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Good morning and welcome to Gracelife Church. And we want to welcome those who joined us in our live broadcast or at a future time that you're listening or watching. We've been in a series well, this is our second time to teach on building a strong spirit. Before that, we were in a series, I think, of five teachings, which was entitled Stop Opposing Yourself. They go hand in hand. You could have just left it going on and stop posing yourself now to the end of the world. But we thought we ought to just change it because they do. They really do work hand in hand. I want to go back this morning to the scripture that we used when we were ministering on Stop opposing Yourself. It was our text. It's in second Timothy chapter two, just to we want to take both pattern of thoughts and bring them in this morning. How many you believe the word? How many? If we read the scripture in the word says it, that settles it for you. Amen. If it doesn't sell it for you, then it doesn't really matter what someone ministers from the word because you're still elevate your situation over what God said. And it's not to say that your situation doesn't seem real, feel real. It is. It's factual. It's just not truthful. Jesus said, You shall know the facts. I'm sorry. Jesus said, You shall know the X-rays. No, no, no. Jesus said, You shall know the bank statement.

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No. Jesus said you should know what they found. The Council? No. What did he say? Oh, you shall know the truth. And how do we know he is truth? And he says before he left, he said it's better for you that I go. They didn't understand how it'd be better. Someone who met every need, saw every miracle sign wonder. They were. He was there to talk with. And he said, It's better for you. Actually, some translations say it's more advantageous for you if I leave than if I stay. Because if I go, I'll send another one just like me. Sometimes we wonder what it been like to be here with Jesus. You say, Well, it would have been a great advantage to having him here. I'm sure that would be awesome. You only have eternity to be with him. This is the shortest gig you'll ever do. It's down here on Earth. I mean, it'd be short. You say? Yeah, but I'm believed to be 120. That doesn't impress God. I mean, he's been here forever. I mean, after you've been in heaven 10 billion years, I mean, how are you going to brag on 120 when you're in heaven? You won't even wash your clothes every 120 years because that would just be like a third of a mullet. How many believe we're not going to have to wash clothes? Yes. God. How do you believe that If you do need to bathe, there are some people that'll be forced to anyway.

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Let me get off that. I'm meddling now. But second Timothy chapter two, verses 25 and 6 or 20 4 to 26, it says, Then the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men apt to teach patient in meekness, instructing those who oppose himself. If God prevents your will, give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. Here it is, verse 26, and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil who are taken captive at his will. Well, how do you oppose yourself? Well, we. We oppose ourselves by accepting a lie. Perhaps I can say it this way. We oppose ourselves by accepting a symptom. A report. The Scripture says. Whose report will you believe? It is factual. You can see it, you experience it, you feel it. It's not that it's not real. It's there. Well, we made a distinction when we were teaching that out of the book of Romans, where it says to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is what? Life and peace. To be carnally minded is simply that you're paying a lot of attention to your five senses and sometimes they can get your attention. Things can happen that really grab your attention. You know, in the sight or the feeling realm or the, you know, any of the of the anything that comes through the five senses. So it's there to bless you.

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It was given to bless you, not to harm you. But since it is since it comes through the mind and the body and the feeling and the and the organs of the body, things can happen in your life that will divert your attention and say this is where you you, you know, in other words, the symptoms will try to define you, but your symptoms is not who you are. Amen. You're a spirit. You say, Well, I'm having trouble with my kidneys. You're not a kidney. The Bible says the righteous run into him, not into it. And they are safe. See, a lot of people are running into it. Instead of running to the strong tower, they run into the problem. They hit the problem head on. Well, you don't have to hit it head on. Even even in a covert. That's not as good as yours, Isaiah said. We won't go there. But Isaiah 59:19 says, When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit shall lift up a standard against him. Some translations put the comma in different places. It doesn't really matter whether they put the comma. I like the way the King James puts the comma the way I read it. When the enemy should come in like a flood, comma, that means it kind of gave to me. It's like they wanted to let you know when the enemy comes in with full force, comma. So he's giving it everything he's got.

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Then the spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him. He'll stop him, but remove the comma when the enemy shall come in comma, like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him. I like the combo where it's where it's at when the enemy comes in like a flood of full force. God, that's all I got. Within the spirit of the Lord, raise up a standard against him. We have that happen in this nation right now. We were we are we are going to celebrate the independence of this nation this Tuesday. And the Bible says blessed is the nation whose God is their Lord. Amen. As much issues, much problems, as much everything that's going on in this world and in this country, the way that you can greatly appreciate it is leave it and go see it the way other nations live. See what the the government is in their nations and their our government has many issues and it has many issues. Don't let your attention go to all those things that are evil. See, the problem is most people spend their time knowing what's going wrong, what's going on behind the scenes. That's not wrong. If you're paying more attention to what's wrong, to what's right. When you begin to read the word, the Lord says, Do you think the strength of a nation is its armor, its artillery, its forces? He said then he went to a place like he says, even the strength of a horse.

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Well, the strength of a horse in a human isn't a kind of strange that a human who can understand the horse and how it operates can put a bridle on it and have full control. How can an £80 person who understands a horse and a bridle have control over something that's that's a weighs half a ton or more? I mean, if the horse just knew, right, it would bridle you. If the horse just said no. But the horse has pressure points. It has physical senses which causes symptoms and it gives into the symptoms because it's not a spirit like you. So when you put when you put pressure on it on its mouth, its tongue, and you say, I want to go left and the horse wants to go right, the horse changes this mind quick. How quick do you change your mind? Hmm. See you have all Jesus paid for it all. Pastor Matt was talking about, you know, the the prodigal son who received his inheritance. But the Bible said he wasted it before he came back to the to the father and not feeling worthy. He said, if I could just go back and just be a servant, the Lord did not create you to make you a servant. Amen. He gave you the inheritance. This is what I heard while you were speaking. He says, Ask them.

