

Be Not Afraid

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L-1 Thank you Brother...?... Thank you very much. Thank you...?... That just makes me feel double welcome. I certainly do appreciate that. And I have, in behalf of Brother Borders, and Brother Mercier, Brother Goad, Billy Paul, myself, we want to say that this has been a great meeting for us. I have not had a meeting, in I don't know when, that the Holy Spirit seemed to just give liberty to anything almost, and great liberty to speak. And ministers know what that means. Such a cooperation behind you, in front of you...

And it's just too bad that we didn't have the whole city around to see what the Lord did. But He never... I... The Holy Spirit giving visions around over the building so swiftly, till honestly, I'd have to turn my head sometimes, till I'd just get strength enough to go on a little farther. Your--your faith to believe, now, never let it die.

L-2 Now, we want to thank the school for letting us have this auditorium. We want to thank the custodian here, the caretaker, and all the school board. And we certainly pray that God will turn out many famous students from this school here. And all the people that cooperated, to our sponsors, and the ones who cooperated, to all the laity for helping us meet our expenses... I think everything was met. And that's all that's required, just the expenses being met. That's all we need. And myself, I get a--a salary.

I want to thank you for the love offerings and the missionary offering that you taken. That goes straight to that fund. I don't even know, never look at any money at all in the meetings. My secretary takes care of that. It's all banked and put away, building up till I get enough to go overseas.

Then when I go overseas, to be sure that the money goes right, I take it myself. And I minister with the ministry that's been right in here to you all, all around the world. And someday, over there in the other land, where they will be, well, millions will be gathering, because of your cooperation to help send me other places... I trust that there'll be tens of thousands of heathens that would've never knowed Jesus Christ except you would've helped me go.

L-3 Now, maybe you, God never called you to go. But you sacrificed some of your living so I could go. And I go do everything I can, and promise you, by the grace of God, every penny of it will be spent just as reverently as it could be. Even from the little thirteen cents from my little sweetheart last night that gave us into the largest sum of money will be well taken care of and spent to the best of our knowledge. Now, our trustees at the church, one of them is setting present right now, Mr. Sothmann back there. And the others are fine, Christian men, like he. And they see to that that this finances goes exactly to what it's sent for. It goes to the foreign missions to help build the Kingdom of God. In there, when I go in... You say, "Well, I belong to the Assemblies."

The next say, "Well, I belong to the Foursquare."

L-4 Remember, my brother, sister, that money goes right into your church over there too, because I don't represent any certain denominations. They all gather like they do here. See? And--and when the converts come, why every church they want to go to, it doesn't matter to us. Just so they're full Gospel born again Christians. And so, that way we--we do everything we can reverently, knowing that we'll have to answer from the least little gift until the highest at the day of the judgment. And I want to be found a good steward of the Lord's business at that day.

And we certainly thank each and every one of you for all you've done, for your faith... I noticed on the night... I begin to notice in America, and like many other places, the people get up sometimes... You go into a meeting, and they don't agree with what you're saying; they'll get up and walk out, just walk out deliberately. I've not noticed that in this meeting. And I've tried your patience going on up to ten

o'clock, and people have set right in the church, hot, fanning, set right there till the last prayer--last thing's finished at the pulpit. That's loyalty. God bless you people.

L-5 I don't know. Hope I get to see you again. If I don't, what I told you last night about that place, may God answer my prayer and every one of us meet there. I love you now and you love me, but we don't know what it is till we get there. And that's true.

I trust that if I get to come again that the new ministry that I'm trying to get into session now, will be working perfectly like the others at that time.

Some of them told me out there, a few minutes ago, that the little baby we prayed for on the platform last Sunday afternoon was here. If I'm not mistaken, this little blond-headed mother here... Is the baby better? I'm so glad of that. That's good. Said it was getting well now, drying up, coming to scab. Now, aren't we thankful for that? The doctors could do nothing for it. If you only knew that disease spreads all over the face and it eats it up. See? But now it's healing and scabs come over the place. And it's healing up. We are grateful.

L-6 This won't embarrass you. There was... The little lady wondered why one thing was said on the platform about a place that she was from. See, the Holy Spirit... Immediately after the meeting, I was walking down the street and I--I met them; and questioned.

Why I said, "Certainly, that's right. That's where you are from, yourself. But when you married, you moved somewhere else or whatever it was there."

Then she seen it. See what the devil trying to get you to do. See? That baby wouldn't be getting well if you'd have kept on thinking that. See? But if you believe, just if it's perfect enough to tell things perfect, it's--it'll be perfect in the healing, too.

