
AS I WAS WITH MOSES, SO I WILL BE WITH THEE

 Out again this morning after a good night's sleep. I hope that we all had it, and are feeling relaxed today.

² I was just thinking, as I was standing in the room, and Billy Paul put in twenty-five cents, this morning. I remember standing on this same pulpit, when . . . Frankie Weber, a neighbor here, he and I went to school together. And I was about twenty-one, and, or, about twenty-two, I believe. And he was already twenty-five. And when he put in the twenty-five cents, I thought, "Oh, my! Frankie is about ready to die! He is so old!" And—and now . . . I thought, "What will I do when I get that age, twenty-five?" And now my son is putting in twenty-five.

³ Just goes to show that time is fleeting, and it waits on no one. We must work while it is day, for the time will come when we cannot work no longer. And I always liked Longfellow's *Psalm Of Life*, "With partings, leave behind us the footprints on the sands of time." We must make footprints while we can make them, each of us. Let's not waste one day, but make every day count the best that we can, for His glory.

⁴ Couple nights ago, or two weeks ago, it has been. Lord gives visions, as we're all sure of that here. And I had a strange vision to happen to me while I was down in Kentucky. I said to the party I was with, "Something surely fixing to happen."

⁵ I saw standing before me, about three o'clock in the morning, in the room, a man, hideously dark; not like our beloved colored brethren and sisters. This man was different. His body was wrinkled iron. And he was coming with great clutching hands, to get me. And my protection was a small blade, but it was no good. It couldn't protect myself with it. So, somehow, the Lord come in and helped me to get away from this hideous man. He was wrinkled iron. I could see him as he raised his hand, the great wrinkles in his skin, just like iron moving back and forth. I suppose, maybe, a hard pressing bullet would not pierce that hideous shell, like some animal, a tortoise or something, over him. And he was after me. I have a good idea what that was and what it means.

⁶ But, then, last Tuesday morning, about three o'clock, something else happened. I was at home. And standing before me in a room, was a Divine One that spoke words that I did not understand. And the time that He appointed is near at hand. And I did not hear Him too good, but He was a Divine One. And He said, "Seven more days, and

you'll stand as Moses stood," or "will be as Moses was," or something concerning Moses. That leaves me one more day, after today. That was the sixth. I don't know what that means. I know that He will work it out, whatever it is. "You will stand," or, "have to stand," or, "be as," or, it was something pertaining to Moses. And I never thought too much about it. I told my family and told some, my loved ones, that I saw this Divine One. Yet, He spoke as a man.

⁷ And then I noticed that my Message, of last evening, the Lord let me choose Moses. And, this morning, it's Moses and his successor. And the Scripture that I'm about to approach, this morning, for, is concerning Moses and Joshua. And this Scripture, Joshua the 1st chapter, has always been a very outstanding Scripture. Never preached on it, in my life; I'm going to try it, this morning.

⁸ But, about two years ago, I saw the Bible, in the room, come down and stand where I was at. And a Hand, from above, came down and parted the pages, turned them out; and come down, Joshua 1, to the 9th verse, and stopped, going slowly. I've waited for this hour to approach, to when I would feel that it was God's will for me to speak concerning it.

⁹ Now, don't forget the evening services, if you are . . . can come, and you don't have a post of duty. If you have churches that need you, why, we certainly recommend you to your church.

This morning we're going to pray for the sick, immediately after the Message. And I think, there, following that, is a baptismal service.

¹⁰ And tonight, the Lord willing, I want to preach on *Five Infallible, Scriptural Identifications Of The Church*, and our relationship with It, with the New Testament Church, and our relationship with this Church. And services will begin, the song service, at seven-thirty; try to be in the pulpit at eight o'clock. And we'll be through by nine-thirty, the Lord willing.

¹¹ And then I trust, that, today, that it will not be none of these words, that, when I come down to the commission, that no one will fail to see it. Because, it's very important that you lay aside everything now, and think, as we wait on the Holy Spirit.

¹² Before approaching this marvelous and gracious Word, I'm going to ask that my good friend and co-worker, Dr. Lee Vayle, if he'll stand up and lead us in a word of prayer, as we open the Word. Brother Vayle.

[Brother Lee Vayle prays. Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Thank you, Brother Vayle, for that inspiring prayer to God.

¹³ And now let us turn in the Scriptures. There's just so much to talk about; but yet seeing many standing around the walls, and in the halls,

and so forth. I believe we are facing the dawn of a new day. Now, in the Scripture reading this morning, let's turn to the 1st chapter of Joshua. And we will read from the 1st Book of Joshua, the 1st chapter, the first nine verses. While we're making ready . . .

¹⁴ This Message is being taped, and will be sent to many parts of the world. I'd want the peoples of the world to whom the Lord has given me favor, and I found grace in your sight. I'm saying this, this morning, because that, in the future, hoping to come into your congregation and meetings, that you might know, ahead of time, what the Lord God has done, that you might know Truth. And as Jesus said, "The Truth shall make you free."

Reading from Joshua 1.

. . . after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, and go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I have given to them, even to the children of Israel.

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, . . . unto the great sea towards the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shall thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper wheresoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy ways prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest.

15 And in the 5th verse, and about the middle of the verse, it is written: *As I Was With Moses, So I Will Be With Thee*. That is what, if I should call it a text, I would like to—to wait on a few moments, and call your attention to that. “As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee.”

16 Now last evening we were journeying with the children of Israel, all the way from Egypt, till we got them into Kadesh. Oh, what a great lesson! What a great thing, as we typed the natural church to the spiritual church. God dealing with Israel in the natural; with the church in these days, as He’s calling out of the Gentile, a people for His Name. He’s dealing with them in the spiritual, as He dealt with them in the natural; just parallel, one to the other. And all that God did with them, and all that God did for them, and all they did in response, falls to us as an example. And we see, so far, the Word has been carried out exactly the same. How that in the natural, when they got their victory or two, they settled down to rejoicing, and shouting, and dancing, and praising God; just the way the church did, and now has waited forty years for the opening of something else.

17 And as we think of Moses, this great servant of the Lord, how that at his birth, the place of his birth, God chose him for his work, at his birth. And his life was very much difficult to be lived. Because, he’s a man, and he wants to live it one way, and the Spirit of God leads him another way. What foolish decisions, seemingly, that he would make. When, with a foot on the throne, to be heir of the world; and then take the other side, to become an outcast, or a wanderer. Seemingly, mentally, it would be a foolish thing.

18 But we find a great lesson in here. That, men who follow the Spirit, is foolish, to the world, because they’re of another Kingdom, led in another way, led by the Spirit. God let that be me, and all of you, that we will follow the leading of the Spirit, regardless, watching God’s promise, waiting for it to be fulfilled.

19 And that’s just what Moses done. Pharaoh read the same Scripture that Moses did. Only, Pharaoh looked at It in another way. Moses looked at the same people Pharaoh did. Pharaoh saw them as slaves and as mud-daubers. Moses seen them as a called and chosen.

20 That’s the way I want to see the Church of the living God, not a bunch of fanatics or outcasts, but as the chosen of God; that I might be able to give my life, as Moses did, for this great Church and for the Cause.

Now, we find Moses being called. And after being commissioned, he failed his commission, by trying to do it in the way that he thought was best.

21 Therefore it teaches us, again, that we can't take what we think is best, or what man thinks is best. We've got to take the way that God has said is best. Therefore, to follow the Word of the Lord is always the best. Take the way God said.

22 And in his failure, we find out that he fled from the face of Pharaoh, into the wilderness, where he married Jethro's daughter, Zipporah. And there, after marrying her, she bore him a son, Gershom. Then he settled down, quietly and peacefully, as in sheep business.

23 But, one day, God heard the cry of His people. God remembered that He had a covenant with those people. Not only that, but He also remembered He had a servant who He had called, and had chosen, and He had a covenant with that servant. And God will never change His covenant or change His desires, or change anything. God will always keep His promises. Although Moses had failed Him and had done that which was wrong, yet God kept His covenant. When God calls a man to do something, he must do it, just got to do it.

24 Someone asked me, some time ago, "Shall we seek our gifts now for our ministries?" Some Methodist brethren who had just received the Holy Ghost.

I said, "No. Don't do that. When you do, then God can't use you." I said, "The only thing to do, is just go ahead being a Christian. If God has called you, He'll place you just exactly where you belong."

25 Usually, those who seek and try to get things, if God would give them something, they'd, more or less, be a stuffed shirt. Usually, the man that God calls, is the man that's trying to run from Him, if anything; Moses and Paul, and different ones, trying to get away from the call.

26 But we find here that, God, in spite of all the failure that Moses had done, He still had His hand on him. And He called him to go, do His service, called him to his commission. And what a consolation that must have been to Joshua, when he heard God say, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you."

27 Although, if I'm trying, and I fail, God won't leave me. I never have much confidence in anybody that's too afraid to do anything. I would rather be found a failure than too lazy to try.

28 One time it was said that the Ballard and Ballard Flour Company hired a man, and he was going to sign his name, and the man had no eraser on the end of his pencil. And Mr. Ballard said to him, said, "Why haven't you got eraser?"

He said, "I don't make mistakes."

He said, "Then I can't use you. Because, if you make mistakes, you . . . You don't make mistakes, you won't do nothing." That's true.

²⁹ God don't hold you responsible for your mistakes. He holds you responsible for your willful sin. "He that sins willfully, after he has received the knowledge of the Truth." But a man that's going to do something, is going to blunder, he's going to fall. He's going to make mistakes. But if he's really Divinely called, and God in his heart, he'll rise again.

³⁰ Used to be, coming to the church here, years ago, and they may be here this morning, a little man and his wife. They used to sing a song that thrilled me. Goes something like this:

Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time,
I'll be Yours if You'll be mine;
If I fall or if I fail, let me rise and try again,
Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time.

³¹ I like that. For, any good soldier is apt to get wounded or hurt. But if he's still a soldier, and got a purpose, and something to fight for, he'll rise and try again. And any good soldier of the Cross will do the same thing.

³² And to Joshua, the new commander of the army, after Moses had passed on, seeing that God stayed with him in his mistakes, he held his commission up.

³³ No matter what Moses done, it was Moses' office that God respected. He was a prophet. He was above all the prophets. He was really more than any prophet they had. When his own sister laughed at him, for marrying an Ethiopian girl, He called them together and He said, "Don't you fear God?" Said, "If there be one among you, who is spiritual or a prophet, I will speak to him in visions and make Myself known to him in dreams. But it's not so with Moses; I speak lip to ear with him. Don't you fear God?"

³⁴ See, that's not a good thing, to tramp upon God's people. You hurt Him when you do so. God had commissioned Moses; his failures meant nothing. God knowed his heart.

³⁵ And he one time, Moses, complained about having too much to do. And so God took His Spirit and divided It amongst seventy. They had no more Spirit than they had at the beginning. But only thing, they just had more machinery, same amount of Spirit.

