

Third Exodus Assembly

Recognizing The Value Of True Confession

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[Congregation sings:] He is able.

Oh, all together all on the outside and in the rooms wherever you are, oh we believe that tonight, Father. Oh you are able to make me what he wants me to be. [Congregation sings] You are able. (Bro. Vin sings) Make it personal to him and have faith that God in whose presence we stand singing this song, is more than able to meet our every need. There is nothing too hard for him tonight. (Bro. Vin sings) He is a God of paradoxes. (Bro Vin Sings) How many knows that?

Let's just bow our hearts in his presence. Father, with bowed hearts in your great mighty presence tonight, we express this song, Father, before you in a confession of faith, of this great truth that you have quickened to our hearts and illuminated our minds with. To know that you are the High Priest of our confession, that when we can stand in your presence, confessing, dear God, what you are, who you are, what you have done for us. Lord, it shows our faith in what you have made available and secure for us. And when we recognize that we have a need, Father, and we approach your presence coming with boldness before your throne of grace, we are expecting to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. As we come holding the confession of our faith without wavering, knowing that you are faithful who promised.

And, Lord, we pray tonight that your Holy Spirit would just hover, Lord, around us as you have already been doing and just continue, Lord, to minister, knowing, oh God, that you saw it fit to, dear God, that we would come and bow down before you in prayer and from the depths of our hearts, Lord, make our request, pouring out what is in our hearts before you, Father. Lord, seeing, dear God, that, what your Holy Spirit is attracting us to, focusing our attention to Lord. And Lord drawing us into these realities that you have promised for this day.

And, Lord, we recognise that we are a needy people, Lord, and we have need of these things, Father. We see, Lord, the wisdom of God, in giving us these things as promises because as we journey and we recognize in our own lives we meet circumstances, we

come to junctions where we see that we have need of these things. But, Lord, it consoles us when we recognize that you have already promised these things, Father, that we can ask and ask with faith believing that we have received, expecting these things, Lord, going forth, dear God, and preparing and making ready for it to happen. Lord, we know that we will not be disappointed; because this is the condition you require that we might be birth into harmony with you and that we might see all that you desire to bring to pass in our lives made manifest. May you grant it tonight, Lord.

Bless all your children that are in your presence. We thank you for restoring the lights, Lord; we thank you for your divine presence that is here. We thank you for the hunger in the hearts of your people; we thank you, oh God, for what you have done and are doing and the faith that have stimulated within us, Lord. We thank you, oh God, that you are showing us more and more you are faithful, and you are inspiring our faith to trust you even for greater things, oh God. Let that faith be so anointed and be so released, Lord. Let that faith be inspired tonight, Lord, even further, oh God, that faith can take a grip upon the Word, that nothing would be able to shake it loose, dear God. May you grant it tonight, Lord? Get honour and glory in the service and lead and direct us in that which is to be said and done, Lord, and may it be pleasing and may it be acceptable in your sight, and may it be to the benefit of your children. Grant it, Lord, we ask these mercies in Jesus' Precious Name, Amen.

Amen. God richly bless you. I would like to invite you attention, tonight to the book of Proverbs Chapter 6 Verse 2 and Psalms Chap. 19 Verse 14. [Proverbs 6, Psalms 19]. I'm going to try to use this service to kind of follow up because I feel directed that way and I know we have one or two urgent needs, people, families with urgent needs and I thought that it be good to just sort of stay in that little channel there, and stimulate faith little more, maybe it will help someone to get the break through that they are desiring. You know, you hear the Word, it shows you things, it inspires your heart, it challenges your faith, and yet you still don't have the break through. You want the break through, you want to know I'm there I'm there. You know I've got a hold I'm into it because not only that, you want to have it as a revelation but that

you have a need in your life; that something that you find that the Word is appropriated, is applicable to you just at this time; just when you have a certain need. And I know that there were confessions of those things. Some saints were confessing that to me. They say, “You know, just where I’m at, just where I’m going through, I see the Holy Spirit come down and do that for me and I just recognize the grace of God. God wants to give me those things.” And once you recognize that it sort of propels you, it pushes you into it. And I trust that we could really get a few more people, you know, just getting that break through by the grace of God, And for a church, that we could have that break through as a real church here tonight.

We know these things but the thing is that, it is not knowing, we are not talking about knowledge now. We are talking about having it and applying it. Because when you have the circumstance, what is the use that the circumstance is before you and you hear the Word and you’re saying, “Well, I know the Word is true but I don’t have the faith.” You know you would say, “Lord, give me the faith because I know the Word is true already.” Amen. Even though I say it is not true, it is still going to be true. If you say this is false, it is still going to be true; it is false to you but it is still true. If you say the Bible is not the Word of God, it is still the Word of God; you know that. So the only thing to help you is for you to say what it is, and for you to be able to take it and make it yours personally here tonight.

Proverbs Chapter 6 verse 2

*Thou are snared with the words of thy mouth,
thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.*

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thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.*

And Psalms Chapter 19 verse 14

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of
my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my
strength, and my redeemer.*

May the Lord bless the reading of his Word; you may have your seat.

I was speaking there Sunday on “**The Power of True Confession,**” and “**Holding fast the Confession of our Faith without Wavering**” and, I just want to just a take a little different

emphasis because I'm sure that many of you saw the power of confession. I gave you Bible examples and you saw the results that followed that when people, you know, would see the power of confession displayed. And we went into the Old Testament Scriptures of how he is the High Priest of our confession. How the High Priest and his atoning work and the benefits that work achieved for the people on whose behalf it was done. For the High Priest never did anything for himself alone, he did it for the people. He was God's representative of the people. And the work that he did was done on behalf of the people and it was for the benefit of the people, because the work brought certain blessings to the people. The work that the High Priest was doing - people had condemnation, people had guilt - but the work of the High Priest removed that guilt and condemnation. People, you know, they found themselves plagued with sickness. You know, the High Priest, just like the cleansing of the leper and how he took the turtle dove and the cedar wood and all these things, and the running water and the people got cleansed from sicknesses. Even Jesus, when he was on the earth, He said, "Go show yourself to the priest." after He cleansed the lepers, because that was the ordinance according to Moses. God put it there and God in doing that was foreshowing the great work that the great High Priest was going to come and do one day for us.

And then even in this day, we saw the prophet stand on the platform, people fifty feet away, twenty feet away. He says, "Who did that lady touch? She didn't touch me. I'm standing here on the platform." He said, "Who did she touch? Who did her faith touch?" He says, "Her faith touched the High Priest. Her faith touched the High Priest."

Now Proverbs here, Solomon in speaking and I just took the second verse; I am not dealing with the first verse. Because all Scripture is by inspiration. He says, All Scripture is given by inspiration." And he is making a statement here. He says:

Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth

In another place Jesus says, "By thy words you are justified and by thy words you are condemned" - by a man's words. And he says, "What comes out of the man mouth defiles the man not what goes man in the man mouth because out of the abundance of the mouth the heart speaketh." And the heart and mouth are always

linked in the Bible, because you think in your heart and you speak with your mouth and a word is a thought expressed. When you express your thoughts that you think in your heart you have to use your mouth to express it. So confession is believing ... the Bible says you believe with your heart and you confess with your mouth.

Well, as we look at that I want to take for a little title here tonight **“Breaking through the Hindrances to our Faith and the things that cause us to stagger through unbelief.”** There are things that are causing people to stagger through unbelief. There are things that cause people’s faith to be hindered. And, as long as they fail to break through that, they stand with these obstacles before them. It is like a wall before them. And if, but, maybe, suppose, I wish I didn’t have this, if I didn’t have that, my case is different, look at what I have, look at what the doctors say about me, look at my circumstance. And then people, they start to find a way to justify or make legitimate their behaviour because of the things that confront them. We do not have to make excuses for anything that confronts us. God’s Word does not need our excuse for anything that we are faced with that seems to be a hindrance to us receiving what God promised.

