

# Holy Spirit – Desiring Him or Just the Fruits?

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And thank you for those dear men that led the meeting singing here for the way you did it, sir, was something very precious and I would love to have got to know you.

I was speaking today to our dear brother how the meeting can be destroyed by the singing. And I would say he bore something in my heart as I am starting a sermon. I have written a whole sermon since your conversation, brother. I had better not preach that now, though.

If you ever let me back, I will preach what you have borne in my heart this morning or at lunch time, dear John. Brother John, I agree with you. Somehow today the Church has allowed the world into their music and the man who has the music in his control controls the whole meeting. He can destroy anything God could ever do from that moment to the day, to the moment the meeting stops. Or he could pave the way. And I wonder what the sentence of Evangelical churches have no hope of God visiting them because of the very music and those in control of the music.

Don't let the world into the Church, America. You don't win the world by becoming like the world. The world wins you always. There is not one case when the world tried to be like the church tried liked to try to be like the world that the world didn't win them. And all we have now is the world in the Church and the Church in the world tragically. Starting off with the music, the next thing we look like them, we go to the places, we try and grip them by the way the way grip by the world with their entertainment, their type of music, their type of entertainment. Entertainment is sin in the pulpit of God and in the Church. There is no place for it.

Be careful. Be careful. If you are not sure that you are so sanctified by God and through the Holy Ghost and prayed through as much as a preacher before you stand before God's people with a message from God so soaked in prayer and a life that gives you the right to sing it and you are sure that that is going to make entrance to the preacher's sermon to the whole atmosphere and to the people seeking God, don't ever get up and sing. Don't ever get up and play any instrument. Go to the theater if you want applause. Why come to the pulpit?

Well, now, that is a rebuke, isn't it? And I was only going to say, "Thank you."

My wife says, "When you are tired, Keith, you go a mile around." And she is not yet to remind me that I am going a mile around tonight, but it is just as well because people are

still all arriving so God knows what he is doing. Thank you sincerely, everyone one of you who traveled a long, long way and I bless the Lord for you.

Now, I know the cold hits this area like I don't know what hit me. But I appreciate your braveness and I appreciate your courage in facing this weather, still staying on and coming out into the bitter cold and the snow and the ice all over the place and I think those that have come are those who really want God's best. So I thank you for coming.

Can I also just ask you one other thing? My wife sends out a newsletter. It is not like American newsletters, you know. We in Africa don't have the beautiful magazines that you send out as newsletters. We just have a piece of paper. We are from the jungles, you see and my wife sends this out every couple of months to many, many people all over the world. And these people mostly pray for us daily and I thank God for that. And I wonder if you would like to pray for me and my family. I will be very grateful.

I know that you mustn't put your name and address down if you are not a prayer warrior. If you don't groan before God for souls please don't give me your name or address. If you don't groan before God for the Church of Christ, for revival, if you don't know what it is to groan before God for others and not yourself, then please don't put your name down because it will just be a waste of piece of paper coming to you that you wouldn't want in the end. But if you know what it is to weep for souls, if you know what it is to groan for souls, if you groan, if you are a warrior on your knees for the lost and not just consumed in prayer about yourself, then I would be deeply grateful if you would put your name and address on this piece of paper, your postal address and you would just give it to dear brother Don who is trying desperately to let me read something in the back, but he doesn't know I am half blind.

Oh, there is a piece of paper. Ok, brother. At least I saw the page. Wonderful, Don. Thank you. I saw the page, but I didn't dare tell you at first that I can't read. I can't see much anyway and... but it is good that I can't see your faces while I am preaching, you know. I might stop.

Anyway, there is a piece of paper back there, the back two yellow pages and if you just take a pen and you would like to, put your name and address down and give it to our brother. I am not staying after the meeting because I am going to get up rather early tomorrow and be on a plane at 6:30 so I won't tell you what time I have to get up then to do all the things I have to do and... but I have to leave straight away after. I am going to press and shake a few of your hands as I walk out, but I want to say thank you now and God bless you for coming from my heart. I am deeply grateful for America giving me so many opportunities to come back here again and again and the way they are spreading tapes and videos all over the world. I get letters from China, oh, so many countries where the Americans have sent videos and these churches say, "We just brought all the people and just sitting down listening to all these messages."

I am grateful the way America and American Christians have such vision and have given me this great privilege of coming here every now and again and then they just spread the

messages, hundreds of thousands of tapes all over. I do thank you for that privilege you have given me.

Well, God wonderfully bless every single one of you. I really mean that.

Now I would like to pray and then bring the Word God put on my heart I believe for our hearts tonight. And if I fail to say thank you to everyone I should have, please forgive me.

Can we just bow before the dear Lord, please in a moment of quietness?

*Our Father, we praise thee for the wonderful Word of God that thou hast entrusted into our hands and hearts. We thank thee for the Holy Spirit and we ask that by thy grace and mercy tonight thou would come and make this a holy, sacred place to the hearts of men and women and children. Lord, wash me now in the blood of Jesus that I may be clean. And thou fill me with the Holy Spirit in grace and mercy and that thou would come and keep us under the blood of Christ safe from the powers of darkness and cleanse the atmosphere of this place with the blood of Christ and pour thy Spirit here, Lord, upon us that we may know we have to do with God and not with men. Visit thou us, Lord, quiet us. Fill our hearts and our bodies and minds. Come now, Lord, in mercy on us, especially on me and bless this hour in Jesus the Christ's name, in Jesus Christ's name we all ask these things of thee our Father in heaven. Amen.*

I would like tonight to speak to you about the Holy Spirit. And I am very careful in starting by telling you that the Holy Spirit is some word in the Bible that somehow we have got all confused about. It is not the gospel of the Holy Spirit. And many churches today in this generation especially have the gospel not according to... of the gospel of Christ, but the gospel of the Holy Spirit. They make more of the Holy Spirit than of Jesus. They make more of the gifts than the giver. And everything is centered around the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit himself. And this holy book, this holy book it tells us that the Holy Spirit shall not speak of himself.

His whole work is to glorify Christ. His whole work is to make us into the image of Jesus Christ, that we may be conformed into the image of God's Son. And that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

I read a book when I was shortly saved by R.A. Torrey. Torrey was D.L Moody's theologian. Moody was the man who won millions to Christ and Moody was probably the greatest soul winner in history, him and Charles Finney. Millions and millions came to God through these men. But Moody brought nations to God. Scotland turned to God.

John Knox brought Scotland away from Rome, but Moody brought Scotland to God. Moody brought a king and a queen to God. I don't know of any evangelist in history where God did that to a man who never went through a theological seminar in his life, who had no degrees, but Queen Mary knelt with Moody and gave her heart to Christ and King George followed and gave out tracts, literally hundreds of thousands of tracts to generals and the leaders of the new empire were handed by Queen Mary. On Moody's

recommendation she gave out [?]. She was a soul winner. She was a prayer warrior. And Moody was the man God used.

But Moody wasn't a great theologian. That was Torrey who God gave to Moody and to the millions throughout the world that had sought God. Now here was a man who suddenly had an academic... we don't despise the academic achievement. We don't despise men who can't academically go into theological seminars and come out with fire, not [?] to doctrine.

I pit the man who goes and gets degrees that take seven years and he can't win a soul to Christ. Let me see the man who doesn't realize that the God of Moody didn't need the degrees. He just needed fire, reality and no compromise on this book. That was Moody.

But the book that Torrey wrote the Holy Spirit, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the personality and the work of the Holy Spirit. I got that when I was just saved and I was transformed into my understanding of God and his ways. And I would recommend that book to anyone. There are many books on the Holy Spirit which teach us. We can't hurry the fact that the Holy Spirit is mentioned throughout the holy Bible. And we need to know his work without diverting from Christ. But rather honoring Christ.

If you go to a book like R.A. Torrey wrote you will find he takes the basics, the things most of you sitting here have come aware of as you have gone through the Scriptures from cover to cover again and again and I hope you have done that. You have become conscious of the things Torrey would speak of and the other books would speak of and these other books would speak of, of the work of the Holy Spirit. It is God the Holy Spirit's work to take this book and to make it alive. It is dead. It is dead without the Holy Spirit. The letter killeth. That is a strong word, but the Spirit giveth life.