³⁶ God can put His entire Spirit upon a Man if He wants to, or He can scatter It amongst thousands if He wants to. One day He put His whole Spirit upon a Man called Jesus. Now He scattered It through His churches, everywhere. God keeps His commission.

37 Now Joshua, the new warrior. Only two left now, that ever left the promised land; that was Joshua and Caleb. Now, Joshua, the new commander, to lead an army, to step into the place where a great man like Moses stood. It was no little task.

38 And I think of a minister, today, that's called of God, to step into the tracks where Jesus stood. What a command! What a commission! But each that's called of God is commissioned to stand in that same place. "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the way." Each minister is called to stand where He did. "The works that I do shall you do also." Each minister is ordained of God, is commanded to stand in the tracks of Jesus Christ and perform the duties that Jesus performed. That's quite a command.

39 And how it must have felt, when Joshua standing there that morning, talking to God. He said, "I'll not fail thee. And as I was with Moses, so will I be with you. No man shall stand before you, all the days of your life. I'll destroy and devour. I'll make the way clear. Only, be strong and very courageous. Be not dismayed, that's, worried. Don't be afraid. I'm with you. I'll see you through." What a commission to be given to this new man called Joshua!

40 Now, there's a great lot of types here that we could go into, but we'll bypass some of them. For instance, like Moses, was the church age that brought them to Sinai, to their theology; of last night. Moses was not permitted to take the children of Israel over into the promised land, because he had failed.

41 And the church organization, denomination has failed. They'll not take the Church over. God will raise up a new system, a interdenominational system, by the power of God, that will take the Church into the promised Land. Organizations and denominations has messed It up, each one after their own theology, each one after their own way of thinking. But God will take His Holy Spirit and will raise His Joshuas that will take the Church to the promise, with no denominational strings tied anywhere, but will take over His Church.

Moses had failed; he was a law-giver. Joshua was called of grace, and he took the church on.

42 We find also that Joshua, knowing this commission, knowing that it laid in his hands, that God had called him for a duty that he must not fail, he walked softly before God. And when he called the people together and told them that God had commissioned him, watch the request of the people. They said, "We'll follow you as we did Moses, if we can see the same thing that followed Moses, following you. Only be strong and courageous."

43 That ought to be the requirement of every borned-again person today. If we're requested to follow, then let's see the signs follow the believer. As Jesus said, "The things that I do shall you do also."

44 And I've asked you, before, to be sure to let your spiritual heart be open this morning, 'cause I'm trusting that you'll catch what I'm saying. Setting with denominational people, all kinds of organizations gathered here this morning, from Catholic and Protestant, and many different types, so it will be revealed to the Spirit-filled, of course.

45 Now Joshua had to take this command. The people said, "Let God be with you as He was Moses, and we'll know that the same Spirit that led us this far can take us on."

46 Oh, how the Church ought to look, this morning, to find the Spirit working amongst people, if you want a church home where the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, the Holy Spirit, that will move amongst the people. That's the Spirit that God is raising up, in the last days, to take the people over, into the other Land, into the full promise of all the blessings of God, and to the full commission that He gave, or the promise. "The promise is unto you, and to your children." As Israel sought for that promised land, knowing that it was somewhere, because there had been somebody there, before, so is the Church. We know that there's a Land somewhere. There is a power somewhere, because there's been others over there. We know that Land lays beyond the river, where we're headed towards, this morning, trying to go into that promised Land.

Joshua knew that that land was there. He went first and found out, that he could come back as a witness.

47 God-called ministers ought not to be so stuffed out with theology, but have visit the Land to where we're going, bringing back evidence of the Divine love and power of Jesus Christ, to make known to their congregations, that there is a Land beyond the river.

48 Now, last night, preaching, "going up to Jordan." Now, when we get to that river, it divides us. It separates us. Once on the other side, something has happened to you.

49 Now, Joshua, in all this, knowing that the command was great; but, having the assurance, he could be fearless. He could be, as we'd call it, reckless, as long as he was pointed the right way. He might break up against a hill that would knock him backwards, but he was carried the right way.

50 So can the Church of the living God be reckless and fearless, in faith, if we're pointed the right way. For, He said, "As I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I'll not fail you nor forsake you." He never forsaken

Moses. He never failed Moses. He will not fail Joshua. He will not fail us. He'll be with us.

⁵¹ And as we find Joshua to take this commission, knowing the responsibilities was leading them through lands, now, that he'd have to go over into the other land. He'd have to set up their kingdom. He'd have to divide the inheritances among them. He knowed the commission was tremendous, far more than what Moses had done. Joshua had more to do than Moses had to do.

⁵² Another thing, he was to lead them along the border, amongst their brethren. And they'd already tasted blood. He had to conquer them. He had to keep them quiet as they marched on.

So is it today with this new Pentecostal group that's rising now, they've tasted denominationalism. It's so hard to keep them down.

⁵³ Some years ago, they said, "Come, Brother Branham," when the ministry first started, "we'll start a organization, build you a memorial somewhere." I'm not looking for a memorial. I'm looking for the Coming of the Lord.

⁵⁴ They formed a little cult, called "the latter rain," moved up into Canada, and out into California, but it fell through. Course, it can't go. Why was it? The only thing they know; they come out of those things, and they got a little touch of it. They've got to have something they got to do.

⁵⁵ Brother, the real Church of the living God has no forms, has no creeds. It's led by the power of God that's in every individual's heart. Pass by your brethren. Don't fuss at them. "We're greater than they." Don't fuss at them. Just go by.

⁵⁶ I want you to notice a great thing taken place here. There was Esau, Moab, and those that we referred to, last night. Many of those people, many of those were actually borderline believers. They were right on the border.

⁵⁷ Oh, I got to stop here on something just a moment, won't take me but a minute. Many people refer the promised land to the Millennium. It is not. The promised land had wars and killings. The Millennium won't have any wars or killings. It referred to the Holy Spirit, the battlegrounds.

⁵⁸ Justification; they left Egypt. There's three stages of their journey. They left Egypt, under justification, believing the Word. They separated themselves from the Egyptians and come out. They crossed the Red Sea and killed the things behind them, which was sanctification through the Blood, that kills all human desires of evil; second stage of the journey. But the third stage was when they crossed Jordan, into

the promised land where their inheritance laid. Their inheritance never laid in Egypt, though God blessed them in Egypt.

⁵⁹ You Lutheran that believe in justification; your inheritance don't lay there, if you're called. If you're just a Lutheran, that's all the farther you'll ever get.

⁶⁰ You Methodists, and Nazarenes, and Pilgrim Holiness, and Church of God, who believe in sanctification, the killing of the evil that's in you, taking out the roots of evil, you belong across the river.

⁶¹ But to you men and women that there is something in you, calling out, the deep to the Deep, there's a Jordan yet to cross, and a Land beyond the river.

⁶² Said, "You're going to pass by your brethren. You're going to pass by your brethren, and they're near the border line. And if you pass by them, don't say nothing to them. I have given Esau this mountain. I have given Moab this country. And I don't want you fussing at them, proselyting. Just move through, gently. You know where you're going. Don't take up their habits."

⁶³ Moab had a false prophet, a bishop by the name of Balaam, who come down and got amongst the congregation, and try to get them to organize, and all come together, 'cause they were brethren. But they were not. They were half-brothers, not real brothers. If in your heart . . .

⁶⁴ "Don't disagree with him. Just go ahead, leave him alone. Pay for what you get, if you have to pass through his country." He was predestinated to be that. If God would expected or predestinated Moab to join up with Israel, they'd have joined up. If He had predestinated Esau to go with Israel, Esau would have jumped in and went. But He give him his inheritance on the other side the river.

⁶⁵ So how can you try to make all the Lutherans see It, all the Baptists see It, all the Presbyterians, and Nazarenes, and Pilgrim Holiness? Don't condemn them. That's all they know. That's all that's in them.

⁶⁶ But to you who believe (O God!), to you who know, to you that's got something in you, that's calling to the Deep. If all the deep you've got has been satisfied, then stay where you are. But for me and my house, for me there's something more than what we've seen. There's a Land beyond the river, somewhere. There's still a deep calling to the Deep. I cannot be satisfied with theology. I cannot be satisfied with a good church. I cannot be satisfied with a good campaign. I cannot be satisfied with a little healing service. There is something beyond that, that's calling.

67 So, just let them alone. Go on through. Don't argue with them. But we're passing to another Land. They wasn't ordained to go with you. They won't walk with you. How can two walk unless they be agreed? But to those who love God, to those who were called of God. Well, they say, "God give us this church. God did *this*."

That's right. God said, "I give Esau this mountain. Don't touch him. But I've got something different for you. Cross over." Amen.

68 That's my desire, brethren, to see my church cross over into another Land, a desire to move over to the other side. If there is something in you, *here*, first, calling, there'll be Something to respond to that call. Just settling down to sheep raising, ain't enough for you. Go into some sort of a business, is not enough for you. Just to join the church and put your name on the book, is not enough for you. Because, there's something called, on across the ridge yonder, across the next ridge, and all across Jordan, until you fall into the arms of God, yonder, a deep calling unto a Deep.

69 Joshua knowed this commission was tremendous. Did you notice there? "I. . ." When Joshua started to cross Jordan, how Joshua remembered his commission! "Let not this Book of the law, My Word, depart out of your mouth." In other words, "Joshua, I don't care what the tribe says, what all the clergy says. Stay with this Word, for then thou shall make thy ways prosperous. No matter how many big things they do, and how many little things they do, and how many organizations they made, stay with the Word, Joshua." Oh, my! "Stay with the Word, this Word. This Word shall not part out of your mouth." Let me read It again.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou may observe to do according to all that, all the law, which Moses my servant has commanded thee: turn not from it from the right hand or to the left, . . .

70 If the Word says, "Do a certain thing," do It. I don't care what the organization says. Do it, anyhow. That's the Joshua that God is waiting for. Turn not one inch, one iota. Stay right with the Word.

. . .turn not from it to the right . . .or to the left, that thou mayest prosper . . .

71 Oh, you think you're prospering when you're building big churches, getting ten thousand added to your denomination. That's not prosperity. That don't take you one step closer to the promise. What we need is more of God, more of the Holy Ghost.

. . .that thou mayest prosper wherever you go.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, . . .

⁷² When you're thinking on doing something, are you taking God's Word for it? Are you finding your desire in the Word? Are you preaching that which is Bible? Are you just like many today, and too many, "Preaching for Doctrine the commandments of men"?

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy hand, or, thy mouth; . . .

"Thy mouth," what you're saying. Just don't read It and walk away. Speak It. Live It. Teach It.

. . . but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: . . .

⁷³ See what a Joshua of this day is going to be? See what a Joshua of the Church spiritual is going to be? Is the same kind of a Joshua they had in church natural. Church spiritual has got to be the same thing.

If the Bible said, "Except a man be borned again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," the spiritual Joshua will say, "Amen."

If the Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and forever," the spiritual Joshua will say the same thing: "He is the same."