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Have they wasted their inheritance? In a measure. I think all of us do because we have forgot. We forgot what actually is the truth sometimes. This teaching doesn't need to be fast. It needs to be slow because this is where life hits the road. Where Paul would have to tell Timothy. You're going to have to help the people here. You're going to have to teach them. Now, here to scream, holler and whoop. We're here to get answers. He says. There they are. They are working against themselves. They are helping the enemy by by opposing themselves. Well, when we walk in the flesh, when we walk in the carnal mind, we walk in all the physical senses. So we can't we can't let a saint, whatever comes to the senses, thought pattern or feelings, we can't elevate it above the truth. We have to know what the truth is. When you do that, it's the same thing. You're putting yourself in the wilderness just like Jesus did for 40 days. And he was hungry. He was. He was in a physical body and the enemy came to him at his weakest point. Not he. He didn't come to him when he felt strong. He came to him when he felt weak. He he told him what was wrong. He said, I know. I know you're hungry. I know you are. And if you're the son of God, I could say the same to you. If you're a son or a daughter or God wouldn't change a thing, right? It'd be just as applicable to use it.

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Would it be to him if thou be the Son of God command these stones to be made bread? Well, Jesus never acted on the devil's words. If you had, you still wouldn't be redeemed. Then he took him over and he said, I'll show you all the world what's now belongs to me, because Adam lost it to me. He said, But I'll give it to you if you bow down and worship me. Jesus said, in the West, Translation, You're ignorant. You're a fool. You're stupid. That's my last name is West. I call it the West Translation. And no, he said, Only God will worship. Only God will I serve. Well, the Bible says after three times all Jesus did the devil quoted the word to Jesus. You know, the Satan can quote the word. I think he knows more word than most Christians do. He really does. But he just distorts it. He just changes it just a little bit. He said. I mean, look at this tree. You can tell it's good to eat. And she says, it sure does look like it's good. See, he just distorted it. God said it was death. Lucifer says it'll give you life. He said, if you eat of this tree, he said, you'll be just like him. You know, you and I are just like him right now, aren't we? Amen.

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As he is, so are you. First Corinthians says. He says that we are one with him in spirit. We are one spirit with him. In other words, God took the two and now the two he made, He just made one. We're one with him. So then over in Philipians, he says, So now that you're one, now let this mind of Christ, Let that mind be in you. Mm. Can you see where there's warfare? Can you see why there's a fight? Can you see where the flesh is? You're killing me. And the spirit says, Shut up. I'm fixing. You. See, what we do is we work on our body. We work on our flesh. Huh? We try to take Jesus's words to fix our flesh. Well in him, you're already perfected. You never receive anything that you need from the flesh. You receive it from the spirit. It goes into your flesh. It's not a it's not a prayer to be prayed out of heaven. The prayers are already answered. It's in Christ. You just have to know who you are in Christ. My God has supplied all my needs. Yeah, but I got this physical. Well, I got this financial. I got this family. It's been supplied. It's not something to be answered. It's already answered. So you have to go to the spirit. You have to come out of the if you walk in the flesh, if you walk in the carnal mind, it'll bring death to you.

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But if you walk, if you walk in the spirit, walk by the spirit, it'll bring life and peace. Well, when you understand what he did, you say, Well, I know he did it, but he did it for you, right? He did it as your substitute. He did it as your stand in. If Jesus had been playing football, he'd have put on your jersey, got the touchdown and put the six points on him right there. I did it for him. Jesus wore your jersey, right? He scored for you. Amen. He already went. He went. He went to fight your battle. He fought it. He went ahead of you. Before you're dealing with what you're dealing with now. Jesus already visited this place. Amen. Mhm. Psalm 77, in some translations, says before Israel crossed the Red Sea, God went ahead of him and marked the place where they would go across. And they said no man can see his traces. If I was a carpenter, I'd preach it this way. Jesus went ahead of me and popped a chalk line. That the water can't wash out When they got there, he says, you're going to cross right here. It's going to be dry ground. Did you hear what I said? Psalm 77 said he went ahead of you and he picked the place where they would be delivered. Jesus went ahead of you and picked the place. He's the. He's the chief Shepherd. Amen. He's the bishop of your soul.

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He's the solid anchor of your life. Everything must give way and sway to the name of Jesus. The enemy trembles and fears because Christ is in you, the hope of glory. The enemy has no answers. The enemy has been weakened. He has been weakened just since we met. He hated the songs we sang. He hated the word that was spoken in truth when the offering was received. He hated that. He hates this moment right here. He hates it. Every time you say amen, every time you say amen, that word Amen means simply what? So be it that you know when you say amen, you're saying I agree with that. What you're doing is you're saying at the same time I receive it, I agree with it, and the enemy loses ground every time you say amen when you sit there and do nothing, He thinks you're still up for grabs. He thinks you haven't cast your vote. You know, this is a this is a it's not a democracy. It's a theocracy. But if it was a democracy, you could cast your vote. It'd just be three. God, God agrees with his word. The enemy doesn't agree with God in his word. And you get to cast the deciding vote. Hello. Amen. Amen. Amen. So the Our nation will celebrate its independence. We have a greater independence in Christ Jesus because of the blood of Jesus. Amen. Amen. Amen. Who? Who hath redeemed you? Who hath blessed you? See, you have to understand the covenant that you're in.

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You still quit living in two covenants at one time. That's why Paul prayed the prayer we call the prayer of Ephesians. Ephesians one and Ephesians three. Paul didn't pray that that you would be blessed. Paul prayed that the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened. That you would know what God has already done. Not that He would do it. All things like Andrew Wommack says. He says that most Christians believe that God can do anything, but they don't believe he's done very much yet. So he prayed that your eyes would be open to what he has already done, that you've verse 14, that you've already obtained an inheritance, that you are already chosen in him, that he's already blessed you, that he's already healed you, that he's already made you strong, that he's already made a way. Amen. Huh? And you just take yourself out of it, right? I may have these wrong, but just like Pastor Buzzy used to preach about Muhammad Ali fighting. What was it? Sonny Liston? Who? Sonny Liston. Yeah. And Muhammad Ali won. Was that right? And he went up there and you know what was his motto? And. Ought to sting like a bee, float like a butterfly and sting like a bee. He went up there and. And he said, I'm the champion. And he was. Then they had this big check up there, and his wife walked up there and took the check.

