

this morning
as many of you may know pastor ponch is
not with us this morning and we have a
wonderful friend
of this ministry he has spoken before at
our marriage retreats he'll be speaking
at our conference how about a warm the
arc montebello
welcome for pastor rob hubbard
say hello to somebody and then have a
seat would you do that okay say no say
hello somebody right next to you awesome
awesome
well good morning to all of you
and uh
i can't drop that that's my free lunch
man look at that
man thank you
yeah we can't be dropping free lunch you
know what i mean huh
free tacos so i need to dispel something
because uh
i had heard that it was a talk that was
going on before i came up i am in no
way related to l ron hubbard okay in
case you guys were wondering okay i get
his mail but i've never gotten a check
from him yet so okay just so you guys
know that and uh so yes and and you know
what i'm i'm tripping because
you know what you guys i've especially
first of all there's not so many this
service
but i saw
you know uh well there's a there's a
charger jersey right here and that hurts
me because i'm from san diego okay
so they're the the the levers of san
diego right but i saw the rams i saw
a bunch of uh
charger shirts and first service i saw
uh raiders
whatever okay
right
and but yet you guys all sit together
and there was no brawl in the parking
lot or nothing that's and so that shows

jesus is in the house then right okay
yeah
so that's a good thing
so before we begin i want to share with
you uh this today is what is called
bless our schools sunday
so it begins today but and we're doing
this in our church i'm my i'm from
ramona down in the san diego area and we
are doing it at our church also so
it's a global thing where you know
they're praying for the schools praying
for the kids praying for the uh the
boards and you know we we are blessed we
have two very conservative people on our
school board
and they are i mean he literally bob
told me he goes rob i've got my fingers
in the holes just trying to keep it the
flood from coming into the district
because they're wanting to bring all
this weird stuff the crt and all of that
stuff you guys know and so literally we
are putting our kids in babylon but yet
it's you know remember there was
hananiah michelle azariah daniel also
known as shadrach meshach and abednego
they they went into babylon and they
made a difference in babylon amen you
guys and so let's pray for our kids for
you because i think there's probably
many uh school representatives here you
know many districts represented here and
so let's pray for these guys shall we
lord jesus we we lift up first and
foremost all of our kids that are in
these various districts
lord we um
whether they are
in the public school or christian
schools christian schools can be just as
difficult
as as a public school system for some of
our kids for some of the kids that maybe
even homeschooled or in
other forms of schools
lord we lift them up to you and we pray

lord for the ones that are the
christians that you lord would give them
power and ability and anointing and
boldness
and lord
protect them watch over them shield them
and we pray lord for the teachers
especially the christian teachers that
are in the districts that are in the
systems
that they would also be bold and
courageous that they would take their
stands
we pray lord for any that might be on
the board of directors and the school
boards that are that are believers lord
help them to take their stand also
and i know god that ultimately you are
in control and so lord watch over our
kids as we send them into babylon as you
watched over hananiah michelle azariah
daniel and the others
so lord bless our kids bless these
schools and lord let revival begin
in the public school system in jesus
name amen amen you guys okay
cool
well
i am here i am here hopefully just to
hang out with you guys it's always a pr
privilege it's always a blessing to come
here and hang out with you guys you know
mari and i always feel welcome when we
come here with you and so thank you for
allowing us to be here and so i need to
ask
some questions i want to find out where
you guys are at now you don't have to
raise your hands okay because i don't
want you to be embarrassed
but
you can nod your head at me okay so let
me see you guys nod your head let me see
if i want to see what it looks like if
you guys do that okay very good okay so
now let me ask you some questions okay
have you ever been sad

