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Father, we just come to you this morning, we just wanna thank you, Lord. Your word says, the entrance of your word brings light and that light dispels the darkness of ignorance, and brings true knowledge that can save us and keep saving us, until we are saved to the uttermost; that's your word and your promise to everyone who comes to you. By faith, we come to you and as we look into the word, the Spirit of God, He would teach us, for there is only one teacher; for you said, when the Holy Spirit comes, He will teach you all things. Teach us this morning too Lord, and help us to receive your lessons and walk in it, because there is life in your word. Thank you, thank you, Father, for in Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

When Jesus was teaching, when they asked about the last days; it's interesting, He didn't give any solutions, He only gave the signs. Like, we would expect a solution, right? He only gave the signs. The only things He says, "Stand firm till the end. " And He listed a whole lot of things that would happen: He talked about war, ethnic rising, earthquakes, famines, pestilences, all these things will happen and He didn't say, "This is a solution for that," He said, "Watch out for deception! Watch out for deception!" That's what will kill you, not the rest. The rest can only take you home faster, but deception will keep you from God's home, so, watch out, always! Because, that's what is happening in the last days, the airwaves are full, everything--like, we finally have to come to a point like that great man of God, Smith Wigglesworth; keep even the newspapers out of the houses because it is full of the lies, hardly, there is any news reporting anymore, it's opinions. The issue is this, when the end comes, there are three reactions:

1. People will think, everything is okay; peace and safety, because they have believed in a false message. Scripture says, "When they say, peace and safety, sudden destruction will come." He talks about the people: He uses two illustrations of judgement; the time of Noah and the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. Everybody was going around doing their own thing until disaster struck and when it struck, there was nothing anybody could do; neither in Noah's generation, nor in the cities of the plains of Sodom and Gomorrah, it just wiped everybody out and nobody was left behind, everybody was taken out; and they believed, nothing is going to happen, they believed in peace, they believed in safety. Ignorance is bliss, until death strikes you; that's why God said, "My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge." He said, not by anything else, okay. The knowledge of how the kingdom of God functions and how it is approaching to us, like the children sang, "every second," do you know what will happen, if He were to suddenly come? What is your confidence?

2. Second thing is that, when these things happen, second reaction; beautifully put across by Jesus in Luke 21:26; "Men's heart failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken." Men's heart will fail because of fear, and that's one of the signs, like, what we see today; we have never seen in human history, ever; fear! fear! gripping the whole world. It's fear that is ruling, okay. It's FDR who said: "We have to fear nothing, except fear itself," and I like how Peter began and set the tone for today's service; what did God tell Israel? "Caught between the Red sea and the Pharaoh's army; do not fear, stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord." Okay, second thing is fear; it will kill you, it will just take away your life and it will also reduce your lifespan, and even if you have a long lifespan, scripture says: It will be wrapped in futility.

3. And the third option Bible gives is; you are confident on that day, not ashamed; confident on that day, that takes a lot of preparation.

So, today, once again, take the limits off. Don't limit God in your life, in any area, don't limit God. How do you do that? By faith and faith alone; there is one thing that pleases God, one thing that pleases--I mean, you can really please God; it's by faith and faith comes from, hearing and hearing the word of the God alone. Lot of people hear, but they don't listen. We have massive issue with listening, let me tell you, serious issue with listening, it's a discipline and one of the ways if you really, really want to listen, you have to make a choice; I will stop listening to most others things. Our minds are on everything and therefore, we are not able to hear when God speaks. We are on FOX, we are on the chicken, we are on the duck channel; all these are channels, by the way. Even when we were in the 20th century, we were already with the 21st century FOX. Every soap opera, you can name it, claim it and miss God's voice; full, the world is full. And you know what happens? We actually don't hear and even if he hear--like when you say somebody--I am telling you honestly; this is what happens, this is what will make the difference in your life when you work; if you are working in a company, you are under a boss, the boss says

something, because you have to learn the art of listening, you miss out what he is trying to tell you and then you end up doing half of what he asked you and then you wonder, why am I never getting promoted. It's because you haven't learn to listen. That's why God took His children into the wilderness, His first discipline was to teach them to listen; shut down the voices of Egypt and teach them to listen because if you don't--the only thing that will save us in the end days; Jesus said eight times in the book of Revelation, if I am right, "All those who have ear, let them hear what the Holy Spirit is saying." So, faith comes from hearing and faith doesn't put any limits on God, it just takes the limits of God. Like I said on last Sunday in Luke 5:17,

Luke 5:17

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Do you believe, the power of God is present to heal you? Do you believe? Jesus was preaching, scripture says He was teaching. When the word of the God is being taught, do you believe the power of the Lord is present to heal? That house is packed, you will see, wherever Jesus preached, the house was packed; not because they were interested in His teaching, they were always there to see what will happen because they have heard, wherever this man goes, there is miracle; but you know, most of them did not receive it. There would be some dude over there, who received a miracle and walk away, but the power of the Lord was present to heal everybody; that's where faith comes in, that's the connection you make. We saw in Psalm 78:41,

<u>Psalm 78:41</u>

⁴¹ Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

Primarily, because they tempted God again and again. When do we tempt God? Because of unbelief. We really think, God does not mean what He says, that's when we tempt. Children tempt their parents, okay, "Don't touch it!" From the time they are crawling. Again and again they tempted God. Did you really mean 'no?' "No."