⁷⁴ If the Bible says, the Book, the Word says, that, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem till you're endued with power from on High. After this the Holy Ghost is come on you, then you'll be witnesses of Me," the spiritual Joshua says the same thing.

⁷⁵ As Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, you shall receive the gift the Holy Ghost," the spiritual Joshua will never vary one iota, but he'll make just exactly what the Word said.

⁷⁶ If Mark 16 said, "Go into all the world, preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall cast out devils; speak with new tongues; take up serpents; drink deadly things, it'll not harm them; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover," the spiritual Joshua will say the same thing. He'll meditate therein day and night, to make the way prosperous.

⁷⁷ I want you to notice what taken place. Joshua, when he come to his first campaign, his first time to prove that he was the real Joshua. Israel ought to have knowed that.

No doubt, the clergy had a different idea. They said, "Now we'll just camp here until springtime, or till summertime, the Jordan will go down."

And look like God throw some of the most foolish things in front of a spiritual Joshua.

Brought him there in the month of April, when the Jordan was three or four times its size. He was trying him, to see if he really was the Joshua.

⁷⁸ Let everything go wrong. Let everybody else prosper. Let errors prosper. Let the men who “have a form of godliness, deny the power thereof,” prosper, and shove you back. But if you know where you stand, you’ll stand. Regardless, if the whole world turns you down, you’ll stand just the same. You won’t vary from that Word.

⁷⁹ The Jordan was three or four times its size; spooky, horrible-looking, muddy. But Joshua said, “God said, ‘within three days,’ we’re going over. And we’re going over.”

⁸⁰ Now the clergy would say, “Now just a minute, Joshua. We are educated men. We’re smart. Many of us here are engineers from Egypt. We know how to do these things, so we’ll just wait a little while until the stream clears up, and we can walk across it. Isn’t that much easier?”

“I don’t care what you think. God said ‘three days’ we’re going over. And we’re going over. We’re going over, in three days.”

⁸¹ Watch what Joshua did. What did he put first, the clergy? No, sir. He put the Word first. Said, “Take that ark. And all you priests stay away from It. Get behind It. Don’t try to lead It. Let It lead you.”

⁸² That’s the trouble today. We try to get ahead of the Word, and bypass, and make the Word to fit *this*, the Word to fit *that*. Bless your hearts. What we need today, is, follow the Word.

⁸³ The Word led the way. When it got to the Jordan, she opened up and they went over. His first campaign, he put first things first. He had a reason for that. He had a reason, because God had commissioned him, “Stay with the Word. Let the Word do it.” Every campaign, they went forth in the battle, because God had charged him to put the ark first.

After the ark went forth, what went forth then? Singing, players of instruments, before the fight took place. Hallelujah!

⁸⁴ That’s what we need today, it’s what we have this morning: singers, instruments, playing music, rejoicing. Then put the Word first, read the Word. Then the battle sets in. We’re bound to win, just got to win. Stay right with It, keep Its direction, and It’ll keep you in the hour of trouble.

⁸⁵ He had a good reason for. . . Now, remember, when he crossed over, before he crossed over, he sent a spy over, two of them, to search out the land. Now, Moses had sent a whole group of them over, but they all come back confused. Watch the new ministry. He never did

that. He knows where you got fifteen hundred different ideas, you got fifteen hundred confusions. But he sent two, said, “Go over there. Spy out the land.”

⁸⁶ Now we want to get down to something that I don’t want you to miss. He said, “Now, when you go over . . .” They passed over, to look the land over, to see if the promises was right, see if it was what kind of a land, and how they must go in. They crossed over. The names of the spies isn’t given. But when they went into the land, they came to Jericho, itself. And when they got to Jericho, what happened? They run into a prostitute, a woman of ill-fame.

⁸⁷ I want to draw a picture. Maybe it isn’t right, but I want to make a point by it. We have no history of Rahab. We know that she was a prostitute. Let’s think she was raised in a home that was real poor, and she became ill-famed. And she’s a beautiful, young woman. She went into the streets, to make her crippled mother and father a living; no way for her to work, only sell the morals of her body. But I can imagine, all the time, she knew that was wrong. There was something in her, told her, “That’s not right to do that.” She knew it wasn’t.

⁸⁸ And one day she heard that there was a God that was moving. Her heart begin to tremble. She found a messenger from that great move, that told her what was going to take place. What did she say? Now, Joshua had signs. Joshua had the same signs that Moses had, exactly. So when he . . . Rahab didn’t ask to see Joshua’s sign. She just heard.

⁸⁹ A type of the Church, a type of the true Church that’s been pulled away in prostitution. “I’m a Methodist today, a Baptist tomorrow, a Presbyterian the next day,” pulled away in prostitution.

⁹⁰ But, all of a sudden, a little preacher enters the city and says, “There’s a God that lives, that lived yesterday and is the same today. His power is yet the same. He does the same works that He did when He was here on earth.” His agents are on the road.

⁹¹ Now, Rahab the harlot, known as a harlot, she was a type of the believer today, the real believer. She didn’t say, “Now I hear that—that Joshua can do signs, because he’s the successor of Moses. I’d like to see those signs. And if I could see those signs, then I’ll believe it.” Well, he didn’t absolutely have to show those signs, because she believed it, anyhow. She wasn’t a Thomas. She believed it.

⁹² Now, Moses, when he had signs, he went down and performed those signs, but the sign isn’t the thing that took them to the promised land. It wasn’t. The signs was the vindication of the commission.

And Rahab believed it, without seeing anything. She said, “We’re all trembling.”

No wonder, Nicodemus said, “Rabbi, we know Thou art a Teacher come from God, no man can do these things ’less God was with Him. We all know it.”

93 The world knows it, today. Billy Graham calls out, “We got to get back to Pentecost.” The Council of Churches calls out, “We got to get back to prophets, to speakers with tongues, to interpreters of tongues, to Divine healing, healers in our churches, letting the Spirit of God have Its right of way.” God is making His call. The people fear real godliness, and say, “Everything, our hearts are fail within us.”

94 Now, she didn’t have to see a sign that Joshua could do with his hand or with a stick. She believed. She said, “I heard, and I believe. And now I’m asking for mercy.” Oh, how we could put a lesson right here. “I’m asking for mercy, for me and my house.”

95 Look at the Roman that night, that pulled his sword, and was going to kill himself, the Philippian jailer. Paul said, “Do yourself no harm. We’re all here.”

Said, “What can I do to be saved?”

Said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thou and thy house shall be saved.”

96 Why? “Thou and thy house.” Certainly. Thy house shall be saved with thee. Why? If you’ve got faith enough to have yourself saved, you can have faith enough for your family to be saved. Yes. “Thou and thy house.”

97 Look at Rahab. Rahab said, “Have mercy upon me. Spare me. I don’t want to die with these unbelievers. I don’t want to die as an animal. I want to die in the arms of Jehovah. I believe your God, because He’s both God of Heaven and earth. He does visible things. He makes things real. I never seen Him do it, but I believe it, anyhow.” See? She had never seen Joshua. She just heard of Joshua. She never seen God. She never seen any of the works of God. She just heard. Others had seen it, and she believed by hearing it. Now, said, “I want favor for me, and my father, my mother. They’re both old and crippled up. I’ve got some brethren. I want to have faith for them.”

98 And the spy, the preacher, said, “Yes, he’s coming this a way, and we’re going to take the land. Now if you want to get them saved, get them in the house.” Hallelujah! “If you believe it, go get them and get them in here, for we’ll not be responsible if they’re in the streets. But if you’ll just get them in the house, we’ll be responsible,” Hallelujah, where that little red cord was to hang down the window. “We’ll be responsible if you put them in the house.”

⁹⁹ Oh, brethren, if there ever was a time we ought to get our loved ones in the House, is today, the Household of Faith. Get them in, for the time is coming when there's coming a shaking. Only, our fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, are only safe in the House, 'cause God's power is going to shake the country again. It is. And only the Household of Faith will be saved.

¹⁰⁰ "Now," he said, "I'm not responsible unless you get them in the house." And she made them swear that they would not destroy her or her family. He said, "If you'll get them in, they'll be safe." She let them down out of the place, and they went.

¹⁰¹ This great harlot, Rahab, become a believer. I took her history, here not long ago. After she was considered and brought into the faith, because of her belief in God, she was brought into Israelite faith, a proselyte. She courted a general in the army, of the Israelite army. Watch what God did for that woman. And they had a . . . They moved up in Bethlehem, and they had a son; and this son, they called him Boaz. Out of Boaz; he married Ruth, from Ruth and Boaz come Jesse; out of Jesse come David; out of David come Jesus. Hallelujah!

¹⁰² Why? "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of a God that's God of Heaven and earth, and believing on Him." Believing what? The commission that God had given to a man named Joshua, believing that commission.

¹⁰³ Joshua had faith in his own commission, as Moses had faith. Things went wrong for Moses, looked like he failed many times, but he rode through it triumphantly and died on the Rock. The Angels packed him away.

¹⁰⁴ God, let me go like that. Let me hold my commission till, someday, when I get ready to die, I'll see the Rock laying there by me. Joshua is keeping his commission. Although he had . . . God will hold it sacredly, because he stayed right with the Word.

¹⁰⁵ Now, Rahab knowed that Joshua had this commission. Now don't miss it. Hold those things in your heart. Joshua had the commission; Rahab recognized it before she seen anything. She knowed Joshua had the power of God that was going to take the land. She asked for mercy. God granted her mercy. Now when Joshua came into the land, of course, we know she was spared.

¹⁰⁶ But then another great commission Joshua had, was to divide the land with the people.

¹⁰⁷ Now remember, "This Book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth," so he had God's Word. "As I was with Moses, move right on out. As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. I'll not fail you. You may fail Me, but I won't fail you. But if you fail Me, My grace is

sufficient, I'll bear you right back up. Just keep moving on. As long as you stay with My Word, I'll take care of you."

¹⁰⁸ Now he had to divide the land, and there were twelve tribes to divide it by. Now what if he had some picks and pets? What if he liked the tribe of Gad better than he did the kind of the tribe of Ephraim? Tribe of Joseph better than he did Judah? But he didn't do it that way. He divided it according to the Word revealed by the Spirit. He divided according to tribe. And, notice, he done it by the revelation, by discernment. By the discernment of God's Spirit, he did it.

¹⁰⁹ Each one of those Hebrew mothers, giving birth to those babies, called their name. And each one of their name has a meaning.

¹¹⁰ Jacob, when he was born, being a twin, she called him "supplanter," *Jacob*. But when he got his overcoming power, and wrestled with the Angel, God changed his name from Jacob to *Israel*, "a prince."

¹¹¹ The name has something to do with your life. When Peter, a fisherman, had overcome, by his faith in Jesus, He said, "Your name is Simon. But I'm going to call you *Peter*, which is a 'rock.'" It changes you. Your name has something to do with it, and your placement in life.

