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A sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind. And it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared on them cloven tongues like as of fire. And it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance. It says there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men of every nation under heaven. Now, when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and they were confounded because that every man heard them speak in their own language and went on to name who was all present in their own language. And it went on to say, and they were all amazed and they were in doubt saying one to another. What meaneth this? Others, mocking said, These men are full of new wine. Actually, they were right with new wine was but Peter standing up with the 11 lifted up his voice and said to them, You men of Judea and those that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you and hearken to my words, for these are not drunken as you suppose seeing is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which is spoken by the Prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days. Well, that was. They thought that was the last days. How many more? 2000 more years has passed by. We're closer to the last days than they were right in the last days, says God.

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I'll pour out of my spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. I thought women couldn't teach you nowhere to preach. Man don't know what they're going to do with their daughters when they start prophesying. Well, look at there. It's in the Bible. And your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. That's why I'm still having visions, I suppose. And all my servants and all my handmaids. I'll pour out in those days of my spirit. And they shall prophesy. And it goes on to talk about the signs. And the wonders are taking place. Y'all ready for the days of suddenness? Amen. I mean, you were just going along and this. And then all of a sudden, this began to happen. And that began to happen. And it looked like things weren't going the way they were supposed to go. And you're believing God here and you thought surely by now. But you refuse to quit. How many not quitters do we have in the house? Amen. Well, that was most of you. Well, you know, the jury's still out on some of you. We got a few minutes to talk into the other way. We're going to go live here. Good morning. Welcome. Glad to have you here this morning at Gracelife Church. All of you here, those of you joining us either live or seeing the service at another time.

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I think simultaneously we're on YouTube and Facebook at the same time. Then we broadcast to 40 different nations in an audio format, but we're in a series. But the series has never bothered me because someone gets in a series sometimes and they say, Well, I got to stay in this series. In other words, I got to color inside the lines, but then seemed like the Holy Spirit. If you listen to him, he's like, I don't always stay inside the lines that you you know, in other words, he likes to enlarge the borders. And then you say, well, you can't talk about that because we're not in that. We're in this series. You have to stay inside here. And he says, Oh, I forgot, I forgot. I'm sorry. So the best thing to do is just listen to follow him and I'll leave it up to him to make it all sense to you. So but we started off, you know, to me, they all kind of intersect there. They flow together because we started talking about stop opposing yourself. We talked about 5 or 6 lessons on that, and we took that out of the second Timothy, where Paul was telling Timothy his young minister instructed him how to minister to the people. And he says, you'll have to tell the people because they're doing this, this and this And when and when he says when they do this, he said they're actually opposing themselves.

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And then they put themselves in a position and he said they cooperate with the devil. And by cooperating with the devil, he ensnares them. He entraps them. So you'll have to tell them for them to stop opposing themselves and working with him against them. Amen. So can we. Is that possible? Well, second Timothy, chapter two, I think verse 24 through 26, he had to tell them to stop opposing themselves. And then we then we did about 4 or 5 lessons on how about being strong in the spirit? You know the strong survive, don't they? The weak get gobbled up. The Bible says the devil is as a roaring lion. Didn't say he was. He said he's as one. And he's looking for whom he may devour. How does he know who he can devour? Well, people give him a way. Know they tip their hand, so to speak. They don't have a good poker face and they don't have a good poker mouth. When people say little things like, I can't take much more, the devil, the little imps go, Hey, did you hear that? If this happens one more time, they think we're that close. I mean, we're about to hit it out of the park. They're just that close. So we. We can't work with him. Look. Life will put enough trouble. We'll put enough water in your boat. You don't have to add water to the boat. Jesus said in this world, you will have test trials and tribulations.

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How many you know so far? That's true. I got more hands that time. He said there would be people you know, people have been taught faith sometimes, you know. I know. You know, we all made mistakes. But you think, well, if you had faith that you wouldn't have problems. It's my consensus. After 30 years of ministry, if you have faith, you're going to have more problems. Just be just be different ones. Be just different ones. Some problems that used to really get you. They don't bother you no more like the devil would come at you five years ago or 20 years ago. And he, you know, he'd go boo and, you know, like, whatever. And now he comes by and does the same old thing. He says, Boo. And you said, boo yourself. He said, Aren't you scared of me? No, I married your sister. No. So I know who you are. You don't bother me at all. Not me. I'm just saying that was just a that was a joke. Someone told, you know? Anyway, I get off there, I'll get in trouble. I have to go home with somebody. I don't want to miss lunch. You know, people approach life in two ways, and sometimes both ways are wrong. In other words, some say, well, some say we we're working to live and others say we live to work. And actually, both of them are wrong. He doesn't want you to live to work, nor does he want you to work to live.

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He wants you to live in the kingdom. And so if you allow me this morning, I would like to address you as kingdom ambassadors. As a royal priesthood. This is not kindergarten. The time is very short. You know, most people are familiar with the verse in Revelation 12, it says, you know, we overcome him by the blood of the lamb, by the words of our testimony. But the very next verse, I think, is the next verse. I think it says, the enemy knows his time is short. And when you're running out of time, sometimes you'll take chances. You know, I won't ask for a show of hands that that went under a mostly yellow light because you felt like you were running short. And how have you ever been as the light when it turns green and no one seems to be moving? It's like, are you looking for a different shade of green? I mean, I mean, are you do you go with green or do you need aqua or teal? I mean, what are you actually looking for? Because I actually have somewhere to be. So they in the kingdom, the kingdom is God's big idea. And when you get into the big idea, all the little things of the world just get swallowed up. See, what Satan wants you to do is he wants you to focus your attention on the little nagging stuff.

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And sometimes they're not all so little. And the only way that you can get away from these things is lock yourself in the closet, away from people. Because some of us have have had problems because the devil was bad. But the devil gets blamed for a lot of things he doesn't do. But he gets a lot of ideas from Christians. Yeah, well, the devil did this and he didn't do it at all. And he's like, Write that down. We're going to start that next week. They have board meetings and they get ideas from Christians. He doesn't do that. Sometimes our problems cause from the people that we are connected with. If you have never raised children, you don't know what I'm talking about. I got extremely we had four. I got extremely tired during their teen years. I figured I couldn't sleep. I couldn't stay awake all night long. So my wife and I took shifts. Now, just kidding. But I'm just saying, some people would do things that I mean, what we've been talking in the last week, we talked about a new series, Possessing the Promise. Talking about Joshua and Caleb talking about why the Israelites never saw the Promised Land, because they just simply refused to believe God thought he had showed them enough for them to believe he would be the perfect judge. He says doubtless they're not coming in here. If I'd never if they'd never saw what they saw in Egypt to bring them out, then in other words, I give them a pass.

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But no generation has saw that many miracles and still refused to believe. He says this generation is not coming in. Did you know that we might be in a generation right now that our generation succeeds? See, we build on generations, don't we? Perpetually. We're supposed to do that. The phrase that we stand on the shoulders of giants. And so we see further and if you think about where we have come from in the last 75 years and we think about some of the people who's affected the world in the last hundred years, and you go back to even before Azusa Street, but you think about how a one eyed black man that God used in Los Angeles who was not allowed to go into the school, the rest of them, but he sat on the outside. It was funny that I don't know if God ever used any of the other people, but he used that man and had some of the most artists. Ways about him. You know, if you've been a student of Zoo Street, you know this. William Seymour would come down. And while they were singing and praising him, he put a bucket over his head. Y'all ever read those stories? He put a bucket over his head and everybody wanted to see under the bucket, you know, what was going on. But they were afraid to get too close to Brother Seymour.

