
FAITH (AFRICA TRIP REPORT)



Did you make me some, brothers? And you get Billy Paul . . . ? . . .
I'm sure he . . . ? . . . Oh, have you? Then, fine. That's good. I
guess . . . ? . . .

² Good evening, friends. I'm very happy to be here tonight, to pray
for the sick and the afflicted again. Trusting that God will make His
love manifest to all of you people . . . ? . . . Is that right? We're—we're
trust that . . . ? . . . into the service right away, and Brother Baxter just
told me, said, "I got preaching about Abraham," and said, "I just run
over my time." So we hope . . . ? . . . for the Gospel story all the time, all
the preaching. I like real good preaching.

³ Tomorrow afternoon a real man who knows what missionaries
mean, he will—will be speaking just before me, tomorrow afternoon. I
think that's about two-thirty, three o'clock. Brother Baxter's probably
announced it. My bosom friend, Brother Jackson from South Africa,
and we're very thankful Brother Jackson's here with us from all the way
from South Africa. There's been many a meetings down there. I'm sure
you'll be delighted to hear him speak of life, the raw native life right
where there's tens of thousands and thousands that never heard the
Name of Jesus Christ.

⁴ It's not fair for all them ministers to be around here in America,
and things like that and preaching, they argue about little doctrines
and things, when millions have never even heard His Name called. My
heart goes to them. Don't you think we should? That's right.

⁵ Oh, they, sometimes, they go down there and teach reading,
writing, and arithmetic, but that's not what they need. A civilized
native, educated one, is a thousands times worse off than he ever was
before he left the Transvaal, before he left his native hut. He is. Only
thing he needs is Jesus Christ. That's just what the world needs today
is Jesus Christ.

⁶ I'm very thankful to . . . for this opportunity we've had to be here.
There was a little mix-up in us coming, which was a little error to the
manager and the ministers, in saying that, which we was only, to my
understanding, was supposed to be here till tomorrow night. Booked
two or three, we have to be in Minneapolis, and so the Lord has led me
over that way. And it . . . in speaking, they was . . . Mr. Baxter, he just
kind of misunderstood it I guess, in giving out to the minister, which

was Brother Flow I believe was the minister's name that come to talk to us about it.

7 I would like to speak to him, tell him why that I know that that was the . . . our Lord. I only have one way to do, and that's follow the way He leads. And I'm sure all Christians understand that. I was . . .

8 Although, Reverend Mr. Flow and them tried to speak to continue on for longer. As well as I would like to do it, within myself, I must strictly obey God. And that is the truth.

9 When I was in Africa. . . Many of you has read the story what happened in Africa, haven't you? Yeah. The Lord told me not to go to a certain district. Well, they told me down there when I got there, they said, "You must go down to this district."

And I said, "Well, that's all right with me. I'm just here for *so many* weeks and I don't care where I pray for the sick at."

10 So that night, Mr. Baxter come to me, and he said, "Well, we'll be starting out about tomorrow, I believe the day after tomorrow," he says, "We'll be starting down to Klerksdorp." Said, "We go from Klerksdorp to Kimberley, from Kimberley to Bloemfontein, from Bloemfontein to Cape Town, from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth, East London, Grahamstown, and to Durban."

11 Well, Durban is where I thought I was going all the time. So I said, "That's where Miss Nightingale was healed." And I didn't know too much about my geography.

And I told my wife, she said, "Where are you going to have your services at, honey?"

I said, "They'll in Durban, Southern Rhodesia." That's like saying, "Battle Creek, Canada." As far as I know, there's no such a thing.

12 Well, Durban is not in Rhodesia; it's in South Africa. Which, I think, Rhodesia is, I think, that's controlled by the Belgium. And—and the South African is controlled by British. And so that was certainly quite a . . . The people, I guess, thought they was . . . had some dummies over here in the United States, so they sent my mail on down to Durban, South Africa.

13 And so then, when, that night, when, I was in the room . . . And we'd had such a glorious meeting, the Angel of the Lord had come down. The medical association called me up, they had breakfast with them, give me the right hand of fellowship, said, "Anything in our hospitals, it's at your disposal. Come on. Anybody wants to come, come be prayed for." Said, "Reverend Branham, that's true Divine healing," and said, "we're not opposed to that."

And I said, "Thank you."

14 And so we . . . And all the newspapers, speaking, and how the Lord was blessing. Seemed kind of strange to have to leave, where many, many, many thousands of people, they couldn't even get them into the city. They was way out in a great big field of a place, where they had a grounds out there. And so, but, I said, "I'd like to go down to Cape Town." That's about as far south as you can go, without going to the South Pole. And I said, "I'd like to go down there." So I said, "Doesn't make any difference to me."

15 And that night, the Angel of the Lord appeared to me by a vision. He said, "Don't go with them men. You stay right here for two more weeks, and then go to this farm," where, the man who's going to speak tomorrow, Mr. Jackson . . . "and then from there, you go on over to—to Durban, and stay there a month."

16 Well, little did I know that that was the only place that they didn't have segregation. But I told my managers that they and the men . . . Brother Baxter said, "Will you see the national committee?" And I went to see them, and oh, my, you talk about going nuts. The only thing they knowed was that ecclesiastical setup, so that's, "No, sir. We're not going to do it. We're going on down that way."

I said, "Brethren, the Lord told me not to do it." So I—I said, "No, I can't do that." So I just refused to do it.

17 Well, here come the car, and taken me anyhow. And on the road down, I said, "Stop the car!" I said, "The Lord is telling me not to do this." So I stopped.

18 There's a lot of locust in South Africa, and so I pulled off some of the leaves off the locust tree, spread it around over the men's feet. I said, "In the Name of the Lord, we can't take that trip." I said, "It's not the Lord's will."

"Oh, yes it is." And the ministers got right back at me.

One of them walked up and said, "Brother Branham, don't you think God speaks to somebody else besides you?"

19 I said, "Korah had that idea one time when he talked to Moses. The earth swallowed him up." I said, "This one thing I do know, I don't know what He has told you, but I know what He's told me." And I said, "After I stood there for these three or four nights in Johannesburg, and you seen this work moving and so forth, and then mean to tell me that I wouldn't know what God said?"

20 Mr. Baxter walked up in time, called me over to one side, and talked to me. He said, "Well, we . . . this is all up to these men here. We're kind of under . . ."

I said, "But, Brother Baxter, this is a vision from the Lord."

He said, "Then I'll have no more to do with it." See. "If it's a vision from the Lord."

²¹ And I don't guess . . . And most all of you here know Brother Bosworth, a very fine Christian gentleman. And he was with us. He walked over to me, said, "Brother Branham, I think you're wrong there."

I said, "Oh, Brother Bosworth," I said, "you'll see."

²² So they was going on anyhow. We was right there just a few miles, and when we (from it), when we got down there: a little place of about six thousand people, and probably ten thousand there, no place to eat, sleep, or nothing. So they was laying out there.

²³ It was a nice, fine, warm day. And just before they got ready to take me to the meeting that night there come a tropical storm. You people in America don't know what a storm is till you seen one of those. It liked to drowned everybody out there. And at ten o'clock it was still going: no service.

²⁴ All the ministers came back to the place where I was. I said, "I told you. See, the Lord isn't satisfied. He is angry because that we are doing out—out of His will."

"Why," they said, "the Lord told us to do this."

I said, "He might have. But He told me not to."

²⁵ And when I . . . He said, "Well, then," the next day, he said, "oh, this . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . all the time, Brother Branham." And the next day, just about time they got ready to take me, there come a blizzard and liked to froze everybody to death.