¹¹² And when this great thing taken place, when each one of these Hebrew mothers, in the traveling in the childbirth, called out, like "Reuben," that placed him positionally in the Palestine, exactly the way that mother said, and called his name, said it. I don't have it all wrote down here. But, say, *Reuben* meant "shepherder." *Gad* means "cattle raiser." And *Ephraim* meant "corn raiser."

Now, by spiritual discernment, Joshua, the new leader, by spiritual discernment, placed each one where he belonged, divided the land just exactly.

¹¹³ A very beautiful type today, of what we need a Joshua for, today. The trouble today, when we are come into our promised Land, Gad wants to raise sheep like Ephraim, one wants to raise something like the other. Every man wants to be the same. Let God give one man a gift of healing, every man wants a gift of healing. Ephraim and Gad, and all of them wants to mix, all of them come with one. But we are divided, in our position. All don't have the gift of wisdom. All don't prophesy. All don't speak with tongue. All are not prophets. "But God has set in the Church, some that prophesy, some that speak with tongues." We want to make them all speaking in tongues. See how the confusion is? Then you can't get nowhere. Well, the Philistines would take them over, in a little bit. Sure. But when each man, by a leader, separated them by spiritual discernment and placed them into the body, there they remained and become the cream of the earth.

114 God, give us a Joshua. God, give us back a Joshua that will hold the commission with the Word.

115 That's the way God told him. "This Book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, for thou shall meditate therein day and night," for he had a commission before him.

116 Now, what a great leader Joshua became, never losing a battle 'less something went wrong in the church. When Achan took a wedge, it wasn't Joshua's shape, faith that did it. It was, he took a Babylonian garment and a wedge of gold, out of the camp. And when he did, it—it hindered the whole battle.

117 One member suffers; all members suffers. What God is coming to, one of these days, brother, is a Church without spot or wrinkle. He's coming to a Spirit-filled Church, that Divinely Love of God so welded their hearts together, that they'll walk as one.

118 The battle, of all this confusion, has got to be won. Is the Methodist right, Baptist right, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness? Nine hundred and sixty-nine different denominations, besides the Buddha and those, and all the other kinds. Where are we? Something is wrong. There's a wedge in the camp somewhere. Joshua cast lots.

119 Let me say this, this morning, like Elijah on Mount Carmel. "If God be God, let Him answer as God." If the Baptist denomination be right, let's see them produce the signs of Jesus Christ. If the Nazarenes is right, let's see them produce the sign, do the things that He did. If the Pentecostal be right, let's see them do the thing that He did. Then we'll know.

The disciples of—of Joshua said, "We will follow you as long as we see God working with you like He did Moses."

120 And the disciples of Jesus Christ ought to say the same thing. "We'll work with you when we see the signs of Jesus Christ working with you. We'll do that." That's what we should do. That's what the church should say. That should be the attitude of the Christian church. Then you could set in order, gifts, signs, workers. If one man is a Divine healer, that has nothing to do with the one that speaks with tongues. The one that speaks with tongues has nothing to do with the gift of prophecy. See? We have different phases of this ministry.

121 Now, when God gave me my commission. I've based all this, back, for this one purpose. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." No man can make himself anything. God makes you what you are, by His grace. We have no way of making ourself. Jesus said, "Who, taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" Who can make hisself bigger or littler, by taking thought? You can't do it.

When God gave the commission, I questioned it. I said, "I'm insufficient, or, insufficient. I have no education. I cannot do these things."

¹²² And many you people here this morning, are still living here today. When He appeared down here on the river, in that form of a Pillar of Fire, and stood there and spoke back. And said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth, for a forerunner of the first Coming of Christ, so will your Message be the forerunning of the Second Coming."

Look what it's done. That Light hanging over there, it entered the paper, it went all the way across the United States and into other nations.

¹²³ Doctor Lee Vayle, there, was in Canada at the time. He remembers when it appeared in the Canadian paper, I believe it was. Wasn't it, Lee Vayle? In the Canadian paper, "Mystic Light appears over local minister's head while baptizing."

Many people said, "It's psychology."

¹²⁴ But one day God decided to stop the mouth of the unbelievers, 'cause It stayed with the Word. That same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel, is just the same today, leading Church spiritual, is the same that led it natural. He appeared again, and they took the pictures before the critics and before the examiners. Here it hangs now. Infallibly the Truth; doing the same works, leading a people spiritually, as It led them naturally back there, staying with the Word. Now he said what was the commission. Now remember, God will never depart from His commission.

¹²⁵ If . . . I like to draw it for you, or in a way. We'll take it like this here. *Here* is a little sign, that is the commission. Now, *here* is a little cross, in one corner; and a Bible, in the other corner; but the writing is in between, *here*, that's the commission.

I charge you before God and the elect Angels, and Jesus Christ. The commission was, "Pray for the sick."

The question was, "Insufficient to do it."

¹²⁶ "For this cause you were born. This is the means of your peculiar birth and life, that you are to pray for the sick. If you'll get them to believe you, and be sincere when you pray, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even to cancer." How many has read that, through the years? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] It's all over the world.

¹²⁷ Now, now I said, "I cannot do it, because I'm insufficient to do it. They won't believe me. I'm poor. I have no education." That was me questioning.

128 He said, "As Moses was given two signs to a vindicate his commission, so are . . ." Not "you *will*." "You *are* given two signs. One of them will be by your hand. The other one will be you'll know the very secret of their heart, the thoughts of their mind. And by this they'll believe, by these two signs." Now remember. The . . . Listen. Don't you fail to get this. The sign is not the commission. The sign only points to the commission.

129 You get out here on the road and see a sign, and says, "Five miles to Jeffersonville." That isn't Jeffersonville. That's a sign to show you you're on the right road.

130 What if Moses, when he went down there he had a sign, with a stick and with his hand; the sign here is no more the commission than it was with Moses. What if all the Israelites say, "Say, all you Egyptians, all the rest of you Israelites, come over here. We got a man can do a trick with his hand. You ought to see it. We got a man can take a stick and make a snake out of it. Come, see it"? That was just a signpost. That wasn't the commission. They wasn't waiting for a signpost. God help us. They were waiting for a deliverance.

131 And this poor, sick, crippled-up world is waiting for a deliverance, and looking at a signpost. Have mercy! A signpost is nothing but a sign to prove the commission. There's the new ministry. It's just been revealed to me. "Pray for the sick. Get the people to believe you." God can never leave that. That's His commission, no matter what goes on, how much I fail. I fail miserably. I should have never have went ahead with them signs. That wasn't the will of God, but God has blessed it, anyhow. But I'm ready to leave this mountain. I want to go across Jordan, I want to carry the commission. "Get the people to believe you."

I said, "They won't believe me."

"There will be added two signs."

132 Now the trouble of it is, we been looking at the sign. "Oh, Brother Branham! See? You put your hand on him, you, oh, you ought to see what takes place. Stand before him when the anointing is on him, and he'll tell you everything is in your heart." That's true.

133 I walked into the hospital here, the other day. There was the doctors, couldn't find what was wrong with the woman. When the doctors left the room, the lady walked back. And she was standing, on a bed, and, "They said they can't find me with nothing, what's wrong." Said, "Brother Branham, you can tell me."

I said, "If you'll believe me, I can."

She said, "I believe."

134 And the Holy Spirit said, “*Such-and-such* a thing. That’s what it is. Exactly. Now see if that ain’t it.” She’s a member of Junie Cash’s congregation.

Another woman there, said, “My back.” She said, “They can’t find what done it.”

I said, “Do you believe me to be His prophet?”

She said, “I do.”

135 I said, “What happened, back yonder in the early month of June, you . . . They’re—they’re trying to work on you, and trying to operate for a slipped vertebra. It’s not so. It’s a pinched nerve. You got it by lifting the load, when you worked for McSpaddin’s Market.”

She said, “I remember when it was done. I remember it now.”

136 That doesn’t heal her. That only points to the commission. Quit leaning on the signpost. Let’s go on to the city. Let’s get away from this mountain. Let’s get to the city. Let’s cross Jordan.

137 I’ve wronged. I’ve done wrong. That’s why I have based these sermons the way I have. Cause, He said, “As I was with Moses, so will I be with you,” and when that Hand come down and pointed to that very same Scripture. For a long time I’ve wondered, because I didn’t know what the commission was. I’ve looked for something supernatural beyond that. God cannot get away from His commission. God give the commission, that’s what it must remain.

138 But all the Pentecostal people like signs. They like to see it. The Bible said, “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after signs.” But the commission was, “Pray for the sick.” And tens of thousands times thousands, that I have failed to pray for, because they all desired the sign. They all desire it.

139 The other day, I was trying to work the ministry, got it into the room. And a man come on the platform, said, “Now, Brother Branham, wait a minute. My case is different. I’ve just got to know something.” I said, “Well, the doctor could examine you.”

“Oh, I don’t want that. I—I want to know right now. My case is so different.”

I said, “Well, I hate to do this, brother.” Went on into it. And the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit revealed it.

He said, “Praise the Lord. That’s right.”

I said, “The rest of you come on now. Let me pray for you.”

140 When I did that, you know what the next one said? “My case is just as important as his.” Then I got about six or eight, and closed the meeting. Like to kill me.

¹⁴¹ I've always wondered, why would that do that to me? Is because I was doing it wrong. That's just the signpost pointing to the commission. It's not the commission. That signpost has been nailed down, around the world. And languages, Africa, India, Asia, Europe, around the world, through tens of thousands and millions of people, they know about that signpost. I'm ready to leave this mountain. I want to go on across Jordan. I want to get into something yonder, where my faith will rise to a spot, when I pray for people, they'll be healed.

Watch, God puts it right back in the people's lap. "You were born to pray for sick people. If you can get them to believe."

I said, "They won't believe."

¹⁴² He said, "I'll give you two signs, and by this they will believe." Notice, then, these signs, they've rallied for them, the signposts, instead of the commission. "Believing that you were sent to pray."

¹⁴³ Now when the people comes into the line, to be prayed for, as soon as one absolutely hits the spot. . . There's nothing I can do about it till they hit that spot. And when they do, then I say, "I give you. . ."

¹⁴⁴ Hattie Wright, she, I guess she's here this morning, sitting right there. She was the first one, when we seen those squirrels; and she knowed the commission about that, and when them seven straight times that God created something. I said, "That's the same God that could create a ram for Abraham, to convince him of his commission; is the same God that can create a squirrel, because that's what I had need of."

¹⁴⁵ Little ol' Hattie Wright there, sitting in the back of the building. With her heart off the things of the world, she was believing. She said, "Brother Branham, that's nothing but the truth." She didn't just say it from *here*. God spoke out of her heart.

I said, "Hattie, ask what you will. I'll give it to you."

She said, "What must I ask?"

¹⁴⁶ I said, "You got an old father and mother sitting here. You got a crippled sister. She's still sitting in that chair. You could ask for her. You could ask for your mother, father. You're poor. You don't have any money. Ask what you want to."

She said, "Well, I don't know what to ask." Said, "I just don't know." She said, "My greatest desire is the salvation of my two boys."