What does no mean? 'No.' That's the first test Adam and Eve had to pass. "Did God really said?" 'He did!' answer, over! "Did God really say?" He did say 'no.' See, we haven't even cross the first temptation successfully, yet, and they limited the Holy one of Israel. And yet, look at what God has done for the fallen men, who said 'no' does not mean 'no.'

<u>Isaiah 53:5</u>

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

He was wounded for our transgressions, because we did not believe 'no' was 'no.' He was bruised for our iniquities; because we kept on sinning until sin now empowers us. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. Two things:

- 1. The chastisement for our peace; our peace is something our soul needs
- 2. Healing is something our body needs.

You see, on the work on the cross, He has taken care of my soul, your soul, my body, your body, our body, both. Last week, we look on the body. This week, we will look at the soul. There is complete atonement for the human soul. One of the most important or primary effects when devil deceives us and to go against God, we see in Genesis 3:7,

Genesis 3:7

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

When we sin, there is a sense of shame. Remember: Sin, guilt, shame. But for shame, we can always make coverings; hide it, justify it, there are lots of coverings we make to avoid shame, until the society reaches a point like Sodom and Gomorrah, where the world is reaching; maybe we are no longer shameless, a sense of shame is also not there, it's also gone, it's gone, and it's going, very fast it's going. The simple thing is that--like, I was telling yesterday, they just change the laws, because from the law, you have the knowledge of sin, that's what the Bible says. So, what if the law is changed? God has not changed

His law; men has changed God's law. What is that section? Section 377 or whatever...It's been decriminalised, so, it's no longer a crime. In U.S, you should look at it, assault on a Police Officer is no longer a crime, the Prosecutors and all the city, nobody is charged; it's no longer a crime. I mean, forget beating somebody, beating an officer, who represents the law and order was supposed to be a big crime, no problem! You can do anything, we won't charge you. Charging has to come from the persecutor, not from the Police. Do you see how our conscience is changing? So, shame is not a problem, that can be handled but verse 10 is the issue;

Genesis 3:10

¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

You can be shameless but you cannot be fearless because fear does not escape anybody. If you were to honestly ask President Trump last week, 'Were you afraid?' He would say, 'Ofcourse I was! I am 74, on the way to 75, BMI says; I am obese and this virus strikes obese people hard, so I don't know.' Ofcourse! fear grips anybody, everybody; that's why we all are asked to wear this mask. The problem about fear; it's a portal. You know what the portal is? It's a doorway, through which the enemy comes. That's why God keeps repeating; 365 times in the Bible, one for each day, it says, "Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear."

One; It opens up the doorway for the enemy, on the other hand; the fear of the Lord, it builds a shield, a wall against the enemy. So, there are two fears in the Bible. One is this fear, irrational fear of anything, everything, and the other is the good fear and it builds a shield of wall. So, there are two kinds of fear. We are talking about the fear that opens the doorway for the enemy. In 1 John 4:18, the Bible says,

<u>1 John 4:18</u>

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

That's why, children get tormented just before the exam and much of the torment is put in their head by their parents. We have to learn how to encourage our children, to work hard, to study hard without tormenting them. They have to work hard; cos that's a discipline, they have to study hard; that's a discipline, they have to be excellent; that's a discipline, but you don't have to get them tormented. Fear involves torment and the only way out is; perfect love cast away all fear. It is not that I have to love God perfectly than fear, no, no! It's never going to happen, you have to put your trust in the perfect love of God for you. There is only one love that is perfect; it is God's love for us. You put your trust that way--it's just like a little baby or little child, when they are around their parents, you know, they are not afraid. It is not that they love their parents so much, it is inbuilt trust for the parents. They don't fear, the parent may be fearing, the child does not fear. It passes a sense of security, that's a sense of security David talks about in the smallest Psalm in the Bible; everybody who is sleepless and fearfully made, I give them that Psalm whenever they call me and I say to them; just read that Psalm and go to sleep.

<u>Psalm 131:1-3</u>

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹ Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. ² Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. ³ O Israel, hope in the Lord From this time forth and forever.

I don't worry about what President *******'She'***** is doing, or Vladimir Putin is doing, I am not worried about those, that's beyond my pay grade.

"Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me," now, how does a baby go to sleep? He says: I have weaned my soul, put your eyes on God, He loves you. Simple! Jesus loves me, this I know, go to sleep, that's it. His eyes are on you, His thoughts towards you cannot be counted; He has engraved you in the palms of His hand and the beloved of the Lord rides upon His shoulders; meditate on this and go to sleep. As simple as that! It's an act of faith. I can't change anything tomorrow but He is in control of my tomorrows. Therefore, I will not be tormented, I will not worry because fear

brings torment, it brings anxiety, it brings KJV; God vexed souls, vexation, it brings depression; ultimately, leads to suicide or premature death, accidents, so many things connected with fear, okay. While a person who walks with God; to that person, God say, "I have not given you the spirit of fear." So, fear is the spirit, it's a spirit; if it's a spirit, you have to battle it, you have to fight it spiritually. Fear is a spirit. This is what God says,

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

First: Rejoice.

Second: Be gentle, know that the Lord is very close.

Third: Be anxious for nothing.

Fourth: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made

known to God.

And what's the result? The peace of God, guards, garrisons your heart; your soul is at peace. Who is writing to us this? Apostle Paul.

