

**Full Sermon Transcript:**  
**Take Up Our Death Stake**  
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Let us go in prayer. Oh Heavenly Father, praise your holy name. Thank you Lord that I did not have to go to an ambulance last night, hospital last night.

Thank you Lord I am able to stand up right now. I ask you Lord to help me to get through this sermon.

Give me your anointing, your blessing, your help, your strength to protect me and help me Lord so I can teach your people.

Please help your people to learn and to understand and to grow and to become complete in you.

Please help us all spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally, in every aspect.

Please save us and make us whole. May your name be glorified in all the earth and your church edified in Jesus' holy name.

So be it, amen. Praise God Almighty, amen.

Let's turn to Matthew chapter 10.

We've read this a million times. We should pretty much be able to quote it word by word by now.

Verse 16, talking to his disciples standing right in front of him on that day. He says to them, Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of woods.

So be shrewd, that means wise and crafty, shrewd as serpents, as snakes, but innocent as doves.

So I want to change and to but, but innocent as doves. But what but beware of people, amen. Amen.

But beware of people. For they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues, their churches, even among the seventh day.

People, amen. And you will even be brought before governors and kings for my sake as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

But when they hand you over, do not worry about what you're going how or what you're going to say for it will be given to you in that hour what you are to say.

This was not only for them, but for some of us in the future in the Great Tribulation and even before the Great Tribulation for some some people as well.

Excuse me, I think about people in China, Syria, Saudi Arabia, quite a few nations actually to where even right now you can get arrested for either owning a Christian Bible or preaching Christian doctrine or evangelizing Jesus name.

Jesus as the Savior, Jesus as God. So this is not just for 2000 years ago, is it?

Verse 20, for it's not you who speak, but it is the breath of your father who speaks in you. Amen.

Brother will portray brother to death and a father his child, and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

This is how bad it is already in the United States among Democrats to train their Christian family members, even though their Christian family members may be Babylonian Christian and not true Christian.

This is still a reflection of the magnitude of evil in the world that will eventually come to the true church. Amen.

Verse 22, you will be hated by all because of my name, but it is the one who has endured into the end who will be saved.

So contrary to traditional doctrine, it's not just only a matter of faith all by itself and grace all by itself, and not even the crucifixion of Christ all by itself and his resurrection.

But rather all of that plus the Ten Commandments, the Holy Days, and you enduring trial and tribulation and hardship and testing, mocking of the world, betrayal by family and friends, and possible even arrest and possible even death.

Martyrdom. All these things are on the table. Possible. Amen. We must be able and willing to endure until the end, meaning until we are turned to spirit.

That's the end that is talking about until we pass the test, become 100% complete in Christ, which is a high standard and high measure way beyond any measure of the traditional church and their false pastors. Amen.

This is why I have to exercise the office of an apostle, not just only the office of a pastor, but the office of an apostle as

well.

As Ephesians 4 tells us that he did sin, not only the pastors, but the apostles and prophets and evangelists and deacons. Amen.

So not only must I be stronger, more blunt, more to the point, more direct than your average false pastor who believes and teaches hyper grace.

And carries no authority, very little authority, and he's actually ruled by the congregation, which is an upside down church organization opposite of what the Bible teaches.

Not only must I be more strict, more strong than him in my authority, but I must also on top of that exercise the authority of apostle as well.

This is like a college exam that your life depends upon, the most important test that you have to pass.

And if you don't pass it, you can get in this life held back to another grade to repeat the grade in the next life.

But by the end of that semester, there's no other chance. After that second life, there is not an unending cycle like they teach in Buddhism and Hinduism that you just keep coming back, keep coming back a million times until you get it right and still never get it right.

There's only two lifetimes to get it right. So we're going to try our best to get it right in this life so that we don't have to repeat the year, this life.

But if we do have to repeat this life, that's fine as long as you pass it in the next life.

And this is a stepping stone to that next life. If you do have to live in that second resurrection in the flesh, this is going to still serve as a foundation that you're going to be already half there.

But we've got to endure and not fall away all the way until we are turned to spirit, whether it's at the first resurrection or whether it's at the Great White Throne Judgment a hundred years after the second resurrection, whenever it be that we're turned to spirit.

We have to endure until the end.

That's opposite of falling away, which the Bible teaches us a great falling away that we have been eyewitnessing right in front of our eyes continually. Amen.