let me see if you've been sad okay ever
been depressed
okay some of you are really getting into
this when i said depressed you went oh
yeah yeah
you don't know my life dude okay
so
let me ask you this ever had your heart
broken
mm-hmm
maybe ever been in one of those funks
where you get so
fear overwhelms you so much
that you feel a knot in your stomach
where you think how do i get rid of this
yes okay so you guys have been there now
i can tell you it can happen for many
different reasons it can happen for all
different kinds of reasons it is
connected to this thing that we call
human emotions that god gave to us
and yet i think it is often caused by
our circumstances the circumstances that
we find ourselves in or maybe illness
physical illness can cause us to sink
into these kind of things i know even
physical pain
i was talking to a brother in first
service who just had back surgery and so
physical pain i lived with it for seven
years i know what it's about and i know
how that can drive you down you know it
can create that in your life maybe even
have you ever been rejected by someone
you thought was your friend
that hurts nobody likes rejection we
will run from that at any cost right
so even finances
relationships sometimes it can happen
with our own spouse that can create that
so even raising children
can i get an amen for that one let's say
teenagers because that's really when
they start to fall apart right okay when
they're owned but they're not teenagers
they're your friends right so it's
amazing right and and so you know i mean

even in our current culture the fear of
the future
is really freaking people out and this
list can go on and on and on i'm just
giving you a few that i've been through
personally right and so i i want you to
know
i've been there
also i've been in that place and you can
ask my wife i'm a glass half full guy
i'm the guy that everyone says oh you
know you see the world through
rose-colored glasses yep that's me you
know and yet i also know that i've taken
some dips
i've sunk into the funk if you will and
and and you know so i know what it means
and so i think that it's crazy that some
people think that pastors are immune
from that not true gang not true
your pastor
i you know i've known pancho and millie
for i don't know 25 years or so and we
are not immune to these kind of things i
think all of us at one time or another
have been there right
and i can tell you right now honestly
this whole covered madness
has got people all messed up
people that are not normally in funks
are in a funk because of this whole
covet thing and so while we're on that
let me just tell you guys something here
while i'm here with you as my brothers
and my sisters listen i can tell you
this thing is satanic to the core
why because it is creating fear and he's
trying to divide the body of christ
and and i want to tell you something
don't you
i stand here as one of you as calvary
chaplain montebello we're not going to
let that divide us here amen you guys
not here so so here's the thing
you know right now he's trying to say
well you know get the vaccine don't get
the vaccine you do what you feel is best

but we're not going to divide over that
either here okay you guys that's not
going to divide calvary chapel
montebello amen you guys
you know you guys we're going to love
each other we're going to respect each
other and and and and we're going to
disagree and we're going to do it
agreeably and we're going to be okay
with that okay they're not nobody
satan's not dividing us amen you guys
so

i do know that it is one of those things
that can cause us to get into these
crazy places right and so sometimes for
me it was a knock-down drag out battle
just to get out of it
and maybe you've experienced that also
so i know you're thinking are you ever
going to encourage us today rob i mean
is this going to be we're just going to
talk about depression you know no stick
with me i promise you i i believe the
lord sent me here to encourage you guys
okay so i believe that's why i'm here
so

i want you to know that you are not
alone i'm thankful that in your bibles
that you have hopefully in your laps
there are many people that god has given
us there are many in the bible that have
gone through the things that we've gone
through
they have they're
written for us to look at to learn from
them to see how they dealt with things
like this and so i'm gonna share a few
examples with you guys okay and then i'm
gonna give you a personal one so do me a
favor and turn with me to deuteronomy
chapter three
deuteronomy chapter 3. so that's on the
left side of your bible typically it's
the clean side of your bible
right
and so in deuteronomy chapter 3 i want
you to imagine and and listen i love

listen can you guys hear that
do you hear pages turning isn't that a
beautiful sound
i can tell you uh i i'm thankful that
pancho and myself that's one thing man
we agree on we're not going to put it
all up on the screen for you guys you
know there are churches that people walk
in without their bibles isn't that sad
and uh not here and and i like that and
even if you're cheating and using a
digital version would you turn the sound
on so that we can hear the page digital
page turning okay at least that okay
so so here's the deal imagine if you
will
to think about this joshua
just finds out moses is going to die
and you are going to be the guy taking
over for where moses leaves off
think about that for just a matter
imagine having to fill those sandals
if if you will
imagine that right thinking about this
moses who led two to three million
people out of egypt
moses who ten miraculous signs in front
of the jews and the egyptians and
finally he's leading them out
he gets to the red sea
god tells him hold that walking stick
over the red sea the sea parts you're
joshua you're watching this going wow
that's amazing
you get onto the other side in the saudi
arabian side and all of a sudden they
run out of water there's the pools of
mara they call it the bitter waters of
mar what it what it really means is it
was polluted water and moses is the guy
that gets to make it drinkable again for
two to three million people then they
run out of food moses god speaks to him
he says i'm gonna rain down manna
there's gonna be bread for everybody
there's gonna be quail god provides
through moses and your joshua going

