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Good morning and welcome to Gracelife Church. And those of us joined us by different means and methods that are different times. The Bible says this is the day that the Lord hath made. I know you broke the law. Didn't make it. No. The Lord has made. Does the Lord do anything wrong? No. He's right. He's always been right and he's right on time. We are in a series and I think this is number four. We entitled it the series developing a strong spirit, developing a strong spirit. But this one is going to be titled within that series. Don't let your feelings determine your future. Don't let your feelings determine your future. Why don't you say it with me? Say don't let your feelings. Don't let your feelings determine your future. Determine your future. Did you never get that too? Did you make sure they had it? Now we've used as a text verse. You don't have to turn there. But Proverbs 18:14, it says the strong spirit. Notice it doesn't say a wimpy spirit, but a strong spirit of a man or woman will sustain them in a time of bodily pain. You ever had any pain? I once had pain panels on the windows pane. The strong spirit. So we're getting we're getting instructions here how to be free from pain and trouble. It didn't say pain and trouble won't come. It says how to be free from it. So the strong spirit of a man or a woman will sustain them in time of bodily pain or trouble.

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But if you have a weakened, broken spirit, who can raise up a bear? The message translation is a healthy spirit will conquer adversity. And they're good. But what do you do when the spirit's crushed? So we want to take just a moment to go a little different direction this morning. If you have your Bibles, if you want to go there, go to First Thessalonians chapter five and we're going to read 23 and 24. I think. I think I have the NIV on this one. But first Thessalonians chapter five, verse 23 and 24. Y'all ready? It says it says May God himself the God of peace. Oh, thank God. He's the God of peace. Amen. God, there's not a lot of peace in the world right now. You know that. It's not. Isn't it good that we're not just not talking about peace, but we're talking about the god of peace? Now, notice, he's not the god of turmoil. But the government, he says, may God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 24, and the one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Amen. Thank God he says he will do it. Didn't say we do it, but he'll do it. Man. So we want to look at some things concerning the whole part of man's spirit, soul and body.

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You know, we we know that we're of those three components. If you're born again and if you're not born again, you're a spirit. And we all have a soul, don't we? Well, it's easy to define the body. Sometimes people teach on this. They'll say more times than I saw something on TV last night. It was a movie, and it was a place where people would come to get help. And it says to restore your body, soul and spirit. It had exactly backwards. God. Sometimes when people minister, they talk about we're going to talk about the body, soul and the spirit. Well, I'm not trying to be critical about that, but I'm just saying if people think more in the terms of their soul, the reasoning faculties, the mind, their will, their emotions, and certainly they think about their bodies at the expense of their spirit. It's not. It's not God. The divine order would be what? Spirit? Because you are a spirit. You do have a soul. You do have mind, will and emotions. Actually, the soul is made up. You could you could even go further beyond that. It would still be within the components of mind will and emotions. But you could say this the soul is made up of five basic areas. Number one, be the emotion. Number two would be the intellect or the reasoning. Number three would be your memory. Your memory can bless you or it can destroy you.

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They will try to take you back to remember when. Number four will be your imagination. Number five will be your will. So that's the five basic areas of the soul. The motion, intellectual reason, the memory, the imagination and the will. But everything works in the Kingdom of God according to spiritual laws. There's natural laws. The parallel with spiritual laws. We all know what gravity is. Everyone here, I think, believes in gravity. If you don't, you can test it out. You'll find out. It works the same everywhere. I don't care. You say, Well, I'm from the north. I think it'll work there. I mean, if you want to go up to New York and jump off the Empire State Building, I think gravity works there. Same as you jump off the back of a truck tailgate, you're going south. You're going down, Right. That's just a spiritual law. And because that's the law of gravity. But then we have what we call the law of aerodynamics or the law of lift and thrust. It doesn't suspend gravity. It just overrides it when you get to a certain speed with a certain air wingspan. At enough speed, thrust in lift can overcome gravity and can go, you know, ten, 20,000 or more feet in the air. But when it comes down back to the ground, it enters it back into the law of gravity and gives you a safe landing. You both you have two laws that work well.

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Then you have what we call in Romans eight. We won't go there, but you have what you call the law of spirit and death. It's a law. It works. It's working all the time. It's working for the people who don't know, who don't know Jesus as Lord. It's working against people who don't who do know Jesus as Lord, but they don't know who they are. You say, well, that shouldn't be so. Well, we're going to talk about why that is so. But then there's there's a law that supersedes the law of sin and death, and that's called the law of the Spirit of Life, which we talked about about a week or two ago. The law of spirit and life supersedes. Anything. The law of sin and death. Jesus brought the law of life. He said, Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. But that's not why I came. That's not my purpose. I came to give you life and give you life in abundance. Now you know this. You all are well trained in this area. But the law of life is the law of Zoe. It's the. It's the nature of God. So he didn't the abundant life, even though it was talked about this way. It's not really it's not really technically. So if you study it out, you know, people talk about, well, you know, you'll have abundance. Well, you can have abundance, but that's not what he's talking about.

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John 10:10 He's not talking about having an abundant life of blessings and increase that's included in your covenant. But that's not the subject for discussion in John 10:10 He said, I've come to give you Zoe my life and I'm going to give you so much. I'm going to give it to you in abundance. You're going to have an abundance of this away until it what overflows? Why does it need to overflow? Because you have a neighbor. Who doesn't know him. And you need to spill out and spill over. And the fuller you get, the more you spill. If you're running on it, you're not going very far, right? Right. Well, so then we have we have we need to understand these things because of Jesus death and resurrection. We have that new man. We're the new creation or the new creation in Christ Jesus. That belongs to you. That is you. That's built in Dominion. That's the Dominion Principle discussed in Genesis. Chapter one that you have. Dominion also means that you have shed and rested forever the law of selfishness. Of hatred. Of envy. Why? Because you have the love. You have the love of God. You don't have phileo love. You have the love of God. You have the agape love of God. That cancels out all sin. All sin just happens because of selfishness. Just think of any sin. Why did they do it? There was something they wanted they desired, or they were upset with someone.

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They did it because of how they felt. They did it because of their feelings. They did it because of their emotions. So we're going to talk about some of these feelings and emotions today that God did give us our five senses, but he gave it to him to bless us, not to curse us. He gave it to assist us, but not to run our life. And so when we bring these components spirit, soul and body into into oneness with him, the Bible says were one with him in spirit. Sometimes we don't talk that much about the body or the mind. We just talk about, well, we're spirit going to be with the Lord. But you have a soul. And if things get out of whack, they get out of divine order. Then you have things that happen to the body and things happen to the body. Then you lose your authority on the earth. You can't stay on earth without a body, can you? So we need to understand that Jesus did something for our spirit, soul and body as if it were one. There's three components, but it has this one. In other words, we won't go there. But John, 1930, Jesus said, it is finished. He didn't say it's one third finished. It's finished. Spirit, soul and body. Amen. Now all we have to do is find out how to think like he thinks. Amen. And thank God he gave us a book.