¹⁴⁷ I said, "I give you your boys, in the Name of Jesus Christ." And they both converted, love the Lord Jesus. Both been baptized in His Name, and serving God, daily, with all their heart.

Ed Daulton, sitting here somewhere, right down here. About his children, the same thing.

¹⁴⁸ I seen, at least, in a campaign, eight or nine hundred, maybe a thousand people cross the platform, in a meeting, one by one. First thing you know, I go up and pray for them. Sure, they get well. And here come a little girl, dying with leukemia. Sure, I knew what was wrong with the child. Never said a word to any of them. But when that child got there, I said, “Honey, I give you the desire of your heart. You got leukemia. And I give you your healing, in the Name of the Lord Jesus.”

¹⁴⁹ I turned to the audience. And I said, “I challenge any of you here: Take that girl to a doctor, have her examined, and see if she’s got one spot of leukemia.” Why? That child had heard, like Rahab the harlot. She believed it with all of her heart. Then God, through His Spirit, moved back and said, “That’s her.” Hundreds had passed over the platform, without, as far as I know, receiving anything. I just prayed for them.

¹⁵⁰ Right back to the people, “If you will believe.” The commission was given. That’s the original. The signpost has been produced. Now if you can believe that, if you will believe that God sent me into the world to pray for the sick people, I’ll be able to pray the prayer of faith for you. That’s the only way it can be done.

¹⁵¹ God can never get away from His commission. I’ve failed Him. I’ve had here, about fourteen years, with nothing but straight discernment, around and around the world, till tens of thousands of times, million cases, I guess. I ask you one thing, did it ever fail? No, sir. And if the signpost won’t fail, how much more will the commission never fail. If the sign, that’s the minor part; if the sign pointing to the city, if it doesn’t fail to tell you the city is there, how much more will the city be there when you come. There’s the commission.

¹⁵² Now my ministry is changing. It’s already changed. There will still be the discernment. They will still carry on just as I feel that God wants me to say them. But until then, I’ll pray, lay hands on the sick, as He told me to do, and carry out my commission. I’ve waited a long time for this, but I believe now that we’re ready to take the promised Land. And just as sure as there will be, there will be some Rahabs waiting, there will be someone waiting that will believe It with all their heart.

¹⁵³ Can you understand? Everybody understands that well, raise your hand. How many believes that that’s absolutely Scriptural? It’s exactly what He said. *This* is the commission; *these* were signposts pointing to the commission.

¹⁵⁴ Now I challenge anybody to tell me, anywhere in the world, to these tapes, wherever they may go, show me one time that He ever failed to tell on the platform, or out in any vision or anything, but what was

exactly the right thing, come to pass just as He said. Told every person just exactly what their troubles was, and all about it, and where they come, and all about what they should do. And every time It said THUS SAITH THE LORD to anything of healing, it happened that way. If you know one, let me know about it. I'll go at the tape and find out. It's never failed, in these twelve long years, or, fourteen years. It's never failed, because it can't fail. The sign was given by God. It can't fail.

¹⁵⁵ And before God give the sign, He give the commission, before there could be a sign to point to a commission. Before there can be a sign to point to a city, there has to be a city, first, to point to. If you've believed it with all your heart, you will receive it. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up."

¹⁵⁶ Now, I've leaned heavy on the signpost, myself. "Lord, You show me about this 'fore I pray for them, 'cause I don't know what I might do." How cruel that was! I ask the congregation to forgive me. The congregations of the world, that's listening in on this tape, forgive me. I was wrong. I should have never carried it out like that. That wasn't His commission at the first place. That was a sign pointing to the commission. I should have prayed for the sick, everywhere.

¹⁵⁷ Now, see, it's right back again into the laps of the people, if you will believe that God commissioned this to be done. Here it is in the Word, it's just exactly with the Word, the commission. And I say . . .

¹⁵⁸ I draw here with my finger, a arch, a rainbow. That's a covenant, God made with people. He made a covenant with the human race, He'd destroy the world no more with water. He made a covenant with each one of His apostles. He made a covenant with the prophet.

¹⁵⁹ And yonder, some fifteen, fourteen, fifteen years ago, in 1937. May the 7th, 1937, I think it was. That, God made a covenant with me, saying, "You were born in this world, to pray for sick people. If you can get them to believe you . . ." My heart was always been for the people. "If you'll get those people to believe you, and then be sincere when you pray, nothing will stand before your prayer."

¹⁶⁰ I say this with sincerity and with a shame face. If there's anybody ought to have faith, it would be me. To see what He done, where He brought me from, the ditch where I was hewed from! To see, down through life, what He's done! See, when I stand and say something, God will come right around and back it up, truth.

¹⁶¹ Years ago, when I told you there was an Angel come to me in a bush. When I was only three years old, a Light, whirlwind whirling in a bush, and told me, "never to smoke, drink, or anything else," there would be a work for me to do when I got older. You had a right to doubt that. You had no right, but you could have doubted it.

162 Down here on the river, when He come down and proved Himself to be that. Up where we were standing, many of you sitting here this morning was standing there, present. Many of you know that to be the truth.

163 Many of you remember then when the commission was given. And He said, "Go, and this ministry will go into all the world, a revival will start." And there's been a revival since there's never been. The revival is still going on, around the world now, great healing campaigns all over the world.

164 And me, from a person, a little rat. I don't say this, no dishonor to my mother sitting there, or my dead father that's gone on, whose funeral was preached at this pulpit. I was raised in a terrible family. You know it. With none of us Christians. My father drank. God taken a drunkard's son, and would wash me in His Blood. When I would go downtown to talk to somebody, and be talking to some man, he would only talk to me because there's nobody else to talk to. Somebody would come up, say anybody, no matter who it was that come up, they would turn away from me because I was a drunkard's son. And many you people here in my own church knows that's the truth. Had a name like I never . . . or like a animal or something. Even one time it was said of the city, to a person that come to our house, said, "Would you associate with such trash as that?" Oh! But, God, what did I have to go on but the Blood of Jesus Christ. I have no education. I have no personality. I have nothing.

165 I told my wife, not long ago, "Think of what it was when nobody would talk to me. And I love people. They wouldn't listen to me." I remember reading a book, going to school . . .

166 Sent my children to school, the other day. And I could get them books and things. And how thankful I was! I'd go to school, with no shoes on, hair hanging down my neck; no clothes; a little old coat on, with no shirt under it. Didn't even have a lead pencil, or a piece of paper to write on. I had to bum a lead pencil, a penny lead-pencil and a piece of paper, to write some problems that was on the board, or something. Nothing. Was wrong . . .

167 And I remember reading in a book, one day, where Abraham Lincoln got off of a—a boat down in, I believe, New Orleans. There he seen, standing in a pasture, some little Negro children, with their little feet, where an old cow had laid all night, got the frost off the ground. And he was . . . They were standing there singing, "You got shoes, and I got shoes, and all God's children's got shoes."

168 When he got off the boat, he looked. Standing in the bullpen, and there stood a great big, healthy colored man standing there. His little

wife with a baby on her arm, crying. They was auctioning him off, to breed him with bigger women, to make bigger slaves.

¹⁶⁹ Lincoln clinched his hands like *that*, and hit his fists together. He said, “That’s wrong.” Said, “Someday I’ll hit that, if it takes my life.” It took his life. But he hit it, and he killed it.

¹⁷⁰ I said, “This drinking, this wrong living, is wrong. Someday I’ll hit it.” How was I going to hit it, with a name like I had? Nobody would talk to me. That’s the reason I questioned my commission. Nobody cared for me. Wasn’t no one, nowhere; just amongst my people here.

¹⁷¹ By the grace of God, I have to leave my home; I can’t even stay there, for the people around the world, calling in. Men of all kinds, potentates, monarchs, kings, great people, businessmen, ministers, from all over the world, calling; call, call, call, day after day, night after night. What did it? The Blood of Jesus Christ that’s in my soul. As the blood of Abraham Lincoln took the slave belt off of a colored man; the Blood of Jesus Christ took sin’s shackles from me. And took me from a name that was lower than animal name, and put me a name as a son of His—of His grace.

¹⁷² I’m ready to go to Jordan, this morning. I’m ready to stand to my commission. I’ve loved people. I’ve catered to them. He’s met me, vision after vision, which I don’t have time to tell, and you know. It’s wrote right here, in the backs of these books, saying, “You’re catering too much to people. To walk with Me, you’ll walk alone. You’re putting too much emphasis on those signs.”

¹⁷³ I didn’t know what the rest of it was, but the hour has come. Hour has come, when I seen the Hand come down to Joshua, said, “I was with Moses. I’ll be with you.” I believe it, this morning. From henceforth, and this day on, I’ll serve God in my commission. If He wants to show me signs, or wants to show me visions, He can show them to me. If He does not; never will I stand before people, trying to let their faith pull something out of me, anymore. I’ll pray for the sick and commit them unto God, and let them go. If they believe the commission, God is just as true. He’s brought me to this far, just as He did Moses. Just as He did Joshua, so has it did the same.

¹⁷⁴ My humble prayer is, “God, forgive me. Let me rise and try again. Help me, Lord. Let me lead this people, and set them in the Word, so we can go up to Jordan, go into the promised Land, where the great ransomed Church of God will be saved to sin no more.” That’s my desire this morning. Believe it, and live. Believe it, and be healed. I speak to you in the Name of the Lord.

Let us pray.

175 Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, Author of everlasting Life, and Giver of every good gift, let Thy mercy and grace be upon Thy servant, first, Lord. I have done wrong in Thy sight, by misusing something that's been Divine, because the people has pulled it from me, Lord. I pray Thee, O Lord God, from this hour on, charge me, Lord, with Your Spirit. I believe, with all my heart. Help, Thou, my unbelief.

176 And when men and women are coming to be prayed for, that I'll do as long as You give me breath and life. Let them now believe, as they be prayed for, Father. May this commission that Thou has given me, may I be able to pack it in all the world. And when I get to the certain places where the signpost has been nailed down, may they know that that only points to the commission. May they have faith.

177 Lord, no longer will I wait for a—a some kind of a sign or something, to tell me certain things, or whether *this* person is going to be well. I'll go to meet the enemy, with faith in my own heart. I'll go to challenge him, against the Blood of Jesus Christ, that by the Blood of Christ, he cannot stand.

178 Now, if all these things has been right, which has been proven to be right, so will You heal the sick when I pray for them, Lord. It's Your Word. It's Your promise. This I desire to do. Help, Thou, my unbelief.

179 Forgive my sins, Lord, of disobeying You. I did not know what else to do. I, if I did, Lord, it hadn't been revealed and made clear to me. Now it is. I know where I stand. I know my commission. And I'll never let this Word depart from my mouth, day or night. I've always stood by It, Lord, stood by It, telling the people. That, if it's not the Word of God, I have doubts of it. But I would preach or do nothing except it be the Word of God.