Like the prophet told the story about old man Moe. He says, “Old man Moe, what about if there is a wall there ... you are always saying that you believe the Bible from cover to cover. If God tells you to go through that wall, would you do it?” He says, “Sure!” He says, “What about if you run against that wall and you hit against that wall and you burst your brains out and all these things. What are you going to say?” He says, “No. If God tells me to do that by the time I get there it will have a hole in that wall for me to go through. That was a man whose faith wasn’t seeing any obstacles.”

Now your faith can see obstacles. And many times people, you know they get to a place sometimes that you see that they are being robbed; Satan is robbing them. Because remember, the battle is fought in the mind. You look at the sickness in your body; and you see it in your body many times - if is physical sickness that is. And, in your spirit and in your soul you kind of reason and you wonder and you get unbelief. And you say, “Well maybe you know I heard according to the statistics as I was reading up on this thing and they say one in a million comes out of this alive and they

have no known cases in this country.” And right away you find that your faith begins to waver and you get negative.

Now because of a voice there, and what is within you cannot seem to quiet that voice, and because you find it difficult to quiet that voice it becomes a problem to you; a circumstance; a situation that seems to bring you to a place where, not that you don't believe that God can do those things. Because you ask people, “Do you believe that God can do that?” You say, “Sure. I believe that God can do that. With God there is nothing impossible. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.” But from the time it begins to get on a personal level, according to your personal situation, that's where the problem comes.

And you know the Scriptures, as we were speaking last week on “**Thy Faith**”. And on speaking on “**Thy Faith**”, I was bringing a point to you when the leper came to Jesus, he says, “If thou will, thou can make me clean”. And not realizing, that if thou will, when you're approaching God so, that is not faith. That is a person that is uncertain of the will of God, and it shows that before we could have faith in anything, faith is a revelation of the will of God. Faith could only begin to expect that from God and believe God for that if you know that is promised to you. And if you know God has promised that to you ... why are you looking for the coming of the Lord? That is promised. Why you looking for the rapture and the change? That is promised. Why are you under such expectation for it? Because you've seen the last sign before the change. You have seen the conditions of the age, like Sodom. Exactly like it was when Abraham saw the last sign, the conditions around were the same when he came into his change. And you know that was a type, a shadow of this day. Well in like manner, you see people trying to get something and they don't know God's will clearly on the thing.

Well that's how, when an obstacle comes up, they back off. They get fearful. Now if they know that that is God's will from the time the Devil say something, they will say, “It is written.” Now what you get a lot today is people saying, “The Devil say; the devil say; the devil tell me this; the devil tell me this; the devil tell me this; the devil put this in my mind.” When you hear Jesus, Jesus was saying, every time the devil came to Jesus, Jesus said, “It is written; it is written; it is written.” Well, instead of these people

saying it is written, it is written and fight the battle; they come and say the devil say, the devil say, the devil say. Well, how do they expect to win anything? They're on the devil's side. They have faith in the devil. They make themselves a representative and a voice for the devil, because they are more taken up in confessing what Satan says instead of confessing what God says.

How many know what you say and what you think creates the atmosphere around you? You watch a person who is negative, always thinking negative. "How are you going?" "Well, I trusting you know." You will never see anybody around them, smiling and saying, "Oh boy, you know that stimulates me, that what you just said. Ooh, say it over again, I want to get that; I want to get that clear." "Well I'm trusting you know." No. They have nothing to motivate anybody. They have nothing to inspire anybody. Nobody can draw anything from that.

But you get somebody saying, he is more than able; I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me. Amen. He promised that he will never leave me nor forsake me, Amen, and greater is he inside of me than he that is in the world. Brother, you hear a person walk away and say, "Boy, that Brother positive. I wish I could, I wish I could stand like him; I wish I could talk like him." What it is? He is creating an atmosphere around him by the way he thinks and the way he speaks; the way he carries himself, his very body language has created an atmosphere. It puts people under expectation right away. Because, brother, he walks in there with a command. He takes control of a situation. From the time you see him coming on the scene, brother, your faith rise. You know something going to happen because, he can handle the situation. That's what faith does. That is what somebody that is positive does.

And so you realize that ... many times people don't realize that when they talk all this negative talk, and they harbour all this unbelief, and they fill their life with all this gloom, they have created an atmosphere that shuts God out. They don't know that. What did the Scripture say? The scripture says:

Thou art snared with the words of your mouth.

It's your words what ... Jesus says, "What comes out of a man's mouth, that defiles the man." He says, ... they were trying to accuse Him of eating with his disciples without washing their

hands. And they started to make a whole big thing of this, and they're so defiled now, and that it's unclean before God. They didn't even wash their hand when they eat. And Jesus looks at them with pity. And then He started to speak and started to show that it's what comes out of a man's mouth that defiles the man; not what goes inside the man's mouth. You see?

So sometimes, you see people – “I don't eat pork; not me. I am not eating that thing. I am not eating this. The Prophet told me to eat herbs. I eat herbs. My body is the temple of God.” See? And then when they talk and they act they're full of unbelief. So, where is the God who is supposed to live in that temple? And the man who's eating pork, brother, he's in command. He's in charge. He has all things under his feet. When he speaks, brother, he's full of expectations. Amen. He's creating an atmosphere. You think that it is pork doing that? [Brother Vin laughs] Amen.

That's why He says, “Let no man judge you with meat and drink'. Those things were shadows and types. Because Jesus says that it goes into the mouth, goes into the belly and then goes into the toilet.” He says that that doesn't defile anybody, it's what is down inside your heart that defiles you. What comes out of your mouth defiles you. And even defiles others too.”

Thou art snared with the words of your mouth

You are taken. Satan, if he gets you saying the wrong things, he's going to make you ... because to start to say the wrong things, you have to start to think the wrong things first. ‘As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.’ And then what you think and what you say, will determine the standard by which you live because you can't live higher than your confession. Because, you have just created the atmosphere that puts you in a world that is going to govern you.

Now on Sunday I was saying, many people don't realize that confession ... you know they thought confession was – “Well, saints, you know, I fall in the flesh; I want to make a confession tonight.” That is the only kind of confession some people know. Well, that is the first stage of confession. That makes a way for you to confess God's promises. Then start to confess what the blood has done for you; who God is; how he is the High Priest; what he promised; what you are able to do through him. Well, if you're only making that kind of confession and you can't come

into the next kind of confession, you have not really confessed anything. Because this is confession with faith, this is a confession of faith; this is a confession that makes God go to interceding on your behalf. This is a confession that makes him begin to intercede. And then, if your confession and the things you're confessing are not wrapped up in the work he has done, then he is not the High Priest of your confession. You are confessing something that is unrelated to his work. Because, He is a High Priest within a certain area of a mediatorial office. An advocate; a mediator; an intercessor, the office of a High Priest. He is carrying out, discharging the functions of that office. Then, the reason he expresses himself as a Son of God (Lamb) in that office, it's because we in our life and life's journey, have need of Son of God. We have need of that work.

Which one of us doesn't need the slain Lamb here? They needed it in Egypt when they were under the blood. They needed it at the Red Sea, when it destroyed their enemies. They needed it in the wilderness, when he lifted up the brass serpent for their healing. They needed it in the smitten rock, to give them strength to journey when they were perishing. They needed it in the Jordan, where it opened a way to bring an inheritance, when the ark destroyed the power of death, and brought them into a land. They needed it from flesh to Word; from when they were born in bondage until they had all things under their feet. They needed that atonement. Is that right? [Congregation says: Amen] That's right. And that is the work of the High Priest. That's the work of the High Priest.