This book in the hands of an unsaved man kills. What God could do. This book in the [?] of a man who has no revelation by God the Holy Ghost of what he is reading, well, all it does is destroy. It is very seldom in the history of the Church that an unsaved man holding the Word of God ever did anything for God.

But the moment a man is born of God and anointed by God and given the right to preach, ordained by God. This book becomes a [?] light to souls. The letter kills. The letter kills the people who are not even saved. This is a dead book in many aspects, but the moment they are saved and the Holy Spirit is in them, the natural man can't receive the things of God, but the spiritual man, the moment he is saved and the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Christ in you is the hope of glory. That man suddenly... this book clicks and every word is alive. Suddenly he weeps across the pages. Whereas before he was saved he was dead, dead. The letter killeth. It can do nothing without the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit giveth life. And it is God's book that God the Holy Ghost uses to give eternal life.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The faith by which you are saved, by grace you are saved through faith, not of yourselves, that faith is the result of the Holy Spirit giving revelation to your heart in your darkness in the unsaved state you

are and so faith is worked by the Holy Ghost, by giving life to this book. And then when we are saved it is the Holy Spirit's work to bear witness with our Spirit to be the children of God. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God.

Do you know you have passed from death unto life? We know we are saved. He that believeth on the Son of God hath a witness in himself God says. He that believeth not God hath made him a liar because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son and this is the record that God has given to us eternal life and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God.

You must know that you have eternal life. Otherwise you don't have eternal life. You must know you have passed from death unto life or you haven't passed from death unto life. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

And so that is the Holy Spirit's work. We could go on and on. He teaches us how to pray. We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit, God the Holy Ghost teaches us to pray as we ought to pray with groanings that cannot be uttered.

That is not speaking about tongues. Groaning that cannot be uttered, sir, when the Holy Spirit is in you the grief you have you never had before for the lost or for the saved. It is his grief. It is his groan. It is his hurt that puts you to your knees and you pray for things that you wouldn't pray unless the Holy Ghost... It is his burden. It is his people that he longs to be revived and not just compromised to the world. And the grief you feel that you see in the Church compromising with the world is God's grief.

And you pray for God teaches you to pray as he sends his burden. He teaches us to pray as we ought to pray with groanings. You and I can't work up, we don't work up a burden. Any Christianity that works themselves up they land up in the mental home. Well, they should go there in the end. It is what you dedicate God consecrates. All we do is dedicate ourselves to God. God takes control by the Holy Ghost. Even our prayers, we don't work ourselves up. We don't work [?] up, we don't work compassion up for the lost. It is the Holy Spirit in us that drives us to the lost, that drives us to our knees, that groans in our prayers.

Does that mean that you have got to groan to say that God is praying to you? Some people don't have anything but a whisper, but that is the groan. The way you whisper from the heart.

The Holy Spirit is a Comforter. I love that. I can try and comfort you, brother, when you are broken and [?] by the Church itself. It is so out of touch with God. I can try and comfort you when you are excommunicated because you have been born again. I can try and comfort you by the hurts in your family so you aren't [?] or distain you for coming to Christ and saying [?].

I can try and comfort you when your son wants the devil and not Jesus. But my comfort is not good enough. Unless I comfort you with the comfort wherewith I was comforted by God and God the Holy Spirit comforts through the Word of God. 99.999... it isn't just some feeling flowing through of a divine wave of love to give you peace. His comfort comes through his words. And this word [?] be open and God will comfort as are wounded by God's people out of touch with God, not in tune with God.

You will find comfort if you don't become [?] and twisted. You will find comfort no matter what the devil brings against you, you don't come out [?]. The healing of God's words, the healing of God's Word by the Holy Spirit, he comforts through his Word. And you are able to comfort others with the comfort wherewith you were comforted.

What from this book, burned into this heart will burn from your lips. And what burns from your lips will burn to the hearts of those that hear you. And so to the degree that God the Holy Ghost comforts you through this book, to that degree you can comfort the Church. He is the comforter.

And I could go on, but all these things you will find explained more eloquently and more with more depth by godly men like R.A. Torrey. Get those books. Learn about the work of the Holy Spirit, the personality of the Holy Spirit.

Tonight I would like to bypass all those things and I would like to speak to you about one aspect of the Holy Spirit's work that you are not going to hear being preached very much these days in any pulpit because it is a word that seems to offend.

The Holy Spirit, Jesus said, when he is come will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. And D.L. Moody said if that hasn't happened to you he doubts that anything has ever been done in your life by the Holy Ghost. You can't bypass this. You talk of all of these things of the Holy Ghost in your life, Moody says. If this was not the first thing that happened in your life he doubts that anything has ever happened in your life that was the Holy Spirit in truth. He will convince. He will convict [?] the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment.

When did he do that in your life, young man, old man, preacher who teaches like a blind leader of the blind? Do you think Christ said that wasn't possible? And all that would happen is you were blind will fall in the abyss but all you are leading will fall into this with you. You will take them hell if you haven't been saved.

The Holy Spirit when he has come will convict the world of sin. And only then will you know that you are a sinner. And of righteousness. That you can become righteous. He will convince you. He will convict you that you don't have to remain in sin, though you are a sinner. You can be made righteous by God. And your life can be made righteous and you can become a new creature in Christ where old things pass away and all things become new. It is the Holy Spirit's work to convince the world of sin, of righteousness,

of judgment if you don't turn from the sin to become righteous, to seek God's righteousness. You will face judgment. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

And I agree with Moody. How can you be saved, sir, if you didn't know you were lost? How can you cry out to God to save you from hell if you don't know you are going to hell or judgment? How can you cry to God to set you free from a life of sin if you aren't convinced your sin will take you to judgment and you are convinced in your heart by the Holy Ghost that you can be made righteous?

The Holy Spirit's work is to convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. But do you know, one of the greatest tragedies of our era and time is that we try to do the work of the Holy Spirit and we just destroy the work of the Holy Spirit as Christians. We try to do the convicting work of God the Holy Spirit today everywhere. And we destroy his work by not trusting him. And it is his work not ours, that not trusting him that he can convince the world of sin without us interfering.

I was once preaching as a young preacher some 30 years ago, [?] a fire to the wisdom of the matter so long as you are on fire, so long as you have got a little bit of wisdom and you are on fire that is all God needs to turn the world upside down. No good in having a lot of wisdom and no fire. You just turn into hell.

But I went around preaching and I soon learned about how people tried to do the work of the Holy Spirit and the damage they do. I was warned by other young preachers and evangelists in my country who knew me and when they I heard I was going to a particular town with another young evangelist, they warned me about a man there. They said, "There is a very strange man there. He is so strange that he is really on fire. He tries to do the work of the Holy Spirit he is so desperate to get people under conviction of sin."

Well, he warned me, but I didn't know I was in for such a hard time. When I stood in the pulpit there was this old man, old [?] we call him. That means uncle [?] a farmer. And he sat in the front row of this meeting. And there he was.

Listen. And all the people and I was preaching and the moment I named a particular sin this man said, "Oh..."

And I looked at him. I had named a sin and he turned around and he pointed [?].

I looked at this lad and everybody who was pointing was sitting there, you know, looking a bit upset. How do you preach on?

Well, I tried and I named another sin and he said, "Oh... [?]"

That is Afrikaans, you know, sit down.

You want to preach when someone is trying to do the Holy Spirit's work. You see this man was desperate. There was no truth being preached in the town or any pulpit of the town and when truth was come he was in such a state that he couldn't bear the thought that people wouldn't come under conviction of sin now that somebody is preaching about sin and he made sure they got knowing you are not going to bypass it if it is meant for you.

But all he did was damage, I mean nobody could be [?] with a man tries to do the work of God like that. All you would want to do is get out of the building and the preacher when they get out of the pulpit.

Brother, don't do the work of the Holy Spirit. Can I warn all you zealous Christians? And I warn all you zealous Christians, it is his work. Trust him. All you do is damage. Trust him, brother. The Holy Spirit's work is to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment, not yours.