Where is he writing to us from? A Roman dungeon; to us who are free. So, there is only one antidote to fear; it is love, trust for this perfect love of God. You believe what God has said, like David said: I will not worry about all these things, it's too big for me. How am I going to get the throne of Israel? The king is chasing me with three thousand... I am not going to worry about all those things, all I am trying to see is; just be sure, I am 3-feet ahead of him when I am running. What are you doing? Exercising. Why? I have to run faster than Saul. That's all I know. How I am going to be king and all, I will leave it to God. Right now, I know only one thing, run!

I have this old, old, old friend from my 80s; he was a Black Belt in Karate in our class and he was really, really good and I asked him, ********'when you started Dozo, what did they teach you first?' He said, "To run." I said, 'really?' He said, "The Sensei said, 'Never get into a fight you can avoid; run first."

So, the first lesson God taught David was to run, because you don't fight your king, you don't fight those who have placed above you and anointed, doesn't matter how crooked they are, don't fight the wrong enemy, don't do that, it will not go well with you, just run. So, put your trust in God, put your trust in the promises of God; this is the only antidote because if you fear, it doesn't matter who you are; all the greats in the Bible opened a doorway into their life for disaster, unbelievable disaster; by opening this portal for the enemy to come in. Look at the oldest book in the Bible, Job 3:25, it's the first book in the Bible.

Job 3:25

²⁵ For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.

He opened the door portal, God said; I am taking the hedge, that doesn't mean devil can have access if you open the door. Instead of resisting the devil, he opened the door for the devil and you know what? In one day, he lost everything; his family, his wealth, head to truck, he was struck with disease. You know why? Because he feared, he feared.

Genesis 12:11, a man would sell, in the beginning of his faith journey, he would sell his integrity,

Genesis 12:11

¹¹ And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.

You know what's happening? They are starting this journey; the journey is long and in his heart, fear is coming higher and higher and higher...in the wicked mind, crooked mind, lots of plans are going on, but he doesn't have the courage to say. Finally, when they are very close to border check-post, he tells Sarai: Please say you are my--I fear my life, you are too cute, why did God make you so cute; that's how people excuse their fear; to justify your fear; why did God make you so cute?

Genesis 26:7

⁷ And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold."

This is Isaac. Rebekah was also taken into another man's house; Jacob we don't even have to say, he was a fearful man.

Genesis 32:24

²⁴ Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

Jacob was left all alone, he had to battle all his fears, he had to overcome. All these years of his life; 70, 80, 90-years, we are not very sure about the date--he had been driven by fear and he cannot be made Israel until he has overcome his fear, he cannot. Your destiny--doesn't matter what great promise God has given over you, who has spoken over you, until you battle your fears and overcome your fears, Jacob cannot become Israel.

3.30 in the morning, I text somebody, I am not mentioning, I text and said that, "It's your day with God, win your battle." Exodus 2:14, the man who would lead Israel out of captivity;

Exodus 2:14-15

¹⁴ Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

So, Moses feared, he feared the words of the Israelites and he feared Pharaoh, and that fear would drive him and keep him in the wilderness for forty-years. So if you ask Moses, "How many years did fear caused you?" Forty-years of your life. "Forty to eighty, I was imprisoned by my own fears."

Joshua 1:9, this is the man who will lead them into the promise land. One led them out of Egypt, the next man will--how does it begin?

<u>Joshua 1:9</u>

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

What does it mean? He is petrified! He could have played the drums with his knees; that was Joshua but you have to look at all these are fearful people; but God changed them into fearless men and women. And you know, David also goofed-up, he feared Saul and went into the Philistine territory.

1 Kings 19:3, This is Elijah,

<u>1 Kings 19:3</u>

³ And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

Who is this man? Who stood before this entire crowd all alone at the threat of Jezebel, because these are spirits; every spirit is not the same and that's what happening over U.S and practically around the world; what's happening is, the Jezebel spirit is rising, It is rising. What do you see on one platform is Jezebel and Ahab, vying for power. The weak man, the woman; the strong woman behind and she is young, she is 55-years old only and she is ruthless, let me tell you! She is ruthless! Riding on the shoulders of a weak man; Jezebel and Ahab is rising. If they win, goodbye! we are in the last days. They will change the

world like it has never been, okay. So, these are spirits operating and before that spirit what happens, even great man of God flee, fear comes in and they flee; every spirit is not the same, they flee, okay.

John 20:19, these are the disciples who walked with Jesus for three and half years.

<u>John 20:19-20</u>

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

You have to tackle fear and believers have to tackle fear. There is no other way, because remember; the overcomers--what is the line about the overcomers? "They overcame him by the blood of the lamb, by the word of their testimony and they did not fear." What does it mean? They did not fear death; they looked in the eye of death and they were not afraid. To be an overcomer, you have to be fearless.

Hebrew 2:14,15, this is what the Bible says; how Christ overcame that fear for us!

Hebrew 2:14-15

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Did you see that? It's a fear of death that causes slavery and that's what is happening around the world. The whole world has been told that this virus is deadly, it is not. Even in U.S tally only to 100, 1000 plus died. That's how many people die of drug overdose in U.S every year but they don't shut down the whole nation. Only a particular age group and up, 70 plus with comorbidities--even there, 94% of them come through. But they have shut the whole world down, why? Because they want to make us fearful and then they have to project all the scenes from Australia, all the way to Washington DC, mounted Police, chasing

people, arresting people, fining people, in India beating up people, all around the world; you know why? To create fear. Cos the devil needs fear, if he needs a nation, a population will listen to what he says; he rules by fear. God doesn't rule by fear, God rules by love, so, people who are not afraid to face the enemy.

