

This is He - Pastor Wendell Raulerson

Unlocked Men's Conference

Theme

The sermon emphasizes the importance of unlocking one's spiritual potential through faith, service, and reliance on God's word. Listeners are encouraged to trust in God's anointing and guidance.

Takeaways

1. Family should be prioritized above ministry work; presence and involvement at home are essential.
2. Integrity, responsibility, and obedience are foundational to Christian life and leadership.
3. The authority of the Bible supersedes personal experience or cultural trends.
4. Repentance and understanding God's constant love are necessary for healing from loss.
5. Leadership often requires going against the crowd and maintaining unwavering faith.
6. Unlocking spiritual potential involves faithfulness in small things, private worship, and persistent prayer.
7. The story of David and Goliath illustrates faith over resources and the power of God's anointing.
8. Satan's role as accuser is explained through biblical and legal analogies.
9. Obedience to earthly authority prepares individuals for greater spiritual purposes.

Highlights

- "You don't tell the Bible what it says. It tells you what it says."
- "The very one that never left you was God himself."
- "If we're going to be men and we're going to walk this thing in integrity, we've got to repent."
- "If the crowd is moving this way, I got newsflash; It's probably not God."
- "It's the word of God that gives your life meaning."

- "If you can't clean a toilet, don't come to tell me about how anointed you are."
- "There are times that you're going to be in those caves by yourself. And you better know for sure that you know God."
- "If you put your confidence in me, if you put your trust in me, I'm going to change your value."-- 《Psalms 34:8》
- "The underdog is called the underdog because the underdog has less resources. The underdog has less experience."
- "You are that seed. God wants to sow you into good soil so that that shell can be cracked, unlocked because in you is life."
- "Don't get caught up in this foolishness about how anointed you are and letting your family go to hell. Don't you do it. Period."
- "All the devil has ever wanted is to worship. That's how he lost heaven."
- "If you don't know truth, you don't know that you're even bound."
- "All I need you to do is obey me. That's all I need you to do."
- "There is nothing greater on earth than the anointing of God."
- "He served before he was ever called into kingship."
- "The blood is the power."
- "The God of all creations can wrap his arms around you right now in the loss of your mother."

Chapters & Topics

1. The Authority and Interpretation of the Bible

The Bible is true and should be allowed to speak for itself. Personal experiences or preconceived notions should not override the authority of scripture. Revelation from scripture can change over time as one matures spiritually.

- The Bible is true and authoritative.
- Let the Bible 'read out'—do not impose your own meaning.
- Revelation from scripture can deepen over time.
- Personal experience does not override scripture.

2. Understanding Suffering and Loss

God does not take loved ones away; sickness, disease, and the devil are responsible for loss. Blaming God leads to spiritual stagnation and generational patterns of anger towards God. Repentance and understanding God's constant love are necessary for healing.

- God does not cause the loss of loved ones.
- Blaming God for loss leads to spiritual disengagement.
- Repentance is necessary if one has been angry at God.
- God's love is constant, even in grief.

3. Integrity and Responsibility in Christian Life

Men are called to walk in integrity, stop making excuses for sin, and be responsible in their actions. Trust and confide in one's spouse, and heed both spiritual and practical guidance. Integrity means doing what is right without supervision.

- Men must walk in integrity and stop making excuses for sin.
- Trust and confide in your spouse.
- Integrity is demonstrated by responsibility and self-discipline.
- Obedience to God should be immediate and unquestioning.

4. Avoiding Negative Influences and Following God

Do not follow the crowd, especially when it goes against God's direction. Leadership requires going against the stream and maintaining integrity. There is no gray area in serving God—one is either for or against Him.

- Do not follow the crowd if it goes against God's word.
- Leadership means going against the stream.
- There is no gray area in serving God.
- Church hurt should not be an excuse to turn from God.

5. The Primacy of God's Word Over Personal Experience

God's word existed before and after individual lives. Personal experiences are insignificant without the word of God. Testimonies should focus on God's deliverance, not glorifying past sins.

- God's word gives life meaning, not the other way around.
- Personal experience is not a substitute for scripture.
- Testimonies should highlight God's deliverance, not sin.