We had a missionary lady in our missionary society back home in Africa and she is quite a character. She married one of the godliest men in our land's history a Mr. [?] and her name was [?]. She was a character. Oh, my, you didn't play the fool with this woman.

She was really a character though she was a missionary. And she was needed and in the mission everyone is needed. But this dear lady when she was a young missionary it was someone who felt as if there was something in her life in the [?] life that was very unacceptable to be in the life of a young missionary serving God. There was something in her life that really was unacceptable to be in a missionary's life, in the AV, the [?].

So this older Christian, this older missionary lady who had been a longer time and seems to be taken up [?] despair in the end that this thing wasn't being dealt with in her life. And she looked at Mrs. [?] and she said to her, "You know, there is someone in the AEB who does this thing."

And Mrs. [?] quite looked at this lady and she thought, "Oh, my troubles here..."

The lady said, "Yes."

So Mrs. [?] said, "Oh."

The lady, "Yes and she is in the AEB and she does this thing. She shouldn't do it. She is a missionary. She shouldn't do it."

So Mrs. [?], of course, feeling very uncomfortable said, "Oh."

The lady looked at her and disdain, you know, and she says, "Yes, and she is in the AEB. She shouldn't be it. Oh."

In the end the lady despaired so much she lost it, you know. She said, "It's you. [?]."



So Mrs. [?], of course, she looked at her feeling wounded and [?] and crushed and she said, “[?]”

Now I don't know what [?] means. I don't think it is very victorious in the Christian vocabulary, but I think maybe it was trying to say, “Shame on you for not waiting and leading the Holy Spirit to do that in his time when I am ready.”

Do you know how many Christians are stumbling for the rest of their lives because we jump the gun? Sir, do you know how long it took you to get you where you are? Have you forgotten the patience God had with you, lady? And you look at these younger Christians and in one moment they had better tow the line and be... and you are or you agree and you will do the work for God.

And all that you do is get them to stagger and stumble for years and years as though something [?] left it to God. They would have let God have his way when the Holy Spirit convicted them.

Another danger, another danger is how many people try to do the work of the Holy Spirit in the prayer meeting on their knees. They don't pray. They preach. They don't speak to God ever. It is just one sense of hypocrisy. That is their opportunity to speak and so they are going to get everybody under conviction of the things that they think the people need to hear so they can speak that, so they are going to pray at people. You don't pray at people. You pray for people. You don't pray to people. You pray to God for people, otherwise your sin is more a grief to God to God than their sins or their inconsistencies. Don't doubt that. It is one sense of hypocrisy. It is a grief to God and man.

Don't think you are spiritual, sir, if you don't pray to God. In a prayer meeting you pray to people. That proves how carnal you are and how little you trust the Holy Spirit.

I was in a prayer meeting where a man who had been a missionary for many years so now he just lost control. And aren't we in this prayer meeting full of evangelists and preachers and missionaries all over the building from all over Southern Africa, this convention, this half night of prayer. He was praying on his knees.

Suddenly he stopped praying in such a way that grief came upon the whole meeting. I mean, such grief that it was the end of the whole convention virtually. He destroyed the convention on his knees. He decided to pray at people.

So he started speaking his mind on his knees, things he should never have said. He started crying out and God, this [?] cross.

Now, you don't know our language back home, that means there is a snake in the grass. And we are thinking who is speaking about? You get uncomfortable when a man starts praying that, you know. [?]

That is why the things are going wrong in the missionary society. That is why the blessing of God is not what it should be. There is sin in the camp. It must be dealt with. We must get out. We must deal with this sinner.

Oh, my. People were getting grieved. He went on and on and on. You know, I thought he would never end. And a cloud of grief fell upon that conference. And they closed the whole prayer meeting not for the half night of prayer anymore. They just closed it when he said Amen he just destroyed that night of prayer. No one wanted to pray after that. Everybody was on their knees groaning in grief thinking who is speaking about? Who is in sin of these preachers? Who is bringing the curse of God upon us?

Well, I went outside and by the time I got outside I was saying to the Lord, "Lord, does he think that about me? Has the devil told him things that he is... is it me he is thinking about?"

Before I could think too long another person came to me and they thought it was them. Within a few minutes there was about 12 people who came to me all thinking it was them that maybe he thinks it is me, all 10... he had the whole lot of us under conviction. I mean the only person that wasn't under conviction was the person who it was meant for.

I would be surprised if the person who it was meant for God convicted because it wasn't God the Holy Ghost guiding that man.

Sir, don't pray about people in front of them. Be careful what you do and what you say if you do. Don't pray about sin in someone's life if they are there with you. Pray to God about people before you single out someone, sir, that is hearing you on your knees. Because all you are doing is sinning a greater sin than the person you think is a grief to God who has become a grief to you. Don't doubt it. Don't doubt it. You are a grief to God.

I don't know how many prayer meetings I have been in in the last 32 years and I have been in many, many, many hundreds and I don't know how few I ever attended where there was no one praying at people, preaching at people on their knees. Suddenly there was someone, someone there, the devil made sure destroyed any blessing there could be in the prayer meeting by someone who wasn't praying to God, but praying to people.

Don't do the work of the Holy Spirit. It just tells God straight you don't trust him. You are going to have to do his work for him by lying, by lying that you are speaking to him and you are so unspiritual, you are only speaking to people.

My brother, he is also a preacher. My brother was the first one saved in our family and our home was destroyed by sin. We lay in ruins, but God took hold of my dear brother and saved him in the most amazing way. He suddenly found himself sitting in a meeting under one of the greatest men that had ever lived in this world. I have no doubt of that, a man who influenced thousands throughout the world to walk with God the holy walk just by his life.

People have said to me all across the world as I have gone to different countries who know and they hear me preaching in them. You can never recover if you just stand in his presence. If you just stood in his presence, your conscience wouldn't allow you to recover till the day you die that God could make a man so holy.

You know, he was the only man that I ever met in my life that I wept by just standing looking at him. I wept. I trembled at the consciousness of how God could make a man that holy this side of heaven if he let him. He shone. He shone not with a superficial shine like we think of Moses, you know, just some glow. No, integrity and purity and godliness and the character and the nature of Christ was just shining through his every reaction that people would weep standing in his presence.

But he was the preacher, the most holy man of God I ever knew or was privileged to know in my life. And I have met many of the godliest men in this world and prayed with them. But never did I know a man that could come near the godliness of this man, Will MacFarlane was his name. And he was in our country preaching and my brother by some amazing miracle not seeking God was found in that meeting, dragged, not wanting God, not being there for God. And under the anointed preaching as very few have ever been anointed through his life, my brother was so crushed by conviction, by the end of that sermon he couldn't stand. When he stood he fell. He was like someone who had become drunk under conviction. He was so crushed at the consciousness of guilt.

But somehow my brother made his way weeping and fell on his knees and this godly man knelt beside him and cried out to God when he saw the brokenness of this boy. He put his arm around him and cried out to God for him to save his soul. And oh God saved my brother that night. Oh, God saved my brother. He became a new creature in Christ.

But that godly man left and flew to another country into Canada.

Three months later my brother heard that this godly Will MacFarlane was in South Africa again and he made a phone call and he said, "I hear Mr. Black is there," to this godly, godly woman who is Ellen White, where all the godly preachers would go across the world. That is where they put her, this wonderful woman of God.

And said, "Yes, Mr. Mac is here, [?], the man that led you to Christ is here, but only tonight. He is only... he is only flying through. He is making a stop over in Johannesburg on his way to Rhodesia." Today we call that Zimbabwe, but he was just making one night. Tomorrow he is flying out.

And my brother said, "But I want to see him, but I can't see him tonight. There is a [?]."

We had this dance arranged months ago. Oh, six months ago. They bought the tickets, an annual event, you know. It is something that they did with their friends every... this was happened before he was saved. He had all the nights a dance.

Now here is the man who led him to Christ and he has a dance to go to. So [?] Ellen White said, “A dance? Well, if you want to see him, you will have to come tonight.”

So Dudley said, “Well, we will come on the way to the dance. Will he see us?”