And so we realize that it says, "He can be touched with our infirmities". So our infirmities immediately become connected to our High Priest in the thoughts of God. Maybe not in your thoughts. Maybe in your thoughts touching the radio is important. But in God's thoughts, touching the High Priest is important. But some man could stir you this way or one man could stir you in the Word or a next man could stir you out of the Word. By what people speak they could stir you different ways. Because, a man only speaks what he's seeing. And if he isn't seeing the thing right, he can't stir you right. He could only stir you to the promise if he is seeing it and seeing how to get there. And no man can study their way into that. That has to be divinely revealed. Because that's

the work of the Holy Spirit. That's the guide Himself. 'I send an angel to bring you into the place I have prepared for you.' Is that right? [Congregation says: Amen] They couldn't get there by themselves; it took the angel to bring them into that. That was a ministry of angels in the church, to bring them into the prophesied promises into their blessings. Is healing one of the blessings? [Congregation says: Amen]. Is healing one of the blessings? [Congregation says: Amen]. Is that part of your inheritance? [Congregation says: Amen].

I didn't say what my subject was. Did I say it? '**Recognizing the Value of True Confession.**' I say I preach on '**The Power of True Confession**'. And, if you see there is a power of true confession and then you recognize the value of it - because it has power - it brings you to the blessing. Then you get to confessing that and you will get the breakthrough, because that gives you the breakthrough through the hindrances and the obstacles to your faith, and the things that hold you back, and shut you out of the blessing.

And I'm going to illustrate that for you just now. Because, Abraham didn't consider his own body now dead. If the baby didn't have to come through the body, well then there wasn't any hindrance - the dead body is no hindrance. If somebody was going to one day bring the baby by pushing a stroller up to the tent door, and say, Abraham, here is the baby God promised. Praise the Lord. Well old papa and old granny will pick up the baby and say, "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord". You know they're glad for it. But if the baby has to come through their own bodies, the instrumentality of their body functioning a certain way to produce that and this body is not functioning, then they have a hindrance to what God promised. He has symptoms. He has obstacles. He has things in his body.

You look at your body and you see the tumour tonight. You look at your body and you see the cancer or the cyst. You look at your body and you see these things tonight, inside of there, and the doctor explains to you that you can't have that. We have to do that. That requires immediate surgery. That's urgent. You have to do that. And he shows you all the results of your test. Abraham had that for twenty-five years, from all kinds of doctors. It's not only one doctor who told him that, you know. He went to multiple

doctors. But the Bible tells us now; “he considered not his own body now dead. Nor the deadness of Sarah’s womb”. Now, what is the secret of this man’s strength? It had to have a secret. And why do I need that secret? Because I’m watching mine. I listened to my doctor and I’m watching my results and I’m looking at what’s in my body, and I am considering it. How do I lock that off? How do I let that not influence me? Abraham had the answer.

Jonah looked at those things and he said that they who observe lying vanities, forsake their ... [Congregation says: own mercies] They do what? Forsake their own mercies. Now think of it. Jonah refused to make God a liar. He called the obstacles, lying vanities. In other words he says you are lying to me not God. God’s Word is true. It’s you who are lying to me. It’s what I’m seeing that’s lying to me. That is why it is a lying vanity. God’s Word is true. I’ll confess what God’s Word says. God says to look to the temple. God says to humble myself. God says to confess my sin. God says that He’ll hear and He’ll answer and He’ll take me out of my adversity and my difficulty. Well I’m going to do that and I’m going to tell this symptom that it’s a liar. I am not staying in this fish’s belly. And I am not living in any seaweed and this isn’t my place. No Sir! I’m coming out of here. Yes sir! He says, “I’m not going to observe; I’m not going to pay any attention to; I’m not going to give heed to; I’m not going to take into consideration these things at all. I’m going to shut this out like Abraham shut it out. Abraham had his own. I have my own. Abraham was a father of faith to all them that believed. And I am a seed of Abraham. I have the same DNA. I’m in the same situation. I’m going to act the same way. It worked for Abraham; it’s going to work for me to. And Jonah went to testifying. Hallelujah.

God never refuses mercy but man forsakes their mercy. They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own mercies. God says, ‘You shall obtain mercy.’ You come with boldness you shall obtain mercy. You shall find grace to help you in time of need. He says but you forsake your own mercy from the time you start to observe lying vanities, from the time you start to observe these things you’re putting yourself beyond help. You’re causing the situation, to be magnified and get greater hold, and greater strength upon your life. You have to get into warfare. You have to get into warfare concerning the things that concern you. It may not be in

your body - your physical body - might be in the body of your family; might be in your home, might be a circumstance in your spiritual life,

You know people are not just sick in their body, people are sick in their spirit too. Might be a complex you have been carrying for a long time. Well I can't forgive that person. Well you better start somewhere, because you can't go in the rapture either. And if you can't do it the Holy Ghost could do it. So it is either you get the Holy Ghost and you get the power to do it. Because, if you can't do it then what you are saying is that you don't have the Holy Ghost. And if you don't have the Holy Ghost, you sure aren't going anywhere without the Holy Ghost. And if you have the Holy Ghost you can do all things through the Holy Ghost in you, that strengthenth you. Is that right? [Congregation says: Amen]

Now as long as you want to keep coming to church, you can keep coming to church, that is fine. That means you aren't ready to live there yet. You see coming to church is just a club. That's a society. That doesn't mean anything in God's eyes because all you do to come to church is pay a passage or walk and then you come and get a seat. That is all. But when you come through there - those gates - you enter His courts with praise and His gates with thanksgiving, you come lifting up holy hands. You start to say what He says. You start to worship God. Then that's different to coming to church. 'Cause, there are people who come and just go through that first motion right there and they do that for years. You know why? They get cultured to an institution and the ritual of a church service. That is what Jesus calls 'in vain do these worship'. See. But there is worship in spirit and in truth. Like when Paul and Silas began to sing and praise God. They weren't just singing, they knew there was a power in praise. They were letting loose a power. They knew that they were creating an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to come down. Is that right? [Congregation says: Amen] Sure.

They know if we come in this jail, we will fall subject to the atmosphere of this jail. When we came into this country we didn't plan to be in jail, but now we ended up in jail. There are certain spirits that control this jail and we've come under their dominion. So if we're going to be in here let us be the boss and take over the jail from today. Because while we're in the jail, we have to take

over the jail. That's right. We ought to claim that for the Lord Jesus Christ. Sure. Yes, Sir. So they lit their fires and they started to send up their signals. Brother, angels started to drop down inside the prison. Oh, I tell you things do happen.

Now. But the thing is believers have to believe. Well, these things do start in your heart. It doesn't start by your mouth. It starts in your heart - out of the abundance of your heart. It has to get a vent. It's looking for a vent and, the vent it finds is through your mouth. Brother, when it comes out through your mouth, it comes out with faith. It's creating an atmosphere. It becomes the spoken word. The spirit-quickened Word of God it becomes. It becomes the Word on the lips of a spirit filled man. It becomes deity speaking, Hallelujah.

It becomes a reality there. Confession. Now look at these who we are looking at how they exercised such great faith. It makes you marvel, doesn't it? When you see the kind of faith that Abraham expressed; when you see the kind of faith that Jonah expressed, in their circumstances. Now I think sometimes we read Scriptures and we don't realise the Scriptures are given there for doctrine. Scriptures are given for teaching. Scriptures are given there to build you up into the faith; make you thoroughly furnished; make you perfect; make you thoroughly furnished unto all good works. That's why it is put in the Bible. So when God puts that in the Bible and you sit down and you begin to look at it and see what the Word says. And, you realise that there are things there that relate to your circumstance, it's to give you understanding concerning how you should behave in your situation - to get the victory in your situation.