When we come back, I said, "Now, tomorrow night we'll have a earthquake, perhaps."

So they said, "Do you mean we'll have an earthquake?"

²⁶ I said, "No, I never s- . . . didn't mean to, He told me we'd have a earthquake; but, brethren, we're out of the will of God. And we can't prosper doing this."

²⁷ So two o'clock in the morning, there we were still going strong. And I said, "The Lord has told me to return to Johannesburg and stay there for two weeks, and then go to Durban, and stay there a month."

Well, they couldn't see that. Said, "We've promised the brethren."

I said, "Don't make any differen what you promised the brethren. God is speaking."

²⁸ Men sometimes, we just get ourself so wrapped up till . . . Just the way it was, that's the way it is today (See?), same thing: so wrapped up, where we just think it has to run according to the way the association

says so, or you're not in the ring. You're wrong. God deals with individuals (That's right.), always has. And He does things that's very hard to understand and you have to know God to understand Him. And you know that. You know the Scriptures. If you know the Scriptures, you know it's true. So we just had an awful time.

²⁹ Then I . . . about two o'clock in the morning, somewhere along there, it was getting late, I said, "Well, they all . . ." I said, "We're ou- . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . ? . . . will." I said, "Oh, He has a permissive will to permit something. But who wants to work God's permissive will? I'd rather do what He wants me to do (See?), not be in His permissive will."

Well, it went on. So they got, "Oh, my! His permissive will, go ask Him about that."

³⁰ Well, I went in to pray. And Billy Paul went in with me, my boy, here, the little fellow that gives out the prayer cards here. And when he went in the room, I shall never forget. He put his arm around me, as we walked in the door, said, "Daddy, you listen to God. Don't you listen to them preachers out there." Said, "I'm with you," said, "if we have to swim home." See? Said, "I will stay right with you, Daddy. You better listen to God."

³¹ And I had been a million times better off if I'd have listen to the boy, too. Now, I say that with respects. He's just a kid, but he certainly . . . God was with him.

³² And I got down to pray. He was going to pray with me. Course, just being a lad, he got sleepy and went to bed. And I prayed on till long in the morning.

He came into the room. And I said, "What are these men? What do they mean?"

³³ He said "Go on down with them." Said, "You're in the condition now. It's been wrote out like this, so you have to do it." He said, "But, remember, it's not the will of God, and you're going to pay for it." See? "But, go on." Said, "You might know this." Said, "Go wake up your son, and tell him, in the morning, they're going to send him to Sunday school, and they're going to decide to pray for the sick, and on the road back, he's going to start back with a man in a little black car. And he's going to pick up another young man. And on the road down there'll be a native dressed in a white safari suit standing by the eucalyptus tree near a bridge fixing to strike another one with a stick in his hand." Said, "Your son will call your attention to it. And by that, you'll know that I'm letting you go. But, remember, you'll pay for it."

³⁴ So He . . . when He left the room, I went and woke Billy up and told him. Mr. Baxter, which is right here now, sitting right back behind the

platform here, can walk out and give a testimony if there's any error to this. Mr. Jackson who is sitting present, and many of the others. And I walked through to . . . after waking Billy up, and telling Billy what the Angel of the Lord said. See? God respected him because he was on the right side.

³⁵ So I walked in to where the men was; I woke them all up, Brother Bosworth, Brother Baxter, Brother Stadsklev, all of them. I said, "I have the word from the Lord. He just met me in the room. Now He said, we can go down there, but it will not be as successful as it should be. And we're going to suffer; I am, myself, going to suffer a great loss. And you all were going to suffer, too." And I said, "Because He told me that I was—was not obeying His orders. But He would permit it, being that these Afrikaans ministers and things has set this up, and done that. But it's not His will. And I will have to pay for it."

³⁶ And Brother Baxter, which is listening to me now, I said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, if we take that meeting, it'll be, when we go back to America, it'll be between six months and a year before we ever have another service." See? I said, "Something is fixing to happen."

While standing in Shreveport, Louisiana, the Holy Spirit came upon me, and I was prophesying, and said that there was a trap set for me in Africa.

[Someone speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] (All right. You mean now? What say? Be back in a few minutes? All right.) He's called, on a place to go.

So we . . . I went down, and I said, "Well, all right. We'll see what takes place."

Brother Bosworth, a dear old man, like a daddy to me. He turned over in bed, he said, "Brother Branham, you're wrong."

³⁷ I looked at him, and my heart just broke. See, no matter who it is, you got to put your trust in God. See? And there, my own brothers, and Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Branham, you're wrong there." Said, "If you go down to take this itinerary and go down through there, you're going to see the exceedingly, abundantly above all. . . ." you know His—His Word there.

³⁸ And I said, "Brother Bosworth, do you mean to tell me? I'm speaking to you, Brother Bosworth, that God has appeared in a vision, which cannot fail."

And he said, "Brother Branham," said, "Satan. . . I read in a book one time where Satan give Adam a false vision." My brother!

³⁹ I said, "Brother Bosworth, you stood with me on the platform for the past five years, nearly. And you've seen everything and know it

perfect.” I said, “I don’t know what Satan did to Adam, but I know *this* comes from God.” And I said, “You . . . Now look at there.” See, you, no matter who it is, when God tells you to do something, you do it. I don’t care if it’s your mother, daddy, if it’s the pastor, if it’s the prophet, or whoever it is, you listen to God. See?

And you remember, I’m telling you the truth. Witnesses are standing near, and God as my Witness.

I said, “All right.” And I told them what was going to happen, went on out.

⁴⁰ That morning, when they went down there, sure enough, they sent back, the . . . wanted me come pray for the sick, a young fellow come after me, in a—in a . . . with Billy in a little black car, course they’re not supposed to speak to me, ’cause He done told me to make ready for the anointing to preach and to pray for the sick. And on the road he picked up another boy on the road up. And Billy was all thrilled about that.

⁴¹ And on the road down, he turned around and say, “Daddy, *something*,” and standing by a eucalyptus tree, by a bridge, stood a native with a white safari suit on, fixing to strike another. He said, “Daddy, look at that man going to hit that other one.”

I said, “Do you remember what I told you?” The little fellow cried when he seen what the Lord had brought to pa- . . .

I said, “You see, Paul? I can go, but Dad will suffer for this.” See?

⁴² Well, after we left there, we went to Klerksdorp. There trouble set in: first one thing, and then another. One minister there, *a minister*, said, “The brothers told me it could be held in my church.” About fifteen thousand people, with a church that would seat about five hundred. No, sir, we wasn’t going to get no other place. They promised it would be in his church. And that’s where it was going to be held.

Brother Bosworth just took off his hat and walked down the street. Brother Baxter walked away, and even got him another place to stay.

⁴³ I said, “Brother Bosworth, this is that ‘exceedingly, abundantly, above all that you could think or do.’ You remember what was told you? It’ll be *this* until we go home.” I said, “You see if it isn’t.”

⁴⁴ And Brother Baxter, who is near now, as a witness before God, and know this to be the truth, knows that that is the truth. And there it just started from one thing to another, just as what . . . just piling one on top the other, one on top the other, until we come back down, hit Cape Town.

⁴⁵ Now the Lord blessed. His—His power, His works went right on just the same. But when it came to the place that we started back up towards Grahamstown, out of Port Elizabeth, Brother Baxter taken

very sick, *very* sick. Billy Paul taken *very* sick. There we started just one thing piling on top of another. And then, after while, I taken sick. I went to the Lord: just turned His back on me. We went on to Durban. I stood there, and under the inspiration, God brought thirty thousand people in one altar call to the altar. Yet, that was God's grace to me. I knew it.