Devil needs fear, okay. So, be very, very careful about what is happening because fear of death brings slavery, you become a slave. You ultimately serve whom you fear. Right now, the world is serving something you cannot see, it's name is corona and nobody can see it but you are serving it.

Job 19:2 (NKJV)

2 How long will you torment my soul, And break me in pieces with words?

Job 19:2 (KJV)

2 How long will it ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

That's why we were talking about words. The words we were talking about is not misplaced words, the words that we hear day and night is harsh words designed to cause fear and peoples' souls are in pieces and these three friends, who are not friends are coming and talking and talking and talking... and what the Bible say? "How long will it ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?" And that's what the media is doing around the world, constantly using words, and words, and words...to what? Not to strengthen people, not to make them bold--yes, there is a danger but you don't have to--like he said, when he came out of the hospital, "We don't have to let the virus dominate us, we need to dominate the virus." If you are fearful, the virus will dominate you, it will control your movements, your everything, it will control. Take precautions, but go on with life; don't give room to the enemy, otherwise, it will. This is what words do! This is what hard words do! This is what hard words do! It creates intimidation. Words are used to intimidate. And what we read? What we see? What we hear? Words! Words! We don't realize what it can do.

Look at Judge 16:16 Judge 16:16 ¹⁶ And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,

Who is this? Samson and Delilah, the most anointed man of his generation and this is a woman, a gentile woman; a picture of a man of God and the world, pestering with words until his soul was vexed to death. Literally, he gave into her words and opened a doorway to his destruction. That's what fear does; vexed by words and he will lose his way and lose his life. He will succumb ultimately, and open a door which will ultimately lead to his death. We will see this consistently in the word of God, in all the history of Israel you will see; gentile leaders, gentile kings will come, Goliath will come; it is with words he intimidates and all these kings; whether it is Jehoshaphat ruling or other kings, gentile king will send such letters and usually they buckle under the pressure, open up their treasury and give up everything they want, for the enemy to steal and that's what the devil has done with the church. He intimidates with words and fear, and what do we do? We give away all our righteousness, our treasures of the kingdom, we give it away, we never use it, cos we were too afraid. Let me tell you, honestly, let me ask you; forget the pandemic, so let's look at 2019; in 2019, how many of you, honestly, without fear witnessed to somebody? You know why? Because you have been intimidated. Yesterday, we had a Q&A, and there was a question from a particular stat; a girl, who was sold for sex slavery, rescued by somebody I know, and was in that home; she got saved and she is gung-ho about Christ, she is going from church to church, to church to church, church to church...in the city, nobody is willing to baptise her because they are so scared to baptise somebody who has come from another faith, rescued from the brothel; found Jesus Christ, wants desperately to get baptised; nobody is even ready to baptise her. That's what fear does. That's one of the reasons why I tell Pastors: 'When you send these forwards; Pastors beaten, heads cut off, don't send these things. How does it edify the church? It only creates even more fear. Don't send all these pictures; just pray and leave it alone.' If he died for the Lord; he is a martyr, he is victorious, he is not defeated. But the people who are watching and seeing these, they all get frightened; "Aiyoo! Church broken down, Aiyoo! church attacked, Aiyoo! church burned; this is nothing new Peter says, it's been happening for 2000-years, take it in your stride and keep on preaching. That's what John MacArthur said: He got a threat that he could go to jail for six months and he said; he was very excited because I was reminded of my Hero after Jesus, about Paul; every city he goes, he looks for the jail; that's the only experience I haven't had yet. And he is 81-years old! You know, you have to confront fear with the facts of God's word, you can't give into fear because that's the whole thing they want, it is intimidation, this will cause more and more and more fear. And you know why Christians are not reacting? Christian nations are not reacting, it's literally because--like, I said vesterday, again I tell you, people have been emasculated with ALGBTQ crowd. Once you go into that, if you look at what's happening is, like, in Western world or any world; men are behaving like women and women are behaving like men now. You have been emasculated. Men were always been called to be courageous, bold, and face danger but that's gone, they don't. The first LGBTQ, I call it the LGBTQE crowd: Let us Go Back To Egypt, was in the wilderness, okay. This is what fear does! What fear does is that, you are willing to go back to those forces who enslaved you for a lifetime, that's what fear does. Where are you going back? To Egypt. And do what? Be slaves again. This is what the devil does and what is God promising? "Fight and overcome." No, we will go back and be slaves again. This is what fear does. So, all your successes mean nothing! nothing! If you are not free inside. Real freedom is inside, not outside. You can be the richest man and then commit suicide. How many rich people and celebrities...you must ask why are they all committing suicide? Why are they always on drugs? Why? Look at the most successful man ever recorded in history;

Ecclesiastes 2:11

¹¹ Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

"I am just tormented by my own success because inside it is absolutely empty." If he was truly not the son of David, he would have committed suicide because of his success and emptiness inside. Outside, you look everything he touches is successful, everything, inside he is empty as Joe Biden's basement, empty, absolutely empty, he would have committed suicide. You know, what he says at the end of the incredible--let's put it in our pattern, 'incredibly successful career?' "There is no profit under the sun, no profit." Successful people without God are prisoners of their own success, they just die and go to hell. They are tormented without God, you are tormented. That's why Jesus told the rich man, "You fool, do you know where you are going?" Who is a fool? Who thinks there is no God?