that's amazing
and then they run out of water and you
guys holly weird doesn't do it justice
but think about this mooses it says he
strikes the rock most people think he
just goes up to some big boulder and
hits a boulder he hit mount
sinai and out of mount sinai came the
colorado river
to imagine that's how much water it's
going to take for two to three million
people
and joshua watching to go wow
that's amazing and now all of a sudden
mooses says you're the guy taking over
after me
and you're thinking what
ain't no way
i mean i think
joshua went into this funk he says
you're not gonna you're gonna be the guy
that's going to take over for me joshua
started questioning his own abilities
who am i i've never done anything like
this i i'm just the assistant here
and he went into a freakout mode so
meanwhile god is having a conversation
with mooses
mooses is saying
god is there any you know remote chant
let me cross over let me go over into
the promised land come on
and god has to tell mooses literally he
says you're not going in that's the end
of it bring it up no more he has to kind
of slap his hands but then he says oh
and by the way i do have one thing you
do need to do you need to go encourage
joshua that's where we pick it up in
this particular section notice that it
says in deuteronomy 3 verse 28
so he says but
go command joshua
and
what word do you see
encourage him and what else
strengthen him for he shall go over

before this people and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see now i don't know we don't have it written what moses said so i'm i'm probably of the mindset that it wasn't very good you just got told no you're not going in now you go encourage the guy that's going to lead him in right so he probably didn't do a very good job at it and i'll tell you why is because when we look at what happens and see think about this do you need to encourage someone if they don't need it no you have to encourage someone who's discouraged

so you have to strengthen someone who's feeling weak makes sense so god saw this in his

guy joshua he says moses he needs to be encouraged he needs to be built up and i want you to go do it he didn't do a very good job turn to the right and your bibles to the book of joshua i'll show you what what happens because it's in this section that we're going to see something but you know what

tell me when you guys get there are you there joshua chapter 1.

let's pray lord jesus as we are now opening up your word may you speak to us may you illuminate your word for us may you help us lord to understand the things that you have for us today may you

lord by your comforting spirit lead and direct us into your truth

in jesus name amen

so look what it says joshua chapter 1 verse 5

god steps in

and encourages joshua so obviously moses didn't do a very good job because god has to do it look what he says

no man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life as i was with

moses

so i will be with you i will not leave
you nor forsake you be strong and of
good courage remember those words he
repeats it

for to this people you shall divide as
an inheritance the land which i swore to
their fathers to give to them only be
strong and very courageous that you may
observe to do according to the law all
the law which moses my servant commanded
you

do not turn from it to the right hand or
to the left i don't want right wing or
left wingers i want somebody that's on
the center okay that you may prosper
wherever you go

this book of the law shall not depart
from your mouth but you shall meditate
in it day and night that you may observe
to do according to all that is written
in it for then

you will make your way prosperous then
you will have good success have i not
commanded you be strong and of good
courage do not be afraid
nor be dismayed for the lord your god is
with you wherever you go

so

joshua needed encouragement he sends
moses to do it moses

obviously may not have done that good of
a job and so god steps in and says i'll
take care of it

and he encourages him and we know the
story joshua takes him in and he becomes
the leader that that he was supposed to
be think about this other guy king david
now king david is another guy he
literally records for us in the psalms
many of his deep dark places when he
sinks into the funk

think about it he even writes it down
for us but what's amazing about david is
he talks to himself