46 And then when we got to Durban, that was the only place they'd let the—the black people and the white people come together. The other sound. . . The Holy Spirit knew that in the beginning. See? And so there was just as far as you could see, people out on the big race tracks, just as far as you could see, this solid mass of people, and for four city blocks down the street were just setting, just like you're setting here, blocked off in city blocks. Pouring down rain, and so forth, they never noticed that. They just kept setting there. But. . .

47 And then when I got there, I thought, "Surely they'll let me stay here awhile." They had the meeting already arranged; just, I think, three days in Durban. Then I had to go plumb over to Southern Rhodesia, plumb up into Rhodesia then. And then come back down to Pretoria after being up there two days.

48 And so sick, I couldn't hold my head up. Then I went back to the men, all of us sick, and all tore up, everything gone wrong. I went back to the men, I said, "Do you remember what I told you?" Coming across the sea, I said to Brother Baxter, "You remember?"

49 When I got here to America, come to find out that down in there among the Indians somewhere, in there had set in parasites, sticking in the stomach, down through the intestinal tract, which was causing a dysentery. And we was just about to die, every one of us, sick, upset.

50 Then God begin to speak to me. Then I promised Him as I walked the floor, and crying. And we never had another meeting until, was between seven and eight months after that. I was so sick I couldn't go. Just as sick, I just couldn't even raise my head up hardly, just staying there waiting for God.

51 Then one night, He came down in a vision. Oh, you never know how it feels. He walked down there. I was laying in the room. He came to me and He said, "Now, don't fear." My sin was forgiven. He told me what was going to happen. He said, "Now, it's going to go away from you. You'll be all right, but don't disobey no more to what's told you." He said, "Now, you're going to take a meeting," and He set me down, "again at Durban, South Africa." And I seen the ol' meeting of many, many thousands fading into the blue to the West, setting before me set tens of thousands of people.

52 Then He told me, said, “Turn to your right.” And as I turned to my right, a great Light came down from Heaven, hung over where I was. It was an oscillating Light. And in there were men dressed half, like this, with something wrapped around them, little skinny-looking men with their hands up in the air, praising God.

53 And I said, “They look like Indians.” And then this Light came down, an oscillating Light, and went way back over the hills, and there were thousands times thousands of them in there. And then, I said, “Are they all black people?” And He put it down in front of me here and there were white people. And I looked back this way, and they were the Indian-type people. And I said . . . And then it came real close to me, and I heard the number that He called.

54 He said, “There’s three hundred thousand of them in that meeting.” Now, mark that down in your book, and see if there isn’t a meeting held there that’ll consist of three hundred thousand people. That’s before it comes to pass that you might know.

55 How many of you remember of the prophesying of a little boy would be raised, about two years before he was raised in Finland? Hold up your hand, you that know about it. Looky there at the witnesses. See? All just exactly, what he would look like, where he would be, just how it would be. And he was just laying dead for around thirty minutes on the highway. Many of you remember the story, and how it was. There I said it’ll appear in *The Voice of Healing*. There with the Finnish officials with their stamps (laying in my house, today), government seals on a paper; that had taken place. See? A little boy had been struck and killed.

56 Down where the vision of the Lord came down, and told about the other boy, you’ve heard the story many times, no doubt and in the books. Now, those things are what God says do. Now, the other day, when . . . I—I wouldn’t make a meeting until God spoke to me.

57 And then I felt very definitely impressed about Hammond, Indiana. When I went down to Hammond to look around, well, I seen the auditorium wasn’t air conditioned, everybody said, “That’s a graveyard. Don’t you go there. Boy, if you go there, that—that’s a really a graveyard.” Said, “There—there—there’s nothing there.” Said, “Some fellow has done got in there that’s preaching Divine healing and scattered the thing.” Said, “It’s horrible.”

Well, the Lord told me to go to Hammond. So I went to Hammond. He said, “How long are you going to stay?”

58 I said, “From one day, till Jesus comes. I don’t know.” I said, “Now don’t never make a meeting any definite time, ’cause I don’t know, just . . . I promised God just as He would lead, I’d go, just wherever He

went. I don't . . ." That's the reason I'm not with *The Voice of Healing*, none of those papers. I can't have papers. No, sir. If I follow God, I ain't got time for papers. I got to do what He tells me do.

⁵⁹ Some of these men can set their meetings for two or three years ahead, if they live. Their . . . that's their ministry. Mine is not that type of ministry. I've got to do what He says do. All of you realize that. And then He sent me to Hammond.

⁶⁰ There's a meeting here, down here in Baltimore, I believe it was, that a auditorium that seated ten thousand people, absolutely free, the whole month of July, air conditioned, and five hundred preachers signed up. I've got the papers laying in my desk today, some of them Methodist, some of them Baptist, and Full Gospel preachers; five hundred of them to cooperate with the meeting. Brother Bosworth said, "You can't beat that, Brother Branham."

⁶¹ I said, "God can." One place where He'd tell me; I don't care if there isn't five people there, if He tells me to go, that's where I want to go. It isn't the idea of how many people is there. It's the will of God we have under consideration.

⁶² Now, these men who just pray for the sick, and come up, and they say, "We'll be here in this year, and we'll be over there at this certain date," and their papers are going out. That's all right. That's their ministry. Mine's not that type of ministry. And so, I don't know where to go tomorrow. And I . . . Wherever the Lord would say.

⁶³ And then, Brother Baxter said, "There's many people *here*; some people from Battle Creek; there's some people from over *here*, and down *here*, and up to Minneapolis, and all around, people from San Francisco, and so forth, great meetings to be set."

I said, "Brother Baxter, I have no leading at all, none at all."

He said, "Well, let's go into Chicago. They got a great big place up there, big arena of a place."

I said, "Sounds all right."

Then he started to go down there, one day, and he said, "Well, shall I secure it? Mr. Boze and some of the ministers was down there."

I said, "No. You better wait a minute."

⁶⁴ I took my wife and them, and went down, and put them over to the planetarium. They wanted to look through there. I walked back and went over towards this place, and the Holy Spirit, said, "Stay out of there." And I stayed out, too. I just bypassed it on by. So then, I didn't know why. I don't know. Then He said, "Turn aside to Zion." I'd promised Zion a long time ago, and I was kind of under obligation.

I said, "All right. I will go over to Zion."

And then Brother Baxter come to me, said, “What about, where we going from here?”

I said, “Now, Brother Baxter, I have no leading.”

He said, “Brother Branham, if we get an auditorium, you’ve got to—you got to place it down.”

And I said, “Yes, that’s true.”

He said, “Well, what do you think about Battle Creek?” Said, “Would you like to go up to Battle Creek?”

I said, “Battle Creek is just as clear to me as any of the rest of them.” And I said, “I think it’d be all right.”

⁶⁵ And—and so he—he said, “Well, I will find out.” And I believe he wrote up to the ministers, or called them up or something another. He come back and said, “You feel like you’d like to go to Battle Creek?”

⁶⁶ I said, “Yes, I have two under consideration. One of them is Minneapolis, and one of them is Battle Creek. I’m thinking on those two, praying about those two, but I don’t know just yet.” I said, “I believe I feel a little more leading towards Battle Creek.” I said, “I’d rather go to Battle Creek, I believe, because I’ve been in Minneapolis before.” I said. . .