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And he just simply said when they asked him one time says, why the bucket? He says, I'm just trying to get closed in with God, my thoughts and everything. So he put either a bucket or a crate over his head. Well, that'd be a little bit strange. Now, when you know what Church and pastor sitting there with a bucket over his head and he's like, you know, I've been called bucket head before, but I mean, it's not because I wore one, you know, I've been called a lot of things. But anyway, but the deal is they had such signs and wonders and miracles that it revolutionized not just California, but all the entire world. People came from all over the world, and they would have the signs and wonders and phenomenons that that that you couldn't explain. They had fire coming up from the building and they had fire coming down from heaven. And after a while, the fire department finally quit coming because people call and say the building down there on Azusa Street is on fire and go down there. And they would see, you know, flames going up from the church building, but they would see it come down from heaven and they would meet. But that went on for was it three years or so? 3 or 4 years. And it wasn't just William Seymour. It was all the people in there. And Tom, before he passed, he found him.

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That was his assignment, to find the people who were at Azusa Street. But who he was talking to was the kids who was raised there. It was just a one room building, you know, like the old school. You know, when we moved to Alabama in 1969, eight, we went to a church that was kind of like that. It just had one it was one room. It was everything. And so they just, you know, like, you know, this age would be over here and this age would be over there. And, you know, just you could kind of hear, but that we use what we had. And some of the old schoolhouses was like that. You know, they had several grades. You know, we're really spoiled now. It's like, you know, my classes, whatever. Yeah, but you know how many like me, when you went to school, there was no air conditioning. You had a box fan? Yeah. Six period. My teacher just wiped me out because she had a voice to just run, and it sounded just like the fan. And I went down for the count and she told me I was not going to pass her class. And I said I tried to pay attention, but I just like one. She was not interesting to me. That reflected in my grades. And she let me sleep one time when I woke up at quarter till five with a janitor. Explain that to your mother. I said the hell school a little bit late today.

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I'm going to need someone to come get me. The buses was gone. It was just the janitor and me. And he woke me up and, you know, and I had slobber all down my shirt, you know, and. And Miss Talbot? Yeah. I hope she made it to heaven. Scared. She probably did. So they had all these phenomenal miracles. I mean, they had hands growing out, documented stories. You know, one one woman came and she came and she had a big rag on her head. And and this girl who was, you know, being interviewed, who was a teenager then, and they would tell each one the miracles that they were involved in and they would tell you what they saw about Brother Seymour. And but this woman said, well, one night everyone was busy and a woman come in and she had a rag on the side of her head. And I could see there was blood on it. And she came and she said, Well, I guess I'll have to help her. But they seen so many miracles, signs and wonders and miracles that they just believed anything could happen suddenly and so and so. So when she was ministering, she said I was probably only 15 at the time. And so this woman said, Could you help me? And what had happened was she found that her husband had been having an affair and the woman come over because she's determined that, you know, you're going to leave her and you're going to marry me, like you said, you're going to marry.

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And so the woman found out her husband was having an affair and the woman jumped on the wife and bit her ear off. Now. Would you want to marry her? Leave your wife and marry her. So the bit, the wife's ear off and she had taken the ear, but she had put it in a cloth. And she was because, you know, the blood was just streaming down. And she she had heard about this place but never had been there. She came down there and and the young girl said, you know, when she took it off, I almost fainted. But she said, but I looked around and there's miracles every night. She said, as a matter of fact, they said that the glory of God was most of the time in the services was so she said thick and density that the small children, you know, the little bitty children, she said they would play hide and go seek in one room. There was no walls, they said, but there was such a glory that they didn't the kids didn't know what it was. And they said, we can just play hide and seek under the pews in the glory. Church needs to step up, don't they? Yeah. Well we have put in this place is we put programs. See when you're not going to have glory and when you're not going to have demonstrations and signs of miracles, you need programs.

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You need smoke machines and you need great musicians. But you can have great musicians and have great music but not have any glory at all. Some people don't even know the glory is not there. What they have is good musicians. And so that's that's a manmade substitute for only what the presence of God and the anointing will produce and is available to us at any given time. These people just set themselves apart in Azusa Street, but they didn't have near the knowledge that you have today. We are the most blessed generation because we have so much knowledge at our at our. I mean, you just press the button 24 hours a day. You can you can hear the gospel 24 hours a day. If you're my age, you can kind of remember at 12:00 at night when TV went off and there was like and you had the signal till the next morning when news come on. I mean, I know that sounds ridiculous. You know, when you're younger, it's like, well, you mean when it was old man and you wasn't scrolling on your cell phone and see what was happening? Cell phone, man, I thought we were, you know, we walked on the moon, you know, when they come out with pagers. But but then you had to get to a, you know, a phone to answer the phone call if you're out in the country.

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That was tough. Well, so so there's been such a progression. But if you if you're not going to have the glory, then you do you have to have man made seed. They were there. But look how many people wasn't there to 120 was in the upper room. But but 500 had saw Jesus and they all heard the same news. And some of them obviously had went there, but they didn't stay there. They said, well, maybe we didn't really see that. Maybe we didn't really hear that I can't do this, man. I got to go to the laundry. Well, I got to go cut my grass. Why am I? I bet you my flowerbeds got weeds all in them. Grandbabies are coming. Next week, I'm going to go home. So 380 left, two left. 120 in the upper room. And suddenly Jesus is wait for the promise of the Father. Well, then you got they were there Cheering Well, now we got a whole church. We got a church that's still tearing. Why are we tearing? That's right. Why are you waiting? You said, Well, they waited. Well, they waited till the Holy Ghost come. As far as I know, he never left. Why would you tear for someone who's already here? Right. Some people brag about, Oh, I've been tearing waiting for the Holy Ghost for 23 years. Oh, brother. I've been on 30 some of my 37th year. I remember going, you know, to church as a kid a whole lot.

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And some of the older people would talk about, Well, I've been in the way of the Lord. Maybe she's lived for 50 years. I said, But Sister Velma, she's been the way of the Lord for 75 years. I it took me a found a way. I mean, no disrespect to them, but sometimes I just found out they were spiritual babies in the way of the Lord. They were in his way. No one dared come to sit in their pew, whether they was there or whether they wasn't. Like you can't sit in Sister Velma's pew has her gum underneath or a snuff cup. I had a man here dipping snuff one time when I was preaching and I was like, No, you ain't. I mean, really, are you really good? And he said, Well, I just couldn't wait any longer. Well, we were in a place now where the Sundays are ready to manifest. Amen. But we had to change our thinking. See, we think that we're waiting for God to do something that hasn't happened yet. And that God has picked a time. And he has this time, then suddenly something is going to be released that is not yet been released. And we call that a revival that's about to happen. And you have you've heard people most of your life say we're just about there. Oh, we're just we're just about to step into it. Some get closer now, so we've got our little toes in it right now.

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You ever heard the little toes? They say come back tonight. We're going to have a double portion tonight. Well, if you're complete in him, how do you get double complete of his fullness? You receive? Well, we're going to get double fullness tonight. We're going to be more complete than ever we've been before. Tonight's going to be double. See, they don't say double Jesus tonight. They say double portion. Then they get up and they stir the stuff up in the motions and they beat the drums, you know, and on the guitar or whatever. Someone gives a, you know, a testimony. And just by how bad their life's been. Then it turns into top that terrible testimony tonight. How have you been battling the devil all week long? But Lord, just pray I'd be found doing his will two more weeks and that they want him to be found much less doing. Found his will. But the Lord's even worked through all that because he just wants to help people. He wasn't endorsing your doctrine or your methods. You don't really think that any church or pastor has perfect doctrine, do you? I mean, I'm one of those that stand alone. I was kidding. No, I mean, just so he's not endorsing your doctrine. Yeah, because we all have wrong doctrine. Because we built doctrine based on what Mama said and Granny said and Dada said. And that's the way I read it.