180 But Lord, I'm getting tired, tramping around over this same ground. Like I said last night, "Forty years in the wilderness, back and forth, back and forth." God blessing, yes, raising sheep and children, and whatever more, and flocks and herds, and all more. God, You blessed them. But one day You said, "You been on this mountain long enough. Oh, go on up north, towards Jordan."

181 God, I'm starting, this morning. I'm leaving these signposts, 'cause it's pointing towards a better Land. I may stumble. I may go through the Amalekites. I may go through the Hittites, through the Canaanites. I may have to pass through my own criticizing. Lord, I'll just keep moving on. I know there is a Land yonder, somewhere. There is somewhere, some condition, some place we can get to, where You'll answer prayer, that whatever we ask will be granted; not even cancer will stand before the prayer. I know that to be the truth. That I believe,

and wait for, Lord as I commit myself to Thee, this morning, for Your service, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

¹⁸² [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] Now, the tape was turned off, 'cause this will go across the world. That's from my heart. Can you understand, church?

¹⁸³ God can never say anything and go back on It. His Words are infallible. His promises are true. All this time, I been waiting for this hour. See? "It's the prayer of faith that saves the sick," not a sign. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] "If thou canst believe," Jesus said, "I can. I can, if you believe." Now if God has give me power to pray the prayer of faith over you, and has promised it and vindicated that it's the truth, now do you believe? [Congregation says, "Amen."] What I ask, I receive, if you believe it. "If you can get the people to believe, and be sincere when you pray, nothing shall stand before your prayer."

¹⁸⁴ Brother, sister, if I ever want to be sincere, it's now, after all my mistakes is showing. What I want . . . Reason I brought these Messages, previously, that God shows there that He's merciful. Moses made his mistakes, a great man like him. Then when Joshua come up, he was going to make his, too. But God said, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you."

¹⁸⁵ Now look at God, two years ago, pointing that Scripture right to me. "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. I'll not look at your mistakes." He knew that this hour was coming. Now it's here, see, right back again, 'cause God can never get away from it.

¹⁸⁶ "By faith you are saved." How many knows that? No many, how many good men prays over you, how many good preachers preaches to you, you've got to have your own personal faith for salvation. Is that right? It's your own. I don't care how many good sermons you hear, how many good churches you belong to, it's your own personal faith that saves you. How loud you cry, how much you beg, how much you scream, how much you dance in the Spirit; you're only saved by your faith. That right? That's the only way you're healed.

¹⁸⁷ If God gives a man a message, a preacher; a preacher preaches salvation and gives a message, you see that message is the Truth, God vindicates it by His Word, that it's the Truth. Then how much more ought you believe a gift of healing, when it's been a vindicated by the Word and by an Angel. With two signs that's pointed the infallibility of them both, how much you should, you believe! See? And as long . . .

188 To show that it wasn't exactly God's perfect will to do that, the sign always weakened me. How many knows that? Ask my wife back there, she can tell you. The one, she hits it worse than everybody; has to put up with me. Not knowing hardly where you're at, and walking about, and—and *this, that*. You just don't know, go—go down the road a little piece, and stop.

189 Now, coming from these last meetings. I took those people in the line. First, we'd have couple nights, three, without giving out prayer cards. Then you got such a rally, we'd have to give out prayer cards. I would stand, sometime, and run fifty or seventy-five. Maybe have forty or fifty discernments, at one time, in each and every night. That right, Gene, Leo, and you that's around here, that's in the meeting? Sure was the truth! And what did it do? When it left me, to start home, I'd forget where I was at; want to know where I had come from, on the highway.

190 And you mean to tell me, God does that to a man? No, sir. It was the man doing it to himself, by taking a signpost instead of a commission. I stopped under a little old tree there, on the side of the road, somewhere in Washington, or somewhere up in there. I said, "Lord, if You'll just let me shake back to myself, good again, help me to know what's truth, so I can get straight once with the people, and get the commission straight."

191 I got it now. Sitting down here on the mountainside, of Kentucky, the other day, about daylight one morning, He revealed it to me. And this is it; this is it. Now I go in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Uh-huh.

192 Believe it, and live. Believe it, and get well. I can't make no one believe it. You have to believe it, yourself. But I have told you the Truth. God has testified that it was the Truth, by His Word, by His Angel, by signs and wonders, for twelve long years. If they're not going to believe it now, they will never believe it. Is that right? But the hour has come, when I'm tired staying on this mountain. I want to go up to Jordan. I want to enter into the full promises. I want to get faith within myself, not looking to a sign, not looking to something God has revealed, or some kind of a signpost. I want to look towards Calvary, say, "By faith I come, Lord God. I'm coming in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

193 Now there's some in here to be prayed for, this morning. I'm coming to meet the disease and affliction of your body, in the Name of Jesus Christ. I'll do that until God takes my life away from me. Right. As long as He gives me sense and understanding, I'll come to pray. Don't you fail, to what you believe, that when I pray for you, you're going to get well. Settle that. If you don't believe it, then don't come at all, 'cause you'll only hurt yourself.

194 Now it's on tape, and it's here. From henceforth, no more discernment until God gives me the . . . tells me to do a certain thing.

Says, "Go, tell *this* person a certain thing," then I'll go tell them. He'd say, "Do a *certain* thing," I'll go do it.

¹⁹⁵ But as far as standing there, saying, "Now look on me. You believe with all your heart. Yes. *This, so-and-so*. You're *John Doe*, came from *so-and-so*. You had cancer, *so* long. Doctor *So-and-so* told you wasn't going to get well. You went and done a *certain* thing. Now you have to take *that* back, and make *this* right. And get *this*, 'fore you get well. All right. Brother *Doe*, go ahead now, believe it. Now, you are Sister *So-and-so*. You come from *so-and-so*. You come from *so-and-so*." There I go into a whirl, not knowing what to do, hardly. And first thing, you know, then here is another one. I look, and see who I'm looking at. Then I get out of the meeting, and, "Where am I at?" No more of that.

¹⁹⁶ I'm coming in the Name of the Lord Jesus, as His servant. If God hasn't proved it to you by this time, that I've told you the Truth, then you'll never believe I've told you the Truth. Amen. That's right. It's true. How many wants to be prayed for? Raise up your hand. All right.

¹⁹⁷ Now I want Teddy. Is Teddy still in the building? [A brother says, "No. He had to leave."—Ed.] He had to leave. Who is a pianist here, that could play the song, *Only Believe*, for me, if you will? If somebody is here that can play. Have you got it? Or, you got a tape, have you, somewhere? If anybody is here that wants to play for us, *Only Believe*, some pianist, come right ahead. Male or female, doesn't matter, we'd be glad to have you. All right. Now while you play it softly, if you will, sister, dear.

¹⁹⁸ Now we're not going to give out prayer cards. When we're in little meetings like this, we don't need it. When we're in big meetings, we'll still have to give out prayer cards, if I pray for five hundred. You would still have to, because you get too many in the, swung up into the crowd, you see.

¹⁹⁹ How many believes that this is the will of God? Oh, Something just makes me feel I done right. Something makes . . . It's off my chest. It's been on there for twelve years, knowing there'd been something wrong, Brother Lee. Now I know it's off of there. I've said it; it's taped. And it's off of my chest now.

²⁰⁰ Remember, you can only be saved by your personal faith. You can only be healed by your personal faith. You believe this to be the Bible? God's Word. Do you believe your pastor be a man of God, whatever church you go to? If you don't, you should leave it. Get to a man that is a man of God. Then if you believe him, believe he's telling you the Truth, then accept It. Your own personal faith in Christ saves you. No matter how good your pastor is; how godly, saintly your mother is; how—how

real the Word of God is; how much you cry; how much you pray. It's your faith that saves you. By faith are you saved.

²⁰¹ Now the same thing applies. No matter how . . . God's Word says that He would send this in the last days. Two straight sermons now, I brought natural Israel and spiritual Israel, together. We're looking for the Joshua of this day, which is the Holy Spirit, to lead us to the Land. He has to speak through somebody, because He's a Spirit. I've told you what He's told me. Now you believe, and be healed.

²⁰² Now let these, on *this* side of the line. Doc, go down there. Billy Paul, where is Billy? Come up here to help, Doc, if you will.

²⁰³ And now each one of you coming through this prayer line, remember, it's going to fall right back on you, if you don't believe with all your heart. It's the Truth; you must believe It. Now remember, it's you, the one that's sick. God said It in His Bible. God sent It by His messenger. God proved It by His Angel. Now you must believe It.

²⁰⁴ Now, to you that wants to be prayed for, here is what the Bible said: "If they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." And that's the Truth. And we want to believe that, with all of our heart, now, and God will grant your healing.

²⁰⁵ Now come around *this* way, right through *here*, and right back. Let *this* side, then *this* other side. Come right back the same way. Let *that* side stand up on the right-hand side, over *here*. What say? [Someone speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] I'm going to step right down here. Yes, sir. Right down here, to pray for them.

²⁰⁶ Now, these letters and handkerchiefs, I have prayed over. Many of you, some of you, maybe, have to go. Don't forget tonight, now, the service is on the vindication, *The Divine Vindication Of The True Church*. See?

²⁰⁷ Now, to you that's be . . . going to be prayed for, do you absolutely believe that you're going to be healed? If you don't, don't come. If you do, it's your duty to come.

²⁰⁸ Now, I am not a healer, but I have a gift of healing. That was witnessed. It's been proved that that's the truth. See? Way back, a long time ago, I remember, I used to go out to the hospital here when I was just local Baptist preacher here, locally. I would go out at the hospital. There used to be an old nurse out there. She lived down in Howard Park. I don't know whether she's still there, or not, at the hospital. She used to say to the patient, "Now you're going to get well. Now you're going to get well." Say, "That little Baptist preacher is coming to pray for you." See? It was just . . . It was beginning. It was. That was the way it was. And now it was going to scatter, from local here, around the world.

209 And now He give me these signs, to make up for my education. Now if I had the education of some of these other ministers, for instance, one I know of, maybe of Brother Neville or Doctor Vayle, some of those, I—I wouldn't have to have this. But I have to have it, to make up this, to take up for what I didn't have in the way of education. I had to have signs. And just as . . . The signs has proved just as effective as an education would have done. But, you see, if you haven't got the qualification, God is able to give you the qualification in another way.

210 Now you have faith and believe. Now I want each one of you to promise God, where you're standing. Because, if you don't, it won't help you. I want each one of you to lay aside every shadow of doubt. And when you come through the line, when I pray for you, I want you walk out of here. You might not see one speck of results. But, that, Jesus never said, "Did you see It? Did you feel It?" He said, "Did you believe It? Did you believe It? If thou believest."

211 Now, I've noticed this, along the way. I pray for the people. Some of them He wouldn't; He worked that discernment on; they would go away, saying, "Huh! I didn't get anything. He never told me nothing." That person usually didn't get nothing, either.

