Taking God At His Word

We trust that this night will be . . . cold outside, and that, but we won't be cold inside. We pray that the Holy Spirit will just warm our hearts in such a way, until we'll know that His Presence is so tangible. I believe He's just as tangible tonight as the light is on my hands. Don't you believe that? He's just as real as the light, or just as real as anything that you can touch with the five senses. The five senses wasn't given to man to contact God with however. Five senses was given to man to contact his earthly home. We contact God by faith, the sixth sense. These five senses control this body, but the sixth sense is faith.

Have you heard this old saying about people from Missouri say, have to "show me", and "seeing is believing"? Have you ever heard that, "seeing is believing"? I want to show you just how simple that is; that "seeing is believing". Seeing is not believing. I can prove that that's wrong.

Now, we—we have five senses that control the human body, and they are: see, taste, feel, smell, hear. That's the five senses. Now, come here Brother Weed, just a moment. I don't want to use you as an example of something, but...make you conspicuous, but...

Now, there's a man standing before me, that's tall and he has kind of a checked suit on, light. How many believes that's the truth, let's see your hands, everywhere. You believe that's the truth? How do you know that he's standing there? I know he's standing there by only one reason, and that is the sense of sight, says he's standing there. I see him. But now I do not see him, but yet I know he's standing there. Would anyone care to argue with me, and say he's not standing there? Would you try to argue me down? I know he's there, it's impossible for me to see him, but I know he's there, because I have the sense of feeling that tells me he's there. And it's the same man, because his arms are way up. See, I have to reach, he's a big man. It's the same man, and I know he's there because I can feel him, I cannot see him. So seeing is not believing, is it? I believe he's there and yet I cannot see him. And I know he's there just as well as I was looking at him, because I'm contacting him by the sense of feeling.

Now, it's impossible for me to feel him now, he's plumb out of my reach. My sense of feeling is inactive, but I know he's there, because I see him. See what I mean? Thank you, Brother Weed. See, so seeing is not believing, feeling is believing sometime, is that right?

Now, little mus-...chord on there. [Someone plays the piano—Ed.] There's music. How ba-...how many—how many believes that was music? Let's see your hands. All right, now put your hands down. Now, how many seen it? Well, how do you know it was music? I thought seeing was believing. Yet there was music, and you did not see it, yet you believe it, why? You didn't feel it, did you? You didn't smell it. You didn't taste it, but you heard it, is that right?

And all that has hearing, heard that, has the sense of hearing, heard that sound because it was music and you know it. So then seeing is not believing, is it? Certainly not.

Now, what is faith? "Faith is the substance (not just a mythical thought), it's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you do not see," taste, feel, smell or hear. There's none of the senses declare it, yet the sixth sense, which is faith...

The outside man is governed by five senses: see, taste, feel, smell and hear. The inside man is governed by two senses: either faith or unbelief. If you believe it, it's just as real to you as if any of the natural senses of the body declare it. And truly, these senses of the body can be fooled, but faith is absolutely infallible.

If you go to the court, and you say you was . . . you saw something happen, an accident. And you were looking through a window, they won't take your word for it, no sir. Your sight sometimes is a double vision, and you can see things that is not. For instance, you go down the road in a hot summer day, or cross the field, and you look and you see a mirage. It looks just like water. Many times on the desert people dying, will run to these, throw sand upon them, thinking they're bathing water. It's an optical illusion. You look and you see the—the water just as plain as it can be, but it's not water, see. But faith is positive.

Look at Peter, that night when he was rowing in the boat. And he rowed all night, fishing, he had caught nothing. And the next morning. . . Course any fisherman knows how discouraging that is to—to fish all night and catch nothing. So he had sit down and, on the side of the bank, and washed the net, him and the other fishermen. And Jesus came by and He began to speak. And I can hear Peter say, "Let's pick up this stump and go down, sit down, listen. Man's a little different, He talks different from other men. Let's see what about this here Nazarene, Holy-roller."

So they goes down, sits down, by the—by the side of it, where He was talking, and I see him move up a little closer. And first thing you know, He had borrowed Peter's boat and got in. The crowds begin to press onto Him. And He got out in the boat and begin to teach the

people. And after He got through teaching, He told Peter, said, "Now, I want you to launch out into the deep, and let down for the draught."

⁴ Now, Peter was just not an ordinary fellow had fished one or two nights. He knowed all the signs of fishing; just how the moon's supposed to be, just how the waters are. And they'd fished all night long, and had taken nothing. Now, just think, here it is, I want you to get it. See, they had fished all night, and had taken nothing; and yet Jesus told them to go right straight back to where they'd been fishing and drop down the net, they'd get a whole draught of fish.

Now, if they'd just fished through that water, a hour before, hour after hour, all night long, and had taken not even one fish, how in the world are you going to drop the net down and get a whole bunch of fishes? They're just not running. It just doesn't even look reasonable, sensible.

But Peter said, listen at him, here's what it is, "Lord, we have seined all night and taken nothing. Nevertheless, at Thy Word, I'm going to let down the net." There you are. It's taking God at His Word, not what you feel or taste or—or what *this* says or *that* says. It's taking God at His Word. "At Thy Word, Lord, I'm going to let down the net. I don't know how they're going to be there, but if You..." If there wasn't any there and Peter let down the net with faith, believing that God would fulfill His Word, faith will put some there. And it did do it. It did do it. Fish was there.

⁵ And you say, "Well, Brother Branham, I've been to the doctor. He tells me I can't get well."

The man, maybe he's honest. I believe he would be, I believe any doctor that would have mercy on people. If the man's done all he knows how to do; all the intelligence God give him, he's tried to help you, he's done his part. That's all he can do. Well, he'd say, "You're going to die. There you've got cancer, you've got something, and we've operated and it won't stop it. It's still going on and there's nothing we can do about it. We can't cut any farther, we'd kill you if you cut any farther, so we can't do nothing about it."

But Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe."

Then if you can accomplish, or enough faith, get enough faith, not here but here, get enough faith here to believe that you're going to be healed by God. Reason it out and tell Him you're going to serve Him, and all you're going to do, and make your promises to God, and there can be enough faith drop down in your heart, that you believe it with all your heart, soul, and mind that you're going to get well; there isn't enough demons in hell to keep you sick.

"At Thy Word, Lord, I'll let down the net." You might have pulled through every seine, every hole of water, or every doctor's office and every hospital there is in the country. You might have been here, there, and other places, trying your best to get well, doing all that you know how to do. But yet, you take God at His Word, no . . . if the doctors . . . Doctors are God's servants, and they try to do everything they can. They can only do what they have knowledge to do. All that God has give them knowledge to do. But if they've done all they can do and can do nothing else, and looks like your time is set and yet you can pray and tell God that you're going serve Him, you're going to do something for Him, you're going to help His Kingdom, you're going to make the world a better place, you're going to help His church, you're going to help win souls for Him, and give Him a reason, and then say, "God if You'll heal me upon those—tho-...upon that, I'll serve You all the days of my life." And God drops a little faith down there that heart and tells you it's so. No matter what the doctor said, God's Word's so. "At Thy Word, Lord, it's finished." Yes sir, I know that to be the truth.

Oh, have faith in God, how that it's the Sovereignty and the—the mercies of God, how that He'll come to us, and we, poor, wormless people, little, old people setting here on a world, like a bunch of jellyfish, and yet we try to take our intelligence and tell God what to do. When He measured...

I was standing not long ago, out at Mount Palomar, in California, looked through a big glass there, that I could see a hundred and twenty million years of light-space. Break that down into miles and see how—how many miles, you run a row of nines around Owensboro, to try to break it down in miles, of how many billions and billions and billions of miles. And beyond there is moons, and stars, and worlds, and planets, just on endless; and God made them every one. And how can we bottle ourself down as a little, bitty, old mind like ourself, to try to say, "Well, God might have said it, but I just can't believe it's so." Oh my, I just take Him at His Word, say It's so, and believe It, make my confession, stand on God's Word, and that settles it.

Some—some time ago, a few years ago, when Mayo Brothers, one of the best clinics in the nation (been interviewed there twice since then), said to me, "It's impossible Reverend Branham, for you ever to get well."

I said, "God, if You'll let me get well, I'll serve You with all my heart," and something anchored down there. Ha, didn't make any difference what Mayos said, I know what God said. And tonight, I'm in better health than I ever was in all my life. I never did weigh, up to that time, over a hundred and twenty-eight, I nearly weigh a hundred and sixty tonight.

It just goes to show that...Now the man was honest. I'm not discrediting Mayo Brothers Clinic, no sir. Them men were honest, and they were good men, and they did everything they knowed how to do, but that's all they knowed, it was just the end of their knowledge. But faith has no end. Amen. Oh, I love that, I tell you that takes a wishbone out and puts a backbone in there, that's right. Makes you stand, when you know that God is for you, and He's promised it, and He said He'd do it, and He's good to His Word. If that Word's no good, then there is no God. And if that can't...if I can't trust That, if I can't hang my soul on every phase of that Bible, then It's no good at all. I don't want nothing to do with It. If I was against, if I didn't believe It, I'd be against God tonight. I'd say, "There is no such a thing."

⁷ But I believe every Word of It is true, and every Divine promise is a seed that will produce just exactly what it said it would do, if you'll take the right mental attitude towards it. Remember this, the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass.

Try it. No "try it", just go do it. If you got enough behind you to push you and say that, "I can do it, and by God's grace, I will do it," then God's with you. But if you just a wishy-washy, "Well, I'll go up and see if they can do anything for me," no.

Here not long ago, there was a man come to my place. He said, "Brother Branham," said, "I went over to" (I believe) "to Brother Cole's meeting," said, "He couldn't do me no good." And said, "I went to Brother Jaggers' meeting," said, "He couldn't do me no good. I went to Brother Roberts' meeting, he couldn't do me no good." Said, "I come to see if you could help me."

I said, "You're going away the same way, see." I said, "You're going to the wrong man." I said, "You're going to man, go to God, Who can help you." I said, "These men are all right, Brother Cole, Brother Roberts, and Jaggers and them brethren, they're fine men and they're—they're godly men; but they are men. Go to Christ, He's the One Who did it. Brother Jaggers never died for you. By Brother Jaggers' stripes you wasn't healed, or Brother Roberts. By Christ's stripes you were healed. They're just men to point you to that, as ministers." I said, "That's all I can do, would point you to..."

And any true Divine gift of God will always recognize the cross is the finished works of God, right there, for every redemption, redemptive blessing. There's where He was wounded for our transgression. There's where He was bruised for our iniquities. There's where the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. There's is where the stripes healed us. I can say this on the authority of God's Word,

that every man and woman in this building tonight, is already healed in the sight of God.

⁸ By His stripes, we were: were is past tense, is that right, brethren? We were healed. When? Nineteen hundred years ago. Every sinner in the world was forgiven of every sin they ever did, nineteen hundred years ago. Is that right? He's—He's the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, is that right? Then everybody was forgiven back yonder, nineteen hundred years ago, but it'll never do you any good, until you accept it as your personal Saviour. Then when you accept it, Jesus doesn't come and die again for someone, see. He just died once. We accept our—our salvation, that what He—His finished works at Calvary. Then, now by His stripes we were healed. We know He doesn't come down and heal us each time, and we just at . . . it takes your own individual faith.