Let me tell you something. If you knew Mr. MacFarlane, to come to him and say, “I am going to a dance. You led me to Christ, but I am on the way to the dance.” I mean, that is unthinkable. It is unbelievable.

She said, “Well, come on the way to the dance.”

So my brother arrived. And there was Mr. MacFarlane thrilled to see him. And he says, “Mr. Mac, I would love to spend a lot of time with you, but I can’t because the... we have arranged this dance. I wish I could get out of it, but we can’t get out. We [?] annual thing we have done for years and I will only be able to be here for a few short moments, but I wanted to see you.”

So Mr. MacFarlane, of course, looked at him and said, “Dudley, how is things going since you have been saved? Are you growing in the Lord? Are you reading the Bible?”

That is the first thing you must find out to find out whether somebody is alive. Does he have a pulse? How is your quiet time? He asked them that, not how you were there when you were saved, but how is the quiet time today? You are as real as your quiet time was this morning. That is how real you are with God.

You are not as real as how you were saved and what you changed years ago. You are not as real as how you have been used. You are as real as your quiet time as you soak yourself in the Bible as the greatest priority of life, the most guarded thing in your day every day of your life that nothing will keep you from, no one will keep you, nothing the world offers and nothing the church offers will keep you from the time with God, the greatest priority that you nurture in God with your life is the time unhurried with God. That is how real you are, sinner. That that is the most vital thing in life because if it isn’t, every day of your life you are backslidden and you are grief to God and you could be guaranteed you are grief to men because you are as real as your quiet time.

How is the quiet time, Dudley? Do you pray through to God? How many chapters do you read?

After a while what Dudley said was, “Sir, will you pray for us? We have got to go now.”

So Mr. MacFarlane prayed for them and off they went to the dance.

So Dudley says they are driving along in the car, him and Anne, his fiancé who he was going to marry. They both came to Christ now. They are driving to the dance and for some reason as they drove the car went slower and slower and eventually the car was

crawling along the road and Anne didn't say to him, "Well, why are you driving so slow?"

There was just this deathly silence. The two of them didn't speak. And eventually they finally got to the dance and they sat in the car looking at each other. They didn't say a word, just looking [?] got out the car and went into the dance. And there is all his friends.

"Oh, you are late. Come on. Sit down."

Out comes with all the dancing, all the music, you know, all the smoking and the scent of alcohol and the laughter.

"Let's give you some drink. Yeah, let me pour you a drink."

Alcohol, you see.

And Dudley said, "No, no, thank you. We don't drink anymore. Anne and I, we don't want any drink. We don't drink anymore."

And his friend looked at them and his friend knew him from school days. He said, "What? You don't drink anymore? Are you mad?"

Dudley said, "No. We don't drink any more."

"Oh, you don't drink any more."

So they are all looking at Dudley now, a little bit of shock going on here now. And then, of course, the next thing is the jokes. Unsaved love to tell jokes, you know, to laugh on these occasions. And they have to be wrong jokes so he was telling a joke that was heading wrong straight from the start and Dudley listened to this fellow and he said, "Look, just stop. Just stop there. I can see where this heading. I don't want to hear it. And why do you always have to bring Jesus Christ's name in like a dirty word with all your other swearing words?"

And this fellow said, "Are you crazy? What is wrong with you? Since when does Jesus Christ's name matter to you? And since when is a joke wrong? You have gone mad."

So he jumps up and he grabs Anne and he says, "Come, Anne, let me get you away from this mad man. You come and dance. At least you can happy time. We are not going to let you sit with him."

So Dudley stood up and said, "No, don't you touch her. I know you. Don't touch Anne. I know you. You won't dance with her, not you."

And the fellow shouted. He lost his temper and screamed, "Are you mad? What is wrong with you? What is wrong with you? Why is it wrong [?]?"

And Dudley looked at him shaking and the way the fellow was screaming. He really got angry. And Dudley said, "I have become a Christian. It is because I am saved. I have given my heart to God. I have given my life to God. That is why I am changed."

So this fellow looked and everyone looked at him amazed. And he said, "But, Dudley, if you have given your life to God, what are you doing here?"

And Dudley said, "I don't know. But I am not staying."

He grabbed Anne and runs into the car. No slower [?]. Where do they drive? Back to Mr. MacFarlane, of course, fast as they could, knocked on the door.

Oh, you call Mr. Mac.

"Oh, Dudley, we have been expecting you. We didn't think it would take this fast. Come on."

Dudley sat there as they talked. He said, "Why didn't you tell us."

He had known it was wrong. Nobody had ever told me in my life dancing is wrong if you couldn't as a saved person going to such a place and survive and you couldn't feel comfortable because you agonized. Why didn't you just tell me? I wouldn't have gone.

And Mr. Mac said, "I didn't tell you, Dudley, because I wanted God to tell you. You see, Dudley, if I told you, you would stop for me out of fear of me, out of respect for me. But I am not always going to be with you. I am not always going to be with you. And, Dudley, God is always going to be with you. And now that God has told you, you will never do it again. You will never do it again."

Mr. MacFarlane, when he was saved he was 18 years old and they say he had such integrity before he was saved, can you imagine what he was after salvation? No wonder he became such a holy man of God. But when he was saved all he had in every breath in his body was this zeal for God. He just wanted to live for God and God's smile. He was on fire for God at 18 years old sitting on a tram. The trams are like the buses, you know, the old days they went on rail lines across the street. So some of you people know what trams are. In those days when he was a young man going to his work place sitting in a tram he said, "Now he is saved. All he is thinking of is Christ, communing with God." And suddenly a little voice said in his heart, "Look around you. Look at all these people. They are all going to hell."

And there they all sat in their misery going to work. "And their blood will be on your hands if you don't warn them for me. You know they are going to hell. This is your opportunity. Speak to them. Warn them in hell or their blood will be on their..."

Well, he was passionate about this, you know. He got into a bit of a state and he thought, I will have to do this. So he got up and he turned around in the tram as all the people were sitting in silence and he started, "You are all going to hell."

Oh. And so he started quoting a few verses through his sleeve and the wrath to come and the judgments and come to Jesus and you won't go to hell.

Two minutes later they stopped the tram and the conductor took him and he [?] and threw him out of the door. And he went on his face, on his body into the pavers. Oh, he got hurt. Oh, he didn't. He wasn't just on his feet. He was on his face, floored, hurting, wounded. And the bus drove off and nobody looked back to see. They just rolled off and left him and he got up. Oh, he was hurting. He was hurting more inside than outside. I mean, the shame, the humiliation of being treated like an animal, just thrown on to your face.

And there he is standing there trying to regain some composure and feeling hurt and wounded and suddenly God said to him in his heart, deep in his heart, "It was not me that told you to do that, my son. It was not me that told you to do that. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as to when to speak to men about God and about sin and about judgment or don't speak. Trust me about that. You will just do damage. You have not been given the right to offend when you got saved because people are going to hell. You have no right to offend. And if you offend it has to be only people who are so evil that they will be offended at anybody [?]. But you have been given the right to become a gentleman, sir, for the first time a real gentlemen."

Christians are gentlemen. Christians are gentle women. No offense is required. You have no right to offend. You have [?] common sense by God quickened by the Holy Ghost. And I have learned by grace it is godly people that the more of a gentleman you are the more you are priceless. Not the offensiveness or how many people you can lead running for the rest of their lives most of them from God because of the way you had no common sense. Be careful. Be careful. The closer you are to Christ I guarantee the more of a gentleman you are. Until written across your life is respect by godless people by your life that gives them the right.

Trust God by the communing in the morning with God to lead you and to guide you and to speak to you, when to speak, but otherwise to keep your mouth tight and let your life do the speaking. He will lead you if you wait for him. And you will suddenly find God saying to your common sense. That is what he speaks to. What you know, this is the right time, child. Now you are not going to offend him in front of all his friends standing there where he has got to defend himself. Now is the time. He is alone.

And after a while you know he is respecting your life. Now speak, but be careful how far you go.

There are very few times that you suddenly can stand up and just cry out without any invitation by the right your life is giving you with them asking you. Wait for God's guidance or all you will do is damage.