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And she said, But I'm more than a champion. And there was he fought the fight, but I get the prize. Amen. Jesus fought the fight, but you get the prize. You're more. You're more than a conqueror. Amen. He conquered, but now you're more than that. Whoa. Glory to God. I'll have a revival up in here. Hallelujah. I don't know what you're worried about. If you just cast your care, we cast it last week. When you cast your care, you need a post for yourself. A no fishing sign right here that you don't go out there and snag the whole thing and bring it on back to you. So I've been missing you, old friend. All my words and all my pain. Come on back home. Heaven? No. Praise God. Well, let's get to our lesson. Praise the Lord. You know, Galatians 5:16 says, Walk in the spirit. You won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. That means walk in line, walk in step, walk in cadence with him. He's energizing you to do that when you do that. He's watching you walk away from the boat like Peter did, knowing there's no way to do this. But you're walking in the spirit. He's the one who's empowering you to do it. It's by his strength. It's not by your might. It's not by your knowledge. It's by not by your wisdom. Corinthians said that God, you know Paul Yonggi Cho who's in heaven now? I suppose not.

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Suppose he did. He God used him to build the largest church that's ever been on the planet. He had upwards of a million people. So he couldn't he couldn't put a million people anywhere. So he broke his church off and he said small cell groups of 25 to 50,000. I went to 25 to 50,000. And so he Paul Yonggi Cho said it's been very difficult for God to use intelligent people. He can, he said. But usually their intelligence, their IQ, gets in the way because God chose the foolish things to confound them that are wise. I suppose that's why I'm here. Amen. It doesn't make any sense at all. I wouldn't chose me, you know, not just because we all look at ourselves that way, but I mean, I can think of a lot of people who are way more qualified to do what I'm doing, way more qualified. But here but like you said, here is I'm right here. And so. But but but it's him through us. Christ in you, the hope of glory. So it's not us. We have to take our eyes off of us. You know, Galatians 2:20 said It's no longer I. You have to get your eye knocked out. Watchman Nee said. That's the problem. He said, Your problem is I or me. Most people have a disease called me itis and whether they can sing or not, they do the mee mee mee mee mee mee mee mee.

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Mee has issues. Yes. Me, me, me. Do look at me i, i. I would help if I could sing. I'm sorry. But anyway, they have me itis and they watch me vision instead of television to watch me vision. What are they going to think about me? Paul told you that you would know the end of the times. He said, you know, you look at the weather and you see he said, you can interpret when summer is here. We know summer. I mean, you know, this is not winter. You don't have to be a chief meteorologist. You know, this is not winter, Right? If it's not if it's not summer, this is we're close. Then he gave us several things. How you would know the end of the times. He said people would be ungrateful, children would be ungrateful to their parents also. Brother against sister. Brother against brother. He says, people paying all the attention to themselves. You can see it all over Facebook. Everyone's taking a picture of themselves. This is my new profile. And then that last about three days, then they get another profile. The 2 or 3 days that changed again. He got another profile. Why do we need to see so much of you? Because you heard me say, I believe Facebook is scriptural. Everybody should have and keep a Facebook account. I just think this should be the face and this should be the book.

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Maybe this scriptural. Maybe you can you can tie all them together. You can have instant Twitter face or something like that. I don't know, social face, Twitter, Insta or whatever. Amen. But we're just going to use all of them just to preach the gospel. Amen. Amen. How about that? Amen. You know, someone could get saved at home this morning. If you're watching, you ain't saved this morning. Stop it. Do you think hell will be fun for you? You see, I want to go with all my friends. Well, you don't have to go with your friends. They're not really your friends, huh? Now you need to come to Jesus. You got to be born again. Amen. Someone said, Well, I'm a pretty good person. That'll. That'll put you in the front seat of hell. There is no good person. Roman says there's none. Everyone is short of the glory of God. That's why. That's why he had to give the law and the old commandment. He didn't want to give the law, but they wanted law. They said we. No, we want your rules. We're well. We're well able to keep them. He says you are. They said, Oh, yeah, just give us a set of rules. We can keep these real well. And so he said, okay, here's your ten Commandments, I'll give you ten, then I'll give you a 613 more other ceremonial type commandments.

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And when they came down, they said, Oh my God. He said, Who? The law. God never wanted a law. The law was just to show them the they can't even keep God's standard of righteousness. The church is still trying to keep it. And the scripture says when Christ came, that ended it. He said, the law is obsolete. If you want something better than that, the law never belonged to you. If you want Jewish, you say, Well, I got free the law. Well, you weren't supposed to have it anyway. Are you Jewish? I see. But yet. Yet. Christ only gave you one commandment. Which is to what? Love fulfils every commandment. If you're living in the love of God, do you need something to tell you not to steal or covet or die? Or love is the is the big shortcut to ten. Amen. And when you got born again, the love of God was shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost. But you say, Well, I just can't forgive him, really. Well, then get saved. But not only can you forgive, you're supposed to forgive. You say, Well, I'm going to forgive him, but I ain't going to forget it. You ain't forgave nothing, huh? He said, Pay no attention to the suffered wrong.

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I know that don't sound too easy, does it? Because some people say you don't know what I've suffered, though. Yeah, but did you go to the cross? Did you go to the whipping post? If you're a man, did they pull out your beard or if you're a woman, did they pull out your hair? Did they put a spear in your side? Did they mock you? Did they spit on you? Did they take the cat of nine tails? Did they put the glass in the metal? Did they tear your flesh off and get into your tendons and muscles and open your nerves? And he says you can't forgive. Because he said, Before I died, I said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they're doing to me. If they knew, they wouldn't do it. Mm. Praise God. Amen. I think I'm going to take my notes one day. Maybe there's a book in them. They don't seem to work for church. I don't know why. It just seems like it's so when I'm doing this, praise the Lord. So we're talking about a strong spirit. And when we use Proverbs 18:14 as our text and it says the strong spirit of a man or woman sustains them in a time of bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up a bear.

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The message. Bible says a healthy spirit conquers adversity. But what can you do when the spirit's crushed? No, she didn't say. Well, I'm reading you some things from last week. First Corinthians 16, 13 and 14 says, Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Men or women will say of courage, do everything in love. What he didn't say was try not to be weak. No, he should be strong. Amen. He didn't say be strong in most things. He didn't say be strong most of the time or every third day. No, he said be strong. Strong means having the ability to bear and endure. Firm and solid. Able to sustain the attacks and not easily subdued, defeated or taken. In other words, we said last week, you don't have to have a pee wee Herman anointing. No Pee-Wee Herman's. If you're weak, that means you're soft. That means you give way. That means you're not able to bear great weight and you're not able to resist a violent attack. A strong spirit is confident. Are you confident? How about the rest of you? Amen. So be it. Amen. Are you unmovable? Amen. Have you. Have you made up your mind? Are you fully persuaded that what God said he's able to perform? Yes. Are you established in it? Are you set? How many ever put your hand or your wrote your name in wet concrete before it dried? Then after you're gone months and years later, we have evidence that she was there.