Just believe all things, whatever God has said, you just believe it because it isn't me, friend. Remember. If I never see any you all again, many of you, till I see you at the judgment, those visions, that Pillar of Fire and Light is the truth. It's the truth.

L-7 Now, I'm a poor servant of the Lord. I make so many mistakes, till I'm ashamed of myself. I don't willfully make them. But I--I do things that I shouldn't do, such as, might say, "Come, pray for this one." "All right, I'll be right over there and pray for that." Here's another; here's a down here, down here. I forget about it. I don't mean to do that. I don't mean to be that way.

And then there's many times I wished I could stand a little longer in line when that's discernment's going on. But it just simply kills me; I just can't do it.

And when I seen that vision the other morning, I looked and I thought, "God, let somebody hold me up." Then I got to thinking, "Yeah they did that one time, and I was off the field for eight months." See, I couldn't tell when anyone come to me whether it was vision or not. So you--you can't--you just--you'll never be able to reach all. We know that. But we can do everything that we can do to help.

L-8 So from here we go over to California to Lakespring--Lakeport, Lakeport, California, for next week. The following week we're up here at Yakima, Washington, one night in Tacoma, as we go through. Then on into Summer Shade, Kentucky, and on, on and on... And as soon as I can, I'll be going into Germany, and Switzerland, Africa, India, and down into Australia, and Melbourne, and Sydney, and New--and New Zealand, around over the world.

Be praying for me. I ask you one more favor. Will you pray for me while I'm gone (See?), till we meet. Will you pray for me? And I'll remember when the great challenges before the holy men in India, the witch doctors in Africa, in the great interior where Australia and around where those pagan heathens, they'll come right up and challenge you. And when they make their challenge, I'll be remembering that over in the Klamath Falls valley there's a group of people praying for me. And I--I'll know that God will hear your prayer. And I need your prayer. It's praying people that hold me up.

L-9 When I was a little boy, I had no home, as hardly you know. I don't mean that any disgrace to my

father and mother, but you've read my life story. No one... I always loved people; I wanted people to love me. And no one would talk to me. I'd be standing on the street as a young man; someone come along, and I'd be talking to someone. If there was anyone else they could talk to, they'd get away, because of the background, my father drinking and moonshining, and so forth.

So I--I hate to say that, but it's--it's no... I'll trust... My daddy died in my arms giving God praise. So I--I--I trust that it doesn't reflect anything. But see, the truth... If it's bad about me, let me say it anyhow, because it's the truth. See? Just...

L-10 That's--that's the reason I believe the Bible. Being if I never read it but one time, or looked in It, when It talked about Lot living with his daughters and so forth like that, it don't pull no strings. It tells the truth. See? Now, when they say George Washington never told a lie, that's history. I don't know about that. But when it comes to This, It tells the truth. Whether it's good or bad, It tells it just the same.

That's the way we ought to be. If it's bad, it's going to be across the canopies of the sky someday, anyhow. So we might as well confess it now and say it's--that's the way it was. See? And then be honest. You never have... You can never serve God correctly till you get every little thing out of the way where you can stand free.

L-11 How can I walk out that door unless I understand and have a good knowledge that I can walk out that door? Then by faith, I walk out the door. See? That's the only way you can. If there's anything in your way hindering you, you just can't do it, because that thing raises right up in front of you all the time. See?

And so be honest, truthful; serve God with all your heart, laying aside every sin that easily besets you, that you might run with patience the race that's set before you, looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ. That's... Watch; He is our Example. [[Hebrews 12:1](#)]

L-12 Now, if I put a stumbling block in your way, don't let that hinder your salvation with Christ. If your pastor, he's a man, if he puts a stumbling block, don't let that hinder at all. The thing you want to do is keep your faith on God and look to Jesus Christ as your Example. He is your Example, the perfect One. Now, I... Each and every one of you, thanks again. And now, we're--we're designating this time this afternoon. Mostly, we had a altar call last night. And I trust that every precious soul that found the Lord Jesus in these meetings will take your membership with some of these churches, because they--they believe in this. They wouldn't be having me up here if they didn't believe in this ministry.

L-13 Now, my ministry is in a little slump now, because it's changing in America from one to another. And if you've noticed it, the first was a sign that the people looked at. The second was a sign that only God, Himself, could do. Now, on this third ministry, it lays it right straight back in the lap of the people again. See? If they'll come with that sincerity, no doubt at all. Watch the Holy Spirit, they operate itself... It comes up on me and tells them just exactly. It heals right there. See? But they have got to come, not with an emotional faith, but with a solid faith to believe that it's the truth (See?), as God puts it right back in the individual's lap again. Because it has to be that way, 'cause there's no power in man to heal.