He said, “All right.” Said, “I will make it Battle Creek.”

⁶⁷ Well, I didn’t know it was set for a big long time. So then, finally, I even told the baby’s maid. I said, “We’ll be home this coming Monday, if the Lord permits.” I said, “As far as I know, that they’ll have. . .” I said, “I feel like between the two places, because I had a reason not to go to Battle Creek, or to. . . over there, because I’d been there before.”

⁶⁸ Well, about—about four days before I went to. . . Then, he, Brother Baxter said, “Brother Boze said that we could have the auditorium in his church, or, there’s a little auditorium if we want to come by two or three nights before going over.”

I said, “Well, I will take it under consideration.” I said, “Now, we may be there one night. If the Lord says move, I—I go.”

He said, “We better take. . .” He said, “We better take the church then.”

I said, “All right.” See. I said, “Now, if it’s all right, maybe one night.” All right.

⁶⁹ We went on over there, we had a great, blissful meeting. But before I went up there, one night I was laying there, and I was. . . Now, listen closely. This is a confession. And I—I been up way late in the night, people’s coming and everything. And I went to sleep, and I—I slept

through the night, and about five or six o'clock at morning, I was awoken up by a terrible dream.

⁷⁰ I dreamed I seen a great big, muddy wave coming, and it struck a little shanty. And I knowed my wife was in there, and I run in and grabbed her, and got out of the place. And I said, "Oh, thank the Lord." And I—I woke up. And I said, "My, that's a awful dream."

⁷¹ And I looked over to her, and she was asleep. The babies were asleep. I said, "Well, now something happened right there. I don't know what it was." In a few moments, I said, "Well, this is strange. I was thinking about a dream that I had in my room. And here I am setting here on a sailboat holding my hands in real clear, blue water, not muddy water, clear blue water. And I was going up the stream." Not . . .

I thought, "Well, say, am I dreaming?"

In just a moment, I heard something behind me making a noise going, "Putt, putt, putt, putt, putt."

⁷² I thought, "Well, this . . . What . . . I—I don't understand it." Just like if I was somewhere else, and say I was speaking on a microphone in a church just a few moments ago. See? Just . . . I thought, "This is strange."

⁷³ And it kept coming. I noticed there was a little something in the water plucking up that way, and he come up to me, and then turn that way. And then he would go down, come back around this way, "plutt, plutt, plutt," and then turn that way and come back again.

I said, "I don't understand this."

⁷⁴ And something drew near me, said, "Looky here." And I looked, and there was a road turned to the right in the water. There was one turned to the left. Said, "What He's trying to tell you, 'turn to the left.'"

⁷⁵ And then, I said, "Well what?" I come to myself. I thought, "Say, was that—was that a dream? Or did—did I . . . Did the Spirit of the Lord come on me?" And the first time in all my life it ever did that. And I thought, "Well, that's the strangest thing that I ever seen."

⁷⁶ And I woke up my wife, I said, "Honey, something has happened. I don't know whether to announce a vision, or whether I—I—I went to sleep. I don't know." I said, "It seems too clear to be asleep. But I'm not sure." And I told her what it was.

⁷⁷ "Oh," I said, "we must think it was a dream, 'cause I was awake," I said, "and I might have went back to sleep. See?" I said, "I don't know. I can't tell what happened."

⁷⁸ In a few minutes, we went on out and was called out to breakfast, and after breakfast, all day long, I kept saying, "Now that just keeps bearing with me." I tried to throw it off my mind, saying, "Oh, it's . . ."

I just dreamed that.” You can’t put confidence in a dream. You know that. So I—I just said, “That’s a dream. That wasn’t that.” But I said, “It—it felt, would bear with me.”

⁷⁹ When I got over to Chicago, I called Brother Baxter, and I said, “Brother Baxter, the strangest thing, something tells me turn to my left.” I said, “I don’t know.”

And he said, “Well . . .” And we was in a hurry, and just went on. We come over here.

⁸⁰ And then when I got over here, the Holy Spirit caught me the other day, “I told you to turn to your left.” Well then, in my room I’d been kind of perplexed about the way things was going. It didn’t seem like the Spirit of God was operating right in the meeting.

Brother Baxter come, said, “Brother Branham?”

⁸¹ I said, “Yes,” I said . . . Now, the . . . course the gift of God, that operates anywhere. That’s gifts and callings, without repentance. You see? God will just hold you responsible for what you do with it. See? And so then, I said, “There’s something wrong.” I said, “A little auditorium won’t seat over twenty-five hundred people. There’s that little group.” I said, “That . . . But that isn’t it, Brother Baxter.” I said, “There’s something wrong. The Holy Spirit . . .”

He said, “Brother Branham, I can’t even speak.”

⁸² And I said, “I don’t know what’s wrong.” And I said, “I—I can’t tell you.” And I said, “Well, I’m taking tomorrow afternoon and closing myself up, and stay before God.” And that’s when He told me. I repented.

Then we called the minister. One of the ministers, Brother Flow came up, Brother Baxter said “Will you speak to him?”

⁸³ I said, “Yes. I will speak to Brother Flow,” I said, “Brother Baxter, I don’t know.” And then I said, “Sure I see it after He has revealed it to me coming up to that Lake Michigan, that blue waters turn that way.” I said, “Certainly! I don’t know what in the world was the matter with me, Brother Baxter, that I didn’t recognize that for a vision.” I said, “I—I’ve asked God to forgive me; I’ve asked Him to forgive me. You heard me speak it in the meeting, or, in the beginning of the week.” I said, “I don’t know why I ever did that.”

⁸⁴ Then Brother Flow came up, and setting in the room, as a gallant pastor of any group of people, he discussed it. When he said, “Brother Branham, I have . . . I—I know that God did this.”

I said, “I’m not disputing your word, Brother Flow.”

He said, “But looky here.”

Then Brother Baxter said, "Now, Brother Branham, we got the minister, this brother here, under consideration."

I said, "Yes. That's right."

Said, "The rest of the cooperating ministers, fourteen churches, we got them under consideration."

⁸⁵ I said, "That's right, brother . . ." And just then the Holy Spirit, I felt It. If you believe me to be God's servant, you listen to me now. God Almighty had permitted me to be kind of mixed up in that vision, for the first one in my life, to get me right back on the same pinnacle that I was at Klerksdorp, South Africa. There I was; the ministerial group, and this all under consideration, and even the manager speaking towards the ministerial group, and here I was standing here to make my choice to serve God, do what God did, or do what the ministers said do. There was my place. I . . . The grace of God came down.

⁸⁶ I said, "Brethren, I love you. We know that, and God knows that, with all my heart." I said, "But the Holy Spirit tells me to go yonder on the other side of the lake." And I said, "I'm not going to do like I did in Africa, wait till something happens," I said, "I'm going to the other side of the lake."

⁸⁷ So then, I said, "I love you. And God knows that, but I must be obedient to God. And I promised Him I'd never do it again." And I said, "I must do it." And I said, "Now, Brother Baxter, in confirmation, give a ring over there."

⁸⁸ And just as he gave a ring over there, they were waiting for us, the auditorium and so forth, waiting. See how it was? Just exactly! I said, "Now, we don't want to leave these brothers standing in it like this, we'll finish out the week with them here."

⁸⁹ Now, and Brother Flow, I guess he's setting somewhere now listening to me, and he's a very fine Christian gentleman. And he was fighting for his church, of course, and for his prestige. And if the people's here, he said he told the people this meeting, and so forth. I said . . . He said, "What will I do about the public?"