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And that's where my church believes it. That's why you can't find a denomination in heaven. It's called the Body of Christ. And it's made up of all races of people. God likes the colors that he made. Whether you want to call them your brothers and sisters or not, he likes what he created and who he created. Amen. Amen. So the kingdom is God's big idea. And so we're talking about the we're not doing what the Israelites did. They was given a promised land. So we was saying last week that people think, well, that's the type of heaven. It's not a type of heaven because there's no chance to fight. So you're not going to go to heaven and fight giants. I mean, you hear people feel like know we'll finally get to heaven and then we'll have all we need. And they say, Man, I get to heaven more and more. Show the devil more and more. Show him then. Well, maybe he won't be there. I mean, you'll be all geared up to fight, and there's no fighting the dog. Hmm. Then you have other Christians, you know, they're just they're just they're just about to. But can't just any time they're going to take off, but probably not today because they got this and they got this and they got this and they got that. You know, they got they got life going on. Y'all know what life is. Life is that hurts and this hurts.

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And my job and this economy and, you know, the president and the one who is president or if he's president and did do this and all that and church. The pastor does all this. And if only this and only my job, all these things. So they're just about ready to go do something. But they're not doing anything. They're good. And I don't get mad. They're good, but they're for the kingdom. For kingdom purposes, they're good, but they're good for nothing. Jesus said a wise man will build his house on my teachings. A foolish man will hear and refuse to do it. That's pretty simple. Then he said, Well, let me give you an analogy. Help you with that. He said, If you're going to build a house, you need a proper foundation. Right. He said, Because now if the storm comes, but when it comes. If you have a proper foundation, he said. The storm will hit the house, but it won't be able to shake it because this foundation is the foundation is built on his teaching, he said. But when the storm comes, the man who built his house on the sand, he wanted to he wanted to quit. You know, Charles Cowper used to say, you know, most people don't have enough scripture. You know, they couldn't row two scriptures around. They had to save their whole life. But they want to build. They want to start building a third story on a vacant lot.

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Start with the third story on a vacant lot. But Jesus, the wise man, will take what I said and he'll adhere to it and he'll put it into practice. A wise man will hear and say, Yeah, I know, but you don't realize you know what I'm dealing with. So he'll just go to the sand root. He said. But you know, it's a storm comes to both men and when it hits the one built on the sand, what happens? It's demolished. It's a ruin, is what it is. So you have Christians who's almost just about ready to go do something. And when this when this happens, I'm going to take off. Well. Have you ever hunted with dogs or, you know, someone who hunt with dogs? And when they get on, when they get on the track where they do. I won't do the whole I don't want to do the hound dog, you know. But I did it twice. I went with the man of the church and he said, You ever hunted some dogs? I says, No, sir. He says, Well, tomorrow I'm going to take you and I'm going to sit you right here and we're going to get the dogs out and we're probably going to run a deer right past you and you be ready. And man, it wasn't too long. I could hear those dogs. You know how you can hear sound out in the woods, in the hollers.

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And I could hear them dogs coming closer and closer and closer. And they was man, they. I knew they was on the scent. You get a good hound dog. Here's something you'll never see. You'll never see a hound dog who's in full pursuit. Stop and scratch his fleas because the dog in the hunt doesn't know he has fleas. That's right. Christians are stopping to scratch their fleas because they're not in the hunt, and everything else has their attention. Mm hm. You see, I have problems. Just like you may have a few more of them, or may may have less. I just not decided to put it on the front of the menu. You say, Well, what if you're wrong and you die? Oh, I'm going to heaven. I don't know. I don't know. Like I've always said, you can't scare me with Paradise at any age. Like he died. He's in Paradise. Well, Paul said it's better to be with him. To be with anybody else is to be absent from the body. Is to be what? To be present with the Lord. If you're a Christian, that's a good thing. How are you looking forward to heaven? How many? You don't want heaven to be anything like it is right now? It won't be because you know who's going to reign it God. And when we come to Earth for a thousand years in the millennium, Jesus is going to rule. You say, well, Jesus, be on the Republican or Democrat ticket. Uh huh.

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Yeah, yeah.

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Don't forget to register. No, the vote will already be cast. And you'll have a job to do here. Did you know that? Yeah. We're going to live, but we're going to live in spirit bodies. But you're going to be. You're going to be surrounded with people who's not in spirit bodies because some people will survive the know, the seven year tribulation. So they'll be in a physical body. You'll be you'll be in a spiritual body. You have the same body that Jesus had when he was resurrected, presented his blood before the father came back here. And you'll have the same spirit body that walks through walls. How are you going to try that out a little bit? You can quietly walk up on a friend and neighbor because some of y'all got to aggravating spirit. You know, you do. You just like to aggravate. I do, too. But I always told my kids and my wife, I said, now, if I didn't aggravate just because I don't like you. I said, But don't love me so much. I said, Well, you're just going to walk through the walls and just back of the shoulder, Go, boo! But you'll be surrounded by people with natural bodies. What you're doing right now in life. Your assignment while you're here, what you're called to do. Is what you'll be rewarded for. We'll be in heaven for seven years during the marriage supper of the lamb. How many of y'all like how many sound good to have a seven year nonstop buffet? Man, we're carbs. Can't touch you.

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Amen. Amen.

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Well, you don't need any sleep. Yeah. Marriage. Supper of the lamb. And then you go to the Bema seat, which is also the called the reward seat. Bema reward seat. And there's a judgment there, but it's not a judgment for sin because you've already been judged for your sins. Someone should have told my mother that my grandmother mother had me scared. I thought I was going to go to heaven and there was going to be a big old screen. These screens aren't nothing. You know the projectors. I thought there would be a big screen and they would show my whole life and what I did that my mother never knew and my grandmother and I'd be like, Oh, gosh, oh gosh, they matter what age I was. But no, there's there's no sin that he's going to be discussing with the Christian because Jesus already paid for your sin. He didn't die for your sins. He died as your sin. Huge difference. He became sin so that you might become what? The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. You see, everyone was guilty. Because sometimes you lead someone to prayer. They say, Well, now let's pray this prayer. Forgive us for our sins, but will they make it sins, plural? But that's not what the scripture says. He said, You're only guilty of one sin. And the one sin is what? Rejecting the payment of sin. Who is Jesus Christ? If you reject Jesus, Heaven has nothing else to offer you. Nothing. And so when you don't so when you receive Jesus, you received all of him.

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You received the fullness of him, you were served the completeness of him. You received his life, you received his nature. You received the attributes. You have the essence of the Christ on the inside of your spirit. As Bishop. Zach was up here ministering while ago. He said that you could give without loving, but you really can't love without giving. And the reason why. Really why you can't. Because when you was born again, you receive the life of God. You receive the nature of God and the nature of primarily is love. So you begin to love what God loves and you hate what God hates. See when you you might make mistakes and you might sin sometimes. But people say, well, you know, you got a sin. No, no, no, you don't. Well, we yeah, we we all got a sin sometime. Who told you that? Yourself your experience. Well, he said, if any, if any man, if any man does sin. He didn't say if when a man sin, he said, But if any man does sin, we have an advocate with the father, the Lord Jesus Christ. Right. So we can go to him. He's your advocate. He's your lawyer. He's attorney. He's never lost a case. He takes it before the father. He's kind of fixed, be honest with you. You know, the whole thing's fixed. And so. We're not practitioners of sin. You know, like a doctor or being a being a practitioner. But so if any man sin. But when you made your own righteousness.