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The stars do it in Hollywood. Whatever that means. You can do it anywhere. You can do it in Play-Doh. You can do it whatever you put an imprint and when it dries, it still says, I was there. In the men's restroom here years ago when we built new new bathrooms here. In the men's restroom. We had to cut through the concrete, you know, to do the plumbing. We had to hire someone who brought down a saw. It cost about \$1,000 for a special kind of saw that would cut through four inches of concrete. God burned his saw off that night. He says, Well, everything I charged you, I guess I will have to use to buy a new saw. And we were doing all that and putting everything in and whatever. And Bill's son Corey, was here and there were some concrete parts you might have to put my name here. I said, No. I said, But it's going to be covered up with tile. I said, Well, one day someone's going to knock your tile up. It's going to say, Corey was here. Corey could actually prove that the tile was popped up, that he was actually there running. That saw we had we had sledge hammers and I was in there beating it.

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And Corey nudged me, He says, he says, Pastor, he said, it looks like you need a rest. I said, You're very observant and you're correct. And and he went there and finished it out like Paul Bunyan. He just he beat the daylights out of it. But are you established like your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life? Amen. Amen. Are you steady under trouble? Are you full of joy? Are you full of peace? Peace to the storm in your life. I speak peace to your body right now. In Jesus name. I speak peace to every one of the symptoms in your body right now. I command your body to line up with the word of the living. God, for the word is spirit and life in truth and every defiant spirit who speaking into your life and speaking into your body and speaking into your home. I command it to go in Jesus name. Amen. Now obey the Word of the Lord. A strong spirit will empower you through a physical attack. A strong spirit will sustain you through financial problems. I can sit up here and talk for days about how God, God had to deliver us from all this kind of stuff as individuals and as a church. It didn't seem like it was any way possible. I mean, this just we started at my home and went to the business.

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We were working there just doing a Bible study. We didn't have anything. You have a podium. We didn't have one chair. We didn't have any sound equipment. We had nothing. We had absolutely nothing. We had people who said yes to God. That's what we have. We had good people who love God said yes to God. No one was asking us to start anything. I wasn't asking to start. I was saying no. Hartsock You say it. I've had so many people ask me. Let's see. How do you start a church? I said, I have no idea. I said I tried to stop it every week. I was going to prove to the Lord, you know, I didn't need to be the one doing this. It didn't seem to move him at all. I didn't tell no one. But. But they're going to hear this for the first time when we was in Clanton minister, now the carpet store, I was going to go one more week. I said, Lord, there's no need me. Just get with my family. I can get with them during the week. I said, If there's no visitors this Sunday, I'm through. And that Sunday in a carpet store walked in. Clinton Phyllis Henson. He says, Keep moving. I have to quit. If they hadn't showed up.

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They showed up in a carpet store, I mean, who goes to a carpet store to church? Well, we were on a roll. Now you'll get that sometime, you know. Praise the Lord. I was so terrified all the way through Bible school. I just thought it was going to be a Christian business man. And I am. But, I mean, I never, never looked at doing this. The first time that I spoke, I was so nervous. I was so scared and people were coming. And I try to get ready because I thought they might call on me and they did. I gave a little talk. I told them everything I knew about 14 minutes. And then I said, Well, we're through. I walked out of the showroom with the floor covering store, and I walked in the back with a carpet pad. It wasn't laid down and I passed out. I can't even give you my title in 14 minutes now. She's easy to start, but can you sustain? It's easy to say we're going to go this way, but when you go all the way through. It's easy when you have money, feel good, and you will travel. But when you don't have money and you don't feel good and the road ahead looks like a locomotive coming at you and you can't get out of the tunnel, What will you do then? I've always wanted to build this church. I likened it to a train. I wasn't here to build Cabooses. I was here to build by the Spirit of God locomotives that would be full of mercy and compassion and love for their fellow man. Red, yellow, black and white, because they're all precious in his sight. Amen.

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That they would never see color. That's where the enemy tries to work all the time. But no matter what your race is, you're my sister. You're my brother. That I'm to love you as I love my own wife, my own children. Now, there's a little difference between the way I love you and my life. I love you. But I'm in love with her. Huh? Amen. And so we're walking this walk together hand in hand. And we're walking by the Spirit in the spirit. We're walking with him. They'll be want to isolate you to make you feel like you're all by yourself. You've never been by yourself. Jesus said, I'll never leave you, nor fail you nor forsake you. You need to listen really good this morning because I'm supposed to be here, but for some reason I'm not here. It's coming out of here. I don't. I don't even know what I'm going to say next. Praise God. But it's for you. It's not. It's not just for me. It's for you. I'm just reminded, and a lot of you, this is not something that you don't know. It's just something that sometimes you forget because you paid attention to the storm. And rightly so. It was a huge storm. But you had one before this, didn't you? And look at you. You're still here. How did you survive that? Did Jesus forsake you? Paul said the work that he began in you, he'll bring it to a conclusion. He will bring to a conclusion. You say, Well, I felt like I was on the mountaintop. And now I'm on the valley. You're in the valley by God's design. God likes valleys. That's where he killed Goliath.

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God didn't kill. God didn't kill all the people. He didn't destroy all the people. When the Israelites, before they left Egypt, he took them to the Red Sea to give him a proper burial. You said the enemy is following me. I know. We're headed to the Red Sea. It's by design. That's why the enemy is on your trail. And God says don't turn around yet. You're not yet where I want them to be. I have prepared a place for you to cross and a place to bury them.

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Amen. Amen.

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Hello. Hello.

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Amen. Amen.

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So be strong in the Lord and be strong in the power of his might. A strong spirit will help you during emotional issues or relational issues. A strong spirit will stop and silence. Stress, worry, fear, depression. A strong spirit will fill you full of joy. So full of joy. Full of joy. That's not the way I asked you to say it. Full of joy. A strong spirit will put a smile on your face. A spring in your step will lead you into victory. Will silence your adversary.

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Yes, Lord.