212 But some of them come across the line, saying, "Thank You, Lord. I believe it." They was the ones I heard from, "You know, Brother Branham, I never felt any difference, for several days," maybe two or three weeks, or what-more. "But, all at once, I begin to feel that thing leaving me. See? That, there it went." See? See? See?

213 You might say you believe. There is three classes of people attend the meeting, that's: unbelievers, make-believers, and believers. Some of them make out like they believe, "Oh, yes, I believe," but they don't. If you believe it . . .

214 I want to ask you this question now. If you believe it, it's an impossibility for you not to be healed. Listen. Let me repeat that. It is totally impossible for you not to be healed, if you believe it.

215 First, the Word of God clai- . . . give the commission. You believe that? The Word of God said so, first. That's above everything. The second thing, the Angel of the Lord has proved it, the signs has vindicated it. Is that right? Now, not one failure, nowhere.

216 Not one failure in the Word of God, that said, "I—I once give them healing, but now I take it away from them." I want somebody show me that. I'll show you where Jesus commissioned His Church to pray for the sick, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Now you tell me where He said it wouldn't happen anymore. You show me in the Bible. See?

217 He said, in the last days He would do these certain things, rise up these things. Look what's come to pass. He's kept His Word. I told you that He commissioned me, now the world knows it. Science knows it. The Angel of the Lord proves it. And results has proved that it's the truth.

We're living in a sick world. There's lots to be prayed for. I thought, "Surely there's some other way, beside."

218 Brother Moore said to me one time . . . There was a poor little girl crawling up through the building, crippled. Poor little thing, trying to get up to where I was. I looked down. The child started crying. Well, they couldn't bring her in the line. She didn't have a prayer card. Not knowing, that was the child's last night. Brother Moore and them helped her get out of the line.

Next day, we sit and talked it over. He said, "Brother Branham, that hurt me."

I said, "Hurt you? What you think it done to me?" See?

219 A little, crippled girl! That stuck with me. And that's been about ten years ago, a little, crippled girl over in Illinois. Little black head, brown eyes, crawling, a little polio, trying to get up to where I was at. And the ushers down there had to help her and set her back in her seat. Crawled out of her seat, to get up there. Why? You can only take so many. And if I had cut some of them out, put her in there without a prayer card, others would have hurt their feeling. See? Right. Couldn't do it. I said, "Surely there's some other way." Wish I'd have knowed then what I know now, things would be different, sure would have been different.

Now, each one of you, the only thing that will keep you from being healed, is you not believing it.

Now let's bow our head.

220 Our Heavenly Father, here stands blind, crippled, afflicted, sick, dying with cancer, ulcers, tumors. They're all standing here in the line, Lord. I've preached the Word. And for twelve years, You've confirmed That around the world. I've asked forgiveness, and I know that I did not do it willfully. I did it because I thought that I was doing right. Now I come, Lord, come to You, humbly. Asking You to bless my prayers, that, when I pray for these people, every one of them will be healed. Bless their faith. Help our unbelief, Lord.

221 And may every one, this morning, really catch the vision. May they not lose none of it. But may they see it, Scripturally, and think of the Angel of the Lord back there at the beginning, said, "As Moses was given two gifts." And then, two years ago, bringing the Bible, with a

Hand coming down, that, like wrote on the wall at Babylon; a human hand, looked like, that pointed down through the Bible, to this same chapter, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee." And, Father, here it is this morning, brought to the light. We thank Thee for this, Lord. You forgive me for my wrong.

²²² And now as we go into this prayer meeting, may the power of God heal every sick person that comes through the line. I go just as Your servant, not asking for any special anointing, any special anything. But knowing this, that in my life is that commission, I go to carry it out, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

²²³ Now, Brother Neville, if you'll stand here. Now, with this gift, I'm not going to anoint with oil. See? I'm just going to do what He told me to do, as the commission said, "Get the people to believe you. Be sincere." You believe? Then I'm sincere. Something has to happen.

²²⁴ Brother Neville is going to lead in songs. You all pray, quietly, while I pray for the sick.

Lord Jesus, I lay hands upon the woman with these kidney stones. And I rebuke them, in the Name of Jesus Christ. May she go and be healed.

What's happened? Your trouble?

Lord, I lay my hands upon brother, this prostate gland trouble. And I rebuke this power of the devil, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

This lust habit . . . ? . . .

Lord, I lay my hands upon my sister with these bad legs that's swollen up. I rebuke that swelling, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Go, believe it, Sister, just as we have said.

Lord! With heart trouble and other ailments. I lay my hands upon my sister, and rebuke this, in Jesus' Name, by my commission.

Lord, with failing sight, and heart trouble. I rebuke it, for this woman, by my commission from God. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

It's just got to be. It's going to be all right, Sister . . . ? . . . I believe it with all my heart. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

²²⁵ That's true. If it's your time to go, you got to go some way. That's right. But, first, before He tells you, if you'll be sincere and don't doubt it, you'll get well. That's exactly right.

²²⁶ Lazarus was raised from the dead. He died again. But he was raised from the dead, to show that God keeps His offer to people. He said, "Mary, believest thou this? I am the Resurrection and Life. I'm commissioned of God, to raise the dead. You believe this?"

She said, "Yea, Lord. I believe that You are the Son of God, that's come into the world."

Said, "Where you buried him?" Uh-huh.

He had to die again. But He raised him, to show that He was the Resurrection and Life. See?

²²⁷ God does those things, and everything is in Divine order. Oh, I'm so glad to say that. Everything is perfectly in order. If you can believe, everything you ask for is given to you. It's got to be. All right.

Just continue praying now, while we finish the line.

God bless you.

²²⁸ Lord Jesus, our sister is very sick, hearing me standing here, preaching those words. May—may this little sluggishness of doubt just get away from all of them, Lord. May they rise up, leave this old mountain of walking back and forth; go on to Jordan, Lord. Grant it, Lord. May our sister travel this path now, from this hour on, believing that God heals her body. In Jesus' Name. Go on your road, rejoicing.

God bless you.

²²⁹ Lord Jesus, give to her the desire of her heart, for her daughter and her family. I pray, that, in Jesus' Name, she receives this; as I offer my prayer and my faith, by laying hands on her. If I didn't believe You, I wouldn't lay my hands on her. If I believed You wasn't going to do it, I wouldn't pray for her. But I believe, Lord. And she believes, too. And we're placing our faith together, believing we receive it. Amen.

[A brother speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] God, bless you, Pat.

²³⁰ Lord, for his precious children he wants saved. Getting hard of hearing. Doctor says cataracts coming on the eye. He wants to live for God's glory. Grant it to him, Lord, as I ask for this petition for my brother, offer prayer for it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Bless you, brother. Don't doubt. Believe right what you've asked.

[A sister speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] God bless you, Sister.

²³¹ Lord, this poor little woman standing here for her son, automobile accident or something, Lord, that's hurt him. And he's going for skin grafting. She prays for his body and the salvation. She prays for her loved ones. She's asked for her own nervous condition, Lord. She's just about to break. God, I pray that You'll give her the desire of her heart. Heal her of her afflictions, and make her well. In Jesus' Name, I place this prayer of faith over her. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Go, believe He will. God bless you.

Lord, for the salvation of her loved ones. I pray that You will grant her request, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Believe now, sister, that you receive that, then it's yours. If you believe it, it's got to come to pass.

For our Brother Ted Dudley. How are you? Bless your heart. Flying all the way from Phoenix, Arizona. Is it hot out there. . . ? . . .

That lady, here, was healed from my meeting. Where was she from? Are you from Phoenix, lady? You're not from. . . You was at Phoenix, for the meeting.

What do you want Him to do for you, Ted? [The brother says, "Take the asthma from me."—Ed.] Take the asthma from you. God bless you! . . . ? . . .

²³² Dear God, as this precious brother has been a help to us, Lord, and to the cause of the burdened people. I pray that You will help him today. Coming all the way from Phoenix, Arizona, to be prayed for, to stand in this line, to hear the Message, to encourage him. Lord, it seemed like a great sacrifice. It is.

²³³ But the queen of the South came, for three months, on the back of a camel, through the Sahara desert, to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And behold a greater than Solomon is here; the Holy Spirit is here, a greater than Solomon.

²³⁴ Lord, I pray that You'll heal him of this affliction of his body. Give him the desire of his heart. Let him walk in the path that's ordained for him. May the goodness of God rest upon him. I ask this blessing for my brother, in the Name of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Amen.

Ted, as you return, go with it. It's yours. I give it to you. Go and receive it.

²³⁵ Brother George, most everyone knows George Wright. How many remembers the story, when he was dying just recently? All the doctors passed by him. And his body was swollen up like *that*, a blood clot to his heart. Several doctors had give him up. I went to pray for him. Brother Funk, he was here a while ago; I believe he was with me, down there that time. Sat up on the hill down there, act like I was going hunting.

²³⁶ I want to say to this church now, I got to tell some things that's been going on. Lot of times you think I'm hunting; I'm not hunting. That's an excuse to keep people from following me. I have to go there to be alone with God. I'm not all the time hunting, friends. Yes, I am hunting, but not—not that kind of hunting!

²³⁷ I sat up on the hill. Act, to him, I was going rabbit hunting. Went right around, behind the house, and held my hands over towards the house, and prayed and prayed. Dying!

The Holy Spirit spoke to me one night, "One of these men comes from a church that don't believe that healing is right."

238 A certain minister came to his house, not long ago, and tried to withstand me there on a debate. Many of you people here, was there that night. See, that man almost lost his mind. Now he's trying to find me to get the Holy Ghost. [Brother Wright says, "Oh, he says I'm the best friend he's got, though, brother."—Ed.] Think of that.

A man that stood there to debate, and said, "First, I want to tell you, you're of the devil."

I said, "I forgive you, because you don't know what you're talking about."

So then he turned around and said, "I know you got the Spirit of Christ."

I said, "Now, I was 'a devil,' a few minutes ago, and it's 'Christ' now. Which is it? See?" See? So now, they, terrible things has happened.

This man laying there, dying. And this man laughed at him, said, "Now go get your Divine healer."

239 And I was up at Lexington, Kentucky, where a woman was healed of cancer. And in a vision, the Lord showed me, coming back, along that morning about five o'clock. He showed me that. Said, "You will shake the hand of Brother George Wright, coming up through the tabernacle, and walk up here and shake your hand. And the man that's made fun of him, he'll dig his grave." I didn't know it, didn't know he dug graves.

240 I called up Sister Wright. She is bound to be here somewhere. Yeah. Called up Sister Wright. I said, "I have *THUS SAITH THE LORD*." Right. Them is the kind of visions I want to see from now on. When I tell somebody forth something, it comes back. I said, "Brother George will dig the grave of the man, or be at the grave of the man that's making fun of him. And he'll come in the tabernacle, and I'll shake his hand." The blood clot left Brother George.

241 And about a month or two, after that, I was back. And he always, invariably always, come around *this* way. But, that morning, he come *this* way. I had the audience. . . I said, "Look, look, look! Here he comes, right here, see, just exactly the way He spoke of."