have you ever talked to yourself
have you ever answered yourself

whoa i heard some yeses so listen
the counseling department will be open
after the service
well you know what david does
he records the conversations that he's
having with himself
and that's what many of the psalms are
all about is david writing things where
he's talking to himself and how he's
talking back to himself and so
amazing write these down there next to
joshua chapter one or you can write it
on you know whatever if you have
something you write or not psalm 42
and verse 5 it reads this
why are you cast down literally that
could be translated from the hebrew why
are you discouraged
he was discouraged o my soul and why are
you disquieted why are you so sad
hope in god for i shall yet praise him
for the help of his countenance
continuing on chapter 42 and verse 11
why are you cast down he repeats it o my
soul and why are you disquieted within
me hope in god for i shall yet praise
him the help of my accountants my god in
psalm 43 he repeats it i'll give it to
you the new living why am i discouraged
why is my heart so sad i will put my
hope in god i will praise him again my
savior my god so in other words david is
saying david
why are you so upset why are you so
bummed out rob why are you so
discouraged you should be encouraged you
put yourself put your hope in god he's
literally talking to himself answering
himself and then he writes it down i
think david's going to be in some for
little corner of heaven you'll see the
guy talking to himself that's probably
king david right
there are times that even david
got into such a funk
that he literally spoke it in front of
people and god had to send people to him

also

listen to this one in second samuel chapter 18 listen to the words that he says now understandably this is after the death of his son absalom but he speaks these words in front of people

and he's walking away and it says in verse 33 of second samuel 18 then the king was deeply moved and he went up to the chamber over the gate and he wept and as he went

he spoke these words oh my son absalom my son my son absalom if only i had died in your place o absalom my son my son so

people heard it

people were bummed out his depression his sadness affected others is that possible you better believe it is

and so joab comes to david and he speaks to him and listen to what he says in chapter 19 verse 7 he says david you arise and you go out and you speak comfort to your servants david you in your discouragement you just discouraged a bunch of people

you go out there and you talk to them for i swear by the lord if you do not go out not one of them will stay with us this night

and then that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now david i understand you're bummed out you need to suck it up and you need to go out there and encourage those people and that encouraged david also amazing think about elijah there's another guy elijah is an interesting one you know elijah got so discouraged that he had what we might call a panic attack if you've ever had a panic attack you know what it is so just after elijah has this huge victory over the pagan prophets of baal

on

on mount carmel for any of you that have
been to israel are you seeing it in your
head right now are you are you looking
down on the valley of megiddo it's
amazing right when you've been there how
the bible opens up and so here he has
this huge victory 450
prophets he takes him and he kills them
and god does this display of power and
he brings down this lightning bolt
consumes the sacrifice and elijah's
sitting there going yeah i told you he
would and you know but even before that
the 450 prophets of all they said you
just see what your god can do put your
sacrifice out and let's check it out
and so they start dancing around they
start cutting see cutting's not anything
new they were doing it back then it's
part of a pagan culture in that wild and
so here they are and elijah starts to
harass them
hey yell louder maybe your god's in a
different room and he can't hear you
you know the old remember some of you
that are maybe familiar who got saved in
the 70s the living bible remember that
one it says that he even said yell
louder maybe your god's in the bathroom
right and so he's taunting him then all
of a sudden he says step aside watch
what happens
lightning flashes and a bolt hits it and
elijah says grab those guys and then
something happens
there was this
couple
named ahab
and jezebel
evil evil dark
people they come from washington d.c
actually they aren't there it's it's
their descendants are there right so you
get the picture
so here
they
jezebel hears about it and she says you

tell elijah
that what he's done to my prophets i'm
gonna do to him
elijah has a panic attack he freaks out
he starts running
he runs he runs he runs out of gas
literally he falls asleep an angel comes
and encourages him gives him something
to eat he says
and he doesn't chew him out he says
you're not done running yet so you
better eat some more he runs all the way
to mount sinai and hides in a cave
and then god comes and speaks to him
elijah what are you doing here what are
you doing
why are you running
and he says i'm all i'm the only one
that's left because you're not the only
one that's left if you would have asked
me i'd have told you i got a bunch of
guys back there but here's your
instructions you're going to go anoint
elisha and jehu and he gives all these
instructions elijah gets encouraged by
god himself by an angel then by god and
he goes back and he does his job think
about let's move to the new testament
what about peter you know peter failed
jesus miserably three times denies him
even though jesus had already told peter
you're going to deny me
you guys think about that for just a
moment you ever have something that some
something that is bad that has happened
to you
and then there's always something
especially for some of those really
difficult moments where there's a
reminder of it
so remember what jesus said he said
before the rooster crows in the morning
you will have already denied me three
times
jesus is being brought up out of the
house of caiaphas peter is sitting there
warming himself with the fire jesus sees