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James four six says. But he gives more grace. See no verse in the Bible. No verse in the Bible is to ask God to get the devil off of you. You ever thought about that? But people live like, Oh God help me, The devil is all over. There's no verse in the Bible in the New Testament that says that you can pray a verse and ask God to get the devil off of you. He gave you his name. What a strong tower. The righteous run into him and they are safe. See? He wants you to know him. The children of Israel knew. The children of Israel knew God's acts. But it said Moses knew his ways. Amen. Moses wanted to know the one who acted. Israel just wanted to see the acts. Are you here just for the miracles? Or do you want to know the Miracle Worker? Do you want to know about God or do you want to know God? Do you want to know about people who have a relationship with him? Or do you want the relationship yourself?

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Amen.

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Do you want to know about the people who was healed, set free or delivered? Or do you want to be delivered to heal? Set free yourself. Amen. Today is the day of salvation. Pastor Matt said it means sozo, which means I've been healed. I've been delivered. I've been saved. I've been set free.

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Amen.

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People are waiting. They're holding in their. Their victory cry. They're waiting for things to line up and look good and all come together. And then they're going to rejoice. But Paul said, Rejoice in the Lord again. Always. And then he had to say. And again I say, Rejoice. Why did he have to do it again? Because the people didn't say Rejoice. Amen. Rejoice in the Lord. Always and again I say Rejoice. May I remind you, when Paul wrote that letter, that epistle to the church at Philippi, he was under house arrest for two years in prison. And the man's writing a whole letter about joy. What are you going through today? Amen. Amen. Do you feel like you're under house arrest? Someone said, no, I'm losing mine. Well, praise the Lord. You got to. You're moving and you're rolling with God. He's not leading you backwards. He's leading you forward. Why do you keep looking into your shoulder? Why do you keep looking in your rear view mirror? Why do you keep asking to interpret the will of God by what you feel in your body? You don't you don't interpret spiritual things, but with physical things. With physical matter. And then what? Body made a planet. What kidney? What heart made a universe? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. One day we'll shed this body. It'll grow old. Paul says it begins to decay. But the spirit is renewed day by day. Well, if you renewed day by day, Ephesians three says be strengthened in your inner man.

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Be strong where it counts. Be strong where it counts. Don't just come up with strong sayings if you're weak. So you got to feed your body every day or it will become depleted. You can't your food can only live so many days or weeks without food and you'll perish. Your food has to have water. It has to have liquid. It has to have something. Because you're two thirds water, you're one quarter a bucket of mud and three parts of water. Your body physically has to have some more water and it has to have some sustenance. Your spirit has to be fed. Amen. Brother Hagan used to say it this way Most people have three good meals, hot meals a day and one cold snack a week for their spirit. What kind of food are you feeding your spirit? Do you ever get out your Bible and do you read it? Do you ever meditate? Do you ever think about it? Do you ever chew on a verse? Do you ever chew on a chapter? I mean, chew, mutter, think about it, make it yours. Talk about it, think about it, say it, chew it over and over again. You don't have to read the whole Bible in a year. I don't like any of those plans. That's just me personally. I don't need them to plan me a way to read the Bible in a year, huh? You might need to read four verses the whole year if you don't.

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If you don't believe one of them, why? Why are you going to read all of them? Don't. Don't talk about what you don't know. What you can't do. Talk about what you do know. Talk about what you can do. I'm not preaching about revelations this morning. I'm not here to talk about the horse and rider and the beast and all the eyes around him and all that. I'm here to talk about your life. Amen. Praise God. This is about your life. Amen. This is about you being here. While you're here. You have a body. You have authority. When you. When you leave here, when your body perishes, your spirit leaves. But why are you here? You're here to kick butt. Amen. Take that off. Well, just leave it on there. Hallelujah. We're not here to be dragged from pillar to post. We're here to have authority. We're here to represent Jesus. We're here as an ambassador of Christ. We're not here to sigh and to cry and to lay down, to be defeated. No, You put defeat on him. He's under your feet, isn't he? That's where he's supposed to be. You ought to act like it and think like it. But you can't think like it because you don't stay in the word you say. Well, I don't have the time to read the word. You can chew on a verse. The reason I can prove. I can prove that anybody can. Has anyone. Will anyone be will everyone be will everyone be truthful for a moment? Have you ever worried? Have you ever worried about something that looks like all of us? You've meditated.

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Hmm. Is it worry meditation? Do you have to write something down to say I am now worrying? I mean, who's ever worried in the shower? How many's ever worried at night, you know, trying to go to sleep. How are you worried, dear? Why you use that word? I mean, never. I mean, because you didn't have no work. I may have worried because of your relationship, your children, your future, your. Your past, the way you grew up, the way that you are growing up. Where are you on this? Where are you? On the left. Where are you? On the right? Where are you Ahead and worry. No. Worry, worry, worry. You don't need any scriptures to worry. You just consult your five senses. Those who live in their five senses can't please God because that's not what He provided for you. He said, Why don't you leave your senses and walk in the spirit? Why don't you take a walk? Why don't you leave your senses and go for a walk and walk with the spirit and by the spirit? Amen. That's what Enoch did. He just walk with God? And they said they got to walk. And so far they got closer to God's house. And he says. He said, You want to come on me? He said, Why not? Let's go.

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Amen.

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I've walked out in the spirit sometimes one time in particular in Florida on the Marriott floor. I can't really explain it. I felt the power of God so strong. I was on the floor. The Billie Burke meeting. I was on the floor so strong. I've never really told anyone what happened to me there. I've told some about it. Never told everyone. It's really hard to explain. I knew I was in this world, but I was very aware of the other one. I knew I was on the floor at the Marriott and I knew I needed help, but at that point I could care less. And the power of God came so strong. It was so marvelous. But it was so strong. My physical frame, my physical body couldn't contain it. So while I was on the floor, I guess looking like a, you know, a fish taken out of the water on the beach, I guess it surprised some folks I could hear from physically what I must have been doing on the floor. And I remember saying to myself, thinking to myself, I said, God, if you don't turn your power down, you're going to kill me. And then I said to him, I said, But I don't care. No, that's strange. I mean. I mean, you wouldn't you wouldn't put a paperclip in any of these sockets, would you, And just say, Man, this is awesome.