⁹⁰ Now, I knowed that was a hard thing after he had set the meeting up. That was a slip-up on Brother Baxter. He shouldn't have made the meeting like that in the beginning. He should've set it just like we had an agreement to. But he seen the other meetings had went all the way through, thought maybe this one would, the same.

⁹¹ So he said, he, course, he said he didn't aim to. Said, "From this on, I'll never do it, set that up like that again. I will let it be according to the Holy Spirit."

⁹² Then, notice what taken place. Then, to com- . . . To . . . Brother Flow, he said, “Look, I can’t understand, Brother Branham, that why that God would answer our prayer, and then make all these things possible here, and then turn around and send you.”

⁹³ I said, “Brother Flow, you know what you need here in this city?” Now, here we are, friends, I am responsible to God. “What you need in this city is a good old-time, Gospel Holy Ghost shaking in this city. You need a revival, not a healing service. You need a revival to get people back on the Spiritual line. Now, surely . . . Now, I love you.” But, remember, friends, I’m duty bound to Jesus Christ. You need a— a revival. See? I said, “Looky here. Do you . . .”

He said, “Well, the Christians might understand,” but said, “to le- . . .”

⁹⁴ I said, “Look at Philip, having the biggest revival he ever had, and the Holy Spirit told him, ‘Get out of there and go out to the desert, Gaza!’” Is that right? He never returned back no more. He went on. The Holy Spirit caught him away, and left that meeting standing there. Philip, his . . . the revival, having this revival.

Now, I said, “And also . . .”

⁹⁵ He turned around, and the Holy Spirit first moves over to Brother Baxter. I seen that Light move down in the room, moved over to Brother Baxter. I thought He was going to have me say something to Brother Baxter, but It switched and come to Brother Flow. I seen there what He was doing. I said, “Now, Brother Flow the Scripture you’re thinking of now, you was thinking about that Isaiah that went up to Hezekiah.”

He said, “That’s what I was. That’s exactly.”

⁹⁶ Confirmation, the Holy Spirit there to prove, I said, “Looky here, there’s a real Scripture.” I said, “God told Isaiah, ‘go up there and tell the King Hezekiah, set your house in order for you’re not coming off this bed. You’re going to die.’” Is that right?

⁹⁷ Now, let’s just take this just for a moment. Now, the first thing you know, here comes all the people. Here’s the high-ups here, standing near the king’s palace. There’s the guards at the gate. There’s the poor people on the outside, listening. Here goes the prophet in to see, with the Word of the Lord. Comes back out, and the . . . all the delegates of the king standing there saying, “Prophet of God, we know that the Word of the Lord dwells in you. What about the king?”

“He’s not coming off of that bed. THUS SAITH THE LORD. He’s going to die on that bed.” All right. That settled it.

⁹⁸ Walks on out to the gateman, I can see the gateman say, “Prophet of God, what saith the Lord concerning our king? He’s a righteous man. He’s a godly man. And he’s laying there on the bed. What saith the Lord concerning him?”

“THUS SAITH THE LORD, he’s going to die on that bed, and not come off the bed.”

⁹⁹ Walks on out into the—to the poor class of people, all of them standing out there weeping over the righteous king laying on the bed. “Prophet of the most high God,” they had confidence in him, Isaiah with his prestige as a prophet, said, “what does the Lord say? Prophet of God, who the Lord is in his mouth, tell us, what the Lord says about our king.”

“THUS SAITH THE LORD, he will die on that bed. He’s not coming off the bed.” You think the prophet was telling the truth?

¹⁰⁰ Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly. Said, “Lord, consider me. I’ve walked before You with a perfect heart.” He prayed for fifteen years more of life. Then when the prophet had gone . . . Now, watch God’s order. Why didn’t He speak right back to Hezekiah? Hezekiah was talking to Him. That wasn’t His order. Do you believe Hezekiah was a righteous man? How many believes that, raise your hand. Sure, he was a true worshipper of God. And he talked face to face with Jehovah. You believe that? Jehovah heard his prayer.

¹⁰¹ Well, why didn’t He just say, “Now, look Hezekiah, I heard you. Now, you’re coming off the bed. Now, Isaiah has done went out and made all that prophesy, but I’m, I—I’m telling you, you’re going to come off the bed.” Why didn’t He do that? That wasn’t God’s way of doing it.

¹⁰² He went back out to the prophet, and said, “Return, and tell him that I heard his prayer, he’s going to live.” Now, here comes the prophet walking back.

“Oh, we’re sore at heart.” Well, no, Isaiah have to go back to face those people.

“No, it—it has been changed now. It’s been changed now because he’s going to—he’s going to live and not die.”

Walks in to the gateman, “What about it Isaiah? What—what’s the matter?”

“He’s going to live and not die.”

Walked on in to the up-and-ups. “What about it?”

“He’s going to live.” After he just said he’s going to die. Is that right? What made the difference?

103 Prayer changes things (Is that right?) from death unto life; prayer changes. There was the prophet that was very much embarrassed, no doubt, to go back as far as the people was concerned, but he had to do what God told him to do.

104 Now, look. Some of these, this going on around . . . You always seek the face of God. And I don't care who tells you anything contrary to what God tells you, don't you believe it, and you obey God. Will you do it? I don't care who he is, how righteous he is, how much of a pastor he is, how much of a preacher, whether he's a prophet. He may be sent of God, a real, true, ordained prophet of God, but if God tells you something contrary to that prophet, don't you believe the prophet. You believe God. How many believes that's true?

105 Read First Kings 13. A young prophet went down and prophesied against all Bethel there, and done some miracles and the Lord said, "Don't you eat nor drink, and come back another way from the way you went in."

106 And a real prophet of God went and deceived that prophet. Is that right? Might as well be truthful. He said, "The Angel of the Lord met me and told me to tell you to come to my house. He met me after He met you." And the prophet, believing that prophet, turned and went back. What happened to him? A lion killed him. Is that right? And the old prophet wept over it. Sure, because he listened to a man instead of God.

107 No matter who says anything, believe God first. And God is the same God yesterday, today, and forever. He's the same Healer, yesterday, today, and forever.

108 "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive it, you shall have it." Do you believe that? Then take, no matter what person says, "Divine healing's not right," what person says, "this is not right," take God at His Word.

He said, "Let every man's word be a lie and Mine be true." Is that right?

109 Now, you can't blame me, friends, for not doing what God said do. I believe the real true Christian would say, "Brother Branham, our prayers are with you, to do God's will." For some of these days, I've got to stand yonder.

110 And I believe that that decision that I made in that room the other morning was between a long spell of . . . I don't know what would've happened . . . That just saved that right there. By God's grace, it was, but God let me go right back to that same space, the same thing, the same kind of . . . the everything just exactly the same, right back to that

same spot, and dropped everything away from me, to stand there alone to make my decision.

¹¹¹ God be thanked, for with all my heart, my decision was according to the will of God. I believe it with all my heart.

¹¹² Battle Creek, you might not understand this. I love you with undying Christian love, and God knows us, whether that's the truth or not. It is the truth. But look. I trust that God will give me the opportunity by His Divine will, to return here to Battle Creek someday, if nothing else, to preach the Gospel for a while here in Battle Creek.

¹¹³ And I love you. Don't let this reflect on your pastors, on no one. It was just a . . . First place for it to be set up like this, was just a little error, amongst the . . . understanding, and this was . . . But any time in a meeting, my management knows this to be true, if God should call me, I do it right then, regardless of how much set-up, or whatever it was, I must obey God.