So you make it personal. I'm Jonah. I'm Abraham. I'm in this situation. I have all this lying vanities before me. I have all these obstacles. I have all these hindrances to my faith. Like Abraham, brother, he believed God. The Bible says that he was strong in faith, giving praise and glory to God. He started to shout. He started to praise God. He started to act like a fanatic. He started to testify. He started to confess that he would have the baby still. Like you hear the prophet dramatize it. He says, he walked in the doctor office. He begins to laugh at the doctor. He tells the doctor that is what your machine says; that is what your test says; that is what your analysis says. He says, "You are contradicting God. God says

this and I rather believe God than believe you. Goodbye Sir. Thank you, have a nice day.”

He doesn't walk back home gloomy and sit down there as if he now has to build up courage to call Belgrave. No, no, no. And this is what you see happening. And this tells me people need the Holy Ghost. And in preaching this, I think it should create an atmosphere and a desire for the Holy Spirit. Because real healing takes place out of spirit filled lives. When Jesus went forth he was a spirit filled man, when Paul went forth he was a spirit filled man. When they went forth in the Book of Acts they were spirit filled men. When the Prophet came forth he was a spirit filled man. That's where these things came from. I am not talking about all this kind of psychology, and nonsense that they do with people and impersonate you on the radio and on the T.V. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about Bible: Faith. Things that work by the Word. A thing that's God ... that's God's Word. He did it yesterday. He did it today. He'll keep on doing that as long as we are here - in time and it relates to us. He'll do these things.

But Abraham, somewhere down inside of him says, and he became fully persuaded, thoroughly convinced. He became certain of God. The man in the midst of all of these things began to realise he had to make decisions in himself. I can't look at this. I understand that these are lying vanities. He began to observe himself and see the kind of intimidation that those things bring upon the mind. And he says, “My this is something else.” See? You don't ever know that unless you are a close observer of yourself. Unless you can view yourself under trial, through the eyes of the Word. Then you see how the human spirit behaves. So when you go and read about reasoning, conscience, memory, affection, imagination, you aren't trying to read that and still imagine what the prophet's talking about. You observe yourself. You observe your human spirit. You observe your reasoning. You observe your imagination. You observe how fear comes. You observe when you don't know, how you feel in the dark. You observe when revelation comes it gives you a grip on the thing, because you get into another sense - that's a sense. Faith is a sense, a super sense. Now you know. Now you get a hold of God. Now that Word is no longer just a quote. You're trying to quote it and hope it sounds good. You're trying to change up your tone and say,

“Praise God, God could heal.” That doesn’t give the Word power. That is a ventriloquist or somebody, trying to use their voice to make it sound husky, make it sound bold; make it sound positive. That is not faith. You could look and see, like a donkey - the donkey with the lion skin. The donkey put on the lion skin [Bro Vin imitates the sound of a lion for example [Roars] You know it is a donkey from the time ... you know it is a donkey trying to impersonate a lion; he is not a lion. He is a donkey. Because you have to be what you are in your heart.

You don’t have bluff the devil. You don’t have to bluff these things. You can’t bluff these things. It’s a key being given to open the way to these things. God is not talking about a bluff. God is talking about opening the way and taking it. And let me tell you, that’s normal. The same way you put on your clothes to come to church tonight. The same way you get into your car, and turn your car engine, you drive up here, come out your car, lock your car and walk down service. That’s that same way, that’s normal everyday living that is what it becomes to you.

Like I was making a statement there in one of the services, and I was saying what you take as normal - walking, balancing, moving around - as normal to you, you don’t see any gift in it, you don’t see any ability in it. But watch a cripple man, who has two feet, he’s crippled, he can’t stand up, he can’t walk. He’s dragging on the ground, but he has a stick and he trying to hold on and balance with the stick and walk with the stick. Then you realize, what somebody struggles to do, is what you do normally. Well, when you read about Abraham and them having faith, that is you walking. Whenever you are trying to believe, you are like the next man there, with the two sticks trying to balance to walk. You know if something happens to you, you will walk normal. You will walk normal. It’ll be normal to you. You’ll walk into these things

None of you isn’t trying to hear me tonight unless you deaf or hard of hearing. None of you is fighting up to see me, as long as you have sight. It is normal to look up here and see me and hear me. If you have seeing and hearing you’re not even trying to do that. Well, you contact me by your senses because your senses are operating. You can tell what I said and you can describe how I’m looking. Because your sight is functioning and your sense of hearing is functioning and the same way you not trying to see me

or hear me, yet you can describe how I'm looking and say what I'm saying. Then it is the same way, Faith. If faith is functional in you, if faith is operative in you, faith that is a super sense to those natural senses, you will get and see what God is doing the same way. You would hear what God is saying the same way. And you will go to acting upon it the same way. That's right. I couldn't say it clearer than that. That's right. That's perfect.

Because faith is a sense that comes by a birth and this is a sense that comes by a birth. And if you believe this sense, this sense that you have so much confidence in, comes through a fallen birth associated with sex and sin and death. But faith has no sex and sin and death associated with it; it comes from God. It is perfect. It comes from a New Birth. It is perfect. And the Bible says that we walk not by sight, but we walk by? Faith. That's a Scripture. The born again person walks by faith; they walk by that faith. The same way a man walks by sight and looks to the temporal things, he says that you walk by faith and you look to the eternal things the same way. He lives in one world and you live in another world, because your New Birth put you in a new world. He's in the humanistic realm and you're in the realm of revelation, same way.

I want to go a little further here. I have something here I want to strike, I don't want to make this so much a preaching service. I want to sort of get a little slow and drop down some things to help the faith of some people rather than preach and stimulate an atmosphere of excitement. I want the words to bathe down in the heart and become yours, individually. Let's turn to II Kings Chapter 4. Now Sunday I was into Romans 10 – “if you believe with your heart and you confess with your mouth, for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” And he says, “Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” That is Romans 10. But I'm we're into II Kings 4. I'm just making these comments as we passing by.

*He says if thou shall confess with thy mouth
(Because that is what I'm speaking of.)*

*Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou
art taken with the words of thy mouth*

But David says, ‘Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight.’ What comes out of my

mouth, Lord, let it be acceptable in thy sight. Let nothing come out of my mouth to snare me, and shut out God and shut me in a place where the devil could control me. Let nothing deliberate in my mind that is going to make the Word just letter to me. I could quote it but I don't have any faith to act upon it. No, no, no. He says, "Let the words of my mouth and let the meditation of my heart, if I believe with my heart and I confess with my mouth, let that be acceptable in your sight, oh Lord my strength and my Redeemer.

If he is your strength tonight. If He is your Redeemer tonight, if He can redeem you of all your sicknesses, all your troubles, every condition that you are in, He can redeem you. I want to look at this woman here, this Shunammite woman because she had a confession, in the midst of death she was confessing; in the midst of circumstances she was confessing. She recognised the value of true confession and she broke through all the sound barriers into a place where she saw the miraculous in her own life, in her own home. Because, when you associate with people who have faith, you get faith. You know that? [Congregation says Amen]. Birds of a feather flock together, you want the Holy Ghost, go among Holy Ghost people. That's right. Go among negative people, you will lose your healing the same way. Fools of the air pull the seed out of your heart. Second Kings 4:

And it fell on a day that Elisha passed in Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in hither to eat bread.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

Let us make him a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in hither.

You think a woman could tell her husband that today? You want to take my money and build a house for a man? To come and live here in this house? See? But watch something, the Bible says she was a great woman. And, sometimes you find in people, not only was she great, maybe in stature and in status, she was great in

discernment. She recognised the man that God lived in, in that whole age. She recognised that man who was God's voice on the earth in that age. She recognised the man who walked with a prophet and who was anointed with the spirit of that prophet, and had that robe, and fit into that robe of the prophet. She recognised that. She had that - that was the value - that was the value. And when she saw - this woman is a Gentile now. This is a Gentile woman.