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Amen. I mean, what if we didn't have a book? But, you know, you need to read the book. Okay, So Satan works diligently. What does he do to blind humanity to keep us in a place to where we're they're not seeing well. Second Corinthians four and verses three and four says that if our gospel be hid, it's hid to them that are lost. In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds. There's the minds of them which believe not lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God. In other words, Jesus is the image of God should shine unto them. Well, the image of Jesus should shine unto you and me. Amen. Hebrews said he was the express image of God. In other words, if you want to know what God thought, what God said, what God's opinion was on the matter, all you had to do is look at the life of Jesus. So somebody said, well, you know, God's mysterious, we can't know the will of God. Well, you can if you read, if you can read, you can know the will of God. Amen. Jesus is the express image of God. So the question is not can you know, God knows. Well, the question is, can you read? No, no, don't shout me down now because I'm doing such good preaching. Amen. Now, remember, the soul is made up of those five basic areas the motion, the intellect, the intellectual reason, the memory, the imagination, the will.

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Then think about it in the context of second Corinthians ten, verses three through five, because this is the place where the devil tries to plant strongholds. In other words, this is a this is a home for him. This is the house for him. This a stronghold is a fortress. This is where he's going to come in. He's not he doesn't want to come in and visit. He wants to come in and take over. So he he wants to stay there. He he plans to move in to your life. And he wants to build strongholds. A fortress in our thinking. Well, if we don't understand the will of God by reading the will of God, then we won't be able to counteract anything that He's doing. We'll just interpret our life based on what we interpret it, based on how it's run and how it's working. You know how we feel with our emotions. Emotions can bless you and emotions will get you killed. Their emotions that that are not in line with the Word of God will try to interpret your future for you. So second Corinthians ten, verse 3 to 5, says, For though you are walking in the flesh in the physical, you don't warn the physical, you don't warn the flesh. Now let's just break it down some more. Now, what is the flesh? It's the physical.

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What is the physical? What's the carnal part? It's the five senses. So for, though. For though, we walk in the flesh or the physical with our five senses, we don't war. We don't go to war with our five senses. For the weapons of your warfare, not with your five senses. They're not natural weapons. That is not what God wants you to war with. But what he did give you is mighty through God to the pulling down of this fortress. In other words, you're going to destroy something. You're not just going to say no, but you're going to destroy the stronghold, the home, the house of the fortress by by doing what you're going to have to cast down the imaginations, which is part of the soul, and you're going to cast down every high thing that exalts its itself, not exalting God. It's exalting itself. Now slow down a little bit more. Your senses will exalt themselves. Your symptoms can exalt themselves. So now you have to deal. You have to deal with the senses. You have to deal with your feelings. You have to deal with your emotions because your emotions are telling you this is what's going on and this is what it might look like in two weeks or two months or two years. In other words, it's writing a vision for you and saying this is what your life is looking like. This is where it is headed. The senses are telling a story.

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And they have testimonies of people that went before you, maybe even family members. You know, the doctors say, you know, you got that genetics. Well. Who made genetics, man. You see, they're telling you now your mother had this. Well, who made mother? Did God do anything imperfect? No. No. You say. Well, now Daddy had it. And Granddaddy had this. Well, granted, it doesn't know what you know today. So they just said, you know, well, you know, Granddaddy had the highs and mama had the lows. So it's going to be high. It's going to be low. I had a doctor years ago. Tell me about five years ago. He said, Well, now, you know, your mama had this. I said, She did. He says, yes, in the chart. And he says, So we ought to just go ahead and just start you on this kind of medication Now, he says, because, you know, 99% chance you're going to have what she had because I see you're her son. He said, Let's get you started. I said, No, thank you. He said, Be better for you. And I says, You think? Yeah, he said, you know, without certain medications, some people die. So I said, I'm a Christian. You can't threaten me with death. I'm just not afraid. I'm not. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid of going to Paradise. I said, Sir, I live in Jimerson. Paradise sounds a whole lot better. Plus, I don't think that your pill, if I take it, can determine whether I'm going to stay in Jimerson or go to Paradise.

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He said, Well, I'm just trying to help you. I said, Thank you. I don't need any. That was five years ago. Amen. Amen. Well, see, he learned that in medical school. They don't even know what the problem is. They're just saying, we have your chart and we have your mother's chart and you're okay. But since this is in your, you know, in your DNA, why don't you just take something preventative? So if a child has to come. Well, that's what insurance is, right? I mean, everybody wants to be insured, but no one will have to pay the insurance. We really go to the beach on that money, go out to eat. Right. Who wants to pay insurance for, you know, someone might steal your sofa or whatever, You know, your house gets on fire or, you know, whatever it is. Isn't it something how people can take all their resources and they insure their cars, their homes, the contents of their homes, their vehicles, their life insurance and hospital insurance. And they don't do anything with the Word of God to insure their life any day of the week. Amen. But they'll pay your insurance premiums every month. But there's a better way to ensure your security than giving it to your insurance company. Amen. Jesus already paid the premium. Huh? It has zero deductible and pays 100%. Amen.

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Never goes down. He doesn't even cost more when you get older. You have unlimited visits. You several times a day. You say, Well, I'm getting old. I need some help. Well, you got you got the helper. Holy Ghost. He is all help. Well, I don't feel that strong all the time. Well, he's also the Strengtheners. Well, I got people against me. He's the advocate. He's your lawyer. Mean he's got you covered. All states. Not the people of good hands. They had no hands to God made hands. God is the good hands. People all state no hands. Remember, this thing is not just our spirit. It's not just one third finish. It's all the way finished. Well, now, so how do we bring into subjection what's finished? Well, we do that with Romans 12 two. He says, do not be conformed to this world. Do not. That sounds definite to me. Can you read that? That not be definite. Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed. There's a transformation needs to take place. Amen. Amen. It's not on God's side. Say, Lord, you're getting a little old. How's your memory? You think the is taking memory pills? I mean, how do you think the Lord, you know, got a little catchy and get along after a few gazillion years? Right. And he got his shots for Covid. When you pray, your breath goes up before the Lord. He has put on a mask.

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A lot of breath coming up towards him. Heaven says, don't pray the Lord in Jesus's down for a few weeks there. They're being secluded for two weeks. You're on your own. Angels will do all they can. That's just goofy as the day is long. But be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. I'm sorry. The renewing of your mind. Some people think remove their mind, but you might prove notice. Notice You can't even prove what the will of God is until you renew your mind. But do you see that we're supposed to prove the will of God? How? That you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. That's not three wheels. You hear it taught that way. That way. Sometimes people just get in a wheel that's good. And some, you know, God accepts some wheels, but then there's a perfect wheel. Do you think the Lord has three different wheels? That does. There's nothing in that that if you take all scripture inclusive and say, Yeah, God has like, you know, three, you know, a variety, I mean, they'd be, you know, this is good, but it'd be better if you come here and I really want you to come here. Well, now people do that. But he didn't offer you three different dimensions. If you're seated in heavenly places, that's got to be perfect. That was good.

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I just think he's using all these adjectives to say, Hey, this is good. This is this is a man, this is, well, acceptable and this is perfect, man. This is perfect. It's not three different dimensions of wheels. It's just one wheel. God has one wheel for you. That's victory. Amen. Amen. So the area of the soul is vitally important. And we must possess this part of our beings or we will not possess anything else in our life. You want to turn there, But. Matthew 16:26 the King James says for what is for what is a man profits for what? It will profit a man. What does he profit? What can a man profit if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul? Amen. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? See, your soul is the battleground where the war is waged continuously. It's not your spirit. Your spirit is sealed off and belongs to God. Your spirit doesn't need knowledge. Your spirit has all knowledge. Of all things. Your knowledge and God's knowledge is one and the same, right? So that's in your spirit. But then our soul sees is different from that. In other words. Your soul. Is that part of you that God created? When someone leaves their body, their spirit leaves their body. But there's a part of their soul that goes with them. In other words, they're able to think things. You can talk.