¹¹⁴ How many think that I did right? Thank you. Now, brother pastors, you see one hundred percent over the building. I knew if the Christians would see what was the truth, they'd believe. You pray for me, friends.

¹¹⁵ My God, Who I stand before, knows tonight that if it was . . . I knowed it was Divine will, I would like to stay right here in this city for the next six or eight weeks, till I seen this whole thing broke and a revival that would sweep the whole city. I would like to see it. God knows that. And I'm just as willing, but I must be flexible in His hands, and do just what . . .

¹¹⁶ Philip would have stayed in Samaria, very happily would he have stayed. What a revival he was having, preaching, healing, demons screaming, and people confessing their sins. And God called him right out of there to go out to the desert to meet one colored man coming down from Ethiopia. Is that right? And then didn't let him go back no more.

What told him? The Angel of the Lord appeared to him. Is that right? Said, "Philip, come out now, and go out here to Gaza." Is that right?

¹¹⁷ Now the same God that lives then, lived then, lives now. He does the same thing. It's His same nature. God does . . . works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

¹¹⁸ I want to read the Scripture here just now. Saint Luke 5:

And it came to pass, . . . as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the—the lake of Gennesaret,

And saw two ships standing by the lake: for the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

And he entered into the one ship, one of the ships, which was Simon's, (I've got ink marked over that, and the reason it was almost marked out; it's one of my favorite texts.), which was Simon's, and he prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Wouldn't you have liked to have been there to heard that? Oh! Been wonderful.

Now when he had left off speaking, when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your net for the draught.

And Simon answered and said unto him, Master, we have toiled all . . . night, and . . . taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when he had this done, he inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and the net brake.

And they beckoned to their partners, which were in the other ship, that they would come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Then Simon Peter saw it, (Or pardon!) When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of . . . fishes which they had taken:

And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, and they were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

And when they had brought their . . . when they had brought their ships to the land, they forsook all, and followed him.

¹¹⁹ This is the word I will leave with you. Look at those fishermen, just a moment. Look at them, toiled all night through the lake. They were fishermen; they knowed the change of the moon. They knowed the time of waters, and they had seined all night, commercial fishermen, and had taken nothing. What a discouraging time. Got out and washing their nets, setting down on the bank.

¹²⁰ Let's drama just minute. Look, coming yonder: I see a young Man in His thirties coming, walking down the bank. I imagine He looked a little older because He said His ministry was so strenuous on Him. Come walking down the bank, two or three men walking with Him. And I can look way back up on the hill along there at the—the fishermen seines along that. They say, "There is that Prophet of Galilee. Let's go down and see what He will say." They gathered up to the bank. I look

lay . . . setting on a log up there, and there's Simon and them, washed their nets, discouraged. They pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God.

¹²¹ He said, "Can I use your boat just a moment?" He jumped, got in the boat; they pushed out a little bit. Then after He got through speaking, said, "Come here, Simon and you all." God never borrows nothing from you, unless He pays you for it. Is that right?

He said, "Come here. Now thrust out into the deep, and let down to take the whole draught of fish."

¹²² Now, Simon said, "Now, Lord, we've seined through these waters all night. We haven't taken a fish. We've caught nothing. We know; we're fishermen. We know this sea. We was raised here. Our fathers was raised here. And we've taken nothing from it. And there's just no fish in that water." Oh, my. "But nevertheless, at Thy Word, I will let down the net." There you are.

¹²³ And when he let the net down, it finally fell down, he begin to pull and tug when he pulled, the fishes, he begin to feel them flopping. Where'd they come from? How did they get there? If there was no fish in the water, taking God at His Word will bring fish in the water.

¹²⁴ Look, friends. You might've seined through every doctor's office in this country. You may be in every clinic there's been around here. The very best of our beloved doctors might have give you the last prescription they can. You've done everything. You might have been through *this* prayer line, *that* prayer line, *this* prayer meeting, *this*.

¹²⁵ What do you say tonight? This is Saturday night. Tomorrow is Sunday. Let's say this: "Lord, I've done all, but at Thy Word, I'm going to let down the net, tonight. Tonight, I'm going to believe. This is the time when I'm going to take You at Your Word. When You said, 'Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and you shall have it.' I'm letting down tonight, Lord, every doubt, every fear. And at Your Word, I'm coming, Lord." Can you do it?

Let's bow our heads.

¹²⁶ Heavenly Father, now may Your Holy Spirit move in a miraculous way. God, here's the people laying here on these, here's, tonight, here's cots and wheelchairs coming in. O God, may they be empty and go home. May they go home walking, and leaping, praising God.

¹²⁷ And may, because of this peculiar situation just here, may there be something happen tonight, Lord, that will start this revival rolling in this city, that . . . It won't take Thy servant here, Lord, the Holy Spirit will be here. If they'll just pray through tonight, and get the victory, and tomorrow morning may they be on the street testifying, walking

up and down the street, glorifying God. And may there be an old-fashion revival break out here that would close every bootleg joint. And God, close up these places that's open tonight, and make mothers' boys become Christians, and those daughters that's walking the streets, and the way they're doing; God, may there be something happen before judgment comes. Grant it, Lord.

¹²⁸ And help me tonight, as my, in the ministry that Thou has divinely ordered. And Thou knowest my heart that I'm trying to be true to the Heavenly vision. And now, Father, grant that great signs and wonders will be wrought. For we ask it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹²⁹ Excuse me for taking so long. We'll go right to the prayer line, praying for the sick. Last evening, I asked you this: I said, "Do you want me to pray for the sick, just bring the people through and pray for them?" I think that's what He wanted. But I asked you, your choice was the other way, then if you don't get in the prayer line, you'll have to accept it out there where you are. You see? So now, it's—it's your choice, not mine, yours. All right. Now, may the Lord bless you.

(Billy, where . . . ? Excuse me. All right. Didn't know you was behind me. What, the prayer . . . E's? E's? All right. Fifty to a hundred?)

¹³⁰ All right. Billy give out the prayer cards a while ago. Let's start at fifty, tonight, and take . . . How many we been calling? Fifteen? Let's call about twenty-five, tonight, see if we can't get a little bigger line, or, the whole fifty, if we can get them standing. But I doubt whether we can get through them all in that kind of a line. If you want to, we can take . . . Let's see what twenty-five would be to start.

¹³¹ Who's got prayer card B, or, E, E, E, fifty? Who has got prayer card E, fifty? Now, we can get started. E, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, on up for the first twenty-five, up to seventy-five. Line up right here, according to your numbers, on this side.

And now, now look around to one another's prayer card. Here's one of them right here. See? That's got . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Only believe, only believe,
All things are possible, only believe.

Now, do you believe? All right. Reverent. Don't no one move. Set real still. Don't be stirring around. Pray. Pray.

¹³² This is, maybe, some little baby's mother. She might be very sick. She may be eat up with cancer. There might be something wrong with her that will take her life. She might have heart trouble. If it is, that's number one enemy, no worse when you're going. If that was your child's mother, you'd be very sincere, or if it was you, you'd be very sincere, so pray. Remember, it's somebody's, somebody's. All right.