One of these days I'm going to write an article and make a new video just specifically about the falling away, which I know I have preached on that before, but I understand it now more than ever before.

And I will be able to paint a new light and a deeper light in that future article.

Verse 23, that whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next. For I tell you the truth that you will not finish going throughout all the cities of Israel until the Son of Mankind comes.

In other words, the prophecy is even in the end time when the Son of Mankind comes.

For 2000 years from the beginning of the church to the end of the church of this life, there's always going to be a time when we might be having to literally run for our lives or can't get along with our boss or neighbors or friends or whoever, whoever, whatever, whatever, because that we stand for the truth.

I stand as an example to the church that I refuse to talk to my mom, one of my favorite cousins, my brother.

I stand as an example to the church that I refuse to talk to my mom, one of my favorite cousins, my brother, that I have rejected the majority of my family.

Many times I won't even talk to my favorite nephew either. Sometimes I will, sometimes I won't.

He's always on probation. But I'm willing to forsake people, even the best members of the church.

Even members of the church have been with us longer than anyone else. I'm willing to forsake people when necessary.

It's not a pleasant thing. It's not something I want to do, but it's something that at certain times is necessary.

Verse 24, A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. A disciple is not above his teacher.

Listen to that. A disciple is not above his teacher. But yet Kiki and Felicia think that they are above me, and that they exercise the authority.

That's their attitude. That's their spirit. That's their mind. That's their actions.

Verse 25, It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher and a slave like his master if they have called the head of the house of Beelzebub, basically the devil, how much more the members of his household.

So in other words, false Christians and unbelievers saying that we, the true church, saying that we are a cult, that we're false, that we're deceived, that we're lost, that we're over controlling, that we're overlording, all these million, million, million accusations from hell.

This is to be expected. This is to be expected. If it wasn't this way, then we should be able to know that we're the false church.

Because the false church is the one that lives in peace, that nobody bothers them, nobody rebukes them, nobody condemns them, and they all coexist with one another.

And even all their pastors of all these local churches around here, of all these different denominations, all get together, eat lunch together, eat together, visit each other's families.

They're all best buddies, a Catholic priest and a Lutheran priest sitting at the same table eating.

Martin Luther would be rolling around in his grave. Amen.

Verse 26, Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that would not be revealed, amen, or hidden that would not be known.

It's all going to be revealed. Verse 27, If I tell you in secret what I tell you in secret, speak in the light, and what you hear in your ear proclaim upon the housetops.

Do not fear those who murder the body or are unable to kill the soul, but rather fear him, talking about God, who is able to completely destroy or annihilate both soul and body in Gehenna.

Symbolic of the future lake of fire. Amen. Proven that the soul can be destroyed, that the soul is not eternal. Amen.

Verse 29, are not two sparrows sowed for a cent, yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your father, your father's knowledge.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered, so do not fear. You are more valuable than many sparrows.

Therefore, everyone who confesses me before humans, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven.

But you also got to compare that, and we need to add the footnote reference to Matthew 7, verse 21, that not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter in.

So we can't take that verse by itself. So in the context of all scripture, when this verse says, anybody that confesses me to other humans, I will confess him to my Father.

It's really talking about confessing, confessing with true surrender with it. It's not just words by itself.

Even as the book of James says, faith without works is dead being alone. Amen. So you got to, you got to add up every verse in the Bible, not just one verse by itself.

Verse 33, but whoever denies me before humans, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven.

Verse 34, do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

If I came to set a person against his father and a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a person's enemies would be members of their own household, he who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.

He that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Think of how much parents love their children.

You have to love God even more than that. That's a lot of love. That's a lot of devotion. What parent would not sacrifice their own life for their children if it came down to it? Amen.

Love the Lord with all of your mind, all of your heart, all of your soul. Amen. We need to add that reference to verse 37.

I believe this didn't do the monetary. We'll add the reference to love the Father with all of your heart, mind, body, and soul.

Verse 38, and he who does not take his stake, death's stake, and follow after me is not worthy of me.

In the context, this is more than just being willing to give up drugs, homosexuality, addictions, hardcore metal rock and roll.

This is even deeper than all of that, that is being willing to forsake a wife, a husband, son, daughter, father, mother, uncle, aunt, cousin, sister, brother, house, land, job, career, money, and even your own life, even your own life if it came down to it.