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If you did it by mistake, you let loose, right? Ever got shocked by electricity, you jerk back. But I didn't really care. And the Spirit of the Lord said to me, I'm here. I was. I'm always here. I was here before, and I'm here now and I'll be in the future. He said the enemy has no he said he has no ability to take your life because he didn't give it to you. Well, I'm talking about living in the spirit, you see. Asked about living the spirit life because the life of God is not just a thing. It's a law. And Satan cannot break the law because he didn't make the law. The spirit of life trumps anything that the spirit of the carnality and the flesh that tries to rule over your life. It comes to you. But it can't. It can't overcome you. See, I think it's wrong with 614 says sin has no dominion over you. Well, let's also talk about that in a broader sense. Sin has no dominion over you. But what came by sin? Well came by the fall of man. Sickness, disease, pain, suffering. Whatever. So if sin can have dominion over you, neither can the effects have dominion over you.

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In other words. In other words, what you're dealing with right now can't lord it over you. It can't be Lord over you because I'm been born again. Amen. Because you already have a Lord. Amen. And we're not trading our Lord in for the God of this world who has blinded the minds of those who see not. They don't see the glorious light of the gospel because it's foolishness to them. You can't. The natural man, he says, can not receive the things of God because they're foolish to him. But you're not supposed to be natural. You're not supposed to be carnal. You're not supposed to live in your senses. You're not supposed to make choices and decisions and all these things about what I better do and I better start doing. I need to do all these things because your mind is just simply on the flesh, because you've seen some things go wrong. You thought, I'd better get ahead of this at this age or in this juncture in my life, I better start changing this. Some of those things are okay. They're applications. You call them common sense things. Nothing wrong with it, but do not let it be the interpretation of your life.

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Hmm. Amen.

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Moses lifted 120. As far as we know, that's all that God has set for a standard man to live. If he wants to live that far, he. He was not sick. It was time for him to go home. He didn't go in the promised land because he disobeyed God. But Joshua went on. Moses went up the mountain and God said, Come up here. He said, what we're going to do? He said, You're going to die. He said, How do you do that? He said, I'll have to show you. You don't have to show people nowadays. Most of the church. That me wants to be raptured yesterday because they're sick of the world. Understandably so. I think you could take people off the street with a 10th grade education up to send them up to Washington. We'd get a lot better result. But you know why? If you could see in the spirit realm, you see you'd see an enormous amount of spiritual spirits, demonic spirits all around politicians, even those who went up there. And they were going to make Mr. Smith goes to Washington and they came back someone else. Because of the ruling spirits there, but they don't rule you. He said he seated you in heavenly places. Remember? In other words, he said, when the Spirit of God raised up Christ from the dead, he seated him in a heavenly place. The same scripture says in Ephesians, he says. But when he reached and got him up, he said, he reached and got you up. Amen. And he said he seated you together with him. Now, where are you? In what heavenly places? E.w.

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Kenyon said the word seated with him in the throne means you're in the throne. That means you're in the throne room. It means that you're you're positionally, spiritually speaking, you are enthroned in heaven with him. Now, where does he rule from his seat of authority? Where do you rule from your seat of authority? If you send someone to the state representative for to sit in the seat of whatever, they'll assign a number to it. The state representative of Alabama for the Senate, for the Congress, they have a place where they speak supposedly for the people. Right? We have by vote by democracy, supposedly, they have our vote and they're supposed to represent the people. Jesus represents the will of God on the earth. Jesus is the will of God on the earth. Jesus was the perfect image. He was the one who translated, said He was the very imprint of God. If you were to take that onionskin typing paper, we did this as kids at school and put a coin under it in a pencil. And you did that. You would, you would. You would get the face of that nickel, that quarter, that half dollar I ever did that as a kid growing up. Well, Jesus was the very imprint of God. He was the exact likeness. He was the very duplicate of God. Whatever Jesus did, it was the father's will. When Jesus was doing the father was doing it. When you heal the sick, Jesus, heal the sick, God's heal the sick because you're his representatives. Because you're in Him, because you're in Christ. You are the devil's master.

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Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Did you hear what I said? Because you're in Christ. You are the devil's master. He takes orders from you because you're in him. We are not here under his will. We are here under the will of God. We are citizens of the Kingdom of God. Amen. This is a kingdom and this is citizenship. And you belong as a citizen in this kingdom. And we rule and we reign with him because we are enthroned with him. And if we're in the enthroned with him, then we're far above all principality. We're looking down on principality. We're not, say God, could you help us because Principality know you're with him looking down and say all this stuff is under our feet because we're with him in the throne room and it's under his feet. Amen. Amen. Amen. You do that because you're living in the spirit and not in the flesh. You pay attention to the flesh. You won't feel like you're far above anything. You feel like you're lower than an ant. Sometimes you feel so low you think you could crawl under a pregnant aunt's belly. That means you're paying attention to the flesh. All right. I hope these notes are good as the preaching. Amen. If your mind is being governed by your mind, your body emotions, then you're living in the flesh.

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Therefore, you are weak spiritually. Proverbs 24:10 says If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place. A person with a strong spirit will will by walking controlled. They're being controlled by Holy Spirit. By your will. In other words, he's not going to control you. But if you yield yourself to him. That Smith Wigglesworth. He didn't want to answer. This is how come The Miracles. How? How have you had such success in ministry? He said I had to die. And sometimes I had to die many times. He said I had to learn how to yield. And then I had to learn how to yield again. And then he said I had to learn how to yield again. They said he was on the train one day he was reading some scriptures and he was writing some things down and there were some people in the train with him and that and that opened room. And Smith was just sitting in the corner. He said, coming out of South Wales. And he said the car was going to take a stop and he was going to get off and get a drink of water and come back. And this this man over here, he was very disturbed.

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He said this man was saying there's something different about this man. He didn't know who Smith was. He says, But something about this is really agitating something on the inside of me. And he looks kind. He looks whatever. But but what is it about him that's agitating me? Smith didn't ever say a word. He got off, got the water, got back on, and he walked past the man. And the man says, My God, man. He says, Who are you? He says something about you. He said, He just convicts me of my sin. And Smith turned around and he says, You need to know my Jesus. How can you walk with such a presence of God that you say nothing in your presence? Because with him he makes the whole room is such a place that it convicts the room of people that you're in. My God, why do we satisfy for such a low level of Christianity, which is not even Christianity? Because it's not Christ likeness. Amen. It's not like Christ. If I play all the time and I do the word all the time, I don't keep this on me. I can get doing physical things all the time, and then I go to a much lower level.

