have your seats. 'Signs of the times are everywhere.' Think of it. They say, 'Wars and strife on every hand and violence fills our lands. Still some people doubt that He would come again. But the Word of God is true. He redeemed you chosen few. Don't lose hope soon Jesus will descend.' When you see that corporal body standing there, we will be caught up to meet Him, one of these days, friends. Let's just sing it before we go. Years of time have come and gone. Since I first heard it told.

Years of time has come and gone

Oh, since I first –

Since I first heard it told,

*How my Jesus would come to earth
again,*

If back then it seemed so real,

Then I just can't help but feel

How much closer

His coming is today

Signs of the times are everywhere,

*And there's a brand new feeling in
the air,*

Can you feel it, moving through His Word? An atmosphere God is creating among us, to bring us into a Rapturing grace.

*Keep your eyes upon the Eastern
skies,*

Lift up your head

Redemption draweth nigh.

Oh, think about it -

Wars and strife on every hand,

See it moving in, the slaughtering angels. And violence – Oh, we read of it everyday.

*Still some people doubt
That He would come again,
But the word of God is true
He redeemed you chosen few.
Don't lose hope,
Soon Christ Jesus will descend.*

Oh, signs of the times - God bless you. See you on Friday.
Let's try and come in early.