I've heard people talk about gifts of faith...gifts of healing. Sure the Bible speaks of gifts of healing, but what is this gift of healing? A power is being given to a man to heal another? No sir. There's not one man could heal another, never. And all the medicine we got in the world, never did heal anybody, never will heal anybody. Now, I know you're disagreeing with me, many of you on that, but I want to ask you something. Just look this way, just for a minute, and be reverent.

For instance, what if I cut my hand tonight, there isn't enough medicine in the world to heal that cut in my hand. Any medicine that would heal that knife cut in my hand, would heal a knife cut in my coat, would heal a knife cut on this table. "Well," you say, "Brother Branham, medicine wasn't made for your coat or for the table. It was made for your body."

Well, what if I cut my hand tonight, and I would fall down dead. And they'd embalm my body with a fluid, would make me look natural for fifty years. And let them come everyday, and give me a penicillin shot, sew that up, give me penicillin, keep infections out, which is all right. In fifty years from today, that cut will be just exactly like it was the day it was made there.

"Well," you say, "Certainly, Brother Branham. That's right."

Well, why don't it heal? Why don't penicillin heal it? Why don't the salve and merthiolate and everything else you put it, why don't it heal it? There's not a salve, there's not a penicillin, there's not nothing in the world that'll build tissue. You say, "The life's gone out of your body." That's right. Well then, which, if the medicine is the healer, the medicine would heal regardless, if it's the healer, it don't, it won't take the life. But life is the healer; and if you'll tell me what life is, I'll tell you Who God is. For God is Life. It's life that does the healing.

Now, you don't want to discard the medicine, the medicine keeps it clean, while li-. . . God does the healing. If I broke my arm, and would die, and they'd come set my arm, just keep putting splints on it, and lay it there; and forty years from now, that arm would be broke just exactly like it was when it was broke, if the life's gone out of my body. But the doctor sets the bones in places, but God does the healing, life. Amen.

I'm not "amening" myself, but if you won't say it, I will. I—I—I believe, I'm just an old fashion, one of . . . I—I just an old-fashion, backwoods, preacher that believes in old-time, heartfelt, sky-blue, sinkilling religion. That's right. That believes the old-fashion way. And I believe that man, when he's born of God, he becomes a son of God, the supernatural power of God dwells in him. We have a supernatural God. We have a supernatural Life, we have a . . . I believe that any man that's born of the supernatural Spirit, believes in the supernatural. We got a supernatural resurrection. We got a supernatural Heaven. We'll have a supernatural Rapture. I believe the whole thing's built up around supernatural.

And if a man is born of the Spirit of God, he believes in the supernatural, he can't help it, because he's a son of God. And that's the reason tonight we got so many old, cold, formal, indifferent, Godforsaken, backslidden churches, because men and women are not born of the Spirit of God. They have no taste of God. They don't know nothing about God, and all they know is theology. And that's the reason you can't get them to believe a thing. That's exactly right.

You got to get the man right in his heart first, before he can believe. He ain't got nothing to believe on. He ain't got nothing to believe with. I'm sure the little, infant brain of a man knows nothing about belief. He's got to have something in there stimulates his faith and makes him look yonder to his Creator, and believes the very God that "Phew!" blowed the moon and stars off of His hand can do all things. This world was made by faith. God spoke the world into existence. This very world that we're setting on right tonight, is nothing else but the Word of God materialized. If it didn't, where did He get the material to make it out of?

He said, "Let there be..." And there was. And every Word of God has got to be so. And He's God, and He has to keep His Word. And you take any Divine promise in your heart and say, "That's my personal property. It belongs to me. I am a believer." And accept it on that basis and watch what it'll do. It'll make cancers move. It'll make blind eyes come open. It'll make cripples walk. It'll make deaf hear. I know what I'm talking about, for I put it to a test and to an experience, now for years and years, around the whole world; and the whole world knows about it.

But the trouble of it is, that men and women are born in this world, some born to be condemned, and you preach the Gospel, it's just like pouring water on a duck's back. Runs right off, and no . . . has no effect at all, that's right. The men and women who can grasp the promise of God, and say, "It's my personal property . . ." Every man that's born of the Spirit of God is give a checkbook by Jesus Christ, with His Name signed on every check. If you're afraid to fill it out, that's your bad luck. That's right.

Brother, anything...Jesus said, "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive it, and you shall have it. Whatever, whatsoever things, if you believe."

If I need healing, I just write out the check, and put it in the deposit and say, "I'm sending it to Calvary." There's where it was paid for, there's where you deposit it. Hallelujah. The first thing you know, the re-...blessings will be flowing back and the sickness will be gone. I be well and rejoicing again. Amen.

You know what Owensboro needs down here? Is a good old-fashion, God-sent, Holy Ghost revival; before you can have . . . that's exactly. And then you can have a healing meeting, exactly right. If, I tell you, if this world . . . America is in one of the most polluted shapes that I ever seen in my life. If there's any place in the world, that this world needs missionaries is the United States of America. An educated heathen's far worse to fool with than an uneducated. What do you think about that Dr. Bosworth? He's done learned, he'll stand, he'll look at the miracles of God, and he'll say, "Well, Dr. So-and-so said that was theology, that was mental telepathy. Well, I believe it's the devil."

Sit there, puffed up like that, with...No wonder condemnation, no wonder judgment hangs over this nation. Is because you, call... be called by the name of a Christian nation, and rejected the very principles of Christianity. That's exactly right.

Billy Graham, not long ago, having a meeting, went into a certain city, and said they had thirty thousand converts. They were chased down thirty days from then, couldn't find thirty converts. The trouble of it is, you're asking people to stand up and "accept Christ as my personal testimony," stand up like that and that's all they know about it; worked up under a little mental telep-...or, enthusiasm. And the next thing you know, it's gone. The only way that man will ever stay, is for him to lay down there and die out to self, and be reborn again by the Spirit of God and filled with the Holy Ghost. Then he's no more his own, God took him over and got full control, and moving in him. Then he can't be nothing else, for God has made a new creature out of him.