That's how deep this verse penetrates. Amen. That's absolutely the truth, without any exaggeration.

I remember one time many, many years ago, the Lord, I felt like I was supposed to say to the church congregation where I was attending at the time, when I had not been saved very long.

I was still going to a Babylonian church, but it was a very good one compared to all the other ones, and it was exactly where I needed to be at that time in my life, exactly where God took me at that time in my life to learn a few things, including praise and worship.

And before I left home to go to church that day, I told God that if He wanted me to actually stand up and say that we may have to face beheading one of these days, to let me actually hear the word beheading.

Now in that church congregation, just like any church congregation of Babylon, you're never going to hear the word beheading ever, ever, ever, ever, ever.

You're never going to hear it, ever. And yet, sure enough, the pastor's wife said the word beheading.

So that was my confirmation, and therefore I did my part to say that that was God, that that was confirmation of what was on my heart, my mind, my soul, and that yes, that we must be willing to face beheading in the future, if it so came to any person in that building, that some of them may face beheading.

That's God. That's not just my imagination when you're never going to hear the word beheading in church, those churches, and then hear it on that day, minutes after I told God that if I hear it, then I will speak it. Amen.

We must be willing to if it came down to it. Now, of course, we don't want it to come down to it. God gave us the desire to live.

Even Jesus had the desire to live. There's nothing wrong with having a desire to live.

That's God gave it. But Jesus did face it. He didn't run and hide. He didn't call the twelve legions of angels like he could have.

He did endure it. He could have escaped it. But he did choose to stay.

Verse 29. He who has found his life will lose it. And he who has lost his life for my sake will find it.

You must be willing to lose your life, not only physically, but also finances, job, career, family, friends.

You must be willing to lose the person that you was born as in the flesh and become a new creation in Christ Jesus.

I'm a living example of that. The lifestyle I used to live before I got saved and the lifestyle I live now is entirely two different people.

Entirely. Entirely a different person. Entirely a different lifestyle. Amen. Brother R has changed a whole lot too. He's a new person. Much more mature than when he used to be on the first day that he showed up. He's mature in his clothing, his speech, his actions, his mentality.

He's a changed man. He's not complete in Christ yet, neither am I. But he's a changed man. Amen.

Brother J, he's preparing now to leave his dad, his house, his place where he lives, and move.

I mean an hour drive was out again, 14 hours maybe, just depends, but over 800 miles.

He's not an East Coast guy. He's a Midwest guy. He is a Midwest guy. The way he looks, the way he talks, his culture, where he was born, all these different things.

Everything about him is a Midwest guy. So to come out here to the Southeast is a major change.

Just like R coming from the Northeast coming down to the Southeast is also a huge change.

Just like my wife coming down from the North to the South is a huge change. It's a drastic change for every one of these people standing in front of me.

A drastic change. And for the people listening to me that have not yet endured a drastic change yet, it's coming and it may come against your will.

But I believe that God would rather for people to make some decisions that are drastic, that will change your life, that will take courage, that won't be easy, that will take planning and decisions that you never thought you would make, but you're too scared to do it.

You don't have enough faith. You're not hearing from God. You can't hear from God because of the noise of money.

The noise of money keeps you from hearing God's voice.

Verse 40, He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me.

He who receives a prophet by the authority of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.

And he who receives a righteous man an authority of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Just as Jesus said, you will sit on my throne with the Father. You have the same rewards.

Share what I share that you may think my reward is going to be great. You're worried about how much fruit that you're bearing.

But if you help me and assist me and be a co-worker with me and support this ministry, then everything I do is your fruit.

If I'm using your tithes to do it, if I'm doing it because your prayers are supporting me, your words are encouraging me, all these things and more, if you are my support structure, then my fruit is your fruit. Amen.

But when I think about taking up your death stake, denying yourself and following Christ, I also think about all the men listed in the Foxe's Book of Martyrs.

And I think about William Tyndale and the other Bible translators throughout time, even though they were Babylonian,

they were doing a work for the Lord.

Absolutely. Absolutely. They were not complete in Christ yet, but I believe God was using those different translators that were going against the law, the law of mankind, the law of the Pope, risking their lives, risking death and imprisonment.

Those men were not cards. Amen. And they paved a way for us today that we may have the Word of God, because they worked and were not afraid, even though they took caution to not be arrested, of course.