And these things that I've told you about the squirrels, about the--the healings of those people and those things, God in heaven knows that every word of that is as true as I know how to say it. That's right. And so I know that just ahead of me now, lays a greater ministry than what I have. But it'll take the people just a little bit. When they go to getting faith in it, it'll start its working. How do I see visions out over the audience there? How is it? It's because you yourself are doing it. I don't do that. You do it.

L-14 Now, I doubt whether either--any of you ever seen a real vision, seen me have a real vision. My wife could tell you how it is. Sometimes I lay for hours without a bit of breath or a doctor can examine and find no pulse, and strike a match and hold that close to my nose and no breath for an hour or more...

But that's in a real vision. This is a vision like, but you are doing it. Let me... I--I'm better not. We got too much time. I was going to try to explain to you the best that I know how. Is it all right? Here...

No one can never explain it, because it's inexplainable. But here's the best of my knowledge. I'll take my minister brother who's here on the platform. All right. We're all going to a big carnival, or I'll say a circus. That's the way I used to have to. One would come to town and we'd have to peep through a knot hole somewhere and watch it, 'cause we couldn't go in.

L-15 Now, we're going to say that--that all of us is at this great circus, and we can't get in. And it happens to be, that God made me a great, tall man. And He made another brother a short, stout man. Now, we cannot help what we are.

Jesus says, "Who taking thought can add one cubit to his statue?" You can't do it. God makes you just what you are. And that's where I different a little with our latter brethren or latter day rain brethren, of trying to lay hands on people and make them prophets and so forth like that. God sets in the Church. See? If man does it, it's just like electing a bishop or electing something else. It seldom works. But when God sets it, it's--it's foreknowledge. By foreknowledge He foresaw everything.

L-16 Do you all believe that God is infinite? Well, if He is infinite, He knowed every flea would ever be on earth, how many times it'd ever bat its eyes and how much tallow it would make. That's before the foundation of the world ever started. Now, that wouldn't even half express infincy--infinite. He's so perfect, till He knowed the everything that would ever do. He knowed every time, how many, how long your fingernail would be, and how many times you batted your eye, and how many times you moved your finger before the world ever begin. Every individual... That's infinite. See? Infinite, there's just no... There's no explaining to it. So you can't explain the word.

It's just like on your--on--on your camera, or when you go beyond a certain range, then it's--it's just on; it's eternity. Now, that's God. Then He knowed all things.

L-17 Now, we're going to find He's set in church certain ministries for certain ages. You believe that. Certainly He did. Now, we're all at a carnival or a circus. We can't get in. We haven't got no money. Now, I look at, say, Brother Borders here, maybe he's a short, stout man. He's strong enough, he can pack water to the elephants, maybe get hisself in. Well, I couldn't do it, 'cause I'm kind of a weakling, but I'm real tall and thin.

And we're slipping around side of the big board fence, and--and we're both saying we find a knot hole, and it's way up here high. Well, Brother Borders could never get up to that knot hole. But I can if I'll jump. All right, I'll make a great big jump and grab my fingers just around top of the fence. I'll pull up, look through the hole. I come back down. And say, "What did you see?"

"Elephant."

"Oh, you did."

"Uh-huh, yep."

"What else did you see?" [\[Luke 12:25\]](#), [\[I Peter 1:2\]](#)

L-18 Now, that's the visions that you see here in the church. See, I'm standing there. You, yourself, are operating that. You're doing that yourself. When you're out there in the audience and believing, you're the ones doing that yourself.

Jesus told the woman, "Thy faith..." Why didn't He feel the touch of the rest of them? They didn't have that faith. But that one woman touched Him. See? "Thy faith has saved thee."

Now, the first thing you know you... Now, they're standing on the platform, here's the person. I've never seen them in my life. All right, what do I do? I enter into a relaxation of my own self into a gift. And the first thing you know, I see the woman. She's got cancer. "You have cancer." Oh, my. When I drop like from here. See? Whew. That was hard.

"Yes, I got cancer." See? That ought to alarm the whole audience, but it doesn't. It doesn't even alarm her sometimes.

"He guessed that." I can feel it right then. See? [\[Luke 7:50\]](#)

L-19 "Now, what else did you see?" Oh, here we go again, and jump up, get my fingers a hold, 'cause I just barely reach it and pull hard.