That's what's the matter today, we teaching theology and little, old, baby, petty things. They keep referring back to what Moody said, and what A. B. Simpson said. They were good men, but they've lived their day. A hundred fifty years ago, the greatest science in the world was a French scientist, said, "If a man ever made the terrific speed of twenty miles an hour, gravitation would take him off the earth." Why, how nonsense. Science has got him going nine hundred miles an hour, now in a jet plane or something like that, and still taking him farther. He never refers back to them. Moody had a message of his day, Simpson had of his day, Calvin and all the rest of them had it of their day; but this is another day. They were going in an ox cart, we're a jet plane, moving on.

¹⁴ Brother, I tell you, untapped resources of God hangs here before us, where all things are possible. It's a shame that men keep looking back this way, instead of looking up that way.

Jesus said in Saint Matthew the thirteenth chapter, where a sower went forth and sowed the seeds and someone come behind him, a enemy, and sowed weeds. And the—the husbandman said, "Shall I pull them up?"

He said, "Them...Let them both grow together. At that day, I'll make the decision. The Angels will come and take out the wheat and so forth. Burn the tares with fire."

Now, we're always talking about how wicked the world is, that's true. How women smoking cigarettes and—and—and men and drinking, and wallowing in slop, and beer and stuff, the way we're doing today and sin on every hand. Churches, and ministers and all, smoking, drinking, gambling, running to parties and picture shows, dances, hell dives, and everything else. We all talk about how wicked that is, you're always looking to that. That's the weed. But let me tell you something, brother, you forget to know that the church is growing at the same time. They're both coming together. The power of the Holy Ghost is come in, killing out sin, making new creatures in Christ Jesus, bringing forth signs, wonders and miracles. Amen.

Guess you think I'm a noisy Baptist, but I'm one Baptist that got the Holy Ghost. Right, yes sir. I believe, brother. I believe what we need's an old-fashion, God-sent stirring, that's right. We'll never get anywhere till we do it.

I'm thinking here of Brother Bosworth sitting here, there in South Africa with a, nearly, a hundred thousand people gathered out there, and they seen one miraculous turning of God, and thirty thousand was ready to accept Jesus Christ. And one prayer, one prayer, thousands raised to their feet on crippled beds and everything, on beds where

they'd been crippled, and cots, and stretchers, and clubs, and piled them up by the carload. One prayer, they'd seen God, Jehovah, moving in His power. That settled it.

But we Americans, we're well fed and furred and feathered. And we set around, "Well, my pastor don't believe in that kind of stuff. I'll go over to just see what..." No wonder you can't get nowhere. Uhhuh. It's the truth. It's a shame. We don't recognize God in His power and His Deity and His moving. It's a shame. Oh, well, we're ready for judgment and we're sure going to get it. That's right. Right.

"My people that call by—by My Name, if they'll assemble themselves together and pray, then I'll hear from Heaven." But how can we do that with everything else hanging in our roads and things like that and all these different...?

Poor little old America, why, it's a shame. We got a church on every corner and each pastor fighting. "I'm afraid to let . . . sponsor one of the meetings like that. They'll pull some of my people away." Why, it's a meal ticket. It's a shame! That's right! What are you thinking about a meal ticket and millions yonder dying in heathenism? Why, we got preachers hanging all around everywhere, and fussing about their little churches and their organizations, and tearing up *this*, and *that*, and the *other*, and snorting at one another.

Why, it's a disgrace. It's not fair for one man to hear the Gospel twice when one man has not heard it at all. It's time somebody got to moving yonder.

We've had theology-teaching for two thousand years and thir... and over two-thirds of the earth has, of the people of the world, has never heard about Jesus Christ. What is it? The word-teaching theology has lived its day, it's finished. We've got to have signs and wonders and powers and... What that thing... What they've been sending missionaries, where I've talked in Louisville, Kentucky there, one night at the medical board over at the Jewish Hospital, some doctors had me over there talking on Divine healing.

We went from there to a ministerial meeting. There was a bishop that told me I had a nightmare, when I told him the Angel of the Lord appeared to me. And he was setting there.

And he said, "We'll have Brother Branham to speak for us tonight."

Oh, how well I liked that. I thought, "Here it is."

Now our own church has been sending missionaries to Africa for at least a hundred and fifty years. That's right, sending missionaries to Africa. We spent millions, and millions, and millions of dollars, and

when I found them (ask Brother Bosworth), carrying lion's claws, and little mud idols, enchantments. "Oh, yes, I'm a Christian." Um-hum. "I'm a Christian."

"But," I said, "what are you carrying that idol for?"

"Well, it, my father packed it, and one day the lion got after him, and he set it down, and said a little prayer, built up a fire, the lion went away."

I said, "Well, the fire run the lion away, not the prayer of the wi-... But are you a Christian?"

"Yes, well, if Amoyah..." The wind...word *Amoyah* means "the unseen," like the wind, see. And said, "If Amoyah fails then this won't, see, I have two gods." And call themselves "Christians."

But, brother, when they seen God in His power to make the blind to see and the deaf to hear, they broke those idols on the ground and received Jesus Christ. Won more souls to Christ in five minutes' time, on what clergy calls "fanaticism," than all the money and theology you put together in a hundred and fifty years. Hallelujah! God's way is right. Get out of your own way, get in God's way. Just take God at His Word and move on. Amen.

¹⁸ Brother Bosworth, you're a preacher, but I...That just...My heart was hurting. Amen. I'm going to read some Scripture found in the 4th chapter of Saint Matthew:

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, . . . preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every manner of—of sickness and all manners of diseases among the people.