Now sometimes, friends, let me tell you. When you read this ... today we try to take this and break this down into mysteries and apply and different things. But this is actually a real woman, who saw a real man, who recognised this is a man of God, treated this man well, and got a blessing she never had in her life. Nobody had to apply that to her. That was in her life. We apply it, like this is the Bride and this is the Resurrection and this is the Spirit of Elijah and this is the Seven Seals in the days after the prophet and all kind of different things, to get somebody to get that faith and they can't get any faith. You understand what I am saying?

And this is a normal woman, who just had that in her. Can't we have that today? Can't we have a few people like that? Aren't we in such an age to learn the things of God and to know what pleases God to read the Bible and see the reality of it? Does everything have to come with a type and a mystery and an explanation?

This is a normal woman, who loved God with her heart and knew a way to please God is to bless God's people. She probably didn't know the Seven Seals. She probably didn't know the Seven Thunders and the Vials and these things. She probably didn't have the picture of the Cloud in her house and the Pillar of Fire and all these things in her house. But yet she could recognise, that's a man of God there, I should do something good to help him.

And it fell on a day that he came hither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

So that means that the husband did consent; the husband did build the place; the husband did recognise that it was a good man too and he told his wife, "I was thinking the same thought and I am glad to see you my wife can think that way." And she said, "I am glad to see that you my husband isn't looking at this thing as anything funny, but that we can do our little part in God's economy." Hospitality! In an Age like this, so few people are

hospitable. Some people fight and can't even provide a night's lodging sometimes. She built a house, put food on the table, put lights, put water, put all the man needs in the house, and let him live there. Because, when the baby was born, until the baby became about twelve years old when he died, he was still there. You understand what I am saying? Think! Think sometimes and see how we ought to be.

And he said to Gehazi his servant, call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

And he said unto him, say now unto her, behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host?

He isn't accustomed to this kind of hospitality, because he is passing through there day after day after day, season after season, and nobody is taking care of him. Nobody cares if he is sleeping in a cave or under a tree or wherever he sleeping, and this woman starts to show kindness, and she is a Gentile and not even a Jew. He said, well maybe it's a favour she wants, boy. Maybe she wants me to talk to the king, or the captain or something, so maybe she has a motive for doing this. Look.

And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

And he said, what then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

And he said, about this season, according to this time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

She didn't say that in disrespect you know. She realised now that he's trying to please her, as she did something nice for him – this is human. So she says, 'No! No. You don't have to try to impress me. You don't have to try and make me feel ... my husband's old. We didn't even ask you about a child. Where did you get this? We were expecting a child when we were young, and

we never got one and we accepted this way of life. We are contented. We dwell among our own people.

And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

But didn't God in Abraham say that to Sarah? Didn't Gabriel say that to Zechariah and Elisabeth? Didn't Gabriel say that to Mary? And here is a man saying it to – to a woman. Heavenly angels say that, then earthly angels only say what comes from there. But there's an association, there's an association. Let me say that again. You can't be identified with the ministry of Elijah and don't come into an association with angels. You can't be identified with the ministry of Moses and don't come into an association with angels. Didn't Joshua come with the angels? You can't be associated with the ministry of the Son of Man and don't come into an association with angels. Didn't Peter, and Paul and Phillip come into an association with angels? Didn't Joshua come into an association with angels? Didn't Elijah come into an association with those angels? Didn't the spirit of Elijah, Moses and Christ come back in this day? Where is your faith tonight, church? Where is your faith tonight? Where do you want to live? Where do you want to live your life? God is showing you in the Word, there are places you can start to see and where we can start to see; we can begin to walk and come up into it. You see a step going up there and you say, "I wonder where that step goes?" Start to walk. Start to climb that step. Watch where it takes you.

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

And he said unto this father, My, father, my head, my head. And he said to a lad, carry him to his mother.

And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

And she called unto her husband, and said, send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the

asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

Now let's slow down here. We got the background, now this is the woman in the trial. The boy came home sick, she had him on her lap and the boy got cold and died. She didn't start to bawl, she didn't get frantic, she didn't start to carry on. Sisters, you hear me? Watch faith here now. Watch faith here now. She went up, laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him and went out. First thing she did you know, not talk. Not, oh gosh, my child, my only child. No, no, no. She took him up, and went straight to the bed of the man of God and put him there. He was on that bed the day he told me about this child. She didn't carry him in his own bed, she didn't carry him in her bed, she didn't carry him in the husband's bed, she carried him on the man of God bed. Something influenced the woman, that is decision. She had about four beds she could have put him in, but that is a decision. That decision reflects an influence. That influence showed a sanity of mind in the midst of severe trial. When you are supposed to be falling apart under pressure, emotional disturbance, yet you show a sanity of mind. You show a control. You show a sanity of thinking. She is not in the realm of the flesh here now. Watch. It is written this way in the Bible.

And she called unto her husband, and said, send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

And he said, wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? It is neither new moon, nor Sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. [Honey, it shall be well, honey.]

She realised, well, he's already frantic, the boy dead. Okay, honey. Because, remember the story. It was she who said that this is a good man. It was she who said, "let's make this house." It was she. All the time it was she. The husband wasn't getting these revelations. He was giving sanctions. He was giving support. But she was getting these things. She was the faith woman. Her husband was a kind of good man, smiled with everybody. He used to help do the barbecue. He used to help serve the table. [Bro. Vin laughs]. See? But, watch something here now. [Bro. Vin laughs]. What is the matter with some of you all? This is not for

womanpower; any womanpower here is the Bride. You have to recognise that you have a wife that God blessed you with, praise the Lord, that's your Priscilla and Aquila. Right. Yes, sir. You have handed me the Scriptures there now.

Then she saddled an ass ...

Watch this. She don't have much co-operation here now you know

*...she saddled the ass and said to her servant,
Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me
except I bid thee.*

Firm, distinct instructions. Say, you drive. She's there, she was just praying calm, calm, repose - Praise the Lord, glory to God. Why? She saw that man pray already. She used to talk; she used to hear the word out of that man mouth. There is a legend that says what made her recognise that was a man of God. One day some wild dogs had backed up a little child against a wall, and he came up, just waved his hand like that and all the dogs scattered. I read where the prophet said that. All the dogs scattered. And when she saw that, she realised that this isn't an ordinary man here. We don't have a man in this village like this. This is a Jewish man coming here and he goes up on that mountain there to pray. And, she knows the time and the season there when he comes, the new moon. See? So the husband, now he says he's not there. She says, it is well, honey, you just relax. She is making sure his flusterations don't come upon her. She is making sure all the emotional tantrums of the people who feeling sorry for her, crying and saying: Girl, I'm so sorry for you. Girl, you know you are such a good woman, why this ever happened to you? See?

She is not in that kind of thing. I appreciate your sympathy, I appreciate your care, praise the Lord. But, this is something here; she had faith, a woman who had faith. You know, I say faith is a very simple thing. The youngest of these girls here can have that. The youngest of these boys here can have that. Think of it. This is not about this man who is old and in the Message fifty years, he has faith. This doesn't mean that at all, you know. This doesn't mean, he is a minister and has faith, this doesn't mean that at all, you know. This is, 'faith is sovereign whom God gives it to'. That is sovereign. No man has it except God gives it. God drops it in his

heart. And, this little woman here, the story is around her; she was a woman who caught this faith.

She had nurtured that Word from that man's mouth. And, now how many times we hear tapes, we hear preaching and we know that when a crisis comes, nobody panics, nobody goes running and screaming, that is the time they get quiet before God. That is the time you should be sensitive, where you can talk to God and then God hears you. Now we know that and we never walked with the Prophet; but we know that through his teaching. How much more she is sitting there and that is the spirit of Elijah. That is the Holy Spirit on this man, that she knows these things. Like Mary, she sat at his feet, knowing one thing was needful. Is that right the Bible says? [Congregation says Amen].