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So you're not thinking about missing it. And when you're righteous by birth, by the new birth, then you're not trying to be righteous in law. Being righteous in law will lead you to death quicker than it's the quickest path. The Scripture says that sin came by the knowledge of the law. In other words, they weren't even acknowledging the bad until the law came. God gave them the law temporarily through Moses so that they could see that they were already guilty. The law perfected nobody. And this is all scripture. The law perfected no man. The Scripture says Jesus came and he ended the law. He ended the commandments, the ten and the 613 ceremonial laws which the church is still trying to keep in their power. They have good days and they have bad days. When you have a bad day, that sets you up for condemnation in your heart. Let me be honest. When we make a mistake and when we make a mistake in the same area, which is only about what 99.5% of people do here is you fail mostly in the same area. I know you've heard me say that before. I say that to help people. Because when I make mistakes, it's generally in the same area. I go to Publix and I got to make a decision on ice cream. And the lights come on as you walk by and you know, it says two for whatever. And I'm like two. And I look at the calories and I'm like And I and I just grabbed a 4 or 5 of them said, Forgive me, Father, for I'm about to do wrong and put them in and I pay for them and I get them home rescued from the heat.

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And then I say, I'm just going to have a little bit, you know, like every other night. And in two days, all four buckets are gone. And then I realized they don't put as much in there as I thought they'd do. But then I realized, you know, I'm also full gospel. So I stay away from scriptures that say, lay aside the weight so people will have a in other words, you have things that entice you. No one says. I mean. But we do. Sin does have a pleasure in it for a season. There's those things that's just pleasurable to the flesh. But that's not even you. When a spirit manifests. He's not. He's manifest in him, not you. You have all the feelings of it. You have all the symptoms of it, you have all the thoughts of it. But it's actually his thoughts. Mm hm. He's manifesting himself. If it's perversion and the thoughts that come, it's not even your thoughts. It's actually his thoughts. Amen. Amen. Why did Jesus. Jesus didn't have to, but Judas betrayed Jesus. But the scripture says Satan put the thought into his mind. But see, he acted upon it. You don't have to act upon it. Brother Hagan used to always say, you can't keep birds from flying over your head, but you have a say. So whether they're going to have a nest in your hair.

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They don't have to be their home. You don't have to hear everything that your neighbor tells you. I mean, you're not a trashcan that just. Here, put your garbage in here. Right? So to come to the the land of promise. See, they were looking for. They were looking for they were promised a land. Physical land. That's not our promise. What we are possessing is the promise we have been, Peter said. We've been given great and precious promises. And so we are to possess all of them because they're all paid for. Now I'm going to cut through some of the adversity. I only got a few minutes. I'm going to cut through some of the adversity, if you don't mind me. I have a scalpel, a scaffold today. And the Holy Spirit's here to give the anesthetic. Sometimes truth hurts. My mother used to tell me before she was going to discipline me, she said, This is going to hurt me more than it is you. I never believed her. Because I was the one screaming and hollering. And she wasn't. I learned real quickly when I when I had the choice to go cut the switch the first two times I cut the flimsiest thing out there. And when you live, you know, you live in the middle of 40 acres. There's lots of choices. But she didn't stop when she thought I was through. She stopped when she was tired. If that was three switches, 1 or 5 or whatever, it took until she got her point across and she always got her point across.

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So sometimes what we need is truth. I mean, there's times that we come and we have inspired preaching. I like inspired preaching, but sometimes what that does is appeal to your emotions. A lot of preaching to me is not even preaching today. It's a seeker friendly churches. It makes you feel good about where you are and God sees you in your pastor and he says It won't be long any now, any now what he redeemed will start working. Well, he's already redeemed you. Amen. See, Paul said you're in the fight. He didn't say go for the Kleenex. He said, put on your armor. People need truth. Right. I mean, I loved it work the other way. I would love if I could just, you know, go to the GM and say, look, I want to pay for six months. I'm going to drive by here twice a day. I'll pay you double. If I ain't got to come in the door, what do you want? Well, I want all of it. I want. I want. I want. I mean, you know, I want to look like Zach, but I want to eat what I want to eat. I'm like you sometimes, you know, I run six blocks every morning, and I put the block back under the bed and go back to sleep. Who was that? That was telling? That Kristin was telling, I think, the other day. It's about how hard it is. But the worms. What was it? What was saying?

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I'll remember that I. And it's so hot outside the bird can't just.

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Yeah.

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So hot outside barn. The birds just can't go to the ground. Get the worms they have to put on. Pot holders. Don't want to run that kind of weather. The easiest way to get rid of. Wait, this is. This is. This is not. Sometimes you can learn things from other people at church. Sometimes you can have a running dream. And if you do that, you can wake up and you burn off calories. So they tell me I haven't checked the scales to see if it worked yet. Let me give you some things that will help you forever. You can apply it anywhere in your life. This is so simple, yet it's so amazing. And I know that you know this. But no one is not benefiting from it. No one about it is not benefiting from it. Like the gym. I can know that if I go in there and I actively whatever, I could change this, this and this, but I have to make the decision to do that. And I'm reading from the NIV in Matthew 13 and verses ten through 13. It says, The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus said, has been given to you talking to his disciples, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more watch here. Whoever has will be given more and he will have an abundance. Y'all with me so far? He said This is the knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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But the secrets has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more and will have an abundance. Whoever does not have what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak in parables. Now break it down. As long as the information remains a secret according to that verse, as long as the information remains a secret, no one can prosper from it. No one, no matter how powerful the secret is or how mighty the person is. If the information or the knowledge of the secret remains a secret is not made known, the No. One benefits from it, no matter what their age or their degrees or lack thereof or education is. But he says. But those who has, he says, will have an abundance and they'll have more. They'll increase. But those who does not have the knowledge and activate it even what they have according to Kingdom principles, what they have will be taken away from them and then given to someone else. Well, that's just not coming to church, is it? That's just not sitting in a pew or chair and clapping your hands. 3 or 4 songs. Throwing a dollar bill in the offering and saying, well, we did that. See Jesus talking to people, tell you there is a kingdom and I'm the king.

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Kingdom means King, Kingdom or King domain. The kingdom is the rule of God, the reign of God, the authority of God. You can't have a king. You can't have a kingdom without a king. And he said that we are kings of the king. You say, Well, you know, my name is Joe, and my daddy's name was Joseph. And and I'm Joe the Third. Well, that's all natural, true knowledge, but that's not really who you are. Really? You are the king of kingdoms. Really? You are royal ambassadors. Really? You are here to rule this planet. But the church is to the place where he said, God, just get us out of here. But there's two schools of thought. Well, he's going to rapture us out. Then you've got the another crowd says, No, we're going to go through the tribulation. That's not my subject today. You can make a you can take the scriptures and make it say both ways. So I said, Well, what are we supposed to do? Well, there's some there's some teachers who just truthfully say, I don't know, I can make a case for either one. So they call themselves Pan Rapture. In other words, it'll all pan out in the end. Would it scare you if you went through the tribulation? We'd have to go back to Israel and Egypt. How did it go for Israel while Egypt was having a meltdown? Was it dark to the God of people while there a piece of dark in Goshen? No.

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Did Israel have the lice and the frogs? And did they have any of that? Was their water turned to blood when the death angel come? Did one of them die? No. Can God do again what he's already done one time? Amen. So there's nothing to worry about. A little kid would know what to do with it. Like if you was raising kids and say, well, it just was scaring me to think that we might go through the rapture. Not really, because the parent would know what to do. In other words, if I'm not talking about the rapture, I'm talking about or the lack thereof, you know, if you went through tribulation, I'm talking about if something was going to happen in the family and you had little kids, the kids wouldn't know anything about it. They wouldn't even know the danger. So the parents would either pick up the kids and get them out of town, go somewhere else and keep them safe. Or else they say we don't need to go nowhere, but I'll keep you safe. The father would say, Either way this goes. I'll keep you safe. If I'm. If I'm erring, I'm. I'm erring on the place of rapturing. People say, well, the word rapture is not in the Bible.