¹³³ Now, lady, I want you just to talk to me a minute. To just . . . Have you been in the meetings before? This is your first night to be? Oh, well, then it's kind of . . . Maybe a little strange to you. Do you ever read the Bible? You do? [The sister speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Your sister was healed in my meetings three years ago. Where was that at? [The sister speaks again.] Uh-huh. What was her trouble? Cancer. Her sister flew in to one of my meetings, over a thousand miles, they flew her in three years ago, and was healed in the meeting, with a cancer, lumps on the breast, and she's never been bothered since. See? Then you would believe. Did she tell you how the meeting worked? How the Holy Spirit moved in the meeting? Knowed the secrets of the heart, probably that's what happened to her. Pro- . . . [The sister speaks again.] Said I told her what was wrong with her, had prayer and it left her.

¹³⁴ Now that same Lord Jesus is here tonight. He knows all things. There's . . . And do you remember in the . . . You believe? Course, you'd have to know it was God. And you're—you're aware, now, that Something is here at the platform. You—you know that Something, that you're in the Presence of a sacred, holy Being, not your brother, of course not. But It's a . . . I'm just a man like you're a woman. But It's a Spirit Being. You're conscious of that. You—you know it.

¹³⁵ Well now, I don't know you, never seen you in my life, but the . . . God knows you. And if this be the anointing of the Holy Spirit here, then He can reveal to me . . . If—if He has chosen me back there for a channel to work through, then He can reveal to me just what He wants to, or He can stop it up, and don't reveal nothing, or He can tell you just what He wants you to know. Is that right? Just . . .

¹³⁶ Now, Jesus was standing, talking to a woman one time, and He said . . . He asked her for a drink. And you know how the story goes.

She said, "The well is deep."

He said, "Well, if you knew Who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink."

¹³⁷ And went ahead with the conversation. After He talked to her a little while, He went right straight to where her trouble was. Said, "Go, get your husband."

She said, "I have none."

Said, "Thou has said well, for you've had five."

¹³⁸ She said, "I perceive that You're a prophet." And she ran into the city, said, "Come, see a Man Who told me all the things I ever done. Isn't This the very Christ?" See?

139 And Jesus entered into the city, He never performed no miracles, as we understand. He was leaving that for Philip to do, that I was talking about. See? He just went in there and begin to talk to them.

140 And they said, “Now,” when He left, said, “we believe Him because we’ve heard Him talk. Not because the woman said so, but because we’ve heard Him ourself. We believe that He is the Son of God.” And that broke the meeting, or the ground, then Philip went down and preached, and healed the people. See? Jesus had another way of doing it. See? He knew He’d send Philip down.

141 Now, He’s the same Jesus tonight. Is that right? [The sister speaks again—Ed.] Yes, He’s able to heal you, sister. Now, whether He’s . . . He’s able. See? Now, I want to correct you on something. Is it all right? See? He . . . Is He not only able to do it, He has already done it. See? It’s your faith to believe it, or accept it. See. See? He has already done it. He couldn’t do no more about it, ’cause there was—there was a penalty of sickness laying between God and man. Jesus stepped right in and was beaten across the back: by His stripes we were healed. See? Then it’s already paid for. It’s just our unbelief. Jesus said, “If thou can believe, all things are possible.” There it is. Here’s a checkbook with my name signed on it. Just fill it out, and send it in to the Father, He will recognize it. Isn’t that simple?

142 Now look, lady, reason I’ve been taking quite a little time with you, I—I seen something pass by you. Now—now, you know I don’t know you, but haven’t you been to a hospital several times or something, has it been? Four times to a hospital. I seen you go in, come out, go in and out, like that different times. Is that right? And don’t you have some kind of an inward trouble, like a female trouble in the inward part, and you have, also, you have colitis in—in the intestine tract. Is that right? If that’s right, raise your hand.

143 Oh, sister, how would I, a man? It’s left me now. And you know that something is taking place. You don’t even feel like you did a few moments ago. Is that right? If that’s right raise your hand. See, what it is, the Angel of the Lord was here, speaking, and It was moving to you. Now, if I could only get your faith to believe that, it would be all right. See? And just as soon as the vision went off, a feeling changed, you felt real light, it went away. Is that right? That’s when you were healed. See? Your—your faith has saved you. You believed that, didn’t you? And while I was talking, I don’t know now; perhaps while I was talking, ’cause I was . . . You heard my voice. But that wasn’t me. That was that feeling that you had. That’s what it was. See? It was moving through, now, you go home, the colitis is going to leave you, and your other troubles. You go on home, be well. Give my congratulations to

your sister, and the Lord Jesus bless thee, my dear sister. Amen. (All right.)

¹⁴⁴ Everyone believe? Now, what would be hindering everybody from this tabernacle, or this church, tonight, to be healed right now? Shouldn't you be healed just now? Okay. Sure you should be healed right now. Believe with all your heart.

¹⁴⁵ You're trying to believe. Aren't you, lady? With your hands like this, with your handkerchief. You—you—you have a prayer card? You don't have a prayer card? Oh, you do. All right. All right.

¹⁴⁶ Now, are—are we strangers, lady? [The sister speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] How long ago has that been? Eighteen, oh, eighteen years ago. You were healed with cancer eighteen years ago. Some . . . someone prayed for you, and you was healed. [The sister speaks again.] Yes. Oh, I see. Then you—you . . . I want to ask you some questions, you answer me. I see something. Been a lot happen since then, hasn't it? You know what I'm talking about. You've backslid on God. And you've got the same thing again. You got cancer again. Is that right? And you're ready for surgery right now. Is that truth? All right, if that's, raise your hand up.

¹⁴⁷ Look, lady, death knocks at your door. You believe me to be His prophet? [The sister says, "Yes, sir."—Ed.] You return to God, and God will return to you. ["Now, I got a question to ask you."] Yes. ["He give me the mission to go on and pray and—and work with the sick, but I never had . . . ? . . . That's one reason why I don't . . . ? . . . I haven't really backslidden as far as 'backslidden' is concerned, 'cause I believe in God and I know . . . ? . . ."]

See, but see that doesn't . . . See, lady. I . . . What I mean this, see, you don't understand what . . . Backsliding don't mean that you've—you've gone plumb away and don't . . . If—if a man . . . I'm a little bit of a Calvinist. See? Not that radical type, but I'm Calvinistic, when a man's borned again; but you've backslid away from your calling from God. Isn't that right? And you should've went and done something that you felt like that you wasn't able to do. Who made man's health? [The sister says, "God."—Ed.] That's right. Now, do you believe? All right. Come here. Do you now say to God, if He will let you live, and not die, that you'll serve Him all the days of your life, and will go do what He asked you to do? You will?

Let's bow our heads, Christians.

¹⁴⁸ Heavenly Father, knowing, standing here, the woman knowing and realizing the Presence of the great Almighty God. I pray, dear Jesus, that You will help her. And tonight, forgive her, Lord.

¹⁴⁹ Know, Paul said, “Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ.” Lord, here she’s backslid on Your promises, and went back. Now, Father, I pray that You’ll forgive her of everything and take her tonight at her word. And she comes to You with her hands up, and tears down her cheeks, asking You, Lord, to remember her, for we realize that she can’t live very much longer like this.

¹⁵⁰ And Father, upon her confession, upon her heart’s desire, I ask this demon of cancer that it’ll move back from her, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to give her this chance of life. Amen.

God bless you, lady. Go, rejoicing. Let me hear what happens to you.

Let’s say, “Praise be to God.”

All right, Billy, send.

No. Now, everyone be reverent. That . . . The man has, he’s, has got a deaf spirit on him.

¹⁵¹ Almighty God, Author of Life, Giver of every good gift, send Thy blessings upon this man. This deaf spirit moving up, feeling his cold, shaking being moving up close to me, knowing that he’s got to come out of this man. He’s standing in Your Presence. And, Lord, we’re believers. We believe that what You said is the truth. You said, “When the deaf spirit went out of the man, he could hear.” And, Lord, we believe that.