peter peter sees jesus and the rooster
crows

now listen in israel chickens run around
all over the place can you imagine for
the rest of peter's life what he thought
of when he heard the rooster crow

wow

every morning when he heard it it came
back to his head so jesus knew peter was
down he knew he was in a funk and so he
says tell peter i want to meet with him
he meets with peter and then he says
peter i'm not done with you yet do you
love me yes lord you know i like you a
lot

tend my sheep feed my lamb peter i'm not
done with you i jesus himself encouraged
peter to keep moving forward amazing
right

so these things are

mentioned in the bible and there's a
common theme are you catching the theme
that we're talking about here a theme
that is rolling through so now do me a
favor i want to show you one of my
favorite ones jeremiah chapter 38. so
turn in your bibles to the book of
jeremiah

in chapter 38 and let me show you
something okay

talk about a guy that knew what it was
like to be discouraged

imagine this for just a moment

elijah amazing guy faithful as you can
ever be

listen

40

years he preaches the messages that god
gives him 40 years

no one listens

no one repents

no one follows

talk about a guy that would be
discouraged right and in this what does
he get for all of his faithfulness he
gets beat up he gets threatened he gets
imprisoned he gets his privileges taken

away so here's this poor guy
jeremiah who's just trying to do what
god is telling him to do just trying to
be faithful and his reward is
jail
prison threatened
talk about a bummer right so
on this occasion where you are turning
in chapter 38 jeremiah gets thrown
into a cistern a cistern is a place
where they would keep water there's no
water in it because the king is using it
as a place of a dungeon to put his
prisoners but there was water in it so
what's at the bottom of this cistern is
a bunch of mud
so jeremiah gets put into this place has
thick mud in it he starts to sink down i
think it would be fair for us to say
jeremiah sunk deep into a pit physically
emotionally literally and probably even
spiritually and so
but i want you to remember this
no matter what pit you might think
you're in
no matter what one is here
our heavenly dad knows what's going on
he knows where each one of his kids are
at he's watching and he's always going
to take care of it and he knows where
jeremiah is at and so that's where we
pick it up so look what it says in verse
6 chapter 38 of jeremiah verse 6. so
they took jeremiah and they cast him
into the dungeon of malcayas the king's
son
which is in the court of the prison
and they let jeremiah down with ropes
and in the dungeon there was no water
but mire mud
and jeremiah sank in the mire or in the
mud
now
ebed melech the ethiopian one of the
eunuchs who was in the king's house
heard that they had put jeremiah in the
dungeon

when the king was sitting at the gate of benjamin verse 8 ebed malek went out of the king's house and spoke to the king saying my lord the king these men have done evil in all that they have done to jeremiah the prophet whom they have cast into the dungeon and he is likely to die from hunger in that place where he is there is no more bread in the city

so then the king commanded ebed milik the ethiopian and he said take from here 30 men with you and lift jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies

so ebed malek took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury and took from their old clothes and old rags and he let them down by ropes into the dungeon to jeremiah then ebed malek the ethiopian said to jeremiah jeremiah put these old clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes and jeremiah did so and so they pulled jeremiah up with the ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon and jeremiah remained in the court of the prison

so here we have a story of jeremiah literally in a physical location a physical pit a literal pit but also probably a figurative one because can you imagine your sink you're dropped down you're thinking

i've done nothing wrong here and you sink into the mud and it's dark and you can't see anybody and your heart sinks also he's been there just like you and i have been there and what's amazing you guys is that god stirs the heart of a nobody his name ebed malik his name means servant of the king