Like Mr. MacFarlane. You could get [?]. You could get thrown out of busses. You could get thrown out and wound and walking around wounded and saying, "What have I done wrong?" And just have shame on your life in the end if you don't wait for the Holy Spirit's guidance?

I would like to buy the book one day, you know. They have tried to get me to write books for the last couple of years and I just can't. I said, "But how does a preacher write books?" I am preaching [?] in my life to know that costs. How am I going to get right books? And now they are taking my sermons and they are writing them out for me. I don't mind them. The Americans really do things, don't they?

And God bless them, but I... I suppose I will have to get [?]. I am trying. Believe it or not, one of these days he will try and put books up, but I think the first book I would like to write is this would be the title, *How Not to do the Work of God, How Not to do the Work of God*.

And then they will buy it. Chapter one. How not to witness.

I have three sons, my darlings and my wife's darlings. They are our joy. They are so different you can't believe they came from the same father and mother. Are your children like that? My eldest is six foot four and he is as high as can be. He takes a size 14 boot. He is an embarrassment with a big boot like that. And then he has another brother. He is 19. He is no. And then there is Roy. He is 17. He just turned 18 three days ago. And Roy, uniquely different personality and then little Samuel he is 10 years old the darling of the home completely. We don't all... we all just love little Samuel.

But Roy, Roy was the problem child. Have you had a problem child in your home? Well, Roy was our problem child. He was such a problem that he left people gasping for breath. We didn't know what he was up... going to do next, you know. I mean I have never seen a man nearly die in the pulpit apart from when Roy was in the congregation. I saw a man nearly die to my son. I saw people gasping and groaning and the man in the pulpit [?].

I won't tell you what Roy did. We tried to quiet him. We tried to shut his mouth. We tried everything. You know, we never went back to the church, of course. We had many wonderful times with Roy, but we got exasperated and we went to a doctor, to a specialist. We crossed the country to find out what to do. We were given advice by our doctor to go to the [?] specialist and have some sort of treatment or something.

So this fellow made a lot of tests and he said, "Your son is hypoactive."

I said, "Hypoactive? What does it mean?" I know what hyperactive is. Hyperactive is, you know, when a child can't sit still and can't keep quite. You put a plug in his mouth,



he is still making a noise. And chain him to the chair and he is still trying to move. That is hyperactive.

So he said, “No, hypoactive. It is hyperactive multiplied by one million.”

I said, “Oh.”

And I looked at my wife and I said, “We are going through quite a time,” and we were scared. Even the principal has called us into the school.

And I said, “You know, we need help. Can’t you give medication, anything? We don’t know what to do.”

So he said, “No there is [?], but I don’t recommend.” He said, “Listen, you grow out of it.” He said, “There is no medication that really helps him. He is going to grow out of it. Maturity comes. You can’t make a child mature. That comes with [?] and it will all be gone. You have just got to wait. Until then you wait.”

I looked at this man and I thought, “Is he really just trying to be saved?”

You [?] we age, oh we age.

Dear Roy, oh I love him, you know, but Roy put us through, he put the whole family through aging process.

One day we were waiting in a queue along a beach. We were going along the beach front, the sea shore in the hot summer’s day in Africa. We don’t go where the crowds are for many reasons, but we were walking along and there was a big sign on the top of a building with a big ice cream, you know, about 100 feet into the air, this ice cream all swirling up a big painting that ice creams were being sold there in this hot day. And I tell you no one could pass it. We were all hot and they shouldn’t be allowed to put those signs up because we were all just drawn to it in our crowd. Roy just points and that’s the point, let’s go.

So we got there and there were everybody. I don’t know how many people, two long rows coming out of the ice cream parlor there just right down into the street and long rows.

Eventually we got to the door. No one was speaking. Everybody was just thinking of the ice cream. There was deadly silence in these queues. Even the children were just waiting to get there, you know.

We got inside and there was about 20 people in this queue, in this row and this... 20 people there inside now and then right outside, but deadly silence.

And suddenly there was a man smoking. And he, I don't know what was quite wrong with him. He was in a bit of a state because he really was smoking, you know, just smoke coming up. And I looked at him and I felt a bit sorry for him. But Roy looked at him and Roy said, "Stop."

Everybody looked and this man looked at him and Roy just, "Stop," with this horror in his eyes.

So the man says, "What's wrong [?]"

"Stop smoking now," he says. "Put it out. Put it out."

The man looks at me and I said, "Roy, stop it."

And, "Put it out, now."

So the man he says, "You are going to hell. You will go straight to hell. Put it out quickly."

So the man threw it down and put it out. "Sorry."

And he looks at Roy and I, of course, was trying everything to stop him and he says, "Now, don't you ever smoke again or you will go straight to hell."

He was very small.

Well, no one laughed. Everyone choked and gasped and looked and tried to hide their faces and this poor man was dying looking, didn't know where to look and I grabbed Roy, you know, I died a bit that day. And then he did the same a few weeks later and he did worse. I won't tell you what the woman did, but he... I can't tell anybody what happened in that home. It was unbelievable what that woman did when he screamed.

So I said, "Listen, Roy, come. You have got to deal with... we have got to sort this out for you. You can't do that. You can't go screaming at people."

He must have been listening to Christians in conventions and conferences and everywhere just picked up little things here and there that smoking was sin.

Well, I said, "Roy, if he gives up smoking, he is still going to hell. That is not going to save your soul."

He is not going to tell a man to stop smoking if he is not saved. You don't put the cart before the horse, boy. He has to have an encounter with Jesus. You can make him stop smoking. You can make him stop drinking, stop swearing. You can change his clothes, make him stop going here and there and go to church. He is still going to hell. That won't

save him. He is still going to hell. It doesn't matter. It is not what he does. It is what Christ did that saves him.

And when he gets through to Christ salvation these things, Christ goes out of mind. These things will go out of his life. But you don't make a man change and change everything before he has been... so he can be saved. [?] salvation apart from faith in the blood of Christ and the risen power of Christ and Christ will set him free to what he ought to be.

So don't you ever speak like this again.

Well, Roy finally... and this has got through, you know. And this has got through and he never did that to us.

By the by, just before I leave Roy, just to be just. Roy did get mature. And he has become one of the most gentle, caring, wise, discerning, godly, upright people I have ever met in my life, a person that I [?].

I cannot tell you in words [?] the [?] what my son has become in the hands of God. In case you are all sitting there worrying about my life with my son, you can have comfort. He is changed. He has become godly and a great blessing.

Of course, it is different if someone is under conviction. Then it is different. If the Holy Ghost is convicting a person it is different and he comes to you for advice as to what is right in a Christian's life and he looks to you, then you have got to be honest and true and straight without compromise.

Mr. MacFarlane was preaching in a prayer meeting, the oldest prayer meeting I think in our land's history. Oh, [?] coming every week to pray through for Africa, to pray through for the world and the blood bought [?] in southern Africa. One of the reasons it didn't happen was their prayer meeting. But godly [?]. Mr. Mac preached one night there. He has preached many nights. Many of those people came to Christ when he was a young man through his ministry. But he gave this word to God.

I was in the meeting and after the meeting they had tea and refreshments, cakes. And everybody after the meeting was standing around before they travel from all over the city and [?] before they left the prayer meeting up in the [?] preached and prayed through and now we were all having fellowship. But a man stood there and he was in the prayer meeting. He heard Mr. Mac preach and he suddenly [?] he started smoking the cigarette.

You know, I saw Mr. Mac looking at him. I mean, to stand there in that hall or after that service and light a cigarette. Eventually he said to Mr. MacFarlane, "There is nothing wrong with smoking, is there, Mr. MacFarlane? I mean, Spurgeon smoked," he said.

And he looked at Mr. Mac. He said, "People tell me that it is wrong for a Christian to smoke. I can't see what is wrong. It is not a moral sin. It is not morally decadent. I am

faithful to my wife. It is something do with the health they say, but I can take you to people who smoked to the day they died that are the more healthy than people that haven't smoked. I can take you to people who drink coffee that does more damage. They haven't got a right to tell me to stop smoking. They drink so much coffee they are doing more damage to themselves. Where do you draw the line? There is nothing wrong with smoking, Mr. Mac. What do you think? It is not wrong for a Christian to smoke, is it?"