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Neither is the word Bible. But it is in Latin. It is an alarm. Any time there was something about to happen that was going to be a huge change, God always took his people out. You don't want to believe so ask no when you get there. If you don't believe that, ask Abraham and Lot. Did God take his people out before there was destruction? But see, we're living in a dispensation of grace. That's why you don't see the destruction. Oh, you hear people preach about it, but they're wrong. You say, Well, you shouldn't say they're wrong. Okay, I won't say that no more. But two more times, then I'll be through with it. It's not because I'm riding them wrong. I'm just reading. You're in the dispensation of grace. God's not paying you back. The dispensation grace will come to an end, and then you'll know who's doing what. Hm. The old coven is not the New Covenant. Amen. But the church pretty much lives in both covenants at one time, which is why it doesn't work. Preachers scare people every Sunday with the Old Covenant. And they have a different version of saying be better, live better. Because they don't want to preach grace. Because grace you says you're afraid them to do act crazy and they'll go wild. God believes somehow grace can keep you.

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Amen. Amen. Amen.

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See, Grace has a better grip on you than you have on it. Amen.

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Amen.

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Because we're sin abounds. Grace does much more abound.

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Amen.

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But they ask the question. Well, then, if. If more grace is poured out when I sin, then wouldn't it be better if I just sin? We'd have more grace. Paul said You are a moron. Like. Like. Like. Like Reba, you moron. You. He says, Certainly not. That's what I. I'd write me a Bible, a Reba Bible, you moron. No, certainly not. See, the grace. The grace of God came to deliver you. Amen. To set you free. If you're still living in sin. Just hoping Grace is keeping you. You see? Then you're still not free. Or if you're white knuckle, like, I'm trying, I'm trying. I'm trying not to sin. You're still not free. See, freedom is a person called Jesus. Amen. It's not a technique. It's not a certain church. It's not. People just get together to try to support each other, which is a good thing, because two is better than one. Well, it was down the other ones up When one's cold, the other one's like those of you who married sometimes, you know, it's winter time. You go to bed and. And your husband or wife, they got cold feet. It's like, what are you. Oh, my gosh. Stay put. You some socks on. That way you don't have to get cold with their cold feet or whatever's ripping the sheets down there. So we so we do need one another. But but but grace came great. The grace of God is not a doctrine. It is an individual. Isn't it? According to Scripture in John chapter one. The Gospel of John. He said that the law came by Moses. Actually, the law was given from an angel to Moses to give to the people of Israel.

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But then it goes on to say, but but grace and truth. Now watch here. But grace and truth. Not just grace. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. See, Jesus didn't make it easier because in one sense, because he came as an Old Testament prophet and because he was in the time of the old Covenant, he was he was going to be the New Covenant. You would see reflections of the New Covenant, sometimes mostly in the Book of John. You see all of it in the Epistles, right? So if you interpret everything through the even the gospels, you'll interpret things in the light of what he said to people under the old Covenant. But all kinds of subjects, including divorce and everything else. Another subject. So Jesus brought grace and truth. But you can see the old covenant part of him because they would say things to him, you know, about. He says, well, if a man does this and this, he commits adultery and then he has sinned. Jesus said, Well, but I say unto you, if a man even looks upon a woman and thinks that way, he's committed adultery. He stepped he stepped up the game, made it harder. What he was saying was you can't keep the law in your ability. No one's ever done it. So some people think they've actually done it. They haven't done it. I mean, we have some people that's better than others. We've had some people that didn't test the limits all their life. I mean, there's there's people who's never done almost anything. And that's great. I mean, that's a great witness.

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But without Jesus, you're still going to go to hell. Yeah. And as Andrew always says, you know, who wants to be the best center in hell? Well, I didn't smoke and chew and go with girls who do like you, But you're still in hell, Tucker. You're still so without Jesus, it doesn't matter how good you are as a sinner because you're still guilty, Because you was born into this world, because of Adam and Eve. You was born with a sin nature. You were born spiritually dead. You have to be, what, born again? We. We went to Bible school with a guy, and when we had lab class, he was preaching. He gave us testimonies, lab class. You have to preach a couple of times, you know, just to. So you leave knowing that you did that, maybe we can do it again one day. And it turned out I couldn't believe it. He said he was a homosexual and he did everything he could try to everything. He could try to be free from that lifestyle. And so one day he just cried out to God and he says, Lord, he says, he says, I just feel like I was born this way, that I was wrong, he said. And all of a sudden he heard the Holy Spirit say, It's okay. Just get born again. It's not true. So it's not a state of birth. State of mind. The mind is corrupted. The feelings are real. But yeah, I can remember back when I was eight, I had these kind of feelings. That's. You're in the feelings where that's where the devil works. He does his best work in feelings. Do you agree?

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Man.

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I mean, if you didn't have five senses, sometimes it would be a blessing. You ever heard anywhere? Anyone ever physically hurt in their body? Anywhere. What if you didn't have symptoms? You wouldn't know it. Right. You ever feel grief? You wouldn't if you didn't have emotion. How many of you like pizza? How many. Like. How many. Like how many? You like the sense of taste when you're eating pizza or fried chicken? Come on, somebody. Ice cream. Right. But sometimes your senses, when they're worry, fear. If. If those senses could be dialed down or turned off, if you had a switch, you could turn off all five senses. Faith would be working optimally all the time because you have no opposition to it. Think about it. If you could just turn your senses off your five senses, then what would the devil use? He'd have nothing to use. He has to have your senses. What? That's the difference between the carnal man and the spiritual man. He has to employ your five senses against you. To work against you, to keep you in a carnal state of mind. The physical state of mind. But if you could turn your senses off. Yeah, but you don't know my body. It's. Well, it's true. Your body does feel that way. But it doesn't mean because your body is this way, which your mind is suggesting to you is going to happen to you. Where do you get that kind of suggestion? No, I think I said last week, I mean, I remember just, you know, kids getting older and getting cars and I think, you know, be home at 10:00 at night and there's 1115.

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Don't have a cell phone then. My mind is playing all kinds of scenarios where that. You know. 1130 12. I mean, I don't know where they're. I mean, your mind will tell you all kinds of things. Mean, have them have a son in the Marines at war. And then you turn on the TV and it says 13 Marines was killed yesterday in Marjah. Well, I knew because I talked to him day before. We're going to invade Marjah because if I get caught on this phone call, I probably won't be a marine. Daddy pray. He says, tomorrow we're going to invade Marjah. The next morning, it says 13 Marines was killed invading Marjah. It's crazy. I went to go pick up my cell phone to look for my son's name to call him. And I thought, oh, oh. There's nobody to call. You know what happens in your mind. You know how the enemy plays with your mind. You see a black sedan coming up in your driveway. That never happened. But the roleplay was real. The feelings and emotions was real. It was a real war where real people were dying, young men were dying and young women were dying. So if you if your emotions came under control of the Holy Spirit. So it says walk in the spirit, walk in the control of the Holy Spirit. Walk under his direction, and you'll never fulfill the physical. Satan will have.

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No, that's his playground. It's George Meyer's book here. Number one, books. Those books she's got, I think, the Battlefield of the Mind. I'd just like to say a little bit different than she does. She says the battlefield, you know, is in the mind. That's true. I just like to add to it, it's not just it's not where the battle just takes place. He's not just he's not just fighting you in your mind. He's fighting you for your mind. In other words, the enemy really believes in real estate and he wants to capture your mind. And he wants to rewrite the title to it and say this is his mind. So Paul said in Philippians says, Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus. You say, Well, you can't have that. Let them. Do you believe the Bible? Let the mind of Christ be in you. See, you have to look at the Ministry of Jesus. I'm not going to get to this. I guess you're you have to look at the minister Jesus, and say, this is my life. This is who I am. The only thing that you have to fight in this life that's yet undetermined. This is worth right now. The only thing that you have in life to fight that is yet undetermined. Is only anything that Jesus hasn't conquered yet. Or maybe you don't need it right now. But now we're on the list and seeing what Jesus has not conquered for you already. And now you know what's left to fight.