Ecclesiastes 2:16-17

¹⁶ For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool! ¹⁷ Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

So, what difference does it make if you are a Ph.D. or a class five fail? If you do not know God, you will die the same way and go into eternity without knowing God. It is irrelevant, the wise man and the fool dies the same way; his soul is empty, he has not known Christ; the only one who can bring peace to your soul. That's why we need to do a soul check today. Do you really have peace? Or you are angry? Bitter? Jealous? Full of wrath? Because these are all symptoms of soul sickness. So, these things don't matter. Ultimately, what matters is; what is the status of your soul, not your body.

"Therefore, I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind." Isn't it what we always hear; I hate my life, I hate my life.

Who is this? Solomon! This is no ordinary man. The world considers him the wisest, the richest and the most powerful king of Israel. What does he says? "I hate my life!" That's what you hear from people: 'I hate my home! I hate my work place! I hate my School!' Sounds like Solomon. 'I hate math, I hate Telegu,' because these are all English pandits here. All our children in school and college, are English pandits and when they finish class-X, they take French.

Proverbs 18:14

¹⁴ The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?

See, if you are sick and you spirit is strong, you will bounce back, but if your spirit is sick, your body takes long time to recover.

Ecclesiastes 6:9

9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

What is this wandering of desire? In today's psychological terms, it is called 'addiction.' Addiction only leads to ^{vexation} of spirit, ultimately, whatever the addiction it is, it does not matter; it can be from chips to cocaine, it does not matter, the three C's. It leads to vexation--if you are addicted to something, this is the key; you will know, it never satisfy you, you always want more but if you are not addicted, it satisfies you. It can be off for days, months, weeks, it doesn't bother you at all. But, if you are addicted to it, it does not satisfy you, you are addicted. Anything; from sports to sex. It's an addiction and at the end of the day, what does it leaves you--does not matter even if your favorite team won or lost, after the high is over, you realize, you are empty inside because God will not allow these things to satisfy your soul. It is just showing you, you are an addict, you need deliverance, just, you need deliverance. Problem is; ultimately, these things will affect the body.

Matthew 8:5-6

⁵ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶ And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

We always look at the term 'paralyzed' and we forget the state of his soul, he is tormented inside. You can have sickness without torment and you can have sickness with torment. He is tormented mentally. That's why I said: More deadly than the disease, is what it does to your soul, if you do not walk with God. That's what devil will say, "Even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death..." Everybody is walking through the valley of shadow of death; anybody knows when you will die? No! So, everybody is walking through the valley of shadow of death, but he says, "I will fear no evil." "When I die, I will die because my purpose is over and I am going home but I will not fear evil, because if I fear evil, your life is always tormented." And if you are not tormented, imagine, it's only ignorance and ignorance is bliss until the day you die, like a rich man and Lazarus, he wakes up at the wrong place. He had a great funeral on earth and everyone in his cottage also shouted, "rich man amar rahe," they had no clue where he reached. If flames are red; he got a laal salaam. Please understand this reality, yes, there is humor but this is the reality of what lot of people will wake up in an instant after death and there is torment in fear. God has come to rescue us from fear and fear of death because everything is ultimately connected to that.

<u>Luke 16:24</u>

²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

So, the torment you face in earth is just a foretaste of what will happen in hell if you don't repent and believe. God says: I will give you a little foretaste of what hell is like; you are going through it inside a little, one day it will be inside and outside. I am just giving you a foretaste of what it is, and that day, I will take my limits off of how much you can experience hell. Right now, I am putting a limit; you are tormented inside, it's just a foretaste of what your soul goes through, and what your body will go through.

<u>Luke 6:17-18</u>

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

There were lot of people afflicted in the body and a lot of others, not only afflicted in the body but they were tormented by unclean spirits. Do you consider anger, clean or unclean? Unclean. Wrath? Bitterness? See, whenever people think unclean in the spirit, they only think about one category, no! Jealousy? Hatred? Unclean. Tormented by unclean spirits, okay.

In Matthew 18:32-35, because this is what fear will open the portal and suddenly, you are being tormented, you are being afflicted, you are not able to sleep, sleepless nights, turning over back and forth, gritting your teeth, angry, miserable.

Matthew 18:32-35

³² Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: ³³ Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? ³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵ So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

What does it mean? He says, "I showed you compassion? and forgave your debt. How come you didn't show compassion? How come you did not forgive?" God says: Unforgiving people will be tormented when they are living on earth because who are all the ones hell? Those who did not receive God's forgiveness. So, He says: Feel a little of it on earth, that's how you will be tormented. Basically, what? Your enemy occupies your mind. He has no clue, but your mind is occupied by your enemies.

Classic picture, 1 Samuel 18:9-12, he is not his enemy but he thinks he is enemy; actually, he is his most loyal Soldier.

<u>1 Samuel 18:9-12</u>

⁹ And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. ¹⁰ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. ¹¹ And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. ¹² And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul.

"And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul", What does it mean? Every spirit that moves can only be move if God allows. Even, evil spirits need permission to touch a child of God and a child of God opens a doorway through unforgiveness, through fear, different portals they open.