And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those which had the palsy; and he healed them.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." That same Jesus come here purposed to die, to go back to the Father, to send back His Spirit upon us all, to move the same kind of miracles in the church.

You say, "Well, let me see you go heal some."

That's what they said when He passed through the pool of Bethesda and left that great multitude of crippled and lame people. That's what they said when He come into His Own country, "and He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief."

When people get their faith off of man and down to God, you'll see miracles. When you get all this here embalming fluid that's been

pumped into you, out, so the Holy Spirit can take its place, then you'll find miracles and signs and wonders. That's right. But until you do that, you are dead. That's right. You can't—you can't, got... You ain't got nothing to base yourself on. You're just as bottomless as you can be; if you—if you haven't got the Holy Ghost, get out, receive It.

- Puts me in the mind of birds. In the spring of the year, they fly around, build their nest, they lay a nest full of eggs. And the old female bird, she can lay a nest full of eggs, but if she hasn't been with that male bird, they're not fertile. She could set on that nest and she...till she got so poor she couldn't fly off. She could warm those eggs and turn them over every day and starve herself to death on those eggs. But if she hasn't been with the male bird, a touch of the fertile of the mate, it'll never hatch. Just like a lot of these churches around here.
- Brother, I tell you, you can take them in as memberships and put their name on the board, but until they're in contact with Jesus Christ, you can make them deacons and everything else, it's a nest full of rotten eggs. They'll never believe; right. Might as well clean the nest out and start over new again. Let them get in contact with the Germ of Life, the Mate, Christ, Who give Life to man. Then you'll find men who'll step up there and say, "I take God at His Word. What God says, settles it with me. I don't care what Dr. Jones said. I know what God said. That settles it." Amen.
- That's what the world needs today, friend. Is a . . . They don't need a new mayor. They have elections and all this, as far as I'm concerned it's all right. They do their business. But what the world needs today is a good, old-time, Saint Paul's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost, what the church needs today. Let us pray just a moment.
- Our Heavenly Father, as the heart stirs to look out across this beautiful nation of ours, who the forefathers sprinkled their blood up and down here, in trust in You. And to think that their children has lost out; to think of George Washington before Valley Forge; to think of the death of Abraham Lincoln, born in this same country, when shot, laying dying, said, "Turn my face towards the setting of the sun, started, 'Our Father Who art in Heaven.'"

O God. Well, much we can do about it, Lord. You said there come a falling away, and so, we just got it. But help us, Lord, as warriors, to stand in the breach. Help us to scream out against wrong, and to call what's right, "right," and what's wrong's "wrong."

And tonight, here, trying to represent before this poor little bunch of people, a little handful, like a bunch of geese had been shot into.

Thousands of them down here in the drinking, picture show, places filled up. And You said, "As the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming

of the Son of Man. Eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, and knew it not until the day that Noah entered into the ark, so will it be in the coming of the Son of Man."

America, America, what a voice of warning against you. Your sins are heaping to the moon and stars. God has remembered His promise. Return, oh, nation, to your God.

Father, I pray, tonight, that, in the Name of Thy Son, Jesus, that this little group of poor people that's gathered here, some of them are sick and dying, Lord; they're in need. Maybe they have been indocumated with doctrines of devils that's tried to have a form of godliness and denying the power thereof, but somehow You spoke to their hearts and got them out here. Give them a turning spot now. Give them a place that they're ready to come.

And help us, Lord, to be bold and speak as Paul of old. Help us, Lord. May Your Spirit come tonight and anoint Your servant. And may the hand of the Almighty God be seen in this building tonight, that when we go out of here tonight, we could say with those who came from Emmaus that day, "Did not our hearts burn within us? because of His Presence." For we ask it in His Name. Amen.

Excuse me, friends, for taking your time like that. Usually my preaching's Sunday afternoon. I get in that anointing, kind of bothers me. But remember, the anointing of preaching is altogether different from the anointing of the Angel of the Lord. One, you're just being blessed; the other one is taking out of you. How many knows that is to be . . . know that that . . .

The prophet, Daniel, saw one vision and when he did he said he was troubled at his head for many days: one vision. Well, never this side of Eternity will you ever realize what it is.

All right. Where's Billy?

Now look, I was speaking about ministers. I don't mean these men here. They're ministers who believe. They wouldn't be setting here if they didn't believe. But I'm talking about those people who says, "Oh, there's nothing to it. Huh." The Bible speaks of those people.

You all think the antichrist is somebody like communism, Joe Stalin, or some of those guys? That's wrong. The antichrist is just religious as it can be, almost to deceive the very Elect if possible. That's the antichrist.

All right, let's call about ten or fifteen of the people and try praying for them. The rest of you out there, how many doesn't have a prayer card? Does not have a prayer card, yet, wants to be prayed for, raise

your hand. I can just get a conception of where you're setting, you know, and I can see by . . .

All right; I'm going to ask you something. If you believe what I've told you to be the truth, and you believe the Angel of the Lord is near, I want you to come and just set, or, just—just sit where you are and pray. And say, "God, I believe that to be the truth." And see if God doesn't speak to you. And try it.

Now remember, if there happens to be a critic or someone who is an unbeliever, I will not be responsible for that person. By the law, I have to say that because I've been caught four or five times, you see. Cause remember: Diseases goes from one to another. See? And unbelief, it's a very...Any demon that's away from the people, an unbeliever is a perfect subject for the—the demon. You remember the demons that was cast out of the maniac in Gadara? They said, "Let us go into those hogs." And they did, and the hogs drowned in the sea.

Now, have faith and believe and be reverent; don't move around during time of prayer. We're praying, and trying my best. Some of these people here will be your dads and mothers, or somebody's dad and mother, brothers and sister. And they're here, not for fun, they're here to be made well. And I'm trying, before God, to do my part to help them, to pray for them. And you be sincere enough to help me pray for them.