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You can think about the the rich man, you know, the beggar came to him and asked for food and drink. Then the rich man says, you know, go away. Don't have nothing to do with you. Well, he dies and goes and he's in hell. And so but he sees this poor man and he tells angels, he says, Send someone like Moses to my brother so he'll accept us so they will never come here. Well, he had memory. He had reason. He had raised in faculties within him. So the soul was part of you? Well, God's not discarding a part of you. Your soul is as much of you as your spirit is you. Right. You're not just a spirit with no thinking capabilities or no reasoning abilities. In other words, he wants to preserve blameless what your spirit, your soul and body once again. He's not one third finished. It's all the way finished. That's that's first Thessalonians 5:23 that you be preserved blameless. What Spirit. Soul and body. Thus, thus the 3 in 1. It's kind of like the Trinity. God, the Father, God, the Son, God. Holy Spirit. You say, Which one is God? All of them. Most people don't think of Holy Spirit as God. The. The Holy Spirit. He is God. Amen. As much as Jesus the Son is God. Amen. Jesus is the much God is God as God. They were always. So how does that work? I have no idea.

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You can ask when you get to heaven. If you. If you go to sermon, someone's going to tell you, Well, I'm going to tell you, you know, the beginning of God and how he always was. I mean, you can go and just listen, but you're I don't think I don't think we have the scriptures for it. I mean, there are some things we just do not know. I mean, how can you always have been? Armand doesn't think that way. Everything that we know of has a beginning and has an end. Well, not with. Not with God. I mean, it says in the beginning of Genesis one, in the beginning, God created the heaven and earth. And sometimes we think that people think that's when God began, you know, God begun. Then he decreed the world. No, there's there was God before there was a beginning. If there was no God, there would have been no beginning. God did not come out of the beginning or there would be no beginning. God has always been. The sun has always been Holy. Spirit has always been. It said they said, Let us, Trinity, Let us make men. Let's make them like us. Amen. See, that's thinking. That's thoughts. That speech. Right. That's the that's the soulless part of you. And the soulless part of a triune being is that they have a they have a soul, a mind, a will.

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They have reasoning. So and when he said that in first Thessalonians, he says, let them be preserved. Blameless spirit, soul and body. But in the area where we're talking about don't let your don't let your feelings or don't let your emotions determine your future. We have to understand that we that the spirit is the main part of you. That's the part of you that's born again. Your body is not born again. How have you figured that out? I mean, I wouldn't take any advice from my body. I mean, if I took advice from my body, I'd just shoot myself one day. My body says it's a bad day. Just go well. How about your soul? How do we know your soul can have some crazy thoughts? Norvel Hayes used to say flaky thoughts. Well. It is until it's until it's trained. That's why Romans 12:2 says, do not be conformed to this world that was don't live like this world. Don't act like this world. Don't make decisions like this world. You see, that's going to be a lonely path. It'll be a great it may be lonely, but it'll be great. Amen. I mean, you're winning on every side, and the world's at war. I don't mean just natural war. It could be that. But I'm talking about. They're just warring with everything. Some things you'll do better. This is just a side note. Some things you'll just do better just to be quiet on.

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Don't even talk about them. Some things will just go away. Not now. Everything won't go away. But a lot of times things will just go away. Amen. I've been asked this thousands of times. Well, hundreds of times throughout life and ministry. People say, well, now. And they'll ask you because you're they know you're a minister. I say, what do you believe about so-and-so? Well, what's your opinion? I said, Well, I don't have one. That's the way you got to have an opinion. I said, No, I don't have no opinion at all. I said, Well, seriously, I mean, what's what's your opinion about homosexuality, for instance? And I said, I don't have an opinion. I said, Well, how could you be a minister and not have an opinion? I said, Because I'm a minister. I said, Well, that's what I'm talking about. How could you be a minister? I said, How could you be a man of God and not have and not have an opinion? I said, Because I'm a man of God. And when and when the mouth opens up like that means they don't know anything. If they tilt their head and open the mouth, that means they're ignorant. Ignorant means not knowing. I'm not calling them stupid, just not knowing. I not know a lot of things about you. So you say, Well, why do you say that? Well, I don't I don't have an opinion.

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I have the word. And some people will go beyond that. And I would tell them, I says, Well, I don't have an opinion. I mean, this is what the word says. I said, Well, yeah, I know all about that, but what's your opinion? You know? Beyond that, I says, Man, you're not listening to me. I don't have an opinion beyond this. So there's 66 books in here. Neither one of them's called Eric. Now, some of y'all have been named after a book in the Bible, and that's wonderful. But I found where the Lord was talking to me all the way through here. But the Holy Ghost did not use me to write one of these 66 books. Just saying. So my opinion is his opinion. You said, Well, do you understand all his opinions? I said, No, I'll be honest with I don't understand. I don't understand a lot of them. Well, then why would you side with him if you don't understand? I said, Because he's right. If you can scoop up dirt and blow into it and make it human, I'm going to listen. I mean, when you can create millions and millions of plant and animal life, I mean, when God made a giraffe, I don't know what he's thinking. That's an odd looking animal. A giraffe in it. Watch him run. I bet it sure does hurt when they get a sore throat. It's a long one, ain't it? It's going to take several laws and justice to swallow these 470 laws.

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I'm just messing. So we're not warned in the flesh. Our weapons aren't natural weapons. People say, man, when I get to heaven, I'm going to show the devil a thing or two. Well, it'll be too late. He won't be there, sucker. Devil ain't going to heaven. He's already been there. He's too stupid to stay there. I mean, how stupid can you be to get kicked out of heaven? So when you get up there, don't start spouting your mouth off. Amen. Satan fell. It said there was a war in heaven. You ever read that scripture in Revelation that there was a war in heaven? They'll say it wasn't hardly any verses. There was it was like was like war is over. And I feel Satan as fall as lightning. In other words. And and all he said was, I've been thinking about it and I think I'm exalt my throne above yours. He said, Oh, okay. And then he just drop kicked him in. The third of the angels went with him. So that's my opinion is his opinion. Now we're talking about developing a strong spirit. A strong spirit. So a strong spirit will sustain you in a time of trouble. Are. You are listening to me. God wants strong men and women to God strong. I'm not talking about just physically strong. I'm talking about strong. Amen. I mean, how can you be strong? Well, you have to eat, right? I'm not talking about just eating right.

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Naturally, I'm not talking about that at all, actually. You know, the Bible says that over there. It says. It says, you know, in other words, natural means of exercise. He says he says profits only little. But he's not saying to not exercise and take care of your body. In other words, you should. You absolutely should because you have a physical body. But he's saying, in contrast to spiritual things, he's not just saying, you know, physical exercise is very little profit. He says, in contrast to the spiritual. He says there is no comparison. Do a study. You'll find you'll never find. There's been one nutritionist that ever lived to be 100 years old yet. Now, they might have lived a better life. I don't know. I mean, you know, some people just break the code. There are genetics involved. I mean, there are some people you think, how did they live that long? There was a woman in New York. Someone broke in her house. A true story. She was 112 years old and someone broke in her apartment and she she got him and put him in a scissors, you know, locked with her legs until her neighbor could next to her, could call the police 112 years old. Boy, that'd be embarrassing, wouldn't it? Here you are, maybe 25, 30 year old man breaking into 112 year olds, and she puts you in a headlock and scissors lock and hold you down there until the police get there.