..."and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand." His gift is working, man is reprobate, man has been destined for hell, but the gift is still working. Think about it! The gift of God is working in this man, though the man is on the way to hell and the evil spirit is attacking him.

Think about it, how is the king sitting on his throne? With a spear in his hand. Why should he sit on his throne with a spear in his hand? Because a picture of an angry, bitter man, jealous man, looks at his friend as his enemy and wants to kill him. This time, David is playing the harp, but the anointing is not working. The beginning of your affliction, sometimes, in the beginning

of afflictions, the prayers of anointed people worked on you but you did not walk in your deliverance. Now, the point has come, the same anointed man who is increased in his anointing, he is playing the music for you, it is not working in you, so don't blame the anointing, don't blame the anointing, it's not working for you.

"as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

<u>1 Samuel 18:11</u>

¹¹ And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice."

Now, you are angry at Jesus, you are angry at his servants; who are the ones God uses to bring deliverance. You see the pattern devil takes you?

<u>1 Samuel 16:14</u>

¹⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

Don't take torment lightly. That's why I put Psalm 131, though it was not there in the beginning there, that's how your inside should be at peace; short account, clear account with God and you are at peace, you are not worried about hundred and ninety problems you have, you know God is in control and you are at rest inside; because that's what he promises: "Labour to enter into my rest," and not like them who fell away, fell away. Did Saul deal with his torment, fear? No. He chased David out of the land and lot of people chase or rather the Holy Spirit withdraws out of their lives, He goes away. And how is his end?

1 Samuel 31:4, the end of this man, who didn't deal as God was trying to show, did not deal; the end of so many people in this year.

<u>1 Samuel 31:4</u>

⁴ Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore, Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

What did he do? Committed suicide. Isn't that what we hear? People finally pull the plug, he says; I can't handle it anymore and they kill themselves and Saul: It's a classic case and we think that it is very simple; to us it's a very simple thing. The master being jealous of his servant and angry with his servant because you do something better than me, that's all. Think about it; anybody can be caught, if you are a manager and you have somebody in your team, the person in the team does something better than you and you are jealous and after that, you are trying to push him down, get him out of the company, simple. See, we have to look at and apply to our own lives, how it happens. That's where it began, where did it end? Depression, suicide. That's why you have to ask this question: Why is it that suicide is so high, depression is so high among the young, the old, the poor or the rich? So, don't look at these things and think, this will take care of itself; I always say, 'It is very easy to treat a disease when at the beginning.' When you know something is happening, if you treat it in the beginning, it is much easier. Sometimes, you don't even need a full course of antibiotics, but if you delay it, delay it, delay it...and then it becomes surgery, then it becomes chemo, then it becomes...I am just using imagery, spiritually also true, deal with these things. The problem is; the Spirit of God leaves us, our goose is cooked, not baked, cooked; you are done, nobody can save you, you are done and that's what anything does.

Ezekiel 16:49, that's why we said about all these things we have to look. You could be addicted to anything, it's irrelevant. Are you addicted or are you free? Who has control over it? You or the substance? Netflix or you? Can you flick Netflix away? Or you are glued to it? Amazon Prime, whatever junk it is, whatever it is.

Ezekiel 16:49

⁴⁹ Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

What does pride stop you from? Pride stops you from coming to God, the first thing. Pride stops you from asking for help, let's think what pride does. We don't--I am not proud, that's not the question; if you are in trouble, do you ask for help? You know you are in trouble, you know you can't handle this, do you ask for help; that is the question, do you ask for help or you don't? "I will handle it on my own, I can handle it on my own."

first thing is, pride comes in. You have to look at the symptoms of pride to understand whether I am in the same boat, am I on that journey, where ultimately, a day will come like God says, "In that hour of trouble, you will cry out to me and I will look at you and laugh." He says in the book of Proverbs: I will laugh at you in the day of calamity, because I was trying all these years, Saul, to touch you, to tell you; turn back, turn back, from the beginning I was trying to turn you back when your sin was so small, when your disease was just a small infection, I was trying to turn it, turn it, turn it; you wouldn't listen. When you have pride, and you have problem; where is it manifested? What is the next word? Fullness or eating disorder. His eating disorder is constantly, almost 100% a result of depression, you have something in your soul, which is not diagnosed or you are not open about it; you are depressed, you are tormented, and the way out is eating. Fullness of bread, fullness of bread; it's an eating disorder. We are using today's term, so that we can understand old English.