6. Ten Keys to Unlocking Ministry (Lessons from David)

David's life provides ten keys to unlocking ministry: private anointing, faithfulness in small things, cultivating worship, serving before ruling, winning private battles, showing courage and faith, maintaining integrity, building loyalty and leadership in adversity, learning to inquire of the Lord, and persistent prayer. David unlocked his ministry through anointing, servanthood, worship, warfare, integrity, and obedience.

- Anointing comes in private.
- Be faithful in small things.
- Cultivate private worship.

- Serve before leading.
- Win private battles before public ones.
- Show courage and faith.
- Maintain integrity.
- Build loyalty and leadership in adversity.
- Learn to inquire of the Lord.
- Persistent prayer is essential.
- David's ministry was unlocked through anointing, servanthood, worship, warfare, integrity, and obedience.

7. Loneliness and Support in Ministry

Ministry can be lonely, especially in times of adversity. Building relationships with those who support and encourage you is vital. Ultimately, reliance on God is essential, as even close friends may not always be present.

- Ministry often involves periods of loneliness.
- Supportive relationships are important, but God is the ultimate source of strength.
- Personal testimony of facing cancer and being left alone highlights the need for faith.

8. Trust and Confidence in God

Placing 100% confidence in God leads to blessings, which means receiving divine favor and added value. The blessing itself is the value, and when God gives, He gives only His best, tailored for each individual.

- Psalms 34:8 emphasizes trusting in the Lord brings blessings.
- Trust means casting your confidence 100% in God's ability.
- Blessed means receiving divine favor; heaven comes to earth on your behalf.
- Blessing adds value to a person, as illustrated by the example of giving 50 pounds of pure gold (valued at about one and a half million or two million dollars) to a destitute man.
- God's gifts are always original, masterpieces, and personally signed for each recipient.

9. The Story of David and Goliath: Underdog vs. Favorite

David, the underdog with no war experience or armor, defeats Goliath, the champion with superior resources and backing, by trusting in God. The story highlights psychological warfare, the reality of being an underdog, and the importance of faith over resources.

- Goliath's height was six cubits and a span (about nine foot nine inches).
- Goliath's coat weighed about 5,000 shackles of bronze; his spearhead weighed 600 shackles (about 15 pounds).

- Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days, possibly as psychological warfare.
- David had never been to war, had no armor, and lacked support from Israel.
- David used a sling, practiced skill, and faith in God to defeat Goliath.
- David decapitated Goliath with Goliath's own sword.
- The story is more than just an underdog victory; it is about faith and God's plan.

10. The Seed and Unlocking Potential

The concept of the seed represents potential that must be unlocked by being placed in fertile soil. The battle between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent is a recurring biblical theme. Each person is a seed meant to be unlocked for life and purpose, starting with their own household.

- Genesis chapter 3 introduces the battle between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.
The seed's shell must be cracked in fertile soil to unlock life. 1 Samuel 17 is the second installment in the biblical narrative about the seed. Being 'unlocked' means realizing and fulfilling one's God-given potential. The primary ministry and responsibility is to one's own household.

11. Biblical Analysis: The Role of Satan

The speaker explores the biblical narrative of Satan, focusing on his role as a worship leader and later as the accuser or prosecutor in heaven. He explains that Satan's desire for glory led to his fall and that his current access to heaven is due to his legal role as an accuser.

- Genesis chapter 3 discusses the curse of the seed of the woman against the seed of the serpent.
Luke chapter 4, verse 6 is referenced, where the devil offers authority and glory to Jesus in exchange for worship. Satan was originally a praise and worship leader in heaven. Satan's downfall was wanting the glory for himself instead of letting it pass through him to God. God does not share His glory, leading to Satan's excommunication from heaven.

12. Heavenly Legal System and Satan's Access

The speaker uses a courtroom analogy to explain how Satan, as the accuser, has legal access to heaven. He describes the roles of judge, defense lawyer, and prosecutor, and clarifies that Satan acts as both the accused and his own defense. The speaker connects this to Revelation chapter 12, verse 10, explaining that Satan's access is tied to his legal rights as an accuser.

- A courtroom requires a judge, defense lawyer, and prosecutor (accuser). Satan is described as the accuser of the brethren and acts as a lawyer in

heaven. Without an accuser, there is no case. Satan's access to heaven is due to his legal right to review evidence as the accused and as his own defense. Revelation chapter 12, verse 10 is cited to show that the accuser is present in time, referencing Christ's coming. Hell is described as a jail cell, while the lake of fire is the final destination (the 'federal pen'). Satan is currently 'out on bond' because he is defending himself.