"What else did you see?"

"Giraffe." See?

"What else have I got?"

"Well, you've also got a asthmatic cough."

"Yeah, that's right."

I'm just about gone by that time. See? Now, here stands the whole church wanting to know something about themselves. See? They're doing that themselves.

L-20 Now, here comes the--the--the giant by, the ringmaster. "What are you doing, son?"

"I was looking over the fence through that knot hole telling these men."

He reached down and get me in his hand, picks me up here. He says, "You see here? You see that thing there. It takes place. It comes over here. The garland riders come by here, go down here. It happens down here. And this woman jumps off here, goes through those hoop of fire. This goes out."

"Oh, is that the way it is."

"Yeah."

"All right, that's the way it is, son."

Now, that's God using His gift. Here is you using God's gift. There on a real vision is God using His gift. That never bothers me. Don't hurt me a bit, 'cause I'm just setting right in the palm of His hand. He's showing me. That's when God wants to use His gift. And that's when you are using God's gift.

I can't use it. It's not for me; it's for you. I can see nothing for myself. See? It's all for you. I got a thousands of things in my heart this afternoon I wished He'd show me. But He doesn't show me what for me to do, about me. It's for you. I'm just a public servant of God to you. You understand now?

L-21 Now, you say, "That's not Scriptural, Brother Branham." Yes, it is. Now, wait a minute.

Jesus was living with Martha, and Mary, and Lazarus. You remember that? And the Father said to His Son, "I want to use..." You believe God was in Christ? Certainly He was.

All right. Father wants to use His gift on earth. So He tells Jesus, "You go away from the home, because Lazarus is going to die. Be gone four days. After four days, Lazarus will be dead. Then You return, and go back, and raise him from the dead." That never... He never said no virtue left that.

Went on over and four days, they sent to Him. "Come, pray for Lazarus. He's dying." He just kept on going. Sent another messenger: "Come pray for Lazarus, the one You love. He's dying." Just kept going on.

Then after another time, he said, "Lazarus sleepeth."

"Oh," He said, "if he sleeps, he does well."

He said, "He's dead. And for Your sake, I'm glad I wasn't there." 'Cause they've been trying Him to get Him to do something was against the will of God. [\[John 11:3, 11-14\]](#)

L-22 And brother, sister, if I never see you again, that's one of the greatest fights I have. Look right out over the audience and see somebody that I know that isn't going to be well. And then someone try to get me to do something that's against the will of God. And I can't tell that person, because if I do it'll hurt them. And there you are; just have to bottle it up in your soul and keep it, and keep moving on, praying. It's--it's killing. And then, the first thing you know, then we'll...

Lazarus... When He come back, went to the grave of Lazarus... Listen to what He said: "Father, I thank Thee. Thou has already heard Me. (See, see? He knowed it already.) But I pray for these sake that stands around." Then He called Lazarus from the grave. [\[John 11:41-43\]](#)

L-23 Now, He never said anything about... That was raising a man after he'd been day for four days and

bugs was eating up his body. And that man stood up, and lived again, and went to supper one time with Jesus. Is that right?

Now, that was a greater miracle. And that little woman that come through and touched the hem of His garment. He said, "I got weak. Virtue went out of Me." Is that right? One was God using His gift; the other one was that woman using God's gift, 'cause she said in her heart, "He's a holy Man. If I can touch His garment, I'll be made whole." You remember that? [\[Mark 5:27-30\]](#)

L-24 So there is the vision. Now, it's growing beyond that now. It's coming to a place to where the people that had seen it to have confidence and faith, that'll come up here before me, and I'll stand just talking to them. And if they'll just say the right thing with the right type of faith, then that anointing will come on me, and then I'll ask for them to be done right there. See? Just watch.

And this meeting has been great. You just don't know the testimonies I got piled up over there on my desk and things like that, or on the--in my room, of people that's wrote back and sent back testimonies of being healed. With babies with leukemia and all kinds of diseases and things...

L-25 Yet... And after I'm gone a long time, you ministers watching your churches, you'll see a woman say, "That female trouble I had doesn't bother me any more, pastor," or "This stomach trouble I had..." "My heart trouble's all gone."

I couldn't call them. I could not call them. They's just all over the audience, everywhere, just in one great big spray. You couldn't see them all. You couldn't speak to them. But it's just everywhere. They got it.