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Then they get the rest of you. And they asked her. They asked her, they interviewed her, said, well, you know, what's your what would you say? What's your recipe for long life? This is what I'm talking about. You can't just go by. I mean, there's a natural side to. She says, she said, I don't ever worry. And I always use Prince Albert and the Cam. You know, I use the good stuff. So she just held him down. Well, what are you going to do? What are you going to say about that? Well. But he said, I want you to be preserved. Blameless spirit, soul and body. That's the that's the triune. That's the three part of you. So your spirit is is born again, sealed in your spirit. You're just like God in your spirit. You're just as righteous as Jesus is right now. When you go to heaven, you'll never get an upgrade of righteousness. You're just as righteous now as you'll ever be because he imputed to you his righteousness. What are you saying? Righteousness. It means with God. You are right. In your spirit and your spirit is sealed in your spirit. You're blameless in your spirit. You've been born again. Old things passed away. Behold, all things become new. Yeah, but three years ago, I went through this trouble.

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Well, I've been married three times with the Lord. Doesn't remember the first one. You say? Well, did he forgive you? Yeah. Well. Well, then you don't have an ex. You're just married or you're single. Got real quiet again in here. Well, he said. He said, I will remember your sins no more. Even I who blotted out your sins and I transgressions. And I will remember your sins no more. Why do you remember them? I know the church remembers them. I know your brother in law remembers him. I know your mother in law. Sometimes. Remember? My mother in law always told me that was her last actually her last words to me. And I was leaving the hospital. Michelle was there with her and we talked and I got to the door, Shelby and she said, Hey, Eric. I said, Yes, ma'am. She smiled, and she says. Same joke. She says, You know, you're my favorite son in law. I said, I know. And she said, and I started reaching for the door. She said, Hey. I said, Yes, ma'am. She said, And you're my only son in law. I'm the best one, but I'm the only one. Amen. She loved jokes, so we didn't want to be conformed to this world. We want to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Right. So let me say it this way. So your spirit is supposed to be king. Jesus King.

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You're born of his spirit. Your spirit is supposed to be king. Then your soul was supposed to serve you as a servant. Your feelings, your physical being, your emotions is supposed to serve you as servant. In other words, when they're renewed on the Word of God, they give you proper information to the rest of the to the rest of the to the body. That's what your that's what your soul does. When it's renewed to the Word of God, it becomes your servant. Most people are actually serving their soul. I said, Well, I've had this habit and I know the Lord loves me and I know his grace saved me and I know God gives me grace. You know, they go over to the Romans and say, you know, we're seeing abound, Grace more abound. So Lord just knows, you know, everyone has trouble. So he just he just graces me. And, you know, he knows I still have this habit. Lord, I understand. No, he don't understand that at all. He understands that grace was the power to bring you out. Jesus didn't go to the to the cross and go to go to the grave. Go to hell for you. To keep you in the same place that you've always been. He came to bring you out. And then he gave you his spirit. His spirit? He gave you his righteousness. He justified you. The scripture says there's no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

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Not even a little bit. Now, some churches will have plenty for you. It's just a different version of a we could do better. Did you do good this week and let's do better next week? This is a different version of it. That's why they can preach in 18 minutes and be through. They ain't nothing else to talk about. I mean, some churches, all you can ever do is get saved in them. Thank God for that. But there's something beyond salvation. God didn't create you to miss Hell. If he created you to have a family, he created you in his image. He created you in his likeness. He created you to function just like him. And if you don't function like him, then that means you malfunction because you've been made in the image and likeness of God. And when you are one with the Lord as First Corinthians 6:17 said, he thus joined the Lord, they become a single spirit, a single tear spirit. Let's think about that. You are you are one spirit with him. So when the devil comes to attack, he doesn't know if he's jumping on you or Jesus. And then you get that Clint Eastwood attitude. Say, go ahead, sucker. Make my day. Ha ha ha ha. Because how many know greater is he that's in you than he that's in the world. Amen. Brother Hagan used to always talk about Smith.

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Smith Wigglesworth saying he always said, you know, he said Smith said, I'm a thousand times bigger on the inside than I'm on the outside. And Brother Hagan said, I concur, but I think Smith missed it. He said, I think it's at least a million. I'm a million times bigger. Well, I think Brother Hagan must admit I think it's in the trillions. Huh? Amen. Greater. Is he? That's in you. Now, who is he talking about? The greater one. The mighty one. The holy one. The righteous one. The all glorious one. The one who created the heavens and earth split the Red Sea. He lives inside of you. You are his address. Ephesians says you are the habitation of God. You are the place that he hangs out. You are there used to be the holy of holies. Everyone just barely touched it by mistake. They died. You remember the guy who tried to steady the cart, fried him like crispy critters? Now that moved into you. Oh, my God, y'all. Are y'all hearing this? See, you know this. But can you imagine being taken back in time, Back into the past? You know, like, you know, like the old shows back into the future. Go in the past and then tell and then tell Moses and all of them. God lives in me. They're like, do what? I mean, they have very strict things, you know, like, here's the commandments and they go in there and you can only go here.

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Then we go into the temple and only the priest can go in there and you got the outer court, then you got the inner court, then you got the the main deal behind the veil. Well, the veil has been torn. When Jesus died, tore it from the top to the bottom. Amen. Amen. God. You are the holies of holies in your spirit. Dear God. Do you know what? We would have been stoned if you went into the Old Testament for a day and you told them the holies of holies is in you? Same way when Jesus stood up and he says, you know, he said, The spirit of the Lord is upon me. It went on and told him it was all these this day this scripture is fulfilled in your ears. They said, Say you didn't say what I just thought you said. He said, You're saying this day, this scripture talking about the Messiah's coming is fulfilled years. He says, That's it. And the church wanted to throw him off a cliff. The sinners loved him. They love Jesus. They absolutely love Jesus who hated him. Religious people? That's right. Religion took him to the cross and killed him. I mean, that was. That's why it came. So religion is not going to be nice to you. Jesus said, They have to hate me before they hate you. He said, if they're hating you, he said, That's good news.

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You're in good company. Amen. Amen. They should leave me alone to understand you. Most of them. If they understand you completely, you're doing something wrong. I mean, you go through the gospels and Jesus is doing signs, wonders and miracles saying things. And they said it says, Man, we have seen some strange things here today. This is strange. This is wild. Remember when they came? Remember when they killed James? Then they was coming for Peter. And they were over praying and not too far away from the house. A bunch of them was praying. The disciples, the men and the women. They were praying for Peter. And then the angel comes down after they prayed and just released them from the prison, they said, Come on out. I mean, they just reach in and here's the guards. I don't know if you put them to sleep or what he did and he says, just come on out, let's go. You see, where did they get the key? The angel said, I don't need no key. Just come on out. And then Peter goes to where they're praying, knocks on the door. They're afraid for their life. Oh, my. They'll come for us. And they open the door. The woman opens the door and she saw Peter and she goes, Huh? And she slams the door. She goes back to tell the rest of them and says, It's Peter. They said, I don't believe it.