They took caution, but when it came down to it, they didn't say, I'm not going to release the translation because I'm afraid.

When it came down to it, even though they hid in order to avoid arrest, but it did not stop their work, their translation and their publishing and their printing of what they were doing for the Lord.

And they weren't doing it for themselves. They were doing it for the world, for people, for the population, for other people. Amen.

You think of over 2,000 languages on this earth. The Word of God needs to be translated in every language. The Bible Society and other organizations are trying to do that.

And it's a never-ending task. God led me to translate the Alpha and Omega Bible, to publish it.

And I did take a huge risk with it and continue to every day. And I take a huge risk even standing here preaching, because honestly I should be in a hospital bed right now.

And any other man would be in a hospital bed right now having a blood transfusion.

But I've got a work to do. I've got a job to do. I need to be here preaching and teaching, leading you. I think of George Washington having been shot three times and other leaders in history that kept leading while they was bleeding. Amen.

We can't give up. The work is that serious. Amen.

Let's go to 1 Corinthians 15. Verse 30. Page 747.

Are we also in danger of every hour? Amen.

31. I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily, daily, crucifying ourselves every day, repenting every day, examining our words and our actions and what we did do and what we didn't do on a daily basis, and then saying to ourselves, tomorrow I'm going to do better.

Next time I'm going to do better. Next time I would do it a different way. Amen. But people are too stubborn to have that attitude.

People are too stubborn to test themselves and repent. Salvation is not a one-day trip.

It's an everyday trip. It's an everyday journey. Every day. Salvation, denying ourselves not just once, but continually as a lifestyle of denying ourselves, a lifestyle of putting God first, the Church first, our brothers and sisters in Christ first. Salvation is a lifestyle of giving, devotion, love for others, and self-sacrifice.

The seven days of unleavened bread represents that even though Christ died once for all of us, that is not done completely.

We still got to continue to push, continue to remove the leavening out of our lives, especially since we have these different avenues of sin and corruption creeping in on a daily basis over the Internet through music, newspapers, magazines, so on and so on, family, friends, people, culture.

There's so many influences and noise coming against us, corruption coming against us continually.

That's a daily cleansing. Amen. And if you are struggling with any sin, then you're about to be reading the Bible every day.

We don't have to read the Bible every day. It's not a commandment. It's not the law. But if you are struggling with a sin, a temptation, a stumbling block, then you need to be reading the Bible every day to wash yourself and strengthen yourself in the Lord and in His righteousness and His kingdom. Amen.

People who have not yet read the entire Bible, even if you're not struggling with a sin, which actually we all are, just a lot of people don't know that they are.

But if you have never read the Bible before, then you need to be reading it every day.

That is a task that is extremely important, extremely, extremely, extremely important.

It cannot be overstated or exaggerated how important it is that you read all of the Bible.

It's very important, including those books they took out that we have in the Alpha and Omega Bible restored to the Scripture.

Let's go to 2 Corinthians Chapter 4 Verse 16.

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day.

So we're dying to our own will, our own self, our own desires, our own plans. But we are living, nevertheless.

We're crucified with Christ, but we're also resurrected with Christ. It doesn't mean that we stop living.

It doesn't mean we stop enjoying life, but rather you're going to enjoy life better than ever before.

A lot of people don't want to surrender to Christ and get saved because they think it's going to be a boring life.

They have to stop smoking so much, they have to stop doing the drugs, they have to stop listening to certain music, hanging out with certain people.

And they think, well, that's boring. I don't want to do that. But the reality is when you're hearing God's voice and seeing miracles, seeing God working and moving and changing lives for the better, improving lives, that's exciting, and that's not boring at all.

It's exciting. Amen. God does not require you that you have to stop drinking all alcohol unless you're an alcoholic.

God doesn't require you, you men, to button up, every last button up against your neck can act like a pilgrim.

We're not living in old covenant days. God gives freedom and liberty and mercy and grace, and life can be quite enjoyable.

We're not extremely legalistic like a lot of religious groups are where they say that you can't even go to the casino, you can't go to the bar, you can't go to the nightclub, you can't take your shirt off.

We're not legalistic like them. You can still live and enjoy life, and your life is going to be more enjoyable because you're not worried about constantly getting in trouble with the law about all the crimes you're committing on purpose that you don't care about the law, you don't care about people, you're robbing people, you're stealing, all these different things, drugs that are illegal.