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Praise God.

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We can have open class. I'd like to know. Some of these things are. It would help me. Y'all help me. What is it that Jesus had conquered yet for us, that's left open to its ongoing phase two? You say, well, there is a fight. Yes, Paul said, Now fight the good fight of faith. You know, why is it good? Because you win. See you don't conquer it in you. You let him conquer it through you. See, it's acts says in him. We live in him. We move in him. We have our being. Paul said in Galatians 220. He said I was symbolically crucified with Christ. I died with him because I was crucified with him, he said. Then they buried him in me. He said, But then when Jesus was raised, I was raised. Now physically with DePaul was the crucified with Christ. Now, Paul was nowhere around. Saul of Tarsus was nowhere around when Jesus was crucified, he said, But this is what happened to all of us, He says, when they when they crucified him, when they crucified you, when they took him to the whipping post, they took you there. What's he actually doing? Jesus is there to do what? One thing to restore mankind back to God.

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Amen. Amen.

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He's the only one who could do it because he had to be without sin. But he had to be human, too. Because you can't step in for humans if you're not human. Amen. He had to come as a man. He had to strip himself of all deity of God likeness and laid aside forever to be a human that was decided before he was born, that a god would become a human. How many would like taking his place that you would be God Next day? You'd be frank in Jefferson. Oh, God. What are we going to eat today, Jack or Subway? Well, we had Subway yesterday, Jack. We're going to have tomorrow. Jack's now, Was he? God? Yes. But he was a man. And the only way he could do this is he had to function in the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Which is your example. Amen. That's just why you need the Holy Ghost. That's why you'd be full of the holy. Because Jesus. Full of the Holy Ghost. He had to do what He had to do as a man, but anointed of the Holy Ghost.

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Which is your example. So when you do things without the Holy Ghost and when the church has their programs, well, we don't want to do this on Sunday. We might offend people. Most of them need to be offended. The pastor needs to get offended, wait for Sunday and get over himself. Well, I want him to like me. Oh, get your thumb out of your mouth. Quit sucking your thumb. You'll have buck teeth from here to the parking lot. This is our manual. See. You have to make a name for yourself in hell. And if I can say it this way, I must say it to get your attention. Who in the hell are you? Or who in hell are you? You have to make a name in hell for yourself. If not, they're going to pick on you the rest of your life. Yeah, there's going to be a battle doing that. There is a Bible doing that. But the battle's been won in Jesus. You're not fighting for something that's not already been won or decided. But you're. But you're an enforcer.

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Amen.

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The law's already been written for speed limit on 65, but some people never see those speed limits.

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I mean, it's like.

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I mean, I was just honest with you, you know, years ago. I mean, I had a Suburban and I thought I needed to be in a big hurry, and I was driving. I mean, I was on the interstate and it was like 130 in the morning. There were no cars out there. And I was way past needing to be home. And I didn't know there was a state trooper. I hadn't passed a car in a long time. 130, 2:00 in the morning, coming, you know, interstate, you know, Mississippi, and about to get to the Alabama line. And.

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Whoa.

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And he state trooper said he got he says, I just want to ask you a question. I need your license registration. I don't want to ask you a question. He says, what are you doing going 98 miles an hour? And I said, Yes, sir, I'm sorry. I just want to know. I said, Can I be honest with you? He said, Yeah. I said, Well, I tried to go 100, but there's a governor on this thing and it cut off. So I pulled it on down to 98 so I could I could see he turned around. I could see him laughing. He said, I'm going to let you go with a warning since you told me the truth. He says, Slow it down. So I did. I got down on 95. But see, the law had already been set. What was he there to do to enforce it? The law's already been set. See, Satan has power. People said, Well, Jesus took all his power away. No, he didn't. He Satan has power. He doesn't have authority. Jesus stripped him as what? Of authority. In other words, he doesn't have a right to use the power, but he uses the power until he comes in contact with someone like you. Who knows he doesn't have the right to do it. When Jesus sent his disciples out. Remember? He sent 12 then. Then he sent 70. Later on he said, I give you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.

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He said, Heal the sick, raise the dead. He didn't say pray for anybody. He said, Heal them. Raise the dead, cast out devils. Remember they did that in his authority. Well, when when Jesus stripped Satan of his authority, he said, Now Jesus said now all Jesus had more authority after he was resurrected than before. He's resurrected. He said, Now all power. Now all authority belongs to me. Then they gave it to the church. So Satan has zero authority. So he's one walking around the earth using power with no legal right to use it. Because Jesus took the legal right that he had away because Adam sold himself and all of us out. So he has no authority to do what he's doing to you. He's just he's using illegal power. So you just stand up in your authority like the state trooper and say. You arrest them? You stop them in his name. Amen. Well, I'm going to call upon the church. Well, you are the church. I mean, if not now when? If not now when? When are you going to act like the person that you already are? When are you going to become you? What day will you rise up and be Jesus with skin on? How much are you going to take? And he'll try you. I'm telling you, he's going to try you. If you don't do anything, you probably won't. Ever. You probably won't. Never had someone tell me it's been years ago. They said, you talk about this all the time and you've run this and that deal.

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They said, I ain't never had no trouble with him. I said, I know. And they said, Well, why is that? And I said, Well, you want the honest truth? They said, Yeah. So could you talk about having to catch this devil out and had to go over here and had like this and, you know, the leg was going to be amputated and you had to go over here and deal with this and cast the devil out of this and all that. I said, Yeah, yeah. I said, I ain't never run into him, nothing like that. I said, I know. I said, I said, I said, Because you're walking in the same direction. Turn around and you'll meet him. And when you're walking side by side, you, you ain't paying no attention. But when you turn around this way. Oh, yeah. And he will oppose you. But he's going to have to use your senses to do it. He. Thank you. Can you all see that? He has to use your senses to combat you or he'll use your body against you. He'll weaponize your body against you. You say. But my kidneys. But you're so. But you're not. You're a spirit. You're not a kidney. Yeah, but my pancreas. You're not a pancreas, but my lungs. You have lungs, but you're not a lung. Well, my spine. Yeah, you have a spine, but you're not a spine. You're a spirit.

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Your spirit is rules. See, your spirit is king. Your soul is a servant and your body is a slave. When you get that out of order, then your soul will rule as king. And your body will become the servant. I mean your soul. You'll make your spirit a servant to your mind and to your body, because it's out of order. But remember our strong the strong spirit of a man. Proverbs 18:14 says the strong spirit of a man will sustain that man in a time of bodily pain or trouble, whatever kind of trouble that you have until you know who you are in Christ, you'll never walk in your authority. With that last song we say, I mean, I'm not it's hard to find music. It's almost impossible to find music that scripture sometimes you like the music, you like the beats, you like this, you like that part. But then they'll throw a little bit in there. There was one part in the garden thing, you know, So he, he, he remade us or something like that. He built us up. No, he didn't build you up. He destroyed you. God dropped the atomic bomb on you, blew you up like that. He didn't take you and have you re-upholstered. He might have thought about it. He said, ain't gonna work. He said, Just blow em up. Let's make a new man. Let's make him just like us. Make him in our image, in our likeness, put dominion, put authority in them.