242 Here he is, today. That's been. . . [Brother Wright says, "Nine years."—Ed.] Nine years ago. ["I had nine blood clots left."] Nine blood clots, nine years ago.

243 By the way, I heard that Sister Hickerson. . . Is Brother Hickerson here today? That she is better. That's fine. She had blood clots, too, a bunch of them in her leg.

Now he's got rheumatism in his hand.

244 That was his daughter, Sister Hattie sitting right there, on which I testified a while ago, that the new ministry worked the first time. That's right, Sister Hattie. Wonder if the boys are in this morning? Are they with you? [Sister Hattie says, "In the back."—Ed.]

245 Where's the boys at? There is both of them standing right back there at the back. There's the two boys that their mother got her. . . . Raise—raise your hands up, boys, so they see who you are. All right. Standing back there at the back. Wonderful, isn't it, Orville? Sure is. All right.

246 Brother George. [Brother Wright says, "You know me, Brother Bill. I believe."—Ed.] I know you believe. And I know of many time, I've laid there in your room, at nighttime, watching out the window, listening, an old mockingbird. Someday we got to go over, Brother George. Until that time, God be with us. I know He will then. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil. Thou art with me." That vision, here not long ago, when I seen those old people turned back young again, that's the way I'll see you someday.

247 Our Heavenly Father, give to our brother the desire of his heart. Heal him of this rheumatism. He's getting old, Father. I pray that You'll help him. Help Sister Wright, little Edith, and all the family down there. Sister Hattie, her children, all their loved ones, be with them, Father. Grant this request, as I ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

[Brother Wright says, "I'll be seventy-nine."—Ed.] Seventy-nine. God bless you, Brother Wright, give you many more days. Praise the Lord.

248 Brother Daulton. My, my! Here's a brother that's been precious to me. I'll tell you what happened. I haven't got time to go through it. His wife knows. Said, "He was dying." Heart attack, was it, sister? And, before, the Lord had give her a dream, and the interpretation came. And when the heart attack struck him, she stood right before him, said, "I defy this." God had give her a dream that it was going to be that way, and the interpretation come. And the doctor was thinking the man was dying then, here he is alive, today.

249 Lord Jesus, to our precious brother, he's drove a long ways to come into this meeting this morning. His hip is bad. Just like an automobile, Lord, parts are beginning to wear, go down. But, O Lord, be his Strength. Thou art our Strength. Undergird this crippled place in his hip. Undergird every weak spot, Lord. And give to our precious brother his healing, as I bless him in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

God bless you, Brother Daulton. So shall it be.

250 All right, sister, what can the Lord do for you? [The sister speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Why, Sister Daugherty. Is this Betty? [“That’s me.”] Why, Betty, bless your heart!

251 Who in this tabernacle don’t know Betty Daugherty? The first time my old ministry ever worked, was on this child. How many remembers that? See?

Betty had Saint Vitus’ dance. And she was in such a fix, that, she didn’t even act like a human. No doctor could do nothing for her.

252 And I went to St. Louis. This church made up the money, and I borrowed somebody’s overcoat. And they made eleven dollars up, for me to go over and pray for this little girl. She was just a little girl, about like—about like this little girl sitting right here, little baby girl. And I stayed. . . Is Brother Daugherty here? He isn’t here. And prayed and prayed and prayed; I couldn’t get nowhere. And finally, sitting out in Brother Daugherty’s car, I saw a vision on what for them to do.

253 And she followed the vision just exactly the way the Lord said do. I believe, was a little bit against her thoughts, at that time. But she done it just exactly the way the Lord said do it, and Betty was healed. The first time I saw her, how. . . Said, “Grandpa Daugherty at one end of the bed; Brother Daugherty, the other. And let her take a rag and wash the baby’s face and hands, and so forth.” As I went down through the prayer, “Our Father Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.”

And Betty now has been stricken with cataracts. I got to pray for her just a—a short time ago, at the back of the building, at Chautauqua.

254 Betty, honey, let’s go over this real close now. I want to hold your hand. Are you blind, all the way, Betty? [Sister Betty Daugherty says, “No.”—Ed.] You can just see daylight and darkening. How old are you now, Betty? [“Twenty-two.”] Twenty-two. She was about seven or eight, then. Sister Daugherty, you had a hard pull, haven’t you? You know, Betty, I’ve always believed that God had something for you to do. I believe that’s why it’s been this way with you. And I—I believe that the enemy has did this evil thing.

255 Now, you know, Betty, Sis, if I had power to reach in there and take those cataracts and pull them out, I’d do it. [Sister Betty Daugherty says, “Yes.”—Ed.] I don’t have it.

256 But, Betty, what I told you the first time, that’s the truth; as I sit here, and you and I, as brother and sister in Christ. Brother Daugherty, your precious daddy, just as sweet a brother as I ever had; your dear mother here. I’ve lived in your house, and you shared your food with me, and—and everything. You been like—like that you was my actually my sister. And I could be no more sincere than I would be with Delores sitting back there.

257 Now, God promised this, Betty. I want to get it all . . . Your father, being a minister, you being raised up in a family that prays for the sick. Course, you been prayed for, many a time. It's got to a place to where, sometimes we just go over it, and back and forth. And we—we—we kind of lose the value of it. You see what I mean? [Sister Betty Daugherty says, "Amen."—Ed.]

258 My, you've made a fine, pretty girl, Betty. It's a shame to see your eyes go on like that. Is Meda still in the building? My wife wanted to see you. "I want her to see Betty, what a pretty girl she made." Betty, you was a pretty, little girl. You always been a good girl.

259 Now, is there anything down in life, that you've failed, Betty? Now, just as a doctor would look over your—your physical body, I want to look to the soul. Have you failed God, anywhere, Betty? If there is, just acknowledge it to Him, "Lord, if You'll let me go over it again, I want . . . I'll do different." [Sister Betty Daugherty speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Yes, He can.

260 My! It's such a strange thing. Let's think it *this* way. Now, I did not know that Betty Daugherty was going to be at this meeting. But the first one, on my other discernment, was Betty Daugherty. Here it is, back again, at the first meeting on *this*.

261 She knew right then what I was speaking of. I don't want to start that discernment again, 'cause, in the line. But she said what she ought to have said just now. She was filled with the Holy Ghost, while at, out at the St. Louis. As a teenage girl, kid, maybe she has done things she ought not done. But, who hasn't? Who hasn't? If it isn't grace, we're all lost. And if you're willing to confess your wrong, God is just, to forgive your wrong.

I'm raising my faith now.

262 Lord, I bring this girl to You. I'm putting my hands over her eye. I'm rebuking these cataracts, and believe that Betty will see again. Let the Power that opened the eyes of blind Bartimaeus, give Betty her sight again, as I offer this prayer, while faith is upon me. In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. May I shake hands with my sister again, somewhere, today, tomorrow, or whenever it will be again. And them bright eyes will see me, and say, "Brother Branham, I can see as good as I ever did in all my school days." . . . ? . . . Let it be that way.

You believe that, Sister Daugherty? [Sister Daugherty says, "Yes."—Ed.] then it will be that way. . . . ? . . .

263 Lord, in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God, give to our sister the desire of her heart, as she stands raising her hand. Let the Power that healed Betty Daugherty, the first time, and this also the second time. Let it heal our sister, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

264 Brother. [The brother speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Our brother wants to be saved. You accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? [“Yes.”] You believe that He died for you, and rose again? [“Yes.”] You now accept Him as your personal Saviour? [“Yes.”]

265 In the Name of Jesus Christ, let every sin question be gone from this man’s conscience. May our brother be today, from now on, without a doubt a Christian, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

266 Turn to this audience and say, “I accept Jesus as my Saviour.” [The brother says, “I accept Christ as my Saviour.”—Ed.] He’s so glad his sins are forgiven by the Blood of Jesus Christ. That’s what we like, amen, a double cure.

267 Lord, give the woman the assurance of her salvation, and all her problems, Jesus, may they be granted, in Jesus Christ’s Name. Amen. Go. You have received it. Go believing now. Don’t let . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . ? . . .

268 . . . that I have accomplished more, this morning, by the Message that I’ve had and the things that I have knowed of. I’ve followed the commission, more, than I’ve accomplished in the last five years, because I have found the center of God’s will.

269 Now, it may be a hard thing for me to change from one ministry to another. But, it isn’t changing the ministry. It’s taking the same ministry in a higher sphere. It’s the original commission. All these other things have been building upon that. Now is the time.

270 With all my heart, I’m believing for every person that I pray for. I believe they’re going to be well. And with all the evidence that we have, everything that God has showed, of year after year, of infallible proof, of the Bible living again, then how could It fail? It just can’t fail.

271 Now, there’s only one way to make It fail, that is, for you not to believe It. If Jesus stood here Himself and would pray for you, and go through the same act that we have done this morning, no more would happen. Or, if you would believe with the measure of faith, that, no more could happen than what will happen, if you believe with the same measure of faith. Because, I only represent Him. I’m a sinner saved by grace, just a man like you are, just a human being. But God has to have an outlet somewhere. And He’s proved that by His Word. He’s proved it by the ministry. He’s proved it by the Angel of the Lord. And here it is. Now it’s up to us, to believe it.

272 Now remember, just like a child. If there’s been an affliction, see it no more. If there’s been a disease, it’s not there no more. Just ignore any symptom, anything that’s contrary to what’s been asked. Many time . . . Every child that comes to God, has got to be tried. We’re tried,

to see if we believe that, or not. And you'll have wars and troubles, but remember, we're on our march.

²⁷³ God bless you. I love you. And I, by God's help, I hope He lets me serve you, as His servant, for many, many years to come, is my prayer. Pray for me.

And now remember, tonight, *The Five Infallible Vindications Of The True Church Of The Living God*. Until then . . .

Let us stand, up to our feet, just a moment.

²⁷⁴ Oh, is there baptismal service? [Brother Neville says, "I believe there is. Let's see if we can."—Ed.] Oh, baptismal service! ["How many people for baptism?"] The people for baptism, are you here? Raise up your hand, anybody for baptism. ["There is somebody."] One, two, three . . . Yes. I am very, very sorry, friends.

²⁷⁵ Now, to those who have to go, I will dismiss them. Rest of them stay for baptism, that wants to. We'll have the baptismal service, just in a moment.

²⁷⁶ Father God, dismiss those who have to go, with Your blessings, Your benediction. Your grace rest upon them. Thanking You for all that's been accomplished this morning, as we're pulling away from the mountain, starting upward. Lord, may we walk up through every ladder realm, until we reach the—the Kingdom of God. Grant it, Lord. Be with us now. Forgive our sins, those who stay now to be baptized for the remission of their sin. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may these things be granted.

²⁷⁷ Gather us together again, tonight. May Thy power and Thy blessings be upon us, tonight. May there be a great night tonight. May many that's confused be straightened out, tonight. Grant it, Father, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

All right. You may be seated now if you wish to, while we make ready for the baptism. 

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