Just like I said about the little Finnish girl last night. You... She'll find it out after while. So that--that's all. And so that way I go with a confidence in my heart this afternoon to know that things that we know nothing about now is already accomplished in the sight of God. So God bless you with all my heart. Let us pray a prayer now to God.

L-26 Our heavenly Father, after thanking our brethren and sisters for all their cooperation; and many has prayed and fasted; and churches has longed and strained; and ministers has went through great strains... But we thank Thee, Lord, that in all of it there has been great things accomplished. How would I know that preachers won't come from this meeting? How would I know that something isn't done, that'll inspire men are already ordained to preach? We just thank Thee for all of it.

Many are healed. Thou will confirm the word of Thy servant, and the ministering brothers and neighbors will find out, and know that my words are true, that they're Your Words that I speak for You: that many here is healed and doesn't know it yet.

L-27 Now, Father, I pray that You'll bless us in the winding up of this meeting this afternoon. God, may these churches grow and prosper in revival until Jesus comes. Grant it, Lord. Hear the prayers of Your people. And we thank Thee for the reverence and respects of the people.

And it is written in Thy Word, "Insomuch as you do unto the least (and that would be me), the least of My little ones, you have did it unto Me."

And as they have respected the Word that I have preached... And this lovely brother making that statement a few moments ago in my introduction... God, I pray that You will bless him abundantly. And I realize that he spoke for the people, for they all cheered back. And I pray that the riches of Your blessings will be upon them, Lord. Grant it. [\[Matthew 25:45\]](#)

L-28 I pray for all their ministries and their churches. May they prosper, and build, and--and extend, and the audiences be greater, and the pews all fill, and the altars packed, and--and great healing miracles will take place by their hands. That You've been so close to us, Lord, that it encourages us to know that You are still with us. We realize that this is a shaking time, that when the church will come to the minority. For it is written, "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom."

And we realize that that must come to that place, that the chaff and wheat must be separated. And we

know that this is a separating time, when the world will continue to grow worse. But the Church will become more concerned, and Your Spirit will get greater and more powerful all the time in the Church until Christ and the Church unites together. [\[Luke 12:32\]](#), [\[Matthew 3:12, 17\]](#)

L-29 Lord, help us this afternoon that there will not be one feeble person in our midst when we leave. Now, I commit these people to Your hands. I commit myself to Your hands. Lord, work with us. Give us something extra this afternoon at the closing of this service, that we all might remember it as long as we live, with the rest of the meeting.

We pray this blessing as we read the Word. Water It, Lord. You said, "My Word will not return to Me void. It will accomplish that which It was purposed for."

And all the sick that's here this afternoon. May there not be one feeble person when this services is over. May God come so real to them, that all the blackness of doubt or superstitions would be drove from their hearts and they would see perfectly the Lord Jesus in operation among His Church. Grant it, Lord. And then, let them catch the faith of that and move out of here as well men and women, boys and girls this afternoon. [\[Isaiah 55:11\]](#)

L-30 We thank You for the healing of this little, darling baby. And I'm so glad. Yet, I told my wife last Sunday, "I'm not hungry. Let us not go to eat." But bless her heart, she persuaded me until finally I went with them. And then on the street, met this little mother. And there was a thing that Satan thought that he could rob that precious baby of that healing, causing that mother to doubt just a little bit there, because that You told her that she herself was from a certain city. And that's exactly what You meant. Then standing by the side of the car, how Your great Spirit come back again, and opened it up to her, and told her. Now, today... Then she believed. Now, today, her little baby is getting well. We're so grateful for that, Father.

And the many others, all, so many's been healed and we thank Thee for it. There's souls that's been saved. We thank Thee for it. And may each and every thing be to Thy honor and glory, for we commit it all to Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

L-31 Now, we're going to turn, this afternoon, to Saint Matthew for the closing message. And I--I tell you; I have to confess something. Saint Matthew, 14th chapter, 27th verse.

And I want to confess something. I thought I was preaching just a little hard. And I'm a little timid of--of ministers. You see? I'm a... They're shepherds. They should be a little suspicious, because they're feeding the flock of God. And the Holy Ghost has made them overseers. But when me with my old, slow southern way... I used to think I was the preacher a long time ago.

L-32 I remember when I... My father was a rider. And he used to break broncos. And he was a real rider. Well, I remember when I'd go out, after plowing corn and things all day, we'd bring the old plow horse in. Dad would still be at the back of the field plowing. We had an old, wooden water trough. Do you remember them? Old log hollowed out where the horses drink, you know, an old artesian well?