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That the only thing that you don't have dominion over is just people. Somebody. I wish you had them in other people. But somebody tried that like you're going to do it. I tell you, I'm like, Huh? That's why we had a lot of divorces. You don't rule over people, but you rule over evil spirits because of who you are. I mean, I just want you to know. I mean, it's not I'm not trying to talk about the devil because he's not a major part in this true story. Take out revelations. The devil is only mentioned four times in the New Testament. I will say that this was a play, a theatrical play. He didn't get a very big part. And every time it suggests like this, you have authority over him or don't give place to him or submit yourself to God. Resist the devil and he will flee. Every time you see that you have complete and total authority, you don't feel like you do because he's using your senses. I mean, your senses have high sensitivity to them. They feel things. Things get out of whack. You feel it, you know it. You feel it. You can hurt. You can be in pain. You can. You can have mental almost breakdowns. You can have anxiety, you can have stress, You can have all these things. There's natural things to do to help. But it's not just the natural. Employ the supernatural. I'm not saying don't use natural help and natural mean.

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But. But, but. But who said you have to go to a psychologist to live? And see if you live in the world, you don't need them very often. Now, I'm not trying to I didn't know what was going to say all that, but I'm just saying. But I don't need to sit down with someone once a week or twice a week and tell them how I feel because I'm not even going to voice how I feel. I feel crazy sometimes. There are some times I don't even want to come to church. I don't want to preach. Because it is okay to say that. How many ever went to work one day and you didn't feel like it? Okay, now you know what I'm talking about. But how many overrode your feelings? Yeah, because you still like to eat on a regular basis and you might have had a mortgage and some kids or whatever, So you overrode your feelings and you went to work. Well, how come you don't override your feelings at other times? And I just don't know. I just don't feel well. I see. That's not kingdom. That's not king. Now you're taking your spirit and you're saying you're not going to be the king today. We're going to let you be the either the slave or the servant, because I don't feel good. Now, listen, I'm through right here. I. I can't forgive them. You know, with me. Listen, Watch. When you say I can't forgive them or I can't, whose I?

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Who's me? Who's you?

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Are you talking about?

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You the.

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Fleshy person. Are you talking about you? The new man in Christ? All things passed away, all become new. Who's the you who can't forgive? With the love of the nature of God. Shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost. Who's you? That will help you forever. If you'll remember that when the feelings come. Physical, mental, whatever it is. Whose you? Paul said, Put on the new man. Put off the old man. But you know what people try to do? They try to put the new man on top of the old man.

[01:12:50] Pastor West

Yeah, right.

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Huh? It's like when the dentist is going to give you a what do you call a top of the crown? It goes over, right. And so in the church, Christians, we try to build a new life over our old one. Yeah. Well, you don't know when I was a kid. Well, my my my folks did things to. People ask me through the years, Who was your dad? A pastor, I think. No, no, not too much. A pastor? No, no. They get much of that. He spoke in tongues. Known tongues for letter tongues all time. Mad, angry volcano might erupt at any moment. Our plan was how fast can you get out of this house? You know, when you get 70, 80 years old, you chilled out and he got saved. And he's in heaven right now. I can't hardly wait to meet the spiritual man I've never known my whole life. That's going to be a lot of fun for me, you know? Who knows? He might even hug me. That'd be weird. I don't know. Do you ever get hugged? I don't know. Ever getting hugged? You didn't either.

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You couldn't do it, could it? But he was angry. He. He had the touch. So I didn't learn anything spiritually from my dad. I didn't get an ounce of spiritual from from my mother. I did. Her doctor wasn't altogether right. But but she was going to make sure you knew about Jesus. You didn't vote on whether you're going to go to church. I mean, I made the mistake one time saying, do we have to go back tonight? She says, Do what? I said. We already went this morning, Mama. I said, Do we have to go back tonight? I said, I want to watch Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. She said, You get in and get your clothes on. Things are about to get real wild for you. She was so strong in those things that and I think this is this is sad for the men need to be men. Husband. You're supposed to be the head of your home. You're supposed to. That doesn't mean you're rule over anyone, because the Bible says we submit one to another. The husband submits to the wife also.

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Thank you.

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I can give the scriptures if you need them. In other words, she walks by your side. She doesn't walk in front of you or behind you. She walks by your side. Amen. You should know that because you're missing a rib. That's why I'll go. Jim. I always order ribs. I just know I'm missing one somewhere. And so we submit one to another. And I say I'm to submit to the Lord. Right? As the husband I'm supposed to be, Submit to him. And I'm supposed to treat my wife. The same way that Christ I'm supposed to. Well, Ephesians says love her the way that I love my church. And he said, Well, how do you do that? Well, it says right there. And he says, because then he gave himself for the church. He laid his life down for the church. Now, if you want, he says now to be a leader, you submit to me, you submit to my leadership, you submit to my word, you come. See, you can't have authority unless you're under authority.

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If you if you.

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If you're doing it any way, it's rogue. It's all. It's all natural. It's all flesh. But when you come under authority, I've hardly met. Almost no women have trouble submit to a godly man who was submitted to the Lord because all he's going to have is love. There's only been three or 4 or 5 times I can think of when Michelle and I, we we would disagree on something and we both would talk. And then she would say, but you but you make the decision because you're you're the head of this household. Then I felt more responsibility. I asked her one time. I said when we was about when we already graduated from Bible school and one I couldn't even believe I was even there. So I couldn't assume I was going to come home to Alabama. I had to at least say I'd rather go home, but I'm But I'll go wherever you tell me to. And we were both praying about it. What was our next step? Not just assume that I'm through with Bible school and going back home because what am I going to do when I get home? I mean, why did I come to Bible school? So I asked her one day while we were still in Oklahoma, I said, What would you say if we were supposed to move to another state and not go back home and we were supposed to help someone do something and start a work or something? She says, Well, if the Lord tells you that's what we need to do. And I said, Really? She said, Yeah. I said, I know, sir, you'd rather go home. She said, My preference is to go home.

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She says, But if that's what you know, then we'd better go do it. And I said, One more question. I said, What if? I feel like we're supposed to go do this and we go do it. And I find out and I find out later on. I was wrong. She said, Well, then you'll pray again and the Lord will do. Then we'll go do that. And I've known a few pastors and pastors wives, and I can tell you how blessed I am. That a wife would be willing to say, Even if you're wrong, I'm going to be by your side and and we'll come out of it together. No. You can see my blessing. Amen. So only a handful of times that we differed on it. There was times in ministry that I didn't see her side. She was telling me, You need to be careful over here. And I said, Why? She said, Well, that woman's not she's up to no good. I said, Oh, ain't nothing. She said, I'm telling you, you better, you better stay away. I'm telling you, I forget her name, but I think it's Jezebel. And I thought, well, she just got some rough edges. She's only been here 2 or 3 times. She says, I'm telling you, you stay away from her. She's up to no good. And I just. I kind of just blew it off. Until one night on a Sunday night, I had a stage. It was about 40 foot long. And there was I could walk off the stage if I wanted to and go to my office. And I did that at night. And I walked and there was I could walk off the stage and be in a hallway and my office was out in the hallway.

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And when I walked off the stage, that woman was in the back hallway. And I said, Hey. She said, I'm gonna make this short and sweet. I said, Do what she says. She said, I'm never going to say anything to anyone. She said, I just never been with or slept with a preacher and I would like to. She said, Are you interested? I'm not looking for any commitments or anything. I just want to say I've. And she didn't have a spirit of Ogilvy on her. Okay. I've been approached. Someone who's my age now or older. But I was 30 and there was no temptation at all. But this one she said, said that. And she says, So you interested? She said, You want to sleep together? I said, Well, I'm not sleepy. She should do it. I said, I'm not really that tired. I said, Oh, oh, oh. So there was a devil. So I just thought I'd embarrass him for a while. So I tell you, I tell you what I said. Oh, I know some. I said, Well, I tell you what. Have you met my wife? She says, I know who she is. I said, Well, go ask her. And if you flirt with her, then we'll see. Never saw that woman again. But see, I never picked up on any of that stuff. And she was telling me the whole time that this is wrong. This is wrong, this is wrong. She had more wisdom than I did. That wouldn't be shocking to you women at all.