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You can see pretty much what happens is you are where you are. There's times, though, emotionally you can you can get up. I mean, you can pick your attitude up. You can pick your mood up. You can do all kinds of things, whether you need music or whatever, or you just make yourself go up there. But but the problem is it's ebbs and flows. You have highs and lows. And that's the worst way to be is when you hit a high. It's like it's like sugar. But then you'll come down. I mean, you eat a, you know, a bar, a candy bar, and your sugar goes up. But then what happens? Then it crashes. So you have a high and you have a low. What you should have done is just kept eating candy bars. No, just kidding. No, no, that's probably not right. That's that's not a spiritual thing. But but you're supposed to stay at a place of high. Amen. The enemy saw Jesus in the desert. What he thought would be a low place. He was physically. He was very hungry. He was very tired. He was very warm. Jesus had to come in and natural body just like you. He Jesus had to have sleep. The Messiah who actually created the Earth, had to have sleep. He had to have food. He said he understands every temptation you've ever been through in more. He said he sympathizes with you. He understands you. He understands the frailty of being a human on this planet. He knows the spiritual realm that's here, demonic, that works against you. Although you do not see him. He knows they're here in their numerology and what they're here. But we know that there's more than us that be with them.

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Amen. The only defense that you have against him is not physical weapons, is it? But it's to take up the word of the spirit and the Word of the Holy Ghost. And it's to put your mind in subjection to the Word of God that you speak life everywhere that you go, because the spirit of life is the law. Amen. We understand the law of gravity, but we understand anytime anyone gets an airplane, we understand there's another law. It doesn't make gravity go away, but it just supersedes that law. The aerodynamics of the airplane and the law of lifts supersedes gravity. But gravity doesn't go away. But when it comes back down, it enters back into gravity and it's able to safely land. Well, you their spiritual death on this planet, there's carnality on this planet. But you decide to live life. Well, Romans eight one says there's no condemnation to those who's in Christ. Didn't say there's a little bit left, but there's no condemnation to those who are in Christ, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit, who walk, not after the physical senses and all this telling, but walk in the spirit and the truth. Amen. But there's no condemnation to you. You say, Well, yeah, but last week there's no condemnation to those who's in Christ. Amen. If the Lord was going to give you a nickname, he called you faultless. And I'm quoting Jude 24. When I do that, he said, the day will come when you'll go to heaven, that the father is going to take you by the hand and he's going to present you to the father and Jude 24. He says, Here's faultless, here's blameless, your child.

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Hmm. You say? Well, but I'm not. You are in the spirit. You are as a new creation. You're faultless. Amen. Paul had to get over his dilemma quick, because Paul was Saul. Basil had to die. But Paul had to have had to know who he was when he got that revelation of in Christ. And Paul had to let go of Saul, the old man. And I think he did it very well. Because the Romans I mean, this is wild. In Romans, Paul said, I've wronged no one. And I'm thinking, okay, So I was reading I was reading about your story before Damascus. It's a use putting people in prison. You just have them beat. You had Stephen stoned. Some people was murdered. Killed in prison. And you say you're wrong. No one. He said, Oh, yeah, Saul. Saul did that. But Saul died. I, Paul, have wronged no man. Since since you've been born again, since your spirit's 100% righteous with God, you've never missed it in your spirit. Amen.

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Amen.

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How do you like that? Amen. In Christ, you got the no fault clause.

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Amen.

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Hey, that's why you're worthy. In Jesus, you're worthy. You weren't worthy before Jesus. But now you are worthy.

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Amen. Amen.

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How does it feel to be worthy? Oh, I. I don't know if we can say that. I don't. I wouldn't. I wouldn't go. I wouldn't go as far to say that. Well, how far would you go to say what you believe? So you're not you're not belittling the work of Jesus, are you? How many believe that you're redeemed?

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Amen. Fully. Amen.

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Fully redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

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Amen.

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Washed away all your sins. Incorruptible. Indestructible. True. All these are scriptures, right? So how are you? The unmerited, unworthy, righteous, redeemed, son of God? I mean, that looks like Jesus had a wreck. As Rocky had a gender problem himself. He was working on this, but he had to make a mixture of worthy, unworthy, merited, unmerited, redeemed. Not well, not totally redeemed. Well. Well, there you go. Don't live like that. Pick your head up.

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Man. Hallelujah. Amen.

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You said I ain't got a dime in my pocket. Well, get with me. I got a dime. I'll give you after church. That's the best. At one time, he said down in his pocket, looking for money. Years ago, life didn't look too good. Everything was going sideways, backwards. He reached his pocket, see if he had any money. He said all he could pull out was lint. He looked at Lent and he said, You know, the only problem is Lent can't be spent. I was in this church a couple of years ago. And I didn't have any cash. I didn't even have my wallet. I don't usually don't wear a wallet. With me. I don't generally have my wallet on me and. Someone was teaching children's church. I won't say who. And when church is over, he says. Oh, go give them the money in your pocket. And I said, I don't have any money in my pocket. He said, Yeah, you have \$60. And I thought, I don't have the money. I don't have my wallet on me. He says, Look in your right pocket. And I put my hand there and I looked and there were three 20s and I said, I don't have any.

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I mean, where would that come from? And I'd had my hands in my pockets, you know, before church. That's pretty good, wasn't it? You don't hear one a little bit better. I gave him the \$60. Hmm. And on the way home from church, he says, I don't want your wife to have to cook today. He says, Go buy lunch. And I said, I don't have no cash on me. He said, Yeah, you got \$60. I said, No, you, I guess you super nasty. Put \$60 on how you did that and put it in a box and gave it to him. He said, Look in your pocket. I reached in my pocket and there's three more 20s. I'm off to do that again. Lord, any time you want to do it. Just any time can't be spent. Got see, your supply comes supernatural. You're going to you're going to do some natural things in life because there was the natural before there was a spiritual sea, there was the atom before there was Jesus called the second atom or he's called the last atom. No one needed to come after him. He's the last. He did it right. He finished.