And I would bring the old horse down there, and pull the harness off. And then we'd... I'd get pop's saddle, you know, and get out there. And my little brothers would set around on the fence. And I'd get me a big handful of cockleburs, and pull it up there, and tighten down the cinch, and climb up on him. That poor, old horse was so old and tired, you know, he couldn't get his feet off the ground. Just bawl, you know... And I'd throw that hat around. I thought I was a rider.

I said, "My, they need me out west to break their horses."

L-33 And about eighteen years old, I slipped off and went to Arizona. Happened to be there in time of rodeo. Well, I put on a pair of chaps. I always wanted a pair. Pop's was wore out so... He got hurt, so he had to quit riding.

And I thought I'd get me a pair of chaps. And I went out and put me on a pair. I was little anyhow, you know. And it was from one of them long-legged westerners. And there was enough leather laying out on

the floor to make a saddle out of, nearly. Looked like one of these little bantay roosters with them feathers, you know, see... I couldn't wear them things. So I wanted to take the saddle money home, you know, ride the silver saddle. You know what I speak of.

L-34 So I got me a pair of Levi's and went out to the--the pen. And they said they was going to bring out an outlaw horse. And so, some famous rider was going to ride him. And I settled up there and looked at all these old disfigured cowboys, you know, setting on this fence, watching. I climbed up and set down by them. Looked... I seen their overalls, you know, all slicked and worn. Mine just told it was a new pair; I was a rider anyhow, you know.

I thought, "I'll show them how to ride these horses out west. I'll tell them how it's done."

Setting there looking them all over, you know... And first thing you know, they'd come out of a shoot, this guy did on a horse called Yellow Fever, a big brand on his hip. About three or four bucks and a sunfish or two, and the horse went one way, the rider another. The pickups got the horse, and the ambulance got the rider.

The caller come by and said, "I'll give any man a hundred dollars that'll ride him thirty seconds." He come down through there, and he stopped in front of me. He said, "Are you a rider?"

I said, "No, sir."

That took the wind out of me right now.

L-35 When I was a little Baptist preacher, I used to pack my Bible under my arm, you know, and go downtown. And I'd see the different ones. They'd say, "Hello, Reverend." Oh, that felt big, you know. Yes, sir.

"Are you a preacher?"

"Oh, sure I am."

One day, there was a little girl by the name of Betty Daugherty. You read the story. In my ministry was healed... The first one in my ministry sent when it was confirmed to me over there. And her father was a Pentecostal preacher. And I went down to the meeting. My, oh, my... That man would preach, till... He didn't need no microphone. He would preach till he would turn blue in the face, buckle in his knees, and go almost to the floor, come back catching his breath. You could hear him about three or four blocks away still preaching.

Somebody'd say, "You a preacher?"

I said, "No, sir. I'm not. No, sir."

L-36 My old, slow southern ways just can't think of it that fast. That's all. I just kind of take my time and maneuver around and kind of wait on the Spirit. And I'm just too slow. That's all. Them Pentecostal brethren would just run off and leave me. So then, I'm kind of slow about saying about being a preacher up on the platform when I know that's behind me, you know. So I'm taking it easy...

But when I heard them say, "Preaching on holiness, they appreciated it," and some of those ministers shaking my hands and saying, "That's good, Brother Branham. That gives us courage to move on."

Oh, I quit preaching a couple--three nights ago and just started testifying, 'cause I was afraid that I was--might be getting a little rough on it, you know. So I--I just let it go. But I... Next time I come back, I'll continue on preaching, 'cause I know that you just do put up with the old fashion sassafras. How many knows what sassafras is? Say, boy...

L-37 How many ever slept on a straw tick? How many's from Kentucky? My, that--that's really... That's Kentuck--Why, I was borned on a straw tick. That's right. Slept on a shuck pillow just pretty near all my life. We never had electric lights till just recently.

And I remember pop used to shave, and he'd have a bunch of shucks off of the corn, you know. Made hisself a shaving brush, go out to mom's tub, get the old lye soap that she... We boiled up the old stuff that made the lye soap. And we rubbed up like that, wash his head and everything with that same lye soap, take this old brush and put the little soap suds on his face and shave. Oh, my. Wished I could see

him again though, sure wished I could.

L-38 But hold on to Christ; or this, let Christ hold on to you...?... It's just like one time, if you'll just let Him hold you. Now, we're not a big church. That's true. But I believe God's holding us.