When God gives you a heart, that you value that Word, you never know ... Now I am saying this here, I am not going to hold you long. I am saying this here because I want to be in the atmosphere to say some of these things. That is why I'm slowing down and I'm kind of pausing and waiting. I don't want to rush it. Because the more we go along, the more we learn. When I say, the more we learn, I mean about God in God's ways. The more we get sensitive and know when God is talking to us about things, the things He talked to us about, are things that will be necessary for our journey. God doesn't talk to us about anything that doesn't relate to our journey. We are going to meet circumstances and we will be able to draw from what God teaches us to use when we meet conditions. Many of us here will be like this woman right here. This is in her home. This is in her family. This is a woman. This is her life here, and she is in a circumstance. And the same God - We serve that same God tonight. It is not a different God. We serve that same God tonight.

This woman, as a matter of fact, is a type of us - Gentile faith we are seeing here. A man anointed with the spirit of Elijah came in this day and spoke. And so we know that he ministered to a Gentile woman - a faith woman - and she received the Word from him. A woman that was barren that has become fruitful. That is we. Same way. And this happened at harvest time, because it was when the reapers were in the field. That's the time. This whole scene is a faith woman at harvest time, with resurrection faith. A woman that was ministered by the spirit of Elijah. A woman that

was raised up into that realm of the supernatural. As I said, watch. Elisha was a farmer. And this farmer came into a ministry of angels being associated with a prophet. The widow was a normal widow, and she came in to see the creative power of God supply her need in her home for almost two years. In her home, three square meals a day. Drive death out. Drive famine out. Showing you that a simple farmer, or a simple housewife, who is connected with the ministry of Elijah can come into that faith. Here is a woman connected to that ministry come into resurrection faith. No, no, no. This is not Moses. This is not Jeremiah or Isaiah. This is not the prophet Daniel. This is a woman. This is a housewife. This is not a “super-duper”. This is showing you that housewives have predestinated bedding ground. Housewives - predestinated have the ability to recognise God’s servant. The benefits of believing and receiving whom God sent. Watch the woman’s faith. Watch the woman’s attitude of approach. Watch. The Prophet says that the child was only about twelve years old. From birth to twelve years old this prophet was associated with her, for twelve years, a ministry of twelve years with them.

*And she saddled an ass, and said to her servant,
Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me,
except I bid thee.*

(Verse 25)

*So she went and came unto the the man of God to
mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of
God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his
servant, behold, yonder is that Shunammite:*

Now if you see where Mount Carmel is, there is no on Mount Carmel and back there, there was no road like what we drive up here. And he looked across the valley. And from the distance there he can see down that mountain. Watch Elisha is going up that mountain where Elijah ... God came down and opened up the heavens. Where God came down and did all those miracles. He is going back to the place where the prophet was. He is conscious. This is a law in the Bible. And, look where he is seeing this woman from and the woman is coming there, and, he looks and sees the woman.

*Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto
her, is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband?*

Is it well with thy child? And she answered, it is well.

(Could you imagine that? He runs over and meets and says, is it well with thy husband? Is it well with you? Is it well with the child? The child is dead, you know. On the bed, you know. She said: It is well. It is well.)

Look at behaviour. Don't you admire that tonight? [Congregation says Amen]. Don't you admire that? Look at the confession that is coming out of this woman's mouth. 'It is well. It is well'.

Who has a sick child tonight? Who is sick in their body tonight? Could you look at it and say it well? Who has circumstances in their home? Can you, tonight, say: 'it is well. It is well. That's it right there. In the face of adversity, she wasn't observing any lying vanities. She is not observing any symptoms; she is not going to be put under pressure by that. She is looking away from the circumstance, and her eyes are on the man of God, taken with the man of God. She believed God was in that man. Now think of it, that was eight hundred years before Jesus came.

Did you know? Eight hundred years after that Martha is reading that? Like you and I are reading it tonight? And, Lazarus was dead in the house. And Martha watched Jesus: the prophet said Martha was reading that. Do you know why? Faith is connected with faith. So he knows that she has to get that from somewhere. You don't make up that kind of faith. That faith had an approach to God's gift, like her faith had an approach to God's gift. So that is being inspired from somewhere. Because faith comes by hearing. And He is the same yesterday, today and forever. She said: God if you had been here, my brother wouldn't die. See? Now watch.

Now what about you now, two thousand years after Martha reading the same thing? Martha read that and it brought Lazarus out of a grave. She, the woman, acted that out and it brought her dead son back. Is it enough to take you out of your sickness tonight? [Congregation says Amen]. Is it enough to take you out of your sickness tonight? [Congregation says Amen]. Because it did it for them. It did for them. Let every thing that is the truth be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses. Is that right? [Congregation says Amen].

How many knows that the woman in Memphis, said, I am like that Shunammite woman. I read that Scripture, prayed and asked God for a son, and God gave me the son. Today he is sick and dying on a bed and when I got into difficulties I said, Oh, God. Here is my son dying. I am that Shunammite woman. Where is your prophet Elisha? How many knows that that grounded a plane? A big 737 was grounded. How many knows that that brought a storm, grounded that plane, pulled a prophet out of that plane, pulled him out of the hotel room and pulled him down by a house. And, how many knows that the woman stood up by a fence, waiting since four in the morning, soaking wet? Waiting, knowing that he has to come by this fence here, right here? [Congregation says Amen]. And, how many knows that the boy came out of that bed whole. Then a couple of years after, the prophet met him by the railway station and he said, parson Branham, I am not just healed, but I am saved too. Is that right? [Congregation says Amen]. Then how much more that can take you out of your sickness tonight? If it did it all those times, that Scripture, that one Scripture, did it all those times, could it do it again tonight or has the Scripture lost virtue? [Congregation says, No]. See.

See what we are talking about? Coming down to a place in your heart. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart. When Joshua was going down to possess, what did God tell him? Meditate in the Word day and night. Don't turn to the right or to the left, you will have good success, I will prosper your ways. Every place that the sole of your feet tread upon, I have given to you. Is that right? [Congregation says Amen]. Then the Ephesians, in the spiritual to that, what did Paul tell Timothy? Meditate in this; give yourself wholly to this Doctrine. You will not save yourself alone; you will save other also. Is that right? [Congregation says Amen]. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, let what I believe in my heart be my confession in my mouth. Bring these things; create this atmosphere. Let me not be snared by negative confession. Let me not be snared by confessing the wrong things.

I want to read a couple quotes for you where the Prophet said, wrong confession ... when things people confess rob them of their healing. How are you feeling? Girl, I am not feeling any better. You are staying right there; you are not moving an inch. Negative

confession. You are taken in a snare by the very words of your mouth. For God never anointed you to say that. It's the devil that makes you say that creating an atmosphere of unbelief and a strengthened atmosphere of unbelief that must be holding your thoughts in that realm of unbelief where you can't break out of and where God is shut out because God can't come and do it until you say the right things. That's right.

Look.

*And when she came to the man of God to the hill,
she caught him by the feet:*

(Now, catch this here. This is something deep here.)

*...she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came
near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, let
her alone; for her soul is vexed within her.*

You see how disciples many times have no discernment of what is going on. Judas himself said, 'what is the purpose for this waste'? Take all this money to buy this anointment to anoint this man's foot and head. We could have buy something for the poor with some of this. He said, this is unto my burial. You will always have the power with you. What is the matter with you? Are you St. Vincent de Paul? But the Bible said he said that because he used to steal the money. Now hear what he is saying. Now, watch something. Here, he turns around now and he drives the woman away. He doesn't realise that this woman has faith in the God in this man. So she told the husband, all is well; I am going to the man of God. Saddle the mule and you don't stop for any man. She has one thing focused. He sent the servant, but she is not interested in any servant.

He says: "All is well?"

She said: "Yes. All is well. Praise the Lord."

She went to the man of God. She grabbed him. He pushed her away now. She left focused on that because she got connected back up with the experience twelve years ago, and she connected back to about three years before that when she saw this man passing, saying, he is a good man.