Mr. Mac shook the whole hall. I mean, Mr. Mac doesn't shout. He just doesn't shout. He is a godly man. He shouted and no one could believe it. He looked at this man and he said, "You know it is wrong. Why do you ask me what you know is wrong?" He walked away.

Well, that was the end of the socializing.

Do you know that man that night put his cigarettes down and never smoked again? Do you know that man that night through that rebuke met with God in such a way that he left his work and became a soul winner, a preacher and he became a great preacher? He became a soul winner in our land. He needed a rebuke to stop playing the fool with God and he got it from one of the godliest men.

This time that there is a Nathan needed to the David who thought his sins had... oh, have you noticed though? When I spoke to Mr. Mac about an incident, Mr. Mac said, "Keith, if a Christian comes to you and asks you if something is wrong for a Christian to do because he knows it is wrong, he is under conviction. And if the Holy Spirit is in him he knows."

When Nathan came to David and confronted David about his sin did you know what David said when he got on his knees smashed by that confrontation about his sin? He said, "My sin is ever before me. My sin is ever before me."

And no and sometimes it is needed. Sometimes it is needed for a Nathan, but be sure it is God leading you when you confront a man or all you will do is damage. Be sure that it is God leading you before you confront someone about their sin, brother. But when they are under conviction, that is different.

How does God the Holy Spirit convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment? How does God the Holy Spirit convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment?

Two things. He anoints the Word of God and he anoints a life. Those two things only does God the Holy Spirit use. He anoints the Word of God to the degree to which you soak your message in prayer, preacher. And to that degree only. And he anoints a life to the degree that you soak your life in prayer.

He anoints the Word. He honors his Word above all things God says. Hebrews 4:12, "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged swords, piercing."

Don't bypass using the words in the pulpit. This is what God uses to convince the world of sin.

But, oh, God showed me how he honors this word above all things and how he anointed to the degree that you pray and soak your life and the people you are to preach to and the Word especially. To that degree God give us another Jonathan Edwards that started the first revival in American history, a revival that went on seeping across your land over 120, 30 years until millions and millions of your forefathers were saved by the revival started through a man called Jonathan Edwards taken on by George Whitefield and even further by Charles Finney and even further in the prayer revival where millions came to God and even further by Moody but just kept going back like waves, but it started through a man that prayed for three days. He did not eat. Three nights he did not sleep. He groaned before God, "Give me [?] and give me New England."

And as he as groaning for God, God gave him a message. God led him to Scripture upon Scripture as the tears poured down and he turned the pages. He wrote the sermon that is the most famous sermon in earth's history apart from the Sermon in the Mount. God gave him sinners in the hands of an angry God.

And like here you preachers in America to just say the title [?] preach the contents. You will have revival the same as [?]. They don't know there is an angry God awaiting them.

But because of the way he groaned in prayer soaking his prayer, soaking his people, soaking his nation, soaking himself, soaking this book with groans through three days and three nights not speaking, not eating, waiting for God to come. He... God came with such a thunderbolt the devil couldn't stop it for 130 years. And that is why America is the nation she is today, beloved.

Do you think you are here because of your great politicians? You are not. You are here because your forefathers sought God. You became the greatest nation of earth for that reason alone. And what God tolerates is because of what is left of the repercussions of those God fearing people.

But don't doubt that unless you get another Jonathan Edwards among you [?] millions of preachers unless you find just one more, you will lose everything, America. I guarantee your greatness is about to go soon because the scales of the tipping are in God's hands. I don't know what it is going to go down on the one hand where there is more evil being produced in the world and interest in the world than there is good. But when that scale goes down and you are close to it, God give you another Jonathan Edwards or you are finished. You will know what is left of your country and how devastatingly fast it will come. Trust in [?]. I am no prophet. My common sense tells me about your history and looking at you now.

Oh, preachers, anoint the word with prayer. Don't go out there to impress with hours of preparing great homiletical messages and not soaking it in prayer, groaning before God for souls. Do what Jonathan Edwards did and see what God does for 130 years after your

sermon. But God give you one more man that won't go out there homiletically prepared for hours and preparing to impress. But they will never see revival until they get on their faces and start growing for hours and come out [?].

If that happens, though no other preacher in the whole land dared to say the word hell [?] from the pulpit.

Watch what God gives you when you start praying, preacher, more than you have got preparing.

God showed me how much he anoints this Word when as a young preacher he put it in front of my heart to memorize these books, chapters upon chapters and he gave me the ability that I didn't know how it came. I didn't know what God was saying. But I obeyed and as I took hold and found that it was all there, but God just burned it into my soul and I stood there weeping through the night because I saw what God was giving me. But when I stood in the pulpit I saw how God anoints his Word above all things, how he honors his Word as it stands above all things when I didn't say one word apart from this [?].

Before I finish just what Christ said. I looked across and I couldn't believe what this affect is, sir. Men were falling down all over, falling off their chairs, unable to sit as they writhed in pain at the conviction the Word of God brings.

Oh, God showed me how whole congregations fall on their face halfway through a book that I am quoting. I don't know God does that, but I know something. He honors his Word. He uses the Word more than anything else, the anointed words to the degree that you soak it in prayer. But, oh, I have soaked it in prayer and sometimes I haven't had more than 10 minutes preparing for a sermon, but I spent the whole afternoon, hours weeping and suddenly the whole town converges on a building until there is no room an there they are aside the windows, on the walls, sitting on the cars and the loud speakers and the whole town just came and comes.

And most 20 minutes after you are preaching they are on their faces before God. When you pray, sir, God comes. When you preach very little happens, but when you anoint the Word through consuming your life in prayer and the people you are to be preaching to in this holy book, oh, watch what God does for another Jonathan Edwards in this land.

You must find one, though among your [?] preachers.

And he anoints a life. He anoints a life to the degree that that life is soaked in prayer.

When I was a young Christian I used to stand on a beach front talking to God after my readings. I would go down for two hours and walk in the dark until the sun rose and then after praying and walking in prayer and calling on God and praising I would enter the sun roads singing praises to God. And then I got in my car and then I would drive to my work

and my heart would begin to sink and sink as I realized, oh, I have got to face a day with defiling people. I feel defiled in their presence.

Oh, they didn't seem to matter that I was saved. I used to groan before God and say, "God, it is like I am being defiled here. They know I am saved, but they just keep this defilement."

I didn't know and I thought I was being defiled and that is all that is happening here.

But one day God showed me because of the way I started the day, sir, if you begin the day with God, then that is the greatest priority in your life, God himself, not religion, [?] I found out soon as a boy started weeping in my company and I said, "What is wrong with you?"

He said, "It is your life."

And I thought that boy had no conviction of sin, had no respect of my Christianity. And he began to groan like he was in pain. And I said, "What is wrong with you, man?"

He said, "It is your life. Your life so condemns me that I can't speak in the nights anymore. I can't enjoy my sin." And he just ran from me. He couldn't bear being in the [?].

And I began to realize God is doing something. The devil tells you are not being used. Suddenly the worst sinner in the whole firm, the company that I was working for grabbed me, pulled me into his office, threw me down on the floor and I thought I was about to be hurt. I said, "What is wrong with you, sir?"

And he [?] he said, "Oh, I am a sinner, boy. Help me to find your Jesus."

The worst sinner was under conviction, weeping, groaning.

A woman touched my arm and just said, "Keith, I am losing my husband. I am losing my children. My life is full of sin. The whole firm knows it. The scandal, the [?]. But now my husband found out."

And she is weeping. And she said, "You are a Christian. Everyone knows that, Keith. Can your Jesus help me? I can't stop my sin. I can't have my [?]. Can Jesus set me free, Keith? And am I going to lose my husband? He found out."

I said, "Of course, Jesus can set you free."

And we prayed. We stood there crying out for God to save her soul. Do you know God so saved her that the man who committed wickedness with her stood in fear as she walked into a room within days of her salvation? They stood in fear of the transformation of her life.