All right, let's call up prayer card number one. (What is the letter, Billy?) R, one: Who has that prayer card? Two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten; let's make those first and see if there's someone we have to pack or something. Move over here to this side, if you will. All right, let's...(How many did we get last night? Ten or fifteen? About fifteen? All right.) All right, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen. R to fifteen, and see how that comes out.

Now, everyone softly, if you will now, let's sing. Only Believe, if you will.

Only believe, only believe,

All things are possible, only believe;

Only believe . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . .? . . .

Now, there isn't one thing that He could do for the man, only do something, maybe, to stimulate his faith, to—to tell him, maybe, what was wrong with him. If he's a sinner, He'd tell him go get right with God.

But, as far as healing, Jesus could not heal him. Do you know that? He's already done it. How can He do the second time what He's already done? He'd say, "When I died at Calvary, I healed you. Don't you

believe that?" Don't you believe that would be His Message to them? He can't do the...He can't do it the second time. What He's done once, He can't redo.

Now it's up to this man's faith. Now, as far as his life or what's wrong with him, Jesus would know. He went about; He said He done nothing but what the Father showed Him. And He'd look at the people, He knew what they were doing, what they had done, what would be their future and He told them.

You know what the preachers said about Him? That He was Beelzebub, a fortune teller. That's right. And they crucified Him upon that. Now, but He said, "If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call His disciples?" Is that right?

But He said, "The things that I do shall you do alway, even to the end of the world." Is that right? Now, if Jesus has raised from the dead and He's living among us tonight, then He's living in His Church, there is nothing that could be hid from Him, 'cause He knows all things. And He'd know this man, He'd know you, He'd know everybody. Is that right? So there isn't nothing that—that could be hid from Him.

Now, I want to ask you something. I want you to give me your undivided attention and watch this way. I want you to pray. I want you to be sincere. I want you to believe God with all your heart while I talk to this man just a moment. Now, when the Master met the woman at the well, He just...first He...thing He done, He said, "Bring Me a drink."

And she said, "It's not customary for the Jews to have any dealing with the Samaritan."

Said, "But if you know Who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink."

"Why," she said, "the well's deep, and You have nothing to draw with." And the conversation went on till He found out just exactly what was wrong with her and He told her what her trouble was. Is that right? How many believes that? All Christians. He told her where her trouble was. And she said. . . What did she say? She said, "I perceive that You are a Prophet." And she went to the city and said, "Come, see a Man that told me all things I done. Isn't this the very Christ?"

And He come in, He never done no miracle in the city. He talked to them and explained to them, and they all believed on Him (Is that right?) that He was the Son of God.

Now, if He's raised from the dead, He'd do the same thing. Now, I want to talk to this man. He's the first one here after being preaching. Now, if Jesus Christ will come tonight and do the same thing for this

man that He did to that woman, or to Philip, or to any of the rest along, then you'll believe Him as the same yesterday, today, and forever. Is that right? (All right.)

Now, sir, you and I are strangers together. I never seen you in my life, did I? We're perfect stra-... Is that right? If it is raise up...we never seen each other. No way at all for me to know anything about you; nothing in the world. We were born, maybe, miles apart, and I don't know you, and you don't know me, and that's just... That's... We just two men, met here.

Now, if there is something that God will reveal to you, you know it'll have to come from some Supernatural Resource. You'll have to admit that. And you'll know whether it's the truth or not. And if He tells you what your life has been, then He'll tell you what your life will be. And if what has been, you know that's true, whe-... you know whether it's true or not. If He tells you what will be, then you'll have confidence to believe that He Who knowed what was, surely knows what will be. Is that right? That—that's true, you—you'd have to know then.

Now, of course, anyone, the audience knows that I'm waiting, stalling. That's what it is; it's for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I just, without Him, I...if He wouldn't reveal to me, I just wouldn't... I couldn't speak to the man no more than just what I'm doing now. But, God would have to do something; and I do not feel where He is at, at this time. And that's the reason I'm talking to you, to get my mind from that preaching and from the service and so forth, to get settled down to—to talk with you.

Now, but I know that He—He sees us, for He said, "Not even a sparrow could fall to the street without your Heavenly Father know it." And if He knows the death of a sparrow, how much more does He know of this time, that when people are standing and praying, and the whole audience of people gathered together and praying. He'd know, wouldn't He? Certainly, He would.

Now, you're aware that something's taking place now. That—that now, that's just what It is, It's the Holy Spirit. Now, this man's a perfect stranger, but just at this very moment, the Angel of the Lord has moved down here right to where I'm standing. You're conscious of that, aren't you? That something's going on. Now, that's just His Presence.

Have you ever seen the picture of It? That Light? They got, Washington, DC; took here, some time ago. That—That's what you're feeling now.

It's actually because you are a Christian, a borned-again Christian. And—and your spirit is subject to that Spirit. Now, there's . . . If I be His

servant and now I become anointed with His Spirit then, and you're... something wrong with you, of course, that Spirit will try to help you because it's all in Christ. Is that right?

- You—you believe that I'm able to do this through God? You believe. You have—you've been to a doctor. I see a man with his back turned to me, a—a doctor and he's examining you. And it's—it's something in the throat. It's a condition in your throat. And it's a—it's a pocket over on the side of your throat, where saliva goes into your throat. And if that . . . he's wanting to operate and you can't do it because the operation is too expensive for you, or, for the operation. And he tells you that it's dangerous if it moves over, that it's going to kill you, take your life, if it . . . Is—is that truth? Now, did . . . you heard, that was my voice. It was me speaking. It was my voice, but It wasn't me speaking.
- Now, ever what it was, I don't know what it was cause it's another dimension, you see. It's another world. But was that true? If it is raise your...[The brother says, "True."—Ed.] Every word of it true? [The brother speaks for a few moments, explaining the condition, and says the cost of the operation is five hundred dollars.] God bless you. Come here, my brother.