And third: Abundance of idleness, you can just sit and do nothing. It's not that you do nothing, you start using that time for something you should not use it for. That's what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah. Look at the trend, this is put as an example of an individual case. Let's talk about two cities; you would not ask for help, you went into eating disorder, you are moving into perversion, and now what has happened; your entire focus is satisfying yourself. "neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy," why? You are always self centered, therefore, you are not able to see. I am not picking on people even in the church office or here or not; what I am trying to teach people is, 'watch,' one of the best things is--that's what God will ask Jeremiah, "What do you see?" and He is trying to teach Jonah, "What do you see?" 'I see a people who should be destroyed,' God says, "I see a hundred and twenty, who do not know their left from their right hand." How do you see? what do you see? This was the first thing I noticed for two Sundays, there is a gap here, did you see? Do you know when you see the whole thing, there is a discord, a little thing off. See in your life, see in the rooms you stay, like we said in the church office; when you mop your room, if I were you, I will check the corners and don't avoid the corners of your life. See, we miss a lot at the corners, yet every traffic sign will say, 'At the turning be careful,' in life too. When we become selfcentered, when you focus 'me,' 'mine' and 'myself,' then you don't see and you don't realize your hurt linked toward judgement, your whole life is about you, and you don't even realize, the devil has set you up and God wants to rescue you. God does not want to destroy, He says: I don't like seeing the destruction of the sinners, I don't like judging; He does this these things which He doesn't like. So, you have to look at all these things, do a soul check; how is my soul? Do I still hear from God? Does the Holy Spirit speak to me? See, the Holy Spirit will do things; one, He will show something and say, 'Put it right,' second thing He will say, 'Focus outside, don't look at yourself.' If you look at yourself, you will never move to next step, impossible to move next step with God; if you look at yourself, you will never move to your next stage, impossible to move next step with God, if you look at yourself; you have to look out. Your brothers are at Shechem, will you go? Here I am. He is looking outward at hostile company; ten brothers who don't even talk to him and hate him. He is not looking inward; if I go, what will happen to me, they don't like me, Shechem is the place where my brothers killed the whole city; he is not looking at him, he is looking outward; he doesn't know he is on the road to his promotion. He is sold as a slave, a man buys him, he is not looking at him; how to escape work, he is looking; how can I make my master prosper. "What do you get out of it? Aren't you a slave?" It doesn't matter, I am looking out; he has bought me, I owe it to him to see that, he prospers. And God puts him in prison. In prison, he is looking out and the warden puts everything in his charge. Two people end up in the prison; they have dreams, they are depressed; this guy is not depressed at all, though, he is the only innocent man in the entire world. He looks out and he says, "Why is your face down cast?" He is able to look out, therefore, God is able to put him up. This is what it does! This is what it means, "neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." You did not look out and see the needs of others, you only saw your needs. There are no shortcuts, God's ways never change. It is consistent from Genesis to all the way to Revelation, it is consistent; and we have to look at those and say Lord, "Help me Lord, to change, help me look around." Like I tell the little ones around, just look: What is that I can do? What is that I can do?

If Joe Biden wins, he will be the second Catholic to become the President of U.S, the first one was John F. Kennedy, and this is what Kennedy said--his most famous quoted line is this, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Kennedy is dead and gone, but that one line remains in the memory of humanity, because it tallies with the scripture. Roosevelt is gone, he is dead and gone, "You do not have to fear anything other than fear itself," tackle your fear he is talking. Why does it remain in human memory? Because it tallies with an eternal truth. That's what you need to ask,

otherwise, you make a prisoner of yourself. We all want appreciation alone, yes, we need to be appreciated, but can you function if you are not appreciated? Can you function? That rich master in parable Luke 19, he went away for a long time, he never came back, after a long--meaning; 3 people were called, all were given one mina each; he did not check, he did not send them notes of appreciation, he did not tell them, how much I care for you, he did not say anything; at the end he called them and said, "Show me what you did?" And then only, he appreciated them and two of them, without the master's eye, and without one word of encouragement, was faithful in little things. Yesterday, we had a question; the difference between obedience and faithfulness. Can you be? Can you be? These are all the attitudes of the soul and people do not realize, people are prisoners, they have made themselves prisoners and everything matters, everything matters. You train yourself, you train your soul, you speak to your soul and tell your soul; if the idea that you are receiving in the soul is not true, I am still the boss; I will speak to my soul. It is incredible how did David keep speaking to his soul. I have received the truth of God's word, and I am going to speak it to you and say "You shut up!" And listen to what the word of God is telling you and reorient your soul. So, what's the solution? We need solution, right?

<u>1 John 3:8</u>

⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Why was Jesus manifested? Why does God want to manifest Jesus in us? To destroy the works of devil in us. The fear, the vexation, the anxieties, the depression, the discouragement, all that. If you are depressed, how will you help somebody? If you are discouraged, how can you be a blessing? Be smart; deal early, as soon as you see the symptoms, don't let your wound fester. Humble yourself and ask for help, go to God because grace is given to the humble, through a man or a woman, or directly by God.

Second thing, know this; 1 John 1:9

<u>1 John 1:9</u>

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We acknowledge our fears before God, David acknowledged everything before God and he is faithful, always bank on his faithfulness.

Third; Mark 2:1-5,

<u> Mark 2:1-5</u>

¹ And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. ² And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. ³ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. ⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

You know why he was in bed? Do you know why he is tormented in soul? Because he had sinned and he needs forgiveness for his sins. The question is, what if you do not have anybody to carry you to Jesus in prayer? What if you never make yourself humble and make known your issue, you have nobody to stand in the gap and carry you to Christ. This man got healed today, because four man carried him. That's why I said; even the word, we will cut down by one day, but the prayer will not; because the amount of prayer requests, we get from around the world, and people tune in, they are tuning from everywhere. Why? Because they are looking for somebody who would carry their burden to God, and you don't even know who they are. What if nobody was there to carry him? You will die in your sickbed.

<u>John 5:5-6</u>

⁵ And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, wilt thou be made whole?