Life is more enjoyable and better, and you find true peace and true happiness. You don't have all that guilt hanging on you every day.

It's a much better life. I know the difference between the life I used to live and the life I live now, the amount of peace and happiness that I have now and contentment than what I did when I lived for the enemy is drastically different.

Verse 16, Therefore we do not lose heart, so our outer person is decaying, we're getting older, but the inner person is still being renewed day by day.

Death is nothing but sleep. That's all it is. The person ain't gone, they're just asleep. They're coming back.

They're going to live again in that second resurrection or the first resurrection. Amen?

But people put too much, way, way too much emphasis on survival in this life.

Way too much emphasis. When there's a choice between two things, the joy of God, true salvation, or death, or arrest. Amen?

But we also must exercise wisdom at the same time. God doesn't want you to go out there just asking to be beheaded or just asking and seeking to be arrested for the gospel.

He expects us to use wisdom and intelligence and common sense and to try to survive and try not be arrested, not act like a fool. Amen?

There was many times before the actual arrest of Jesus, there was many times that he did use his powers to disappear in the midst of the crowds that were gathering around him and that would have hurt him really bad or even killed him multiple times before it was his time to die.

And he did use his powers to vanish in the midst of the crowds. He knew that it was wise to not die before his time, to not get arrested before his time.

His work wasn't done yet. It's not necessary to put our lives at risk when it's not necessary.

But there may come a time in the future when putting our lives at risk will be necessary.

And let's go to Romans 8, verse 21.

However, the creation itself will also be set free from its bondage of ruin and to the liberty of the glory of the children of Theos. Amen.

The creation is the planets, the moons, the solar systems, the galaxies, and our flesh. Amen.

It's all decaying. It's all in ruin. It's all in bondage to the curses that came through Adam and Eve, the pain of childbirth, the sweat of our brow, the hard labor is harder than what it would have ever been.

It's all part of the curse down through Adam and Eve and also the fall of the archangel that they call Satan and Lucifer.

We're all under a curse. Every one of us, black and white, we're all under a curse.

Some people more than others. Some races more than others. Some nations more than others. Yes, I said that right.

Some races are under a greater curse or additional curses. That's not being prejudiced.

That's not hating anyone of a certain race. That's just being biblical and having read the scripture and knowing what the scripture says.

But we are all under curses. Everyone and every race, we are under curses, some more than others.

But when we live for Christ and become a new person in Christ Jesus, those curses are easier to deal with.

Those curses are less bearing, less heavy upon us. We can't escape those curses entirely because we are human and we always will be human until we turn to Spirit.

And any of the races will always be those races until they turn to Spirit. But the Holy Ghost of Jesus makes our burdens light.

We can handle the tough. We can handle the rough. We can handle adult words and adult actions and tough preaching.

We can handle the tough with the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I think of Abraham, as it says in Hebrews 11, having left his family and his hometown and his home nation and having not even knowing where he was going, seeking the Kingdom of God.

It took a lot of faith and obedience to do that. Amen. Let's go to the book of Revelation chapter 2. Revelation 2 verse 13.

To that particular church and that particular time era as well. Verse 13, I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is, and you hold very tight to my name, and did not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was murdered among you where Satan dwells.

That word witness, guess what? The Greek word is martyr. But sometimes it should definitely stay the word witness in certain contexts. In this context, we could put martyr or we could keep witness.

Let's do both. Let's put martyr first, since that is actually the Greek word, martyr slash witness, in the context where he was actually martyred for the truth, then it seems like it would be very appropriate to use the word martyr.

But the origin of the word martyr had nothing to do with death originally. It just meant witness.

But over time, it took on the context of death because the witnesses that had to evangelize for God and stand for the truth and stand for Jesus' name and his commandments and his law became martyred.

And so the word martyr became evolved into the connection with death. Ain't that interesting, the evolution?

It just meant witness. It had nothing to do with death. But to witness to be a disciple of Christ, to be someone that stands for the truth over time became known as you're going to have to die in order to be a witness for the Lord.

Very interesting how that word changed in time because of the situation, the reality. Amen.

Think of the two witnesses in Jerusalem that they were evangelized for three and a half years and then die, both of them.

And they are called witnesses. Well, that word would be martyr, unless it's a different Greek word.