Our Heavenly Father, be merciful to my brother, who is seriously ill; and life is just as much to him as it is to anyone. And he's come with real faith, believing that You will help him. And as Your servant, I lay my hands upon him, in commemoration of the Word of our Lord Jesus, and ask for his healing. God, may his sickness, or affliction, whatever it is that's on him, may it leave him, and may he be made well. We ask this blessing, the church together; we ask it, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

God bless you, brother. I want you, come testify for us and tell us what God has done for you after a few—a few days, two or three days, come back and let us know what has ha-.. what happened. God bless you, brother.

³⁸ Do you believe with me? God bless you, brother. Now, where's Billy? The boy...Is this—is this your patient you bring? All right. The Lord Jesus Christ is marvelous. How He has done exceedingly, abundantly, great, mighty works and miracles for us, in His glory.

Now, my brother, I want you to look this way. Do you believe with all your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ? With us? And you believe that He has sent me, His servant, to help you? You do. Then, we are strangers to each other, are we?

But you know that—that it's just as a man passed by...See, when something is said I—I...it's not me talking no more than it is that glass giving light. It's the current that's giving the light, see. The glass has nothing, it—it just reflects the light. And only thing I can do is just

reflect what He says, "Say," or, what He takes over. Do you believe that with all your heart?

And do you believe...? And knowing that you and I, being strangers, my brother, and if God is loving, and kind, and wants to help you, and if He sent me to help you, I couldn't heal you, you know, because it would...God has already did that. The only thing I could do, would just be to preach the Gospel, if that was my calling, to preach the Gospel, to explain the Word, or to, if I would be one who had a gift of speaking with tongues, to interpret.

Or if I be a prophet, then I will understand. Is that right? And I will know what's wrong with you. Is that right? Cause God reveals His secrets to His prophet. Is that true? And you believe that to be the truth?

³⁹ You—you have been very sick and you've been suffering with a—a—a pressure of the blood, or, low blood pressure, and you got a—a heart trouble. Say, you've been in the hospital this year, three times this year, and almost died. Is that true? Only God can spare your life, my brother. Come here just a minute.

Merciful Father, to my little brother, I'm thinking of Zacchaeus who climbed up the tree, who was small in stature. And I pray that You'll let him go down the other side now to be well. Grant it, dear God, and may this disease leave his body, and never be bothered no more from this night henceforth, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you, my brother. Report to me in a few days; will you do that?

Now, I want you people to—to understand now. Watch these people now. You can't see any visible things now. When the deaf comes up, or the blind, you see that happen. The man's healed just the same as the deaf or the blind, see, just the same.

All right, come, sir.

And you have faith and you believe and—and God will bring it to pass. That's the only thing, only solution there is, is through God.

Now, be just as reverent as you can, I ask you as Christian people to be reverent. Don't move around. It disturbs me. See, every person in here is a spirit. Do you know that? Say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Every one of you is a spirit, if it wasn't, you wouldn't be here, you wouldn't be alive. See? And then, when that spirit moves, or there's an interference, it's a battle. And we're not wrestling with flesh and blood, but powers.

Now, you're the patient, aren't you, sir? Now, I do not know you. I suppose I never seen you in my life, if I did I don't remember it.

We're perfect strangers. And do you believe that you're standing in His Presence, not your brother, here, His Presence? You do. You believe that with all your heart? God bless you.

You've—you've had an operation. You...I see you in a hospital and they're operating for a...it's a bladder, I believe, condition. Isn't that right? And they've taken out the—the prostate gland, and you have a tube right now. Is that true? It seems to me that I see, standing between you and I, a pulpit. Haven't you been a minister or a preacher, or, are a preacher? Is that right? Yeah. Is that true? Yes, sir. Well, God bless you, my dear brother, Jesus Christ will make you whole. Come here and let me pray.

Our Heavenly Father, I ask You to be merciful to our brother and may the power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, make this man, Your servant, altogether whole, Lord, that he'll be well again, so he can preach the Gospel. Grant it, Lord, and bless him, I pray, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

God bless you, my brother. Love to hear of your report in a few days. God be with you.

⁴² Could the audience . . .? God is a Spirit and we must worship Him. Could we say, "Praise the Lord"? Are you believing with all your heart, all your soul, and mind? God bless you.

What you weeping for, sister? Look here at me just a minute. Don't weep, it's time to rejoice, see. What you afraid about? What you scared of? You're suffering with a cancer and you know it. It's a tumorous cancer and it's in the female gland. Isn't that right? You've had a prayer card to come to this platform, and you was scared to come. Is that the truth? I'm not reading your mind, but you can't hide your life. Every spirit in here is subject to me right now. Right. Don't be scared. God is your Healer. Don't be afraid to come up here; and you don't have to come up here. If you'll just believe right where you are, God will heal you. Do you accept it now, your healing? God bless you. You have been. You accept your healing now? God bless you.

May you go, and God's peace be upon you, and may the cancer die, and may you live for the Glory of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, I pray.

God bless you. All right. Thank you.

Would you like to get over the diabetes and things lady, be made well? You would? You accept your healing right now?

Father, I pray that You'll bless our sister and may she go and may she be healed as she goes, I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Now go.

It seems very little. God said, "If they lay their hands on the sick they..." what? [The congregation says, "Shall recover."—Ed.] Say it real loud: "They shall recover." What more could our Heavenly Father do?

Would you come, sir? There's nothing else that our Heavenly Father could do. Isn't that right?