13. Unlocking Spiritual Understanding

The speaker ties together the themes of deception, spiritual warfare, and the importance of obedience to God. He warns that the devil uses deception to distract believers and that true understanding comes from obedience, not from trying to fully comprehend God's ways.

- Deception is the devil's main tool; he distracts believers from the truth.

A magician's trick is to make you look one way while doing something else. Obedience to God is more important than understanding everything about Him. The speaker references First Samuel 16 and other scriptures to reinforce his points.

14. The Anointing of David and Its Significance

The lecture discusses the biblical account of David's anointing, emphasizing that at the time of 1 Samuel 16, only three people on Earth had experienced the anointing of God: Samuel, Saul (implied as the king whose anointing the Spirit left), and David. The speaker challenges the common perception that David was the underdog in his battle with Goliath, asserting instead that Goliath was the true underdog because he lacked God's anointing. David's obedience to his father Jesse is highlighted as the key to his selection and anointing. The anointing is described as a legal status recognized even by the devil, conferring authority and protection. The story is used to encourage listeners to recognize their own spiritual royalty and the power of God's anointing in their lives.

- At the time of 1 Samuel 16, only three people had experienced God's anointing: Samuel, Saul, and David.

Samuel was sent by God to Jesse's house to anoint one of his sons as king. Jesse presented only seven of his sons, omitting David, but Samuel insisted on seeing all sons. David's obedience to his father is emphasized as the reason for his selection. David was anointed in the presence of his brothers, signifying legal and spiritual authority. The anointing is described as a legal term, important because the devil is depicted as a lawyer who must recognize God's legal authority. Goliath, despite his physical might (nine feet tall, 400 pounds), was the underdog because he lacked the anointing. David's victory over Goliath is attributed to the power of the anointing, not physical strength. Listeners are encouraged to

recognize their own spiritual royalty and authority through God's anointing.

15. Obedience, Service, and Destiny

David's path to kingship is portrayed as a result of his consistent obedience and willingness to serve, even in humble tasks. The speaker stresses that David did not know his destiny but unlocked it through simple acts of service and obedience to his father. This principle is extended as advice to parents and listeners: training children to obey parental authority fosters obedience to God.

- David obeyed every instruction from his father Jesse, even when it seemed insignificant.

David's destiny as king was unlocked through his willingness to serve before being called to kingship. Obedience to earthly authority is linked to obedience to God. Listeners are encouraged to serve faithfully in small things as preparation for greater purposes.

16. The Power and Meaning of Testimony

The speaker redefines 'testimony' not as recounting one's past sins, but as declaring the deliverance and victory provided by the blood of Christ. The Greek root of 'testimony' is explained as 'dekalog' (ten words or ten commandments), linking testimony to God's commandments and deliverance. The focus is on sharing the power of God's deliverance rather than personal failures.

- Testimony is derived from the Greek 'dekalog', meaning ten words or ten commandments.

True testimony is about God's deliverance, not recounting one's sins. Victory is achieved by the blood of the lamb and the word of testimony, as referenced in Revelation. Listeners are encouraged to share the life of deliverance Jesus offers, rather than focusing on past sins.

17. Reflection on Grief and Empathy

The speaker addresses the topic of grief, particularly the loss of a mother, and cautions against minimizing others' grief by comparing it to one's own. Instead, the focus should be on offering comfort through God's love and presence.

- Everyone's experience of grief is unique and should not be compared. True comfort comes from God's embrace and support during times of loss.

Suggestions

- Approach scripture with humility and openness to new revelation.
- Repent if you have blamed God for your loss.
- Stop making excuses for sin; take responsibility for your actions.
- Evaluate cultural and political trends against God's word before following.
- Focus testimonies on God's work, not on glorifying past mistakes.
- Develop private spiritual disciplines before seeking public ministry.
- Build relationships with people who will encourage you in difficult times.
- Place your full confidence in God to receive His best blessings.
- Do not underestimate the power of faith and preparation, even when resources are lacking.
- Focus on unlocking your own potential and prioritize your family as your first ministry.