I would have to double check. But they will be martyred. Interesting. Not all of us will be martyred, but all of us must be witnesses, willing to die if it came to that point.

Not all of us have to be martyrs, but all of us have to be witnesses. Jesus said that if you will not deny yourself and take up your cross, then you're not worthy to be my disciple. Amen.

A disciple, a follower, a student of Christ is more than just being an audience.

It's more than just listening to a sermon. It's more than just getting baptized and keeping the Torah.

But it's about loving the Lord of all of your mind, all of your heart, all of your soul, more than your children, more than your parents, more than your money, more than your house and your land and your career, more than anything else that exists that God is first in your life.

Therefore, you're willing to give up the NFL. Therefore, you're willing to give up the Disney movies.

Therefore, you're willing to give up the Satanic music and other different things, many different things.

I remember in my early years after getting saved, it was every year of throwing something away.

Every year, literally, as I grew in the Lord, recognizing more and more over time what I needed to get rid of. Amen.

Dying daily and yearly. We do the Passover every year and go through that time of self-reflection, examination, testing ourself, and dying again.

Every Passover and every day of atonement and every night, dying daily. But at the same time, we're taking more of Christ into us which gives us more life, a different life, but a better life.

Working for the Lord, making memes for the Lord, poems for the Lord, songs for the Lord, gospel tracts for the Lord, or going out there putting the signs up or going out there and distributing those tracts.

Going out there and doing whatever the Lord has called us to do with our different talents.

Everybody has a different talent. Some people have more talents or less talents or different talents.

But whatever God gave us, we're required to be using it and not let it sit and rot.

If we know sign language and we don't use it, then we lose it. If you know a foreign language and you don't use it, you lose it.

If you have the Holy Ghost and you don't use it, you lose it. Amen. Use your skills. Don't bury that one skill you got in a hole trying to preserve it or being afraid to use it.

Use the skills that God has given you. Amen.

I'm still going to write that man's book. My work ain't done here on this earth.

I got a lot, a lot, a lot of work to do. I'm not done. I may have to go in the hospital for a while, maybe, and hopefully not. But my work is not done.

And I will be preaching even if I have to preach from a hospital bed. Amen. I'm not going to retire. I may slow down, but I am not going to retire.

The younger men will have to step up more and stronger and bolder. Therefore, I've got to be rough on them and I've got to get even rougher with them.

That's the truth and that's the reality. You think of how the Bible calls God the potter.

We are the pottery, we are the clay in His hand. The potter has to bend, mold, form that clay into shape, twist it.

And that clay does not always want to go the right direction, but the potter has to force it in the correct direction and the correct shape.

And sometimes he has to smash it and start all over again. Amen. But once it's whipped into shape, it's not done yet. It's not complete yet.

You've got the different stages of glazing and firing. And if you're going to paint it, the coloring, the designs, but at some point it's got to be thrown into the fire.

I think of a Bible verse that says something like this, something like this, that if you cannot walk with the horse, how are you going to run with the horse?

That's far from what it says, but the general ideal is correct. These people that think that taking care of a little tiny kitchen and a little tiny dining room and a little tiny living room, I'm talking about tiny, tiny, tiny, tiny, tiny, tiny, and call that hard work and call that a lot of work to take care of is pure laziness.

Absolutely pure laziness. In the Great Tribulation, every one of us are going to have to do their part.

And this could be hard work washing clothes by hand, hunting for our food, cleaning animals, skinning animals, finding food, foraging for food.

All the different things, all the different work and responsibility that is going to entail of survival in the Great Tribulation is going to be hard work, manual work, and lots of it, and every day, every day.

But if you can't handle sweeping and mopping an area that is literally 30 feet long total by six feet wide, then how in the world are you going to handle the Great Tribulation?

If you can't cook for only four people, how are you going to cook for 100 people? Amen.

And how can a woman come in this house and see how sick I am and see it in person with her own eyes and how much I need help with my wife and how much we need help with the church and see all of that in person and then walk away based upon their self-will, their own wants, their own concerns, and their own health.

And I'm not denying anyone medical treatment for themselves. I'm honestly not, because like I said yesterday, my plan was to buy her health insurance and pay for her health insurance, help her get the medical treatment that she needs.

And in addition to all that, I believe that God would have healed her divinely if she had sacrificed herself for her brothers and sisters in the kingdom of God.