so he was a servant of the king but he was also a servant of the king of kings

god puts it on ebed melech's heart
listen you go over there
jeremiah needs to be encouraged he's in
a pit and i need you to go pull him out
and so he goes against political
correctness he goes against all of the
even risking his own life to go and
speak to the king
and the king says go ahead go get him
out and so you can imagine can you
imagine you're jeremiah thinking this is
crazy i'm gonna die in this place i'm
never getting out of this place i mean
he was in a funk
and then out of nowhere jeremiah
what we're going to drop a rope down who
is it
e bed malik
who's he bet mielek
just grab the robe
and he pulls him up out you know what
ebed milk gets rewarded by the way
when babylon comes and conquers the
southern kingdom of judah he is spared
by this
so amazing can you imagine how jeremiah
must have been encouraging when he heard
that voice when all of a sudden he sees
i'm getting out of this place and
there's somebody that cared enough about
me to come and rescue me from this place
so again a common theme each person and
there are many more you guys you could
go now that you're aware of it you're
going to start seeing them in your bible
as you read your bible
but there are many many more that got
into this funk they get into a pit right
they sank they knew the human emotion
of discouragement they knew what it was
like to be sad or that gut-wrenching
heartache that some of us have
experienced also they experienced
rejection and it hurt they knew what it
was like to experience the same things
that you and i experienced being
hopeless helpless they know what it

feels like guys
but in each one of these situations i
said earlier our father our dad in
heaven looks down he says i know where
you are i got you
i'm not going to let you sink i'm going
to come and get you and amazingly enough
he sends ibed malik so let me tell you a
personal story now if i may okay share
with you something personal
about a time when i sank into a pit one
of my pit uh times if you will
and i can tell you honestly god did not
send mooses
he did not send an angel
he did not send he didn't i never heard
his voice
i've never heard the voice of god but
maybe some of you have but i can tell
you he used his word
to bring encouragement
but if you're gonna if you're
discouraged and you want god to speak to
you then that means you have to open the
book and you've got to read and i
encourage you the psalms are a great
place they're a great source of
encouragement when you're feeling
discouraged
but on this one occasion i can tell you
that god sent me many ebed meleks many
servants of the king
so it all started when i many years ago
i had to have a crazy surgery i had this
crazy disease called ulcerative colitis
many of you guys if you've been around
for more than 13 years you guys prayed
for me and um so
on this occasion i had this surgery it
was painful it was difficult i lost 32
pounds in two weeks i do not recommend
that diet okay
and uh i had to have an ng to put in
your nose that goes down in your stomach
anybody having an ng tube anybody ever
have one of those so you guys that is
the worst it was worse than the surgery

itself man okay
so i'll be honest with you you asked my
wife she watched me going
she watched me
being lowered into the mire
and i started to sink because of
physical pain my eyes got blurry from
all the medication i couldn't read
so i couldn't read the psalms so i
started to sink having that ng tube i
did not like that at all they call it a
nasal gastric tube i call it not good
okay not good
15 days in the hospital and i can tell
you my feet went into the mud but i can
also tell you my dad in heaven knew
exactly where i was at and he knew what
i needed amen you guys amen okay yeah
so he sent several e-bed millicks the
first one was my wife i said
i i told you he didn't send an angel he
sent me one that looks like one.
you can do it oh
cause she's here you can say oh right
so
[Laughter]
so first one my wife knows me better
than anybody she saw me sinking
and so she was trying to encourage me
rob you know you're this is only a short
time you're going to get through this
you're going to get through this well
she was pulling me up but then she
realized i don't have enough strength i
need more help so she ratted me out to
one of the nurses that was there
one of the male nurses she told them my
husband's starting to sink he needs
encouragement now this guy i don't even
think was a believer
but he came in to me and a male nurse i
mean he comes in and he goes what are
you doing in that bed dude
and i said i don't feel like getting up
and he goes you get out of that bed your
that bed is an enemy you want to get out
of the hospital get out of that bed and

you start walking if you want to go home
you get up and get out of there you know
and he goes when you come back in here
you don't lay down you sit down and i
mean

but you know what i needed that
i needed it right so he was e-bed milk
for me right

and and it was amazing my wife reminded
me also of another one because it was
pretty crazy the church came down to the
hospital i couldn't go outside but they
came down a bunch of were in the parking
lot they were holding up signs we love
you rob all this stuff and and
i had a whole congregation of ebed melix
on that night amazing