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You know.

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It's like, yeah, what's your point? See, I needed her and I didn't know I needed her. You know, she'd have strengths in all my weaknesses and I would have, you know, the other because she's just, you know, she's real systematic and she keeps everything organized. She has a calendar. She knows when this is. She knows pretty much when all y'all's birthdays are. She she keeps all that going. She would tell me weeks ahead and I got to go do this. I got to go do this because this is going to be their birthday. Their birthday is important. Their birth, you know, their birthdays are important. Their birthdays important. I got to go do this. I could do that. I'm not doing any of that stuff. I can't do all this stuff. So we need one another. So when the enemy comes, I always have you someone. Maybe it's a spouse. Maybe it's a friend. Maybe it's someone here in church. Some of you are closer to people here in your church than you are. Sometimes you're. You're your natural family. That's okay. But. But. But have a go to person. Don't have a gossipy person. Have someone who if you have one friend in the whole world, you're a rich person. I mean one true friend. And I'll define it this way. And finally close someone who knows just about everything about you. And they still like you. Someone who's not judging you for why you're in that situation. But they're there to say, Let me help you out.

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Sometimes all they can do is hold your hand. Sometimes all they can do is just be there. Sometimes you they just need to vent. Sometimes they just need to cry. You know, I mean, I first got married. I didn't understand all that. I look over there certain times a month and my wife's crying. I said, What's cry about? She said, Nothing. And I thought, well, you're crying about something. You know, men are logically our minds are logical. We fix things. And when you tell me you're crying, you don't know why. How do I fix that? And my mother, she says it's the time of the month. I said, For what? She says, You know. I said, Oh. I said, But why is she crying? She says, Just leave her alone. So I found out for her. She liked to Baby Ruth and Dr. Pepper. She didn't want any time of the month. That was her comfort thing. And then she's not here because I'm going to be in trouble. So my kids asked me. I mean, she's here. My kids asked me, she said they said, you know, about ten years ago, they said his mama going through a change of life. I said, something's changed. Something's changed. I said, leave it alone. Just leave it alone. We we going to ride this wave on out? Because, I mean, she had short answers sometimes. And we rode that way for a couple of three years. And some of the kids, like his mom, were upset with me.

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I said, maybe. I don't know. I don't know what she's going through. I said, we'll just pray for her. Everything's fine. It wasn't nothing terrible. It was just it was just different because we're used to someone that's like, she doesn't want to argue with you. She doesn't want to fight with you. She just wants to get along with you. But if she needs to fight with you, if she gets to the place of fighting with you, you're in trouble. I was kidding her about the rib thing. Lexi was in there last week, remember? And? And I was going to. She was driving, so I was going to say, I think you got what, My rib bone. Get it back. So whatever. And she can't stand tickling. She can't stand it. And she stopped the truck, didn't she? And she took her shoe and she started beating me with her shoe. I mean, and it hurt. She was hit me in the head and everything. She said, I can't. I can't stand it. Don't. Don't you tickle me. I can't stand it. And and I did it one time, and she she got a butcher knife out like this. And I said, Are you serious? Aren't you. She said, I can't stand it. So she just goes along and gets along and wants to be, you know, kind to everyone. And she is. But she has that place in her that she won't whatever. And if you pick on the people and if you pick on, she pick on you and they pick on her kids and their grandkids.

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You know, I had a kid one time made a mistake. I know you never had done that. And someone told me actually, Nathan stood up in the service. He won't remember all this, but. I had to tell the church a certain thing and it was like, If you want to, I'll just resign. I hate it happened, but it happened. And if you want it to, I'll resign. And it boiled church was quiet and I thought, oh gosh, I guess they want me to. And all of a sudden Nathan stood up and he said, Well, so and so happened. He told us about it. And he says, I think what the family needs now more than anything and this child of his, I think they need our love and support now. They need us to come for them. And. And that was a great sense of I mean, it just broke everything in the room, just those simple words that he spoke. It just it just broke everything. And church was over. And I'm sure there were people went home, talked about things. And I went out in the foyer and there was an older gentleman and he didn't he was talking to everybody about the situation, but he didn't know what was out in the foyer. And he said, Well, that's why you don't bring people to church like this and you don't mix colors. Peoples and church. You don't do this and you don't have situations like that and you don't have like this.

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And I was standing behind him and they were seeing him talking, but they were seeing seeing me. And he said, I think we should have I think he probably needs to go. And I tapped him on the shoulder. He's in heaven now. He turned around, looked at me. He kind of jumped. And I said, Did you have something to say to me? Oh, no, no, no, no, no. Everything's good. And I said, I love you, the love of God. I said, But if you're going to make me pick between me, I mean, you and my daughter, you've lost. If you ever make me pick between me and my children, you. You've lost. It only means they're right. You've lost. It wouldn't be just my physical daughter. It would be anyone in there, because the spirit of that was wrong. It didn't matter what happened, how you responded to it was wrong and gave voice to it. So when you want to shut the enemy down from talking harassing you, you don't have to get loud. You don't have to put on your double deputy badge. You don't have to be underdog and get into a phone booth and come out with your cape. You just have to quote Jesus because Satan is terrified of Jesus. Amen. Amen. Amen. He defeated him on every front and said that he stripped him of all authority and then paraded him around in three different atmospheres, you know, like a defeated king in those days when they did and they defeated the nation, they took the king, stripped him down and took him right down to the town.

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That's what Jesus did to Satan. I said, Let me tell you about my Jesus. Amen. Amen. And you're not going to do this to my physical body or my mind because you didn't create my body in my mind, and you're not the master of it. Amen. My body is a temple of the Holy Ghost. Amen. So right now, where you're sitting right now, you don't even need hands laid upon you. I'm going to pronounce health upon you right now. And when I pronounce health upon you, a change is about to take place in your physical body right now. In Jesus name. You say? Well, did you hear that from God? Yes. Amen. But what if I didn't? I still have the authority to do it. But if it helps you, I heard it. He said, don't lay hands on any and won't require it in Jesus name. I speak life into your body right now? In Jesus name. Those of you here, those of you watching, those of you listening, I speak life to your body right now. In Jesus name. I curse every satanic assignment against you right now, in the name of Jesus and the authority that's given to us in the name of Jesus. Every demonic assignment, every sickness, every pain, every disease, everything known and unknown. That's not of God. Jesus name. I say.

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Stop. Go.

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Be removed. I cast you out. There it is. And now the laugh of God comes in. Now the life of God flows. Ha ha. There it is. There it is. All you got to say is I received it in the name of Jesus. Peace to the peace. To the mind. Peace to the mind. Well, there's torment. There's now peace. Peace to whose mind is stayed on thee. You are the reflection of him. Hmm. Whoever you are. Holy Spirit says when you talk about this, quit. Quit telling people about my allergies. They're not yours. Could put anything that you deal with in a sense of my my headache, my pain, my this, my, that. Quit taking ownership of something that don't belong to you. It's not yours. Ups brings a bomb to your house. You don't have to sign for it. You can refuse the package. Jesus name. I declare you free. Free from every addiction. He who the son sets free is free.

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He's free. Free in your.

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Heart. Free in your mind. Now, think on those things that are good and pure and lovely and of good report. If there's any faith or virtue, think, think, think, think, think on those things. Then the peace of God that passes all understanding shall keep your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus to the glory of God.

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God bless you.

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