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Why are you doing? Why are you praying? Did you read that in the Bible? They don't they don't even believe it. That's what they're praying for. Dear God, can you imagine that? God answers prayer. Wow. Who would have ever thought it? Then Peter gave me instructions. He go, he said, Go to the temple and preach. He says, and it says, Preach about this life. Preach about this, Zoe. Preach about the life of God. Amen. And they came and said, How did Peter get loose? They said, We don't know. He says he just disappeared. Well, it's hard to keep a man in prison if the angel keeps on releasing. I'm here to make your bond. How much was it? Zero. Did you get the judges okay? Sure did. Sure did. Huh? Yeah. That's going to put Paul to death. Remember, he was in prison, and Paul said it would be better for me to go. He said it's much better to be with the Lord than be here. He said, Be better for you, though, I guess if I stay. He said, I kind of in a strait between two. He says, I don't know which one I should do. Can you see the spirit, soul and body in that statement? I, Paul. I'm going to straight between two. It'd be better for me, the real man, Paul, to be with him. But it'd be more beneficial to you if I stayed in my body here.

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Can you see spirit, soul and body there? And I said, Well, we're going to put you to death. And Paul says, I hadn't decided yet. Now we're putting you to death, he says, Yeah, I know, but I hadn't decided whether you're going to do that yet or not. That's big talk, ain't it? Well, Paul had already seen the miracle working power of God. He'd been on the ship. He said, Don't, don't sail, don't sail, don't sail, don't sail. I could tell you right now, I keep getting my spirit. Don't sail. I said, Just shut up. Get on the ship. Well, sure enough, here come the storm. Paul said, I told you Paul was one of those who I say, I told you so. I told you, don't sail. And it looks like everyone was going to die in an angel just shows up. He says. An angel shows up and they've been in a storm. It's been dark for two weeks. No light. I mean, can you imagine with no Dramamine being on a ship like that? An angel just shows up and says, watch here. Angel shows up and says, Be a good cheer. Yeah, I guess where you live. But. But be of good cheer. So he told Paul. He says. He says now the ship will be lost. He says. But no man's life will be lost because you're on the ship and you won't be lost, obviously, because he says, you have to go stand before the King Agrippa.

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In other words, Paul had an assignment. A storm couldn't kill him. The boat couldn't kill him. No one could kill him because he had an assignment. Who's in charge. So you have a spirit just like God. But if we don't rule our if we don't conform our mind to to the Word of God, then we'll be ruled by your feelings and your emotions. You'll be ruled by the physical. You'll be ruled by the x ray. You'll be ruled by weakness. But a strong spirit. Proverbs 18:14. The strong spirit of a man will sustain that man in the time of bodily pain or trouble. But a weak and broken spirit who can raise up a bear. The stronger you are and the spirit, the stronger you are physically. You have a spiritual immune system as well as you have a physical immune system. If you don't feed your spirit and renew your mind, you'll become weak. Yes, your body has to have food, not just something that tastes good because you like something tastes good. Your body has to have food. It has to have liquids. We're three. We're three parts water and one part mud. You can only live so many days without liquids. You can only live so many days without food. Well, your spirit will only stay so strong with you never feeding them. If this is all you're getting, you're kind of a weak Christian.

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If you left your Bible here and it's been here for three weeks and you forget to take it home, that means you're not getting the food. In other words, just look at your spirit as needing food as well as your physical body does. Your spirit has an immune system. It can be stronger or it can be weaker. But when the infirmity come, the trials come, the temptations come. Come to life. And the situations come to your home, to your relationships and to your physical well-being, to your finances. The strength of your spirit will determine the adversity of how long it's going to last or if it's going to take you out. Amen. Amen. Now, would that be an important subject? Well, Amen. Now let's go just a little bit further. Emotions and feelings are caused by either pleasure or pain. Emotions and feelings are designed to move you in a direction. And there was they're looking to change the chart a new course. What is your feelings that you have, the emotions that you have that your your five senses produce in you? It's designed to move you. Well, I wasn't feeling too good today, so I didn't so and so. Okay. Well, or I'm angry or I'm upset. Well, I hate them. Well. Well, then, what do you mean you hate them? I know of a Christian. True story. I know of a Christian.

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I know of no one person. But I know of a Christian who was a Christian, but in a fit of anger, killed and murdered someone. That person is no longer alive. And they served a prison sentence. They were a Christian. Who threw a fit of anger. Do something that should never have taken place. Well, when you say I hate so-and-so, really what you're saying, according to the word is you're saying I'm a murderer. You say, Well, I'm not a murderer. I've never murdered anyone. Well, Jesus, I mean, what he was talking about, John there, he says, if you hate someone, that is the seed of murder. The Bible says be angry and sin not. In other words, Jesus had righteous indignation. Jesus went into the temple and took whips and turned the tables over because they were turned the house of prayer into a den of thieves. He was angry with righteous indignation. Now there's a there's there's a fruit. You want to call it anger. It's not a fruit of the spirit. But there was nothing wrong with that anger. It was righteous indignation. Has God ever been angry? Yes. Has God ever been upset? Yes. Has God has the Holy Spirit ever been grieved? Yes. Has. Has the Holy Spirit ever been happy and joyful? Absolutely. Why? Because they they know emotions. Because they created them. Because they have them themselves. Well under check and well under control.

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Amen. Why are we talking about this? Because your spirit is to be king. You made, just like in your spirit, your King Jesus and your spirit made in his image. But your but your emotions are feelings are to be your servant, not you serve them. I was trying to help someone last week call and this is the fourth time they called and I for a while, I don't even know who I'm talking to because the crying is so profusely out of whack. It takes me it takes me five minutes to get them to slow down, to even figure out who in the world I'm talking to. And then it's just, you know, you know, ten minutes. Oh, Pastor West, Pastor West. And I think someone has been killed, murdered or whatever. And they said, I'm depressed. I mean, it took me ten minutes to find out who he even was. That was, you know, my wife heard part of it. Not that I had on speakerphone, but it was so loud, the crying and the carrying on, I thought someone had been killed. So you can see what a person is when they're weak, when they're spirits weak. So I gave this person an assignment about two weeks ago. I said, I need you to find verses along this line on these two subjects. And by next week I want you to give me those verses in writing. Then you and I will agree with it on what you have found written.

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Well, they came about a week later and then they said this, this, this and this is still happening. It's still this. Oh, I need you to do something about this. I need you to do something about that. I need you to pray. I need you to talk to them. It's just like this. I said I need those verses. What verses? The verses you and I talked about for 20 minutes that you post to give me today. Oh, yeah? Well, I found one somewhere. I said you found one Scripture. You found one scripture in seven days. After we talked 30 minutes. After. After you've been fed. Utilities paid. Da da da da da da. You come up with one scripture. Well, I just need you to pray. Well, it's good to pray God can work with our prayers. But God don't just heal marriages through prayer. You might have to find out the principles for a successful marriage. I can't pray that the principles just start working in you when you violate them every day of your life. I just if I just cried and wailed to you and I discard. Oh, Miss Pam. Miss Pam is Pam. It took her ten minutes to find who I was. I want you to pray. I'd be scared here. You say you'd be scared? Oh, yeah. They're carrying too much weight. He's just bothering me. I'm just playing.