and then uh i can tell you we have a guy
at the doctor that goes to our church he
lives on the east coast but he had a
house on the on in ramona also
and he was a colorectal surgeon did
surgeries like i had had and out of the
blue his wife pat says call and check up
on pastor rob because they come to
calvary and ramona when they're there
and so

they call my wife's phone mari says hey
hi dr dave hi and i'm going
and she goes yes he's right here
so she hands me the phone and ibed
millik starts talking to me and he says
rob how you doing i said i'm not doing
too good dave and he says i and i told
him i hate this ng tube i'm i'm losing
my mind in this place and he goes oh
you're getting cabin fever and he says
but you

of all people should know
how to get out of this
you probably have encouraged other
people how to stay strong in the lord
you of all people should know how to get
out of this little place that you're in
it was like a knife in the chest but he
was right
i have encouraged many other people in

my

position so it was time for me to do
what i've told other people to do right
and so i needed him as ebed milik right
and and and then there was this other
one

so i get out of the hospital i was it
was several weeks of recovery had a gut
full of staples and ibed milk from
montebello calls

name is pancho malek and ebed milly
and they called and said rob how are you
doing and i said not good he goes you're
not teaching no i'm taking a break i got
to take a break and and he says well
millie and i are coming down we're going
to do a thursday night

for you we do our midweek on thursday
night and you could hear millie in the
background and don't try to pay us we
won't take any money from you and punch
is going

i could hear it you know

hey

and they came down and your pastor and
his wife came and encouraged they were
ebed milk to me also

so it was an amazing ride it was an
amazing time many different ones that
came along and so i guess i want to ask
you a question

are you an e-bed melee

are you one

maybe are you a servant of the king
do you want to be a servant of the king
that's my question right

so i am a guy i don't believe that god
wastes anything any experience my
experience i've helped others walk
through the same thing

are you an ebed melee what have you been
through something difficult are you
going through something different he
doesn't waste anything do you know that
in fact in psalm 56 8 did you know that
every tear that you've ever cried
god saved it up did you know that

it tells us in psalm 56 verse 8 it says
you keep track of all my sorrows you
have collected all my tears in your
bottle you've recorded each one in your
book i believe there's two reasons that
he saves our teardrops
number one
in case you ever you know if you die and
you get scattered your your ashes get
scattered into the sea and you're
thinking
how's god gonna put that back together
at the rapture he's got your dna in the
bottle it's already taken care of okay
number one number two i believe that he
takes those tears and he pours it out
for others that need an ebed milk if
you're willing to do that
he'll use your tears to encourage
somebody else
even jesus experienced it did you know
that
even jesus listened to these words from
matthew in matthew 26 then jesus came to
them on his final night at the mount of
olives he came to them to the place
called gethsemane and he said to the
disciples sit here
while i go over there and pray now
listen to these he took with him peter
and the two sons of zebedee and he began
to be sorrowful
and deeply distressed
and he said to them my soul is
exceedingly sorrowful even to death stay
here and watch with me
after he goes through this difficult
trial that he was in luke tells us this
in luke 22 he said where jesus says
father if it is your will take this cup
from me nevertheless not my will but
your will be done listen then an angel
appeared from heaven to strengthen him
even jesus needed someone in his
humanity to come and strengthen him
so i want to encourage you guys
remember a couple of things number one

jesus is in the boat with you
and he's going to get you to the other
side never forget that okay never forget
that
and when he has pulled you out of the
pit
whoever he may use to do that when he
pulls you out of that pit let god use
you to go pull other people out you
become an ebed melek he will show them
to you he'll show you where they are if
you have eyes that see
if god puts someone on your heart you
reach out to them
call them up
go over and see them you know if you
pray for them
send them a text i encourage you send
them the word of god because it's living
and powerful and sharper than a
two-edged sword
this is what encourages people in an
amazing way but he wants to use you ibed
melech to do that amen you guys okay
so if you know someone and if god put
somebody on your heart you call them
give them a word
share a verse with them so i have time
i'm going to show you one okay can i
tell you guys something real quick i had
an e-bed melech so when i first was told
my doctor told me i'd been battling this
disease for seven years right and my
doctor pulls me into his office i was i
was by myself and he says rob it is time
for us to do a surgery he goes if you
don't he goes you need to let me take
your colon if you don't do that you are
a colon cancer patient just waiting to
happen not a matter of if it's a matter
of when and he says plus the drugs
you're on are going to kill you
so i came home thinking
i'm not going to live long i'm going to
die young i'm never going to get to see
a grandchild i'm never going to get to
you know experience handing my daughter