The owner of the firm called me in swearing and cursing and in the end because I didn't react and defend myself as he was screaming at me he sat down and he said, "You are a Christian, aren't you, boy?"

I said, "Yes, sir, I am a Christian."

He said, "You must be mad. There is no God. There can't be a God. And if there is a God how can you love him? If anyone who created this world must be a monster with all of the suffering and the hurt. Don't you tell me there is just a God that is such a [?] if there is a God."

So I said, "Oh, there is a God, sir. And he is love. He is not a monster."

He said, "You prove to me there is a God. You prove to me God is love and I will give my life to him now."

And he was the owner of one of the biggest companies in our country and I said, "Sir, I am so scared of you the way you swear and the way you scream, I can't prove anything to you unless you keep quiet. But if you don't say a word until I am finished you will know there is a God and that he is love."

And I spoke, I don't think for 10, maybe 15 minutes, telling him of my life's being in Scriptures, my family, what God did.

Suddenly this man it was like somebody who had never ever grasped the concept of God and suddenly he knew what he had wasted. He threw himself across the table and I got frightened. His head hit the table so hard I thought he was hurt. He was just like somebody who suddenly grasped something he couldn't grasp before. And he threw himself [?]. He grabbed me. I stood. He groaned in pain and said, "Help me. Help me to find your God, Keith. I need him so."

He came to Christ.

The next day my manager called me into the office. He called, "Keith, you come here now."

Everybody sat fearful. Our manager didn't scream. He was angry.

So I walked in there thinking what I am in for now? I sat down and he says, "What have you done to the man? It is you, I know. Everyone knows."

I said, "What do you mean, sir?"

He says, "Well, the owner of the firm." He said, "[?] lived in fear of him. For 30 years I have worked for him. And he is sitting here with a Bible open on his desk. And do you



know what he says to everybody coming into the office? He says, 'What do you want? Don't you sit. Tell me what you want before you sit.' So we have got to say what we want and he says, 'It is not good enough. You can sort it out. You are not keeping me from this here.'"

And you believe God can change a man like that? You know, to the day he died that man never allowed anyone to sit before he asked him, "What do you want?" And most people he said, "Go away. That is not important enough. I want God's Word."

Brother, sister, do you think God isn't using you because people are still in their sins? People are out sleeping. People are enjoying their sin. People are groaning. You don't know what they are going through no matter how much they laugh in front of each other. If you would just [?] with God in the morning and the night, if you just needed God and you make this life being consumed by prayer beginning in the morning, that you walk with God through the day, don't listen to the devil that says you are not being used. He anoints the Word. To the degree that that Word is soaked in prayer and the preacher is soaked in prayer and the people he is to preach to is soaked in prayer, he anoints the Word to the degree that the message is soaked in prayer and he anoints a life to the degree that the life is soaked in prayer.

Don't doubt [?] to the degree that you soak your life in prayer, beloved, so will God convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment without you bringing them near preaching or a sermon.

Your light becomes a sermon. You are our epistle known and read of all men. You have been declared to be the epistle of Christ, the message, the letter of Christ. This is not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God. Do you know that the outworking of the Scriptures in a life that is used by God the Holy Spirit to virtually stagger and condemn the consciences of them that have no open ears to the Word of God. Your life is written. God writes the Word of God. You live it with more power sometimes than the spoken Word of God if it is lived.

But to the degree that you consume it in prayer, there is one more thing. You can pray until you are blue in the face, preacher, and you can pray until you have blue in the face, soul that loves Christ, but you will not be used by God to convince the world of sin and righteousness and of judgment because the initial anointing after salvation is when you are filled with God the Holy Spirit. And that is missing from the pulpits today.

Name the preachers that move the world to God and you will find that after salvation they came to a place where he absolutely surrendered to God and let God control him, fill him with the Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit is not a glass of water half filled and now you fill the other half. The Holy Spirit is a person. He dwells in you completely as a person, not half of the Holy Spirit.

So what does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? If the whole of the Holy Spirit dwells with you and is full in its complete entirety all it means is you don't fill the other half

empty, you just become controlled. And you are not controlled by the Spirit with [?] no way. He comes in, but you all become aware there has to come a moment of absolute surrender in your life as a Christian.

Andrew Murray said [?] comes in your life you will become a grief to God and man even if you are saved. Every saved person will eventually become a grief to God and man unless he comes to a place of absolute surrender whereby God fills him, takes control. And only when you absolutely surrender can he take control, when you give up the fight and say, "God [?] of life. I am not going to fight you anymore. I want the fruit of the Spirit to be the vital evidence that I am filled, controlled by the Spirit."

And, see, I don't want gifts. Gifts get in the way most of the time. Do you know why? Because we bypass the fruit and read 1 Corinthians 13 to see what the great gifts are that and man if there isn't fruit. Oh, the fruit is the vital evidence spontaneously in every reaction, not by effort, but by [?]. No matter how trying your circumstances, you spontaneously react with a fruit, Christ likeness. The fruit of the Spirit is Christ. And if you soak your anointed life, your Spirit filled life in prayer Christ is revealed to a greater degree if you are soaked, to the degree that you soak in prayer.

The greatest preachers that ever moved the world to God can tell you when you read their life, they all came to a place of absolute surrender and where they trusted God to fill them with the Spirit and the anointing of God, the appointed ministry [?] and [?] as God filled them with the Spirit. But from that time on when millions came to God, nations came to God.

The same preacher anointed as he prayed. John Wesley. Hudson Taylor. William Booth. Name them, the men that moved the millions of the masses to God. Charles Finney. Name them. These men were filled with the Spirit of God and then anointed by the anointing to the degree that they prayed.

Now I want to speak to everyone of you sitting here tonight and I know this is going to cost you, but it is going to cost you far more if you don't flee to God. How many of you are saved? Probably everyone here. I doubt looking at all of you from the godly homes you seem to come fast. When will you absolutely surrender to God? When did God anoint your life with the Spirit of God? He is in you, but he is not controlling you. When, preacher, did your ministry become anointed by the Holy Spirit? When did you absolutely surrender and absolute control, God controls you?

You are not perfected in that moment. Before it is a life of ups and downs, more downs than ups as a saved person until you absolutely surrender. From then on [?] consistent growth. That is what it is vital for you to be, growing more and more to the image of God, more and more effective for God. But until absolute surrender in a Christian's life, you have more downs than ups. Either you pray yourself blue in the face. You have got to come to absolute surrender. Preachers and Christians young and old, when will you find the initial anointing with the Spirit of God in your life.

Be filled with the Spirit of God. Tarry in Jerusalem until the Spirit's descent upon you that you may be witnesses, not before. How many of you, how many of you need to say, "God, what is left of life I absolutely surrender. I lay my whole being on the altar of God and I ask that you fill me. By faith I trust you to take control of me. God, thou art not in control. I am in control, God, of this life. I am saved, but what a mess I have been making in witnessing and trying to do God's work and trying to pray. I am not anointed. I need to be filled with the Spirit. I absolutely surrender so that I can be taken control of by the Spirit."

That is a fruit of the Spirit God can lead in. And tonight I want that anointing so that as I pray God can anoint my life to convince the world to do the work of the Holy Spirit through my preaching and through my living God.

How many of you need desperately to say to God, "Tonight, I am saved, God, but I am not sanctified, I am not filled with the Spirit. I am not controlled. I am nothing. I haven't got this anointing and I want my life to be... I prayed for revival, God, but tonight I need to pray differently. God, begin the survival I have been praying for and others begins in me, God"?

Here is the one who has the need. Let me become the instrument of revival that I have been praying for and expecting to come in others. Begin here, God, otherwise I have no right to pray for anyone who isn't right as a Christian. God, revive me. Make me the instrument of revival. Anoint my life. I bow before God. I absolutely surrender. I want thee, God, to fill me and anoint my life and I will consume my life in prayer, God. But the anointing daily can stagger the world through the Holy Ghost convicting them through my life.

I wonder how many of you need to say that desperately to God for what is left of life? And I know it might cost you, but imagine the cost of you saying no to pride.