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Well, first you'd think I'd lost my mind, right? Because she just prayed me skinny. I said, Oh, I want to go back to a 32 waist. Oh, Miss Pam, I just need you to intercede for the Lord. May I tell you this? One time I went past him, but he's in church somewhere. And this woman, she's like, Oh, patchy, patchy. I want you to just pray. She said, my ankles be Swat. Swat. Swat. I need you to pray, Pastor. I remember that she wanted the pastor to pray. He said, Well, you're going to have to quit eating pork. She said, Oh, she said, this pastor prayed, Lord, no, I can't give up my pork, but just pray. No one has a zero faith in the house for that. Well, I know I ain't gonna stop doing anything now. I just need this thing. Go away. I ain't got time to come, Church. You ought to be on my side for a few weeks. These verses mean a whole lot more to you. It wouldn't be a sermon. It'd be like, Oh my God, I had no idea. Never allow emotions to move you in. Choosing to move you in the direction that opposes God's Word or God's will. Remember, we talked about weeks ago, we started on this, about opposing gods, about how we oppose ourself. Paul told Timothy to teach these people, he said, who are actually opposing themselves, and then they become entangled.

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By the devil. By you cooperating with him. Imagine that we cooperate sometimes with the enemy to oppose ourself. So Paul was telling Timothy that. When you yield to your feelings and physical or mental evidence or the emotion, you become unstable and you are very close to defeat. Because it was God's purpose for us to what live by what faith? Second Corinthians five seven says. For we walk by faith and not by sight. And the word sight in this verse seven Corinthians five seven, in that verse first sight, if you look at it, it says perceived with the senses. So we could go back and read this way. For we Walk by faith or not by sight. We walk by faith and not by our senses. How we feel, what we touch, what we smell. What we feel. What we hear. We don't walk that way. Those are God given gifts. But to be your servant, to serve you every day. But when the enemy turns that against you, he can use your feelings and your emotions and your situation, and he'll take the feeling and emotion of it. Or he'll take something in your body and cause a situation or a problem or a pain. And then he'll use your body as a weapon against you. But see, your body is just neutral. It doesn't have a will. You say? Well, yeah, it does it once Ickrieg Now that's in your emotions.

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Hmm. The body is just neutral. It just goes along for the ride. It's like the train going by the caboose. I mean, you don't even get a vote. The caboose is the tail and he just gets dragged everywhere. Like I say, if he was going to be if he was if you was a dog, if you were a dog, which you're not, never will be. But if you was and he's going to be a sled dog, you know, up in Alaska somewhere, I don't know. Was it eight, ten, 12? I don't know how they got on there. I mean, I'd want to be the head dog, wouldn't you? I would. I don't want to be at the end. If you look at the end, you're going to be looking at rears all day long. If you're going to be out, if you're going to go somewhere, you ought to be out there in front. So Satan will try to use your situation, but he'll use the emotions. See? We all have them. You ever had a situation, but because of and then your mind did this whole series about about what was about to happen. I remember raising teenagers and thinking they've just been home at 10:00 and it's 1030. It's 10:45. It's like, whatever. Then your mind would tell you all kinds of things. They're in a wreck. No one answers the phone. It's this. Their dog does this. I mean.

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I mean, within two hours, your mind will have you standing at the funeral home. That ever happened to anyone or some form of that. Oh, this is going to happen. This is like. My job, my retirement, my dah dah dah, my kids. This I mean, you got this whole situation is played out. Do we really think that's the Holy Spirit? No, it's the unholy Spirit. There's a Holy Spirit and there's a very. There's an unholy spirit. And then you get the feeling or the suggestions. You hear these words that come up in the form of a question. What are you going to do about it? You ever felt that before about any situation? Well, yeah, but what are you going to do about it? Show me your hand if you've ever thought that. Thought. What are you going to do about it? Well, here's what we know for sure. That's never the Holy Spirit asking you. No, he doesn't need any advice. What are you going to do about it? We've been thinking of some things in heaven. We want to run past you, but we don't know if it's going to work. That's the unholy spirit. That's the mind. That's the will, the emotion. That's the physical senses. Second Corinthians says or First Corinthians two says, the natural mind can't receive anything from God. It didn't say it'd be hard. It's just impossible. The natural part of you can't receive anything from God.

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It's impossible. He said. But you did not receive the spirit of the world. But the Spirit which is of God that you might know. He says, Oh, he says, So when you got born again, you didn't receive a spirit that doesn't know you received the spirit. That does know. Amen. Wow. So that we can the Holy Spirit is given to you so that you might know spiritual things and discern them. You can't discern them in that. In the natural. The natural man can't. That's why Romans eight says this is those who walk in the flesh, those who walk in the senses, they can't please God. They can't. It's impossible. Why? Because they're being governed by all their senses. They're being governed by symptoms. This helping anyone? Helping me. I hope it helps you. I promise you, If it helps me, it'll always help you. All right. Let me see if we can. We got to close. So the emotions are the voice of the flesh. Speaking from morning till night. This is just some things I wrote down yesterday. They're your emotions are talkers and stalkers. Your emotions will stalk you. It's not over now, buddy. You remember your. Your buddy Frank tried that, and you got the. Oh, and you remember Granddad? You got that same DNA we have. We have DNA, don't we? We got spiritual DNA. And I always said it means in spirit to the devil. Do not approach.

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Do not approach. That's your spiritual DNA. Your feelings are a part of your soul. But we are. But we are to rule the soul. Not be ruled. In other words, your spirit is commander, its chief, its king. Then the soul takes the word of God and begins to be transformed so that you think like your spirit already is. So that when there's a vote that's cast. In a democracy. What happens? Two out of one wins. Your body's just neutral. It's just. It's just along for the ride. You say? Well, I'm. Some of the cliché talking for years. Well, I know I'm healed. I'm just waiting on the manifestation. You know what that means? That means you don't believe you're healed. Well, I know I'm healed. Bible says by his stripes I'm healed. But I still got this pain I got, I still got this situation. So I'm just waiting on the manifestation. But thank God I know I'm healed now. You don't know you're healed yet. Why? Because you're interpreting whether you are or not, by a symptom. Symptoms are not the interpretation is not how you know whether or not you're healed. How do I know that I'm healed? Because I read it. The written word of God is equal to what God says. God in His word cannot be separated. Can you separate God from His word? Can you separate love from God? Can you separate God's will from who God is? Well, when it comes to healing, what is your evidence? What is the proof? How do you know that you have a right to be healed? What is the covenant proof that you know that you're healed? Well, it'd be first.

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Peter 224. It'd be Isaiah chapter 53, it'd be Matthew 817 and several other verses. Isaiah was speaking and prophesying to the one to come who would go to the cross for you? He said, you know, surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Sorrows. He talked about your sickness and your pain, and he said, by his stripes, you are healed. Well, Jesus hadn't been born yet, but the first Peter 224 is after the cross. He said, Who? His own self. Jesus bore our sins on his body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. By whose stripes? You you back there were healed when Jesus came. So what is the covenant say? It's by the stripes of Jesus and you putting faith in what the finished work of what Jesus did. Your faith determines the outcome of your life. Amen. Hmm. So if it meant going to the whipping post, he did that. You say, Well, I'm praying for God to heal me. Well, he don't do that no more. You can stop all that. Can. E.w. King, you said something. Years ago, people didn't like he said, Anything that you can find in the Bible is a promise.