I honestly believe that. I've been in a situation before, and I lie not, that I was laying in bed with a blood clot in my leg that I should have been in the hospital for.

And I prayed and endured and trusted God and just kept enduring and kept enduring and doing the natural remedies and waiting on the Lord and waiting on the healing.

And I was in pain, and it was hard to walk. But I got through it. God blessed the natural remedies, and God got me through it, and I did not go to the hospital.

Now, right now, I'm suffering a lot. I might go to the hospital and I might not go, but at this point, I'm not going.

At this point, I'm not giving up. I'm pressing forward. I'm pressing and I'm pressing and I am pressing, and I hope that

the church has my back, that you're pressing in prayer, that you are pressing for me, that you are pressing and pressing and pressing, that I have a support structure.

And this is the way it should be with any of us when any of us are sick, any of us, that we all support one another. And when one suffers, we all suffer. And when one rejoices, we all rejoice. And it's a victory for all of us, and it's a miracle for all of us. Amen.

I set the example for the church in natural healing. I set the example for the church in self-sacrifice in many different ways.

As I told Brother J last night, I put my money where my mouth is. We wasn't talking about money.

We were talking about nudity. I stood right in front of him, butt naked, to show him that if I'm going to preach it, then I'm going to do it.

It's not necessarily that I have to be naked constantly, but if I happen to come out of the shower, and you know it takes an hour for your body to dry off, you can dry, dry, dry with a towel, and your body's still wet, then so be it.

He's a guy, I'm a guy. What's wrong with that? You go to the gym, you see that. If you're part of a sports team, you see that.

When you're in high school, middle school, you see that. You go to the swimming pool, you see that.

You go and sit somebody next to their bed at the hospital when they're sick in bed in the hospital.

You see that. It's part of life. When you take care of the elderly, you see that. When you take care of children, you see that.

Nudity is nothing. Amen. I try to set the example, not be a hypocrite. Practice what I teach so that you will become stronger in truth, in maturity, not be a child, not be immature, not be weak, not be weak in morals, values, doctrines, knowledge, common sense, logic.

That in every area of life that we become complete, whole. Amen. It's a journey. This martyr in Revelation 2 verse 13 did not deny Jesus' name, did not deny the faith, all the way to death.

I guarantee you that person will be in the first resurrection. Amen. Chapter 12 verse 11. But they overcame him, talking about overcoming Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life, even finished with death.

Great tribulation context. Amen. But it's also in the context of part of the Church being divinely protected by God in a secret location, somewhere on Earth.

It's very clear, which is opposite of pre-tribulation or action. It's not that we all have to be martyred, but they will all have to be witnesses.

And if it comes that day in that time, then we must accept it. Amen.

But until then, we use wisdom to not get arrested on purpose, not get killed on purpose, not get killed before our time, not get arrested before our time.

I have to hold back a whole lot. I do. Very often I see things and think to myself, or even out loud, I wish that I could destroy that.

But if I was to do that every time I see it, evil in this world and be smashing statues left and right all the way up and down the road every day of my life, how could I stand here and preach if I'm always in jail constantly?

We've got a work to do. Those people are just going to go out there and buy another statue. Amen.

That's not going to solve anything. My finances would suffer. I would have to pay court costs.

I would have to pay fines, sit in jail, and deal with that filth and germs in jail.

And the person just goes out and buy another statue. It doesn't solve anything. But there's a day coming in the Great Tribulation when the Church will be able to do much, much more.

It'll be a whole different time frame, context. It'll be entirely, entirely different life for every person, everyone, absolutely everyone on Earth.

Their lives are going to be turned upside down beginning on day number one of the Great Tribulation and many people even before that.

There's a lot coming into this world even before the Great Tribulation that will shake the Earth and shake your lives and change your lives drastically.

Earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, storms, battles, famine, disease, pestilence, all of that's going to increase before the Great Tribulation actually comes.

But no matter what happens in this world physically, no matter what happens of breaking news, no matter what

happens, we must endure spiritually through thick and thin.

And our family must be the Church. The phrase is, blood is thicker than water. But the blood of Christ is what flows through our veins that will deliver us. And it is that blood of Christ that makes us, the Church family, more important than physical family by far, by very far.

The Church family must be extremely high priority for us and that we would not betray one another.