My little girl, Rebekah there, I tell a little story on her and Sarah one time. Their--their both daddy's little girls, you know. And so, I'd be out late, you know, and I--I love my children. And I wouldn't come in till maybe weeks. And I remember Rebekah when I...

Her birth was the marking of my ministry. I asked the Lord if He'd let me stay home until the baby was born. And when I--she was born, and I went up on a trip, and come back, and she begin to know me. After about six months old or something, I made St. Louis and a few of the Arkansas meetings, went on down in the south. And when I left then, I never come back for nearly a year. When I come in one cold day, and we had two little rooms we were living in, and had quilt stuck in the door and pushed in. It was around zero weather.

L-39 And to keep the baby from--for forgetting me, mother had my picture setting there, and she'd say to Rebekah, and she'd say, "Daddy, daddy."

But when I come back, I'd lost about twenty-five pounds, and nearly all my hair was gone. I said, "Hi, sweetheart." She was scared; she cried. She was afraid of me. My own child afraid of me.

And mother tried to say, "Daddy," and she'd point to the picture. That was daddy, not this. That liked to kill me.

Finally I got her little legs, and pulled them around my stomach, and set down, and begin pat her, and tell her I was daddy, and I'd been out working for the Lord. And finally, she laid her little head over on my chest. She laid there a little while and she'd raise back up and look at that picture, then look at me again. Finally she'd making up her mind it was me, you know.

L-40 When her little sister was born, well, Becky is kind of a tall, thin, long-legged... And so they was waiting up one night for me to come home. And I got in kinda late. So then when I come home, why, they'd done went to bed.

And the next morning, I was so weary and tired, a lot of visions, and I'd sleep in. I couldn't sleep; I was too weary. And when I got up, come out in the room, why, set out there. First thing you know, Becky happened to wake up first. "Well, it's daylight. Daddy might be there." Here she come, them pajamas just a flying. And when she run, she...

Here comes Sarah, her little bitty sister, little bitty tot about like this, wearing Becky's hand-me-downs. I guess your children does that too. The feet about that much too long, you know, and here they was slamming them big feet coming through and her little, old brown eyes.

But Becky jumped right a straddle my knee, like this, and put her arms around me like this and said, "Sarah, my sister, I want you to know that I was here first. (That's the way some of the great denominational churches think they was there first. See, see, see?) And I've got all of daddy."

She was well-balanced; her feet was on the floor. She balanced herself up pretty good, said, "I've got all of daddy, and there's none left for you."

L-41 Poor little Sarah, she ducked that little head, them little brown eyes looked at me, colored up with tears, and started to turn around. And Becky was hugging her up close to me. I motioned to Sarah like this with my finger and stuck my other knee out. And here she come, them big pajama feet flying. She jumped right, straddled my lap like that. And I just reached over and got her with both arms and hugged her up real tight.

She laid there a little bit against my chest. And she looked over to Becky, and she said, "Rebekah, my sister." She said, "It may be true that you've got all of daddy, but I want you to know daddy's got all of me."

That's it. We may not have a lot of theology; and we may not know too much about how to split a molecule, or we're not very old. But one thing: just so Christ has got all of me. That's all I want. See? I

may not have all of Him. As long as He's got all of me, He will help me and balance me, until I grow a little older, I'm sure.

L-42 Now, in the blessed, old Word. Oh, I love the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God. Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away," said Jesus. Now... [\[Romans 10:17\]](#), [\[Luke 21:33\]](#), [\[Matthew 24:35\]](#), [\[Mark 13:31\]](#),

And straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Fear not, be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. [\[Matthew 14:27\]](#)

It must have been about the going down of the sun. It'd been a great day, rather warm. And the big fisherman, as we know, Simon, big, burly fellow, bald-headed, wide shoulders, pushing the boat off of the bank... And he finally got it--the stern pushed off, and climbed aboard himself, and shoved it out into the water and walked down along the rest of the seats, and took his place by the side of Andrew, his brother...

The people on the shore were waving good-bye, "God be with you until we meet again," and waving, and so happy because of the great meeting that day. As they started taking their oars with one accord, pulling together... That's the way you make the boat move is when you make the same stroke together.

L-43 That's what I stood in the breach with the Pentecostal brethren: when we could each stand by our oar and pull with the rest of them, the boat will move right on across. Our little bark will move across the sea of life, that we're sailing life's solemn main now. And that's what we need is cooperation, coordination, and pull together steadily. It'll certainly move the load.

And as they moved on out, oh, after the sun already turned red, going down, they got plumb out of the hearing distance of the last one waving, "Farewell."