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Don't need to be prayed about. Now, I thought, God, most people wouldn't even have a prayer life. Their their their prayer life consists of their needs mostly, and God cares about your needs, he said. But anything that you can find is a promise in the Bible never needs to be prayed about, just simply needs to be obeyed. Would change everything. Amen. You say? Well, I don't feel a bit different in my body. Well, he didn't say by his stripes you were healed if you feel like you were. Four times. My wife told me, you know, she she was pregnant, but I didn't feel pregnant at all. Me and a lot of times talk about how many children you. Oh, we had we had two. We had three. We had four. We both did it. On delivery day. The truth is, I never gave birth to any of them. Of course, I was standing up the whole time. She got to lay down every time we went there. No one ever brought me anything. I want to know, does she need this? Did she need that? I think, hey, I mean, first, how long was she in labor? Ten hours. They didn't bring me nothing. She's laying down the whole time. I felt like I was in labor ten hours. Praise the Lord. No one said, Brother, do you need something to eat? I just. She was just laying out there.

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Whatever she needed. She just called us like that. Just waiting on her hand and foot. We had four. She was there, too, by the way. I said if you're going to have. You know, when a kid has a birthday, they all remember if their mother is still alive. You got to take your mother present. It was the day she birthed you. She was heavily involved. She ought to get something for it. Real quiet in this Presbyterian church or whatever it is. So your feelings are a part of your soul? I mean, think about King David. You had the Psalms to see when David was going through trying times. He wasn't in your covenant. But he had to understand that he knew who God was the best, that he would know him from the outside. He didn't have him on the inside. So when David would have trouble, he would write things like this. When Psalm 103, he says, Bless the Lord. Oh, my soul. Oh, soul. And all that is within me. Bless his holy name. Bless the Lord. Oh, my soul. And forget not all his benefits. What probably happened was he was in a place where it was a hard place and he didn't see any benefits. He had to go back and remind himself of the covenant that he was in and he had to tell his his soul. We are going to bless at this point.

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That's what you do on purpose. By purpose? You say? Well, yeah, but it's all over and we win. And then we will. Oh, anybody can do that. Anybody can shout on the mountaintop. I'm talking when you're down in the valley and the rocks on top of you. It's like the wild coyote. Beep, beep. You know, the anchor falls or the, you know, the big what you call it the. You know, from Acme Anvil. Yeah, he's underneath it in the boulder and he's like. And beep, beep. When you're down there, when it's on top of you. Can you say bless the Lord o my soul and all that's within me? Because words matter. Are you all here?

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Going home? Amen.

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If you allow your emotions to rule the day, the week, the month, then they're going to take you deeper and deeper into trouble. Proverbs 21, The primary ways to successfully govern your emotions is with your words. So if you're going to be king, how do kings how do how do kings rule words? If I say there's going to be a party in the kingdom today at 5:00, there's going to be a party. When the king speaks, his decreed, the word decree is the word legislate, which is governing because you're made in his image and his likeness and you've been rule and reign. Your words when you speak his word through your mouth, you are decreeing you are legislating the will of God. Jesus said, Whatever they bind on earth, we bind in heaven. Whatever they loose on earth, Heaven gets involved in loosing. In other words, the earth is the. The earth is the Lord's. I mean, the world belongs to God. He says. But the earth he gave to me and he gave it to you. It's in your control. I have a brand new Bible here, almost brand new. But if I give it to Brother Dennis right here, if I give it to I said, Here, I want to give you this Bible. Whose Bible is it? It was his. It was mine. But then I gave it to Dennis. If I gave it to Dennis, is any part of it mine? Do I have control over what he does with that Bible after I give it to him? Does God have any control over the earth once he gives it to mankind? Oh.

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Huh. He puts you here to rule and reign and give you his name and his authority to do it. And people are running around talking about the sovereignty of God. Well, you know, God's sovereignty and God's sovereign, God's sovereign, and he is sovereign. But they throw everything, you know, if it happens, it's supposed to happen and it just happens and supposed to happen. No, it probably happened a lot of times because you didn't take your place and rule and reign. The disciples couldn't get that boy delivered who probably had convulsions and going to the fire and they couldn't cast the devil out of it. They came to Jesus. Why couldn't we cast the devil out of him? And Jesus said, Bring him to me. He said, My gosh, he rebuked him. He's his own disciples. Bring him to me. And Jesus got him delivered, which proved it was the will of God for the boy to be delivered. But in the church that I came up in, because the boy didn't get delivered by the disciples, we said, Well, you know, there's some reason, you know, we'll understand when we get to heaven. You ever heard that? You know, And sweet and sweet. By and by. So we would interpret the outcome as being the sovereign will of God. Well, Jesus proved it wasn't the will of God for the boy to have a demonic spirit. So he cast him out and the disciples came back to him puzzled because they've been having success. And they said, Why couldn't we do that? Why couldn't we cast this one out? Jesus, Because of your unbelief.

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This kind only comes out by prayer and fasting. This kind of what? Not devil. Not devil. Man, if you believe that this kind of this kind of devil only comes out if you pray and fast, the devil will just tell you every time you go cash one out. Now I'm the kind you got to go pray and fast. Come back in a month. Well, he won't be there in a month. They'll always tell you I'm that kind. I'm that kind. I'm that kind. I'm that kind. No, That kind of unbelief has to be dealt with. Unbelief in the word of God is evil, satanic. We just think it's you know, we just didn't believe he called it evil. Unbelief is evil. He said that kind of unbelief can only be dealt with by prayer and fasting. Pray with the will of God. So your words successfully put together will do this. Proverbs 21 three says Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul. What your mind, your will and emotions from troubles if you keep your tongue. Speaking the right word. You will keep your soul, your mind, your will and emotions from trouble. Solomon said that Solomon actually knew a thing or two. You ever read his book? Proverbs 1624. He says this. He said, Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul. Pleasant words are health to your bones. And I know someone who had bone cancer and that was one of the scriptures that they used.

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And after three weeks, the bone cancer disappeared. They just spoke those words and they just believed that the words that they were speaking would be held to their bones and the bones they just wanting to do, you know, they have bone cancer. They just want to take all the marrow out and do it like this. And they said, no, I have I have peace about going this way. Within a few weeks, all the cancer had disappeared. By just using these verses actually. Can you imagine that they actually believe the Bible like it was true? My gosh. If you're an unsettling circumstances this morning, you might have feelings of discouragement. Fear might be all around you and your situation. But if you begin to speak pleasant words. Words of spirit, words of life, words in agreement with God. Then there will come a shift in your soul. A shift will take place in your soul. Instead of feeling trouble in your soul, you'll feel peace. That the peace that passes all understanding. And as you continue speaking those pleasant words to your soul not only have peace, but then the fruit of joy, the fruit of the spirit, joy will begin to bubble up on the inside of you. Everything in the situation might still be the same, but all of a sudden, because you've just been speaking these pleasant words and you're not being led by your feelings and your emotions, your joy will begin to spring up on the inside of you. And you'll get a smile on your face where you had a frown.

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You'll have hope when you felt hopeless before. You might even start singing whether you can sing or not. And who knows? You might even cut a rug. Start dancing, huh? It's called joy. Unspeakable and full of glory. Remember last week we talked about David returning home with his men? And he come to find out. He come to his home. He found out that all the all their homes had been destroyed by the Ammonites. Their families have been captured and taken away. It says when they saw that, they wept until they had no more tears in them. Then David's men, his own men were so angry. They were so afraid that their families had been killed and all their homes had been destroyed. They blamed it on David, and they picked up stones to actually Stone David the King. And. And David was. He started calls the praise team. He probably he's looking for the 800 number 800 number to call the prayer tower. The watch tower. The fire tower. Pastor Buddy, you say? Sometimes you. You don't have anyone to call. I can't answer everybody's call.

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Can you.