I want those of you who need to say that to God to stand right now and say, "God, it is me."

All of you that are standing, all of you that are standing, will you bow your heads, please? Will you pray aloud these words with me and remember God does not look at the words that proceed out of the mouth. God looks at the heart from whence they come. It is not sin that I am leading you in prayer. And though you are conscious you are following a man's words so long as in your heart you say to God, "These words are mine," he is looking at your heart. Don't you dare believe God would turn his face and say no. God is wanting this more in your life than anyone standing here and the devil is trembling to know what could be the result from the next step you take till the day you die, the anointing that would come in your life as you pray from now on with the greatest, greatest discipline in your life. You will find God with you in a way that will stagger the powers of hell [?] though you sometimes won't even know it. And you trust God's holy obligation. It is integrity makes him obligated to [?] a soul that wants God to have his way and to be used of God. Don't doubt that.

All of you pray aloud with me from your hearts as best as you can, but pray aloud and say:

*Oh God, forgive me for so much time I have wasted, being saved, but not absolutely surrendered. I absolutely surrender my life to thee tonight, God. Wash me in the blood of Christ from all my inconsistencies. Create in me a clean heart, oh God, renew a right spirit within me. Answer and teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee, but begin with me, God. Make me the instrument of revival, the revival I have been praying for so many years. Begin it tonight in me, anoint my life, God. Sanctify me through and through with the blood of Christ and fill me now with the Holy Spirit. I don't seek gifts. I want the fruit as the evidence that thou art in control of my life. Not by effort of my own, but just spontaneously seen in every reaction no matter how trying the circumstances. Give me the discipline that nothing would keep me from prayer in the morning and in the night that I may walk with God through the day anointed to the degree that I soak my life in prayer. Consume my life in prayer, God, and win the world to thyself through me. I pray these things in Jesus Christ's name and because I love thee, God. Please honor my prayers. Amen.*

Can we all stand, please?

Now, beloved, above the due have asked or thought that God would answer I believe God is going to answer these prayers. I have no doubt. I have letters and phone calls from across the world, ministers, preachers who said, "Sir, I never won one soul to Jesus in truth though I have preached for 20 years, but since I have stood up and prayed that prayer my whole congregation has turned to Jesus Christ."

I have no doubt that if you pray that from your heart God is going to honor you, for he is the same God that honored them in their multitudes. Oh Church of Christ, the only reason I come to your land is not to tour. It is not to impress. I have nothing to impress. I come back because I believe God, God can bring revival here if I can just get you praying for it properly let alone seeing it. I don't care who God uses in this land. It doesn't matter to me to bring you back to God. But your land needs the Church to get revived and once the Church comes back to God in truth and becomes vitally real that the world is uncomfortable in the Church and the world is not comfortable in the Church, the Church becomes uncomfortable in the world, not comfortable in the world. Oh, that is revival. And when the Word of God comes back in the pulpit without books to try and undermine and explain away the standard as God says it in its uncompromised faith, from your lips, in your life, without any apology. There was always compassion.

And even if your harshest word is there that a prophet loves, but don't you compromise. Then revival is come soon in your life and in your pulpit when this book is held out uncompromised and when the Church gets out of the world and the world gets out of the Church unless it comes to Christ. That is revival. Until then, don't stop praying. But now be the instruments of revival in your community. And I believe you will be.

Let the [?] please come here, sir. Forgive me asking you, but I want you to commit us to Christ now. I am going to be leaving and I... forgive me for not shaking all of your hands. I would love to, but I have to get very early up and I am getting old I think. Pray for me. I am coming back to your land three times next year and God is very good to let me. I am bringing my whole family through, I believe, twice next year. Mr. Bill Gothard wants to bring my whole family over and get me to speak at some of his conferences where they are going to video these things and to send them across to all the preachers. I thank God for that. He is a very good man. Pray for him. He has got a standard. That is why you should pray for him.

Pray for dear brother Denny Keniston working amongst the Menonites, Amish groups that the fruit then as these people come out of legalism. Thank God for a high standard, but thank God when they don't put the cart before the horse. Thank God when God has to save us out of the world, you know, he has to save other people out of the church, out of religion. But they need an encounter with Christ and then, oh, the fruit there, the fruit of these godly men that bring me over that have any love for this type of preaching, a place for it and to see God raising up the examples of the believers under these godly men like Bill Gothard, generations of young people who never went to a school who were protected from the defilement of the government schools these days, moral decadence in those who don't come from a home of God. Now you see these godly, godly people and there are thousands and thousands raising up with pure faces and purity and nobleness and integrity in spite of the decadence of the world. You honor me like that. You pray for them.

And they will be bringing my over, my family. Will you pray for me that God spares me? This could be my last sermon. I don't mind. Dear Lord, I don't mind. Thy will not mine. But if he spares me and you, pray for me. I know I am nothing. Don't doubt that in case you think my sharing these things means I am something. I am nothing. God took 30 some years before I dared to say how he honored the Word. Just pray for this man, God spares him and God keeps him true to the Word and in this land and that my family may never be destroyed by the devil because I leave them alone most of their lives. They didn't have a daddy. And I wouldn't have done that for a million dollars, but I will do it for Jesus and his calling me, so...

For that reason I come back to you and I... will you pray for this poor man who has no right to come here with anything, without Jesus Christ and this book that God gave us. Pray for me that as I come back God will use this poor, weak, [?] despised man. In case you think it is not true, just wait. God will show you this is where I am, somewhere [?]. Don't make any thing of man, ok? I always think of this [?] talk about this man I fail God.

Do me a favor, if God makes you, do me a favor, a great honor, just speak about Jesus. Then God will have to throw me in the dust.

Brother, bring us to Christ.

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[off mic voice]

And I know God will honor your prayers and protect me. Now our dear brother is going to commit us to Christ. We are going to go to prayer in our homes. Go home tomorrow. God take you safely.

If you never miss the quiet time ever until God says now you can go, then you have the right to stop [?]. If you never missed a quiet time you will never backslide. The devil cannot touch the man who never misses God in the morning and the night. He cannot touch the man. He tries. He can't. But he will wipe you out if you miss God. He will wipe out your testimony if not your soul.

Brother, you pray now for us, please. I am going to be at the door. I might shake one or two hands, but forgive me going now. Thank you for coming all this way. If I come back and I meet you again I will be very grateful. God bless you as you pray.

Change of Voice:

God bless you, Keith. We love you.

*Oh Father, you have sent a man of God our way. You have spoke your words. He is the man... the message is in the man. And, Lord, if we would look at our lives and see has there been enough of the power of the Holy Spirit in our life to convict our own sons and daughters of their need of Jesus, maybe the way that they are they are in rebellion, they are unsaved just because there has been hypocrisy in our own life. Maybe we have been unwilling, Father, to face up to the fact that the life that has been led has not been our life in honesty, in truth. It has been our life in pride and hypocrisy and it has not been the Holy Spirit there. Oh, let your Word burn tonight. And, Father, our commitment as we have stood, those have stood tonight to do this, is no deeper than our real love for you. And as this man goes on down the road we ask for a special watching over him. Father, have mercy upon him and his family. Provide for their needs. I know he bared his heart to us today. And, God, may we support him in prayer and if you bless him of us to have funds to stick with this family.*

*And now, Father, I pray for your blessing on each one here and that as they take these cassette tapes that are being offered free and the videos back to continue to spread the Word, he spoke the truth. We are in the balances. Our land, Father, we deserve to be wiped out right now. Have mercy upon us. And we pray that you would use us as unworthy as we are to go out tonight saying, "God, my life. Take it. Make it count for you. Take out of my heart this love of the world, the pleasure and all of this vanity. And take me to my knees to spend more time in prayer, to be more concerned for the lost. My neighbors, Lord. I haven't told them about Jesus."*

*Whatever the area you are doing your work in tonight I pray, Father, that you would continue on, that you would really start a revival in my heart and our hearts and bless this man, bless his family. Thank you for sending him to us. Watch over us now as we go home back to our ways. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.*

God bless you. You are dismissed. There's rest rooms over there on the next building. If you need help, if you need to pray, you come on up. There are men here and women.