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The first atom got us into a world of mess. He represented all mankind. That's why you say, Well, I didn't see an atom, did I know, But he's the federal head of humanity. He's the he's the natural preaching. All this out of First Corinthians 15. He said. But then God sent the last atom. The second son. So Adam got us into a world of hurt. In the last Adam got us out.

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Amen. Amen.

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He said, We all die spiritually in Adam, but we all came alive in Christ.

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Yeah.

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And he says, he said, if you want to rule and reign your life, you only need two things. I'm going to close out here. I guess there's only going, going through all this, maybe the millennium. I could talk about it. He said, You only need two things to rule and reign in this life. Romans said, you need the gift of righteousness. How many are you right with God?

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Amen.

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Because Jesus, if you receive Jesus as Lord, you're the righteousness of God. And he said, you need the abundance. You need the gift of the abundance of grace, the gift of righteousness, the gift of righteousness and the abundance of grace and the abundance of grace. Now, if you're struggling, I think most of you know that you're right with God because of what Jesus did. You didn't earn it. I think we settled that a long time ago in this church. Just remind you of now and then. But did you receive the abundance of grace? You put those two together, the enemy will just say, Let's go find an easier target. These two people understand the righteousness and they understand not just grace, but abundance. You have no way in. Amen. He has no way in. The Bible says, Give the devil no place. How did he find the place? What did we leave open for him to walk through? If you saw a snake approaching your child or your house, you'd do something to kill it, wouldn't you? You might be afraid of snakes yourself, but if it was endangering your your property or your child, you'd throw something at it. I don't know what good snake from a bad snake. People say, Well, don't. That's a good one. I said, I ain't never met a good one. I read over here in Genesis saying like none of them, they said, Well, they'll eat all the rats.

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I said, I'll take care of the rats myself, but I'm going to say, Well, well, that's a good one. I said, In a moment it's going to be good and dead. You know, I'm not going to say, Could you show me your teeth? I don't know. If you're good at that. You get to heaven. My mom would whip me forever. She said. I didn't raise no fool, but I guess I did. You supposed to be down there preaching for 30 more years now. Are you looking to see if it's a good snake or a bad snake? Then when granny got a hold of me, I don't know. I can whip you up there, boy. She'd give you. You know, I learned around the Rosie Bush for her. She had them hickory switches. They kind of just flex them up, wrap around your legs. I always said, you know, if there would have been a what do you call it? If there was DRT, then I don't know if they'd still be serving time if they was alive. They didn't put up with no mess. You would know who you are. You would know what your gender, gender was. You know everything. Granny. Granny Fiction in New York. Second, how many y'all had a granny like that or a parent like that? Thank God for them. Amen. Well, God loves you. And you can't change his mind.

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Did you hear what I said?

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What'd you say? You do that and there's nothing you can do about it. Michelle said, God loves you, so you just might as well go ahead and accept it. Your picture is on the wall of his throne room. He looks at his son and his daughter all the time. He said, Look, look, look at my boy up there. Look at my girl out there. Wow. Awesome. Amen. I want you to leave here today. Changed. Amen. I hope the word of God, not me. I hope the word of God spoken to you. It was written. It was the Word of God was spoken first, so it could be written. And now it's written. So it can be spoken.

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Amen.

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I said the word of God was spoken. And written by 40 authors. God spoke it so it could be written. Now it's written. So it can be spoken.

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Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory. Amen.

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Okay. That's right. He sent his word. And it the word the actual Greek king James says he sent his word and the word healed them. That's not what the the original Greek Hebrew says this. He sent the word and it the word healed them. Why? Because the word is life. Amen. The spirit of life, which is Romans eight two. Which I thought was going to start. And I didn't really introduce it. Romans eight two talks about sin and death and the spirit of life. That's what John G. Lake knew about. When he was in South Africa and people were dying all over the place, the bubonic plague. But he knew about it in Christ and he understood that. And he had a scientific mind. He had a medical background to some degree. And he was he was actually experimenting with this. And so Lake took a few people came to South Africa and they said, Aren't you afraid that you and your team are going to catch all this plague? And they were dying so many. They just had big, very deep holes and put multiple bodies in them. Like she When we got there, they were dead by the hundreds. He says. Then we begin to minister to them and they said, Aren't you afraid because you're not protected, you're not wearing anything. You can do nothing to protect yourself. He said, We're protected.

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He said, Is that man right there? Did he just die? He said, Yeah, he just died about a minute ago. He said, draw some of the he said, take a syringe and draw some of the fluid off his body and bring it to me and I'll show you what it works. They have like brought his telescope or his microscope microscope because he wanted to see this. He said, go go to that person or go to any person who just died. Draw the fluid off their hand because for a while themselves are still moving around, you know, even though the body is dead and they wouldn't draw it off. And they said he said, what do you want us to do? He said, I want you to put it in my hand. He said, In your hand, Are you crazy? He said, Put it in my hand and look through the microscope. He says, Watch what the spirit of life does with death. So they took the syringe and they put the froth of the fluid from the man who just died, put it in his hand. He said, Now look it in the microscope. And it was moving around. And then Lake said nothing. Within seconds, every cell died. He said The spirit of life as a dominator. It's a ruler. It rules. It reigns over death.

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Amen.

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Whatever's come. Not just to harm you has come to defeat you. If a cold, a fever blister could have its way and put you in the grave. We don't think much about it. You can put a little cream on it. Get away with it. If it came. But it only came because of what happened in the garden. Because that happened. It'll always be on this planet until Jesus comes and gets us. But Jesus says I will not leave them helpless. I will not leave them as an orphan. They will not live with an orphan spirit because I am ABBA. Daddy. I'm ABBA, Father. And the Holy Spirit who will come. It will be better for them. He'll be in every person. It'll be me. It'll be me if I was there personally, Jesus. And they had to share me with nobody. Wow. See, most of us would believe as Jesus would show them, come to our house today, we'd have a better week. How many of you would at least have a few questions? How many want something fixed? Right? Um. Can I tell you the truth? He's. He's here.

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Amen.

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He's here. Now, the reason that works for me and may not work for you is because I chose to believe it.

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Yes.

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You. So what if you died believing that you was only your age now? Well, I'd be in heaven and you'd be on this planet fighting and stuff. What's your question? I mean, they call the place Paradise. You say bear, but Jamison affixed to more stuff to come. Jamison. Well, I've been hearing that for a long time. But I don't care what Jamison gets. Paradise. Praise God.

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