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I can't be everybody's answer. I'm not supposed to be. I'm a teacher, but he's the teacher. I know some things. He knows everything. You say? Well, I don't know where he is. Where are you born again? He's on the inside of you. He's using that small still voice. In the very beginning, when I didn't know, when I didn't know much of anything, I used to say it this way. I didn't know. Come on. From Sikkim, he speak to me in ways that was pretty obvious to me. And I look around and say, Did you say that that don't ever happen to me anymore? Or if he does happen now, I know I'm in trouble. You know, when your mother got mad at you, she raised your voice and called you by all your brothers names, mixed your brothers and sisters name all up in there because she was that angry. Then you knew you were in trouble. I mean, she threw one of my sister's name and I knew I was in a lot of trouble because I'm not a sister. This is David at the threat of his own men killing him and their wives and their families destroyed. What did he do? He said he inquired of the Lord. And he said, Lord. Jill Opera Sue. Shall I find them? Shall I overtake them? They begin to praise the Lord. It said they would begin to encourage himself in the Lord.

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What needed? Encouraging his soul? Why? Because of the feelings that they had. Because of the emotions that they were feeling. Now, this is a really bad example, but I'm going to have to use it anyway. If I came to you. Serious? And I came to your home and you had a child say there was a grown child. And if I came to your house and I told you, I have something to tell you and I need you to. Can I come in? And I need you to sit down. And I said, What's the matter? And I said, I'm so sorry to tell you what I'm about to tell you. But I wanted to be. I wanted to be here with you when you found out. That a couple of hours ago that your son was killed in an accident. Coming from me. And no one that I wouldn't joke about something like that, even though if it wasn't true, you'd have all the emotions of loss and grief because of what you heard. That'd be a cruel thing to do, right? But you would probably believe me because I don't pull junk like that. You'd have all the feelings and emotions of what a parent would feel like to lose a child. The truth is, none of it would be true. So when the enemy tells you those lies and he comes to you and he speaks to you in the middle of the night and you can't sleep, and you have all the feelings and emotions and your experience is lined up with your finances and your kids and your body and everything's lined up with how you feel.

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Don't believe any of it. It's a con job. It's not that it's not a fact. It's just not truth. Jesus is truth. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth. He's called the spirit of reality. In other words, he can take the truth and make it so reality, make it so real to you that you see and say, Oh. That you get it. In the very beginning, I asked the Lord because I said, I'll ask you just for a couple of things. If I'm going to minister the word because I said, I know, I know the newspaper used to be written on the fourth or fifth grade level across the world because most subscribers, they found out we'd read at that level. I asked the Holy Spirit said, I'm asking for the gift to to teach something that's so simple that even a third grader would get it. One, because that's what I need. And number two, I think it will help more people. I don't like to teach with thees and thous and anons. And, you know, I got friends who have doctorate degrees and all that, and I was like, sometimes, sometimes I wanted to have a trade off, any faith to get it.

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Nothing against all that. I'm just saying you can have a lot of spiritual knowledge. You can have degrees behind your name. They asked me at one time said, you know, do you study the Bible in the Greek? Smith Wigglesworth I should have known better than asking questions like this. They said, Do you study the Bible in the Greek or the Hebrew or both? He said, Neither one. I said, Well, how do you study? He said, I studied in Holy Ghost. I said, What? He said, I studied in Holy Ghost. I don't study after Greek and Hebrew scholars. I study the one who created all of it. Is it amazing how your body is made to where it wants to heal itself? You get a cup for yourself, may take a few weeks or whatever, a few days, but it begins to new layer skin come over there. How does it do that? Just got come over today and help me cut down a fig tree. I want to get out of the way and put up a new fence and that that fig tree has been killed. I don't know how many times. My mother loved it and hated it. My dad liked it because it was cover so he could be outside and no one see him.

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And my mother told me one day, it's right there by accepting, she says. She says, I will get rid of that tree. I said, Well, he's gone. I says, Do what? I said, You better not. Because, I mean, I'm not going to be here when she says, no, I'm not going to do nothing to it. She says. I bought some diesel fuel. I'm going to pour it all over that, all over the roofs, and that thing is going to die. And I said, I'm going home. She poured diesel fuel all over that tree. That thing just shot up like this. I mean, it had the best figures you ever had in your life. 2017 and diesel fuel. I don't know what it is. It just like, Thank you. This is the second or third time that thing's been leveled to the ground. And again last yesterday when I was cutting grass around it, you know, I was cutting I was cutting little bitty fig trees all around it from the seed. Scott cut it all the way to the ground. I mean, you know, I don't have a grinder yet, but I'm just saying he cut it down and it's trying to grow trees after death. That's how much life you have in you. When Adam died, Spirit, When Adam died that day, he sent Adam and Eve. It was over 900 years for the devil to kill him.

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He had that much life in him. He was spiritually dead. But he had so much residue of life in him. The devil couldn't get him off the planet for almost a thousand years. Then you ought to be hard to kill. Not easy. You should be a hard target. I tell you, if you get your spirit strong, the devil say no. No. We've already been to her. No. Who? Pam. Oh, no. God, no. Don't start there. Go somewhere else. Leave her alone. I mean, we're running out of time. We don't. We don't start her house. Stay away from that. That whole community just. Oh, God, no. And just find some weak people. Find some weak Christians, huh? You know, the devil is running out of time, so he needs some easy targets. How does he know who they are? Because they speak out of their souls. I can't take no more of this. If this happens one more time. You just don't. Well, we just got to go one more time. It was one more time. They're ready to fold like a \$2 watch. You know, like. Like a suitcase, you know? It come from Dollar Tree. It's got one snap in it. Just. Everything's a dollar. Yeah. That's how long it's going to last. You got a dollar's worth, but you cost more than a dollar. You cost the blood of Jesus. Hallelujah.

[01:23:07] Pastor West

Praise God.

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So when your spirits are in contact. Finished. Right. When your spirits are in contact with God. When you're born again, they're holy. When our soul. That's your spirit. When your spirits have contact with God that came through salvation, you are now holy. When your souls have contact with God, they're happy.

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And when your.

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Bodies have contact with God, they're healthy. Holy, happy, healthy, holy, happy, healthy. Who's here today? People who are holy, happy and healthy. Yeah. Why are you healthy? Why are you happy? Because you're holy. Why? Because you're rooted in him. You live from your spirit. See this? This born again Christianity. It's an inside job. My God. I imagine next week until I get that tree up out of the ground. I mean. I mean, anybody want a sprig for a fig tree? Just come. Come back next week. There'll be more there. That tree. How long does it hold that tree, Barbara? Do you even know? Maybe oldies. Was there when she got the house, 1980 something. And that's something that God may just don't want to quit. I mean, do you just cut the whole tree down? The whole. The whole tree down. It's down. Then you just walk out and you just look around and there's just little trees growing their little fig trees. Like, my gosh, I just don't You figs, you little figs just want to come up, don't you?

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Woo!

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Glory to God.

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Praise God. Huh?

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Are you strong? You're holy. Are you happy? Some of you don't smile too much. Now, the way that you care, that you don't smile depend on the size of the shape of your face. You either get a kids hanger or get an adult hanger. And when you go to bed, put the hanger in your mouth. It'll hurt for a few days. It'll be sore, but you'll have a permanent smile that last for weeks and weeks and weeks. If you don't know how to do it, come over to my house and I'll fit you with a hanger. And then you can, if you want to, you can hang around for a while. Oh, God bless you.

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