L-44 And I believe, that it must have been young John (as he was the youngest among all of them)... Young John must've brushed back the shaggy hair from his eyes and said, "You know, I've been thinking since this afternoon. And, oh, how real the Bible is to me now. Did you notice Him, brethren, that look on His face when He took those biscuits, and broke them, and fed that five thousand? He looked to me like Jehovah standing there. And He broke those fishes and handed them out, and His... I got up close and looked and to see Him when He'd break that fish in two and hand it out. And when He reached back, there would be another piece of cooked fish on there, until thousands of pieces of fish come off of that piece of fish, already cooked. I seen Him when He broke that biscuit, hand it out, reached back and that biscuit was whole again, just kept handing it out. And seen Him take up all those baskets full of food."

You know, brethren, I can assure you," he must have said, "that we're not deceived. That Man has some contact with Jehovah, because my mother, when I was a little boy, used to read stories to me how Jehovah rained bread out of heaven and fed our people, our ancient people, when they crossed the desert. For forty years in the wilderness, God Jehovah fed them out of heaven, rained the bread, cooked on the ground with honey on it. Now, this Man does things like Jehovah did them." Amen. I like that.

[\[Matthew 14:20-27\]](#), [\[Luke 24:42\]](#)

L-45 He said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do."

They said, "Your--your Word is wrong. You testify of yourself."

He said, "Two is a witness. I am one witness and My Father that's with Me is the other Witness. He does the works." So He wasn't alone. The Father... He said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. But if I do the works of My Father, then if you can't believe Me, believe the works, because the works is My Father." [\[John 10:25, 37-38\]](#)

L-46 Now, we might say the same thing. If we... If you can't believe us as servants of Christ, believe the Holy Spirit that's with us doing the works of Christ. Believe Him. Now...

So he said, "That must have been some connection with Jehovah, because Jehovah performed a miracle and fed the people with bread when they were hungry. And our Lord, this afternoon, fed the people with bread and fish when they were hungry. It must've been something, some contact He has with Jehovah. And I'm satisfied, no matter what our church says, no matter what the Pharisees says, or the Sadducees, or any. I know that we are not deceived in this Man, because He does the works of God. The same kind of works that God did, He does them also."

I can hear the brethren across the ship say, "Amen, Brother John. That's just exactly right." [\[Matthew 14:17-27\]](#)

L-47 Now, it must've been Apostle Peter then which was kinda at the stern of the boat, the fisherman, as we call him... It must've been him that said, "Well..." He let up on his oar, setting by the side of Andrew. He said, "Well, I'll tell you what convinced me before this afternoon, John. Andrew went to see Him first, and he come telling me about a Galilean prophet; and I said, 'Oh, John, don't get carried away with a lot this nonsense that goes on in this day, 'cause you know there was several antichrist raised up before His coming. You knew that. The Bible said so, that they called away many.'" "But," he said, "what convinced me, I can remember..."

And all the brethren let up their oars, because it was just that little lull before dark and the haze around the side of the mountains, a beautiful time, all the birds flying over, going to their nests. God had fed them through the day, and they were gathering into the nests for the evening. [\[Matthew 14:17-27\]](#)

L-48 Oh, I'm so glad that God will gather His people at the evening time, aren't you? That's when the Bride's to be called. Did you know that? In the evening time, that's when Rebekah and Isaac met was in the evening time. [\[Genesis 24:10-15\]](#), [\[Zechariah 14:7\]](#)

And as the birds begin to gather in, the brethren let up on the pulling of the oar. And when they did, Simon said, "Andrew kept telling me, 'Come on, Simon. Go up and see this Galilean prophet. He will make you believe in God.' Oh, I told Andrew, 'Andrew, you must've got carried off on the deep end. There's no such a thing as a prophet in our days.' 'But there is.' he said, 'There is. You should come.' One day he persuaded me to go. So finally I went up, and I remember what my father told me. Now, my father was a strict Pharisee, very strict in our religion. And he taught me well in the Bible."

"And I can remember the lesson, one day, setting on an old log, or the end of the ship after we'd pulled all day. And he was getting old and gray. And he took me in his lap. And I was just a lad. And he said, 'Simon, my boy, your father has raised you to believe in God. I've tried to live the strict life of our religion, a Pharisee. And I want you to come up to serve God and believe Him. I've waited all my days, Simon, my son, to see the Messiah come. I know what He will look like. I know what He will be when He comes. And I see... I don't believe I'm going to be able to see Him.'" [\[Matthew 14:17-27\]](#)

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