Sometimes people never know what a person's experience is and how God deals with them. But, they so want to play church order, and controlling people and different things in the flesh,

hindering faith many times, because they don't know the spiritual things of God. Watch.

...And the man of God said, let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

Then she said, did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, do not deceive me?

She said that twelve years ago, and she recalled the words of the conversation of the day in the room. She reminded him. Didn't I say this? Was it that day? You see when you have those kinds of experiences you don't forget them, because that was a junction in her life. That is a thing she had prayed for many years. Her husband is an old man and an old man can't have children. But there was something happening here by the grace of God. A blessing pronounced upon her because of her hospitality. See? Now, watch.

Then he said to Gehazi, gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

The prophet said, Paul got handkerchiefs from here. Paul read this. Martha read this. Martha got the attitude of approach and Paul got the taking of handkerchiefs from his body. Because, the Prophet knew what was touched was blessed. And, so the prophet said, these people today are taking the oil and anointing the handkerchiefs and they are doing different things and sending the handkerchiefs. He said, the Bible didn't say anything about that. The Bible said that it's from the body of Paul. He didn't anoint it and send it, they took it from his body because he said God honoured the people's faith in his servant and healed them because that servant had the Word of God. And he was doing that by virtue of knowing that the Holy Ghost was in him, which came by his identification of that atonement, and commission to preach the good news. Because he was preaching a ministry of divine healing, doing the works that Jesus did by a commission, the works that I do shall you do also; when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, you will lay your hand on the sick and they shall recover, and these things; go and preach the gospel and Paul knew that. And, so,

when he saw Elijah do that, he took the staff and laid it on the boy, he said that. Now, catch something here now.

And the mother of the child said, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.

He said: “Did you notice that? Her faith is not in the staff.” When she was with that prophet and that baby had nothing to do with that staff? My faith is with you. You could send him with the staff, I am not going, I am staying with you. I came all this way to get a hold of you and I am not moving from here today. The Prophet said that if she had faith in the staff, the baby would have come to life with the staff. But her faith was not in the staff. I am bringing back my teaching on, “**Thy Faith**”, “**Thy Faith**”. It’s where her faith is. What she believed in, because, it’s neither the baby nor the prophet, it was where her faith was. The results have to come in relation to her faith. According to your faith. But, her faith... she had faith but not in the staff, but she had faith in the prophet.

And the mother of the child said, as the Lord liveth, and as they soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing.

The child is in the prophet’s bed. The prophet's staff on the child, and the child is still dead. The prophet’s servant with the child, with the prophet’s bed and the prophet’s staff. I think we have a lot of that tonight. A lot of prophet’s servants with the prophet’s bed and the prophet’s staff, but the child is still dead. We don’t want a bunch of servants walking around with the prophet’s staff. Neither do we want a bunch of servants having dead babies in the prophet’s bed. Then when the prophet himself came, in the room, the child is still dead. He walked up and down the floor; the child was still dead. Oh my. I am saying these things have a purpose to show you what brings the acts of the Spirit. What brings the acts of the Spirit? It’s not by him that willeth or him that runneth. Spiritual things are governed by spiritual laws. You could have the prophet, you could have the staff, you could have the prophet’s bed, you could have the dead baby and you can still have a dead child. No wonder the prophet said, where is the God of

Elijah. What is required to bring this boy back? But, she had faith, and her faith, in the prophet, could provide and furnish these things. I am giving you a basis for faith tonight. I am giving you a place where you can look at your adversity, and recognise the value of confession.

So here she says, it is well. She said, 'It is well with the child. She told the husband, 'it shall be well'. She told the servant, 'it is well'. She told the prophet, 'as the Lord liveth and thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee'. Keep watching what this woman is saying. This is the woman in the trial. The prophet is not in any trial. The servant is not in any trial. The woman is in the trial; but the woman, watch her faith. And, you watch yours in your trial.

And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, the child is not awaked.

And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.

And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands:

Did you see that? Watch the prophet is operation here now. How beautiful are they that come preaching the Gospel of peace, bringing glad tidings.

... and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

And he returned, and walked in the house to and fro;

(That is all he got, he got the child warm. Not raised, just warm. Gone back but that is an incentive, so he gone back and walked again.)

... and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

And he called Gehazi, and said, call this Shunammite, so he called. And when she was come in unto him, he said, take up thy son.

Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

Oh my.

The prophet said, she said, all is well. He said, why? On what could she base such a thought as that? Because something down here, in her heart, told her, get to the man of God. Do you see it?

Now I am going to read these couple quotes for you and then I am finished. Have you ever noticed in the Bible, how God sets up his plan? God prepared Moses to deliver people from bondage. From the time Moses was anointed and sent forth, to the people who were in bondage, deliverance was at hand. In the time of Israel, when the land was in famine, people were dying, there was no rain, and a great drought was killing everything in the land. From the time God told that prophet to go show yourself now and he came back out and went to Mount Carmel, it meant that that land had to be lifted from the plague of drought.

From the time God anointed John the Baptist and sent him, it meant to say a people were going to get ready to receive a Word that would bring them the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

From the time God sent Jesus, something that could have never been taught for four thousand years, the mystery of the New Birth, could now be opened up and be taught and a people be put under expectation to come into a New Birth. God has a way He does things. God prepares a person for a work. God doesn't just send a man to preach. Preaching is a part of that work. When God sent Elisha, and he came to Jericho, that barren ground and that bitter water was going to be healed. When he went to Gilgal, that death in the pot was going to be healed. When he went to the Jordan that axe head, that power for service was going to be restored. When he went to Shunem that barren woman was going to become fruitful. Wherever they went ... when Paul went to Ephesus, those people in bondage trapped in magical arts and curious arts, all these kinds of superstition, were going to be delivered and come to the knowledge of the truth. God always prepares that way. That is why the Bible says, how beautiful are the feet of them that come preaching the gospel of peace, bringing glad tidings. And he could do no great works in Nazareth because they wouldn't believe him.

Always watch and see, people have to recognise and believe the way God set up His system, if they have to benefit from those things. And, I am trusting that as these messages keep coming to you, and you begin to understand, your spirit and your mind and your thoughts will start to line up. Your attitude is going to start to change, and all these things will start to be reflected in your behaviour. Because, now you are seeing it is going to be your faith. But your faith must be a reflection of God's Word revealed to you to know that you have come in harmony with the Word.

He says; "Now people just don't realise ..." on a Message called **Elisha and the Shunammite Woman** "... just don't realise just what God can do through his servant. That's the reason today, why people can't get so much done because they have lost faith in the servants of God. Part of it is the servant's fault." He tried to tell you way back, years ago. (Preach a historical God, servants that come preaching, God used to do things. He said that is part of the servants' fault). "But God is still God here on earth, using His servants like he always did. He doesn't fail. He is the same God, all Ages, in every Age; He had somebody to put His hands on, and we must expect God to do something through his servants. This..." Now I am showing you the woman's faith in the servant of God. Like Israel's faith in Solomon. Like Peter and their faith in Jesus - Lord, if that is you, Lord, bid me come. Like the people's faith in Paul. Like the people's faith in Peter, standing in the shadow, like the people's faith in Paul taking the handkerchiefs from his body. Because, a real servant of God is part of the Word of God. You got that?

A real servant of God is part of the plan of God. In other words, the redemptive blessings were to be imparted through men. He called men to preach the Gospel. Go tell my disciples and after the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you shall be witnesses. Is that right? [Congregation says Amen]. So when you believe you are having faith in a real servant, you are having faith in the Word. You are not having faith in a man; in the flesh, because ... you know having faith in His servant doesn't mean that the servant has power to heal. Because there is nothing in any human being to heal another human being. The Prophet did not have power to heal. The Prophet had a gift to stimulate people's faith, and he knew how to present the Gospel, and people came into a healing that was paid

for - by His stripes they were healed. Paul did the same thing. Peter did the same thing. They all got the people to see that it was a finished work. But they knew how to present it in a way to stimulate faith, that faith came by hearing when the people heard it; it gave them a grip on the Word. Because, they presented it to them in a manner that they could take it. Okay the time is gone. Let the musicians come for me. All is well, all is well, we have heard the Message Shalom, all is well.