¹⁵² And You said, “I give you power, that you go forth and preach the Gospel, lay hands on the sick, they shall recover.” We believe that. And You said, “Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and ye shall have it.” Therefore, Lord, by the commission of an Angel, I ask for mercy for this man.

Thou deaf spirit, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I say, leave the man. Come out of him.

Do you hear me, sir? Can you hear me now?

¹⁵³ How long have you been this way? All right. Raise your head. He’s been this way then for about fifteen years. Listen. You hear me, sir? Say, “Amen.” [The brother says, “Amen.”—Ed.] I love the Lord. [“I love the Lord.”] Praise the Lord. [“Praise God.”] Glory to God. [“Glory to God.”] I love Jesus. [“I love Jesus.”] You’ve been kind of nervous, too. Haven’t you? That’s a prostate trouble. It left you the same time; kind of getting up, you know, and things like that. See. You know what I mean. See? Bathroom time. That’s gone from you, brother. You’re healed now. Go on your road and rejoice.

Let’s say, “Praise the Lord.”

All right, Billy, or . . .

154 Oh, isn't He wonderful? Oh, how can you keep from believing? Why do you doubt longer? What can our Lord do any more than what He's doing? He's wonderful. You believe?

Something's happened, hasn't it, brother? Hear me all right now? If it is, wave your hand like *that*, so they can see. All right. You're healed.

155 That man setting next to you would like to get over something, too. Wouldn't you, sir? Do you believe me to be His prophet? Do you have a prayer card? You have a prayer card. Well, just while you're setting there, I don't want you use it then. You have a double hernia. Don't you? A rupture, hernia? Is that right? If it is, raise your hand.

156 Say, the man setting right on the other side of you has a hernia, also, on the other side of you, on that side. Isn't that right, sir? All right. Raise your hand up if that's right. Now, you can—you can, you go and be well if you wish to.

157 A man standing here last night was called in the line, was out on the street today, had a great big rupture; it's every bit disappeared. It's gone from him. Go now. Have faith in God. See?

158 Little lady, He was over you a few minutes ago; I know what your disease is. If you will believe with all your heart, God will heal you. Do you believe? You had arthritis, didn't you? Is that right? Wave your hand like that. All right. He's done healed you, so you won't have to come in the prayer line, now, just go on home. See? You—you're over your arthritis. Have faith in God. He is wonderful.

159 All right. You're the patient? I mean the lady that . . . yeah. All right. Do you . . . I want to ask you a few questions, as I speak to you. You're just some woman that's got a prayer card and come up here on the line. There's something strange about the case. I see right now. See? There's some . . . What's your nationality? Ukrainian. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. This is kind of strange to you, isn't it? Uh-huh. See? [The sister says, "I come with an open heart."—Ed.] I believe that. And I believe you are really seeking Jesus Christ.

160 I know, lady. Now look, you're troubled and you're having trouble in your shoulders, in your side, your back. Is that right? And then you've got a burden on your heart 'cause you got a young daughter, and that young daughter has got, is paralyzed, or got paralysis or something. Is that right? If that's all true, raise your hand, being all right. Will you accept Jesus Christ, now, as your Saviour and your Healer for you and daughter, both? Will you do it? Your orthodox is gone; you become a Christian, in Jesus Christ's Name; go, and may it be as you have believed. Amen.

¹⁶¹ Let's say, "Praise be to God." The woman, truly, with tears rolling down her cheeks when the Holy Spirit struck her, she knowed what had happened. That's right. God did the work just then. All right.

¹⁶² Come, lady. Don't fear, have faith. God is going to do something for you, sister, the miraculous. Have faith. Believe me as His prophet. The same Spirit was upon the Hebrew prophets is the same Spirit here now. See? God takes His prophet, but never His Spirit. It moves on. When one dies, the Spirit comes on another, He goes on. In every generation, He's had someone. Have faith now.

¹⁶³ Are you the patient, lady? Yes. All right. Do you believe? Do you believe that God will reveal your troubles to me? That's all I can do by the gift. Is that right? Uh-huh. Now look. You are a believer, filled with the Spirit. And now, look. You are. . . You have a—a—a nervous condition, a—a strain which is due to the time of it is with you. And—and then another thing is you got a stomach trouble. Is that right? That's right. And your nervousness has caused the stomach trouble, which is an ulcer in the stomach; causes souring, and so forth, and swelling, and sometime flurrying of the heart. And—and your mental conditions, and that you feel strained and upset all the time, depressed. Is that right? And many times Satan has told you, you've crossed over the line, and all those. . . Is that right? But he's lied; he's lied. Jesus Christ has healed you. Do you believe that? Go eat what you want to then, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bless you. All right.

¹⁶⁴ Come, sir. Do you believe? Sir, do you believe with all your heart? What if the Holy Spirit, that what you feel now, would come near, and say to you like He did the woman at the well, her greatest trouble, just tell her what her greatest trouble was, would you believe Him? Accept Him? Don't you have something wrong, it's either in your throat or it's in your chest, one. I see you standing, coughing. It's—it's—it's asthma. Is that right? Is that right? All right. Go off the platform, saying, "Thank You, Jesus, I'm over it." See? Go off the platform giving God praise, it'll leave you and never bother you no more.

Come, young man.

Oh, how He moves to get the people to believe.

¹⁶⁵ Young man, looky here. You're a very young chap to be standing here, sick. What do you think about Jesus Christ? You love Him. Is He the Son of God? Is He your Healer? He is. He can make you get over that stomach trouble right now. Is that right? Well, then go eat what you want to. Your faith saves you. Yes, sir. All right.

¹⁶⁶ Come, little lad. You're a young chappie, too. Do you believe? You go to Sunday school? You love the Lord Jesus Christ? Would you like to serve Him all the days of your life? If He will let you get well, will

you do that? It's only for His glory that you would do it? [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

¹⁶⁷ All right. Look, sister. Come near just a moment. You believe? With all your heart? Well, just a few moments ago, when I was speaking to someone here, you standing back down the line like that second lady standing back there now is, the same thing. You were very alarmed when I told the lady about what kind of a feeling she was having of a nervous condition. Is that right? Because you have exactly the same thing. You, is that right? Now, do you—do you believe He's going to make you well?

¹⁶⁸ But what you want me to do is pray for you. That's what you was thinking about right then. Not reading your mind, but that's what you was thinking. You saying, "Is he going to pray for me?" Come in your mind right quick. Is that right? Uh-huh. See? That's right. See, you can't hide those thoughts. You see? It's in His Presence. Now, come here, cause that's what you have to have to be well. And you're going to receive it, I believe, with all my heart.

¹⁶⁹ Dear Heavenly Father, seeing that the woman has that point of contact that I must pray for her, speaking it right out of her mind, as I seen it going through and seeing her shaking her head otherwise. I pray, God, that You'll heal her.

And now, this devil, this thing that's trying to make her lose her mind, I say to thee, in the Name of Jesus Christ, come out of the woman.

¹⁷⁰ Now, look, sister. Go home. You're going to get well. You believe me? If God knew what you were, and what you are, does He knows what you will be? You're going to be all right, then. Go home now. God bless you.

¹⁷¹ All right. Come, lady. How do you do? Do you believe? With all your heart? You believe that He would make you well? You have number one enemy: heart trouble. Is that right? True. All right. Do you believe . . . ? . . . 

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