away in marriage which i would don't
know if that was a good thing or not but
you get the picture right and uh
so i started to sink i didn't tell
anybody what was going on inside of me
it was a wrestling match just me and the
lord didn't tell my wife
go to church on that sunday a lady who
has gone on to be with the lord her name
was carol
she the lord put something on her heart
i've saved it he puts it on her heart
and he goes go give this to pastor rob
she chickened out
so she comes and she gives it to my wife
we get home
and i'm carrying this trying to figure
how do i tell my wife what's going on
inside
and she goes oh by the way carol gave
this to give
to me to give to you
and so i opened it up and here's what it
says pastor rob
god says
to sit in the middle of psalm 91 and
munch on it this is the way she spoke
especially verses 14 and 16. can i read
verse 14 and 16 to you
it says this because he has set his love
upon me
therefore i will deliver him i will set
him on high because he has known my name
he shall call upon me and i will answer
him and i will be with him in time in
times of trouble i will deliver him and
honor him listen
with long life i will satisfy him and
show him my salvation
ebed malik
gave me the word
and that was amazing right yeah you can
apply for that one right so
psalm 91 became an obvious that was 13
years ago i'm still alive
this is me it is really me right not a
digital me okay just so you know that

okay

and um

so listen today if you are in a pit
if you feel you're like your feet are in
the pit they're sunk in the in the mud
don't give up

do not give up sometimes we just have to
hold on to god's truth we hold on to his
word and you know what i want to
encourage you to do remind yourself of
how good and how faithful he has been in
the past for you

look back

and see he's never let you down never
once and he's not going to let you down
today

and he's not going to let you down
tomorrow i want to encourage you stay in
your bible keep the book open it's how
god speaks to you turn to the psalms let
him speak to you from the psalms because
that's one of the ways that he speaks to
us and i want to tell you also sing
songs of praise

you know there's something happening is
in the realm of the spirit when you
start singing even and you know have you
ever wondered a sacrifice of praise how
is that a sacrifice when you don't feel
like doing it it's a sacrifice and when
you don't feel like it you do it satan
trembles

and he will leave you alone let me tell
you that right now and i want to tell
you give you some simple things to find
a place to serve

because giving yourself away to others
gets your eyes off of yourself amen you
guys does that make sense stay in
fellowship get your sleep go outside
exercise and please please if you
haven't heard anything else that i've
said today limit how much news you are
watching

okay

limit the news you're watching
it is propaganda

it is propaganda hitler and his team
would be proud of the propaganda that's
coming out in our news station and
listen and when god sends you an e-bed
melech and when he sends that one to you
do me a favor listen to him listen to
her because they love you and they're
they are a servant of the king coming to
minister to you amen you guys all right
pray with me would you
lord we thank you for your truth we
thank you for your word lord
and i thank you god that you are the
encourager of all encouragers thank you
lord that you know right where we are
so i pray lord for those that are here
today
that you are calling them to be an ebed
milk you are prompting them to reach out
to someone give them boldness lord give
them strength to do so
i pray for those who feel like they're
sunk in the mud
for those that are here today that feel
like they're in that dark pit and they
don't know how to get out
may they trust you lord may they look up
and see as you're going to send them an
e-bed melech to them
and let them be willing to reach out and
to grab the rope and so lord thank you
for this gang here bless them send them
out as an army of e-bed milix out into
this crazy world that needs to be just
it needs to be encouraged because
they're so discouraged
in jesus name amen amen you guys amen
would you stand up with us please and
listen if you need someone to pray with
you the prayer team will be up here in
the front if you would like someone to
pray with you they're going to be up
here they're going to be waiting for you
but now one way that you can rock the
pit is by singing praise amen so let's
let's sing with these guys shall we
thank you guys god bless you!