He said: "Look here. Look what I like about the lesson, she said, all is well. Amen. The baby, a corpse, but all is well. What was it? Everything was under consideration then. She had the situation curbed. Her heart's desire... what was telling her in her heart was to get to that prophet. And, there she was right in the presence of that prophet. She said, if God had taken her baby, that was His will, everything would be all right. All is well, all is well with my husband, all is well with me, all is well with the baby. She ran right up to Elisha and fell down at his feet, 'whap', began kissing his hands or something. Gehazi thought that's not right for her to act around my master like that, so he jerked her off and threw her away from him. Girl, you can't do that, you can't come in to my master like that. Elisha said, let her alone for there is sorrow in her heart, and God hath kept it secret from me. I don't know what was the matter with her, but there is sorrow in her heart. Then she raised up, and she begin to reveal to him what had happened."

Remember the prophet didn't know what had happened. He didn't know the baby had died. She is telling him that. God didn't give him a vision, she is telling him that. I am trying to show to you the laws that went into place to effect the resurrection. Watch her attitude of approach. Watch Martha, yea Lord, whatever you ask of God now, he will give it to thee. The brother was rotten in the grave. So you see what faith is? You see what faith is? You see when people can work with God's plan? You see when people understand that is not like a grab for something, but there is a way? They know where I get the Word from, you speak to me, I get faith when you talk. Which one of you can come saying: 'I have faith; I came to this church with faith.' I will tell you, you are lying. I will tell you faith come by hearing and hearing by the Word. I will tell you God opened this Word, and God present this Word to you.

And God begin to show you what part of the Word you are, and not somebody else's part. And God opened up the mystery of the Bride part of you, from nineteen sixty...

You might have faith that the prophet was a prophet. But you didn't have any faith that you were part of the Bride. But, then, God had to come and show you your part, just like He knew his part. Then faith becomes real to you. Then when you know where faith came to you from, then you look in your own life. That faith made me change my walk. That faith made me change my talk. That faith makes change my approach, my attitude. That faith made me carry myself different. That faith teacheth me to be hospitable and even showed me the laws of hospitality. That faith began to line me up because ... there is a boost in people's senses they used to call faith. And that kind of boost used to want to make them touch the radio, scream, bawl and kick down a chair to get something. Not faith in the finished work. But, when you get an absolute, that's good when the rain's falling, the sun's shining, dark skies, stormy waters, they mean nothing. Circumstances mean nothing. It's all lying vanities. It doesn't care whether the brother is rotten in the grave. It doesn't care whether the baby is dead on the prophet's bed. It doesn't care whether Abraham body's dead. Is that right? It doesn't care that Isaac is already dead in God's purpose on the mountain. He says: 'God will raise him up again and bring him back. We will walk down the mountain together and go back home together. It doesn't care what kind of death.

Jairus. When the daughter died, he was going to give up, but Jesus looked him in the eye and say: 'you fear not, only believe. You only believe. I've already given you my word that I am going with you. You just believe and she is going to come out of that thing. All shall be well'. He had faith. Jesus knew Jairus had to believe. Jesus didn't worry, I can't raise the dead or I could raise the dead. You have to believe. Fear not, you only believe. Because I'm going to need your faith and your attitude to get that girl back up. As much power as I have, if you don't have any faith, it's not going to do you any good.

Tonight, as you get ready to go, this woman just like Martha, Martha's situation was greater than this woman's situation. But, Martha reading that showed that that had enough power not just to bring another dead baby from a bed, but a dead rotting brother

back from a grave. Paul, looking at that prophet saying, lay my staff, he caught that and he saw ... the Bible said Acts 19, special miracles were wrought. It wasn't the handkerchief doing anything. It was the people's faith; it was the people's faith in receiving that. In other words, if I could have walked and gone there I would have heard the word from the man's lips and the same virtue that is in the man's words is in this. This is only a symbol of the woman. This is also ... just like water baptism. What is water baptism? Water baptism is just an act of obedience. The water doesn't remit any sin. The water does absolutely nothing to you, other than get you wet. The water plays no part in the remitting of your sins. But, it is an act of obedience by you showing as an outward sign that an inward work of grace has taken place in your heart. Just like anointing with oil. Well water baptism, water in that ordinance, is the same as oil in the ordinance of anointing. That oil has no healing power in it. You mean you used to come up here and think that the oil heals you? If the oil heals you, then the water remits your sins. That also is just a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Prophet said that stands, if you are not gifted - that stands between you to protect you from the evil spirits from coming upon you. But when you see the oil, you remember the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives that Word, the Holy Spirit gives that ordinance, because oil ... you buy it in the grocery store. Olives don't grow in Trinidad; we don't make it. You say a word of prayer over it; you sanctify it and use it, as an article in carrying out an ordinance that has been ordained in the church, James 5. But all the healing comes by faith. And, when you believe in your heart, you confess with your mouth and you shall never be ashamed.

Let's just sing that. All is well, let's worship him all is well. [Congregation sings].

You remember you could never rise above your confession; you'll never live higher than your confession. Your confession will either imprison you or set you free. (Bro. Vin sings) Oh, let's sing again. All is well. One more time, lift your hands to him and sing it. As you sing it, let that be your confession tonight in the face of your circumstance. You not just singing that song now, but you confessing it. You know that's lying vanities. It's lying to you. It's trying to get you to forsake your own mercy. But, like Abraham, you are not going to take that in consideration, because you have

recognised the place of confession in the plan of God. It's part of God's plan that you can come in and possess what he promised you. (Bro. Vin sings)

He said: "Her attitude towards Elijah brought her victory." He said: "You don't know what's happening when you try to do something for one another, try to help one another. That's right. Like bread upon the waters, it returns to us some day. Her attitude towards Elisha brought her the victory. If she would have went to Elisha and said, now looky you here, you hypocrite, my pastor was right after all; if you went away from that kind of attitude she would have never get nothing from him. But, her attitude towards the man of God produced exactly what she got - her victory. Because, she believed that is the only way you will ever do when you get like that, something fixing to happen. Then, she picked up the baby, she recognises him to be a servant of God, she bowed her head went out with her heart full of love, all the great crisis... What if she just set still and said, well all hope is gone. The doctor just left and said there's nothing could be done and now my baby is dead. So, I suppose all that could be done. See? Sit helpless. The story would have never been told. If no faith had come into her heart, it would have been that way. But, God in His mercy, place something in that mother's heart that she knew there was something could be done.

You may be sitting like that tonight, in your family. Maybe every hope that you ever had, that you had of getting well, the doctors discourage you, the man has done all that he can do and said it has pass medical science, there's nothing that can be done. But if something can be just drop down here in this heart that tells you yes it is, yes it is then stay with it. Now it wasn't ... he goes on. "Now, it's late. I gave a handkerchief to a lady there." Then he talks about Paul, how Paul looks at these things and saw those things. "This negative confession that kill so many people. The right mental attitude. All of you along here, do you understand what I mean when I say the right mental attitude? "Your right mental attitude towards God's divine promise will bring any promise to pass. Now, maybe you don't believe that, you say, well my faith is weak, I wouldn't confess that. See? Don't let the devil know that. Always say, I've got good faith. I believe God with all my heart. See? Don't testify anything of the devil and when you

accept him as your healer, don't never act like you are sick or cripple any more. Believe that you are healed. Take him at his word, then it's all over on God then and not on you. See?" From the time you take him at his word, you go to confessing what God's word said and acting as though it already happened. (ends abruptly) **(Power Failure Approx 10mins before end of service.)**