- I know your trouble, little man. I know your trouble. I know every one of you's trouble. The vi-...I can't say until He tells me. You believe, my brother? You believe you're in His Presence? Would you like to be healed of that stomach trouble so you could go home and eat? Do you believe me to be God's prophet? Then go eat what you want to. God bless you.
- ⁴⁵ Come, lady. Come here. It's awful, isn't it, sister? Asthmatic condition always causes them kind of troubles. Do you believe God heals you now? God bless you. Go on your road. May the Lord bless you, my sister, and make you well. God bless you is my prayer.
- All right, come, sir. Do you believe with all your heart? Sir, you must. You're suffering with a disease that kills more people than anything else: heart trouble. Do you believe? Well God heals you now, do you believe it? You accept your healing what He done at Calvary?

The Lord bless thee, my brother, and make thee well, and extend thy days. In Jesus Christ's Name, I ask it. Amen.

God bless you, my brother. Go rejoicing and believe with all your heart.

⁴⁷ Do you want to get over those hemorrhoids, lady, setting there? You're crying, and praying, and wanting to get over them. You believe that God will do it for you? You do?

Something wrong with your legs, limbs, setting next to her there, isn't that right, sister?

The Holy Spirit is moving right over both of you right now; if you'll just accept your healing. God bless you.

48 Come sir.

Oh, you people. How can people set and the Spirit of God moving in an audience? How can you hold your peace? Why can't you see the Divine power of Almighty God moving? Have faith in God. Hmm.

You believe, my brother, with all your heart? You have—you have a heart trouble and a stomach trouble. Is that right? Do you believe me to be God's prophet? [The man says, "I do, yes."—Ed.] Thank you, sir. I'm going to tell you your trouble, then. You have something that you're trying to give up. You have a habit and the habit's what's caused you to have both heart and stomach trouble. It's smoking cigarettes. Is

that right? Then give it up. Will you do it? God bless you. Go off the platform, be made well. God bless you.

Thanks be to God. Don't come with sin on your conscience.

Do you want to get over the arthritis, lady? Walk down to the end of this platform, stomp your feet up and down and say, "Thank you, Lord."

Come, lady. You think you could be healed of that tumor without an operation? You do? Then go off the platform saying, "Thank you, Lord Jesus, I accept it right now in the Name of..." You want me to lay your hand...my hands on you, don't you? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] God bless you.

I pray that You'll grant it, in Jesus' Name.

I'm not reading your mind, but I could tell your desire. Now, you got your desire. Go and thank God.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God." Oh, how wonderful.

- You want to get over the rupture, setting right there, sir? If you do, believe that God will give it you, accept it. You may have it. God bless you. All right, sir, it's up to you.
- All right, come sister. Do you believe? with all your heart? Got a lady's trouble that ever-...most everyone has at your age, see, like that, been caused from the menopause. And you have an asthmatic condition that's causing you ca-... Is that right? Cough and everything, you lay down at night. Now, do you believe Jesus Christ is here? Do you believe you're in His Presence? God bless you. Go then.

And may the Lord Jesus make you well, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Come, lady. Do you believe with all your heart as you are coming? You do? If God will reveal to me what's wrong with you, young woman, will you accept Jesus Christ as your Healer? You suffer with a female trouble. Isn't that right? It causes a—a discharge. Isn't that true? It's an abscess and it's dangerous, but if you believe now with all your heart, it'll leave you and never bother you no more. Do you accept it? God bless you.

May the Lord bless you and make you well, in the Name of Jesus.

⁵³ Come, lady. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Do you want to get over your tumorous condition, too? Believe God will heal you without an operation? Believe He'll make you well? Now, you...what you're wanting, you want me, also, to lay hands on you, 'cause you're taught that way, aren't you? Come here.

Father, this point of contact, the woman's desire, like the woman said, "If I could touch the hem of the garment of Christ." This woman has wanted me to lay hands upon her, that this hideous demon called "tumor" would leave her. Grant that it'll go, in Jesus' Name.

God bless you, sister. Go rejoicing, giving thanks, and praising God. All right.

Come, lady. Believe with all your heart as you come. You believe that God will make you well? That's right. My, you're sick with many things. One thing is a kidney trouble that's bothering you so bad, causing a poison. Isn't that true? You believe He makes you whole now?

Lord, I pray that You'll heal my sister and I pray that it'll never bother her no more. May it leave her in Jesus' Name. Amen.

God bless you, mother. Go, now just, see it's just not a hocuspocus. It's—it's just simple taking Him at His faith, yes, at His—at His Word, believe that it's right. God bless you. Go, and may the Lord bless you. All right. Believe with all your heart and God will grant this thing to you.

I see a great building standing before me. It's just standing here in mid-air and I recognize it. It's a clinic. I've seen it many times, and it's Mayo Brothers' Clinic. And I see a woman entering in. She's setting right there with the red coat on. Didn't you go to Mayos' Clinic? This lady, stand to your feet just a minute, let me see you. There's so much spirit between you and I, see. That's right. Yes, sir. You—you have something wrong in your side. Isn't that right? In the side. They don't know what it is. It's a growth, isn't it? a thing. That's caused from a pinched nerve that's done that, it's a winding of nerve. Put your hand on your side, raise your other hand up to God, accept your healing.

Lord Jesus, make her well. I pray that this lump will leave her side, and she'll be healed, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, I ask it. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Have faith in God. Don't doubt. Believe all things are possible to them that believe.

You feeling better, sir? Wasn't you just healed here? Uh-huh. Just, there's something happened just in behind the man. Just a minute, now; there's a—there's a lady setting right there. This man's had stomach trouble and there's a lady setting right there with stomach trouble. You had a card and just forgot to...You—you're scared to come to the platform too, aren't you? Won't you raise up and accept your healing and believe with all your heart? You believe? If you do, God will make you well. Don't be scared. There's nothing to hurt you. You don't...

It's an abscess condition right in the pocket of the stomach. You can't live like that long; you know it. God bless you. You believe...?

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