The world will betray one another. The true Christians, the true brothers and sisters will not betray one another, not even on an instrument of torture.

We still would not betray one another. We must commit to that as blood brothers in Christ Jesus. Amen.

I had two other passages that are not necessary right now at this moment. I've made my point. So I don't have the chat room available for people today so that I can keep out a troublemaker.

But the baptized members of the Church, they have my contact information. So at this time, I invite members of the Church to participate if you have questions, comments, testimonies, anything you want to say for Jesus, for the truth. Sing a song or anything that you need to do. I'll give you time to type or to contact me.

I'll be trying to watch telegram.

R, you got anything to say? I praise Jesus that the struggles of this life are only temporary. Amen. I praise Jesus.

You got anything to say? Get on the other side of the pulpit where they can hear you better.

So two things with my trip. One, all my other trips I had taken a different route.

This time I took a different route than I normally take and found out that one of the cities I go through was in warning of flood.

And then the last two hours of the trip I found out that there was supposed to have been a huge storm that went through at the same time.

But actually I didn't run into it. It had gone on before me. So that was very interesting when J had sent me a text message on that day of his arrival.

He said I'll be there in two hours left remaining on the trip. And I looked at the radar and I said there's no way that he's going to be here in two hours.

It's going to be four hours because very heavy thunderstorms was in his path. And yet he actually showed up in two hours.

And he said that he had saw some flooded land, but he did not run in any major thunderstorms, heavy downpours.

He didn't run into any of that. All of it was done before he got there. And I really believe that that is Jesus moving those storms quicker out in front of him.

That area that he had to drive through always have tremendous storms, tornadoes. They always have the worst of the weather.

And it's a constant thing there. If it sprinkles here, I guarantee you it is thundering like everything out there in that area.

And for him to get through that area without actually driving in the heavy rain is definitely a miracle.

God moving the storms. So we praise Jesus for that. Is there anybody else here locally before I look on my phone?

Anybody else want to say anything?

So Brother H, sharing from James, Chapter 2, Verse 20, all the way through Verse 26.

But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

Was not Abraham our father found righteous by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

That's a great example in that Verse 21 that Abraham did not actually have to sacrifice his son, but he had to think that he had to sacrifice his son and be willing to, if required to.

He was willing to carry it out. The scripture says he had already pulled back the knife to do it.

He was going to do it, to kill his own son because God commanded it. But then, finally, God said, stop.

I'm just testing you. That's a perfect example. Thank you, Brother H, for giving us this verse, for sharing it. Verse 22

says, You see that faith was working with works as a result of the works faith was perfected or completed.

And the scripture was fulfilled, which says, And Abraham believed Theos, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of Theos.

You see that a person is found righteous by works and not by faith alone. In the same way was not rehabbed the prostitute, also righteous by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way. Amen.

Something I want to point out right there, that prostitute, it doesn't ever say that she used to be a prostitute previously,

but she was the prostitute at that current time when the Israelites came in to spy out the land. She wasn't a former prostitute, but she was still a prostitute. And yet, because that she risked her life, and she risked arrest, perhaps even death, by hiding enemy spies against the law, because she exercised that to protect the men of God, that she has God's divine favor, blessings, protection. She was protected herself because she took the risk. Amen. And she was blessed from that point on for the rest of her life into eternity to where her name is written down as a hero, a woman. Her name is written down as a hero for us, an example for us, because she took that risk. Amen.

Verse 26, for just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. Amen. Thank you for sharing that.

Sometimes we have to break the law. Amen. One of the first things I did with R when he came down from New Jersey years ago is when we're on a back road where there's no traffic, no police, no nothing, I'm like, take your seatbelt off. Because I wanted to teach him that law is not always necessary, and even though when the scripture says you must obey the law, even the wicked king, sometimes you need to be free.

Sometimes you need to exercise the liberty and be a human being rather than a dog. Amen.

If you're on a back road where you're traveling literally 25 miles per hour, that seatbelt ain't going to protect you. It's there for nothing at that point. Amen. Take your seatbelt off and let the air touch your chest, feel the freedom, be able to move freely, and feel how good that feels.

It's like being barefoot, how good that feels. For a man, when you take your shirt off, how good that feels, how much free, how much more free you feel, tremendously more free. Amen.

These people that are constantly Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah, they will never know the filling of freedom. Amen.

Tonight is the night to be much observed.

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