So, it does not matter how long you have been infirmed, it does not matter how long you have been tormented; Jesus can set you free. Sometimes, we look at the length of the disease and say, 'It is too hard,' my case it cannot be handled, why? 38-years. Jesus says, 'No.' It does not matter to Jesus, how long you have been in this condition. The question is this, what He asked, "Do you want to be made whole?" "Do you want to be really free?" That's the question He asks. 'Lord, I really don't want to be free; I want to be free from the consequences.' 'Can I please drink alcohol and not get high?' 'Please Lord.' 'Can I drink the whole night and go home like this, instead of all fours.' See, lot of people are not delivered because they want to be delivered from the consequences. It's like the ancient story of the Indian King, who loved Kheer; you know kheer, paisum; sweet. So, finally he is full and lying down, reclining; those days also they had recliners. With his two servants; one is pouring kheer and the other is taking it out, only thing he wants is the taste, because his stomach cannot handle it anymore. That's what basically, people say, 'Lord, I want to be healed but don't make me whole,' because once you are made whole, you are delivered from it. 'Heal me from the consequences, but please Lord, can I continue?'

The question is, "Do you want to be healed?" No. "Do you want to be made whole?" The scripture says, "Get up! Make a decision today. Get up! Stand up! Make a firm decision, stand up, get up! Stop making excuses! Pick up your mat." "Take responsibility for your own lives, stop blaming others; you are way you are because of you, yourself, because I am there for you and I told you, child of God, 'If God is for you, who can be against you?' So, stop blaming others, I am not a respecter of person, that is precisely the reason, all through the scriptures, all the people I have picked, are actually failures and I made them tremendous success to prove to the world, it doesn't matter who you are. Will you stand up and take responsibility for your life and walk at my word?" Because the power of the Lord is always there to heal, even here today, even online; I like when I am preaching online, one thing I like about that and I connected with scripture, scripture says, "When Peter was walking, they brought the sick and the lame, and laid them on the pavement, on the roads, so that his shadow would fall and they would get healed," and my question is, 'how does anointing rest on a shadow?' If anointing can rest on a shadow, anointing can rest online also. So, God had already decided on online anointing, by putting anointing on Peter's shadow because both are non-material. Because we think, we need to be present, that's not what God said, God said, "I sent my word and healed you of your infirmities. I sent forth my word and my word is enough. " It is not bound by time, don't limit it; oh, Pastor preached it on October 11th, I am hearing it on November 10th; anointing has no time limit, the word of God has no limit. This man is limited, but the word of God in this man is not limited, unless you put a limit.

Matthew 9:36

³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 14:14

¹⁴ And when Jesus went out, He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

You have to learn to plead God according to His nature, learn tricks how to pray. You look at David's prayers; he was a smart man, he was an incredible--not Solomon, this guy was genuinely a smart man who understood God, who would actually encourage himself in the Lord when he had goofed up for 16-months straight; not 16 times, 16-months straight. Now he is all alone, and he sings, "Lord, I know, I have goofed up, but I know you are a compassionate, I know you are merciful, I know

you are long suffering; what can God do? It is one boy there, who knows me. And God is not even telling him: I have forgiven you, He says, "Pursue, overtake, recover." He goes much beyond that we can think or even imagine, we are looking for forgiveness, God is saying; I want you to succeed. We are asking: God will you forgive me of my failures? He says, forget it! Now you run and finish your race. Don't you know who I am? I am your father.

First thing: We are looking at the sickness of the body, last week. If we are still sick in the body or the sickness of the soul.

James 5:14-16

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

If anyone among you are sick; acknowledge, okay. First step of coming out is, you have to acknowledge, you have a sickness; paracetamol does not help, it only takes the pain away, it does not deal with the sickness. Ultimately, sickness will come to a point where paracetamol, crocin, or Tylenol will not handle it. Okay, acknowledge you are sick. If you are angry; acknowledge you are angry person, if you struggle with jealousy; acknowledge you struggle with jealousy, if you are bitter person; acknowledge you are, because if you don't acknowledge, you will not call. If you have an addiction; acknowledge before God, this is who I am; that's the first step to deliverance, acknowledge. Everyone who came to Jesus, He healed them, so, they had to acknowledge; I am sick; either they came or they were brought. It began by a step of acknowledging. Acknowledge I have ADD when it comes to scripture; Lord, I have Attention Deficit. Lord, I am able to listen to everything, but I am not able to listen to your words, so, I have a serious issue there, it's a spiritual issue, because if it was not a spiritual issue then, I don't like listening to everything, but its not true, I need divine intervention, Lord, because success eternal is connected with the word of God. Call! Acknowledge! Call! The question is, will you call? will you call?

" Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord," what does the Bible say, "Let him call, let her call" you have to call, the elder won't call, even the elder like me, even if he knows will not call, because then I have to struggle; because when you call, you are actually making a step of faith and the Bible says, "Let him call," now, Bible does not say: Let him keep on calling. Some people have been making the same call for the past six years. Now, forget about the sickness, now, we have to rebuke your unbelief. You have to call. It has to happen, work on your faith.

Matthew 9:22

²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her, He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

Next verse, Matthew 9:28,29

Matthew 9:28

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

He just wants to know whether they are serious or not. Now, whenever He is going on the road, everybody is screaming, "David, son of David, have mercy, mercy," He thought, maybe let's see two people also shouted; maybe they are just echoing somebody's shout. That happens, no; "Hallelujah" that fellow looked, everybody is lifting their hand, let me also put my hand

up. So, He is saying: Are you serious? So, what did He do? He went from the street into somebody's house and these two guys followed Him in, then He realize; okay, you are serious.

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Matthew 9:29

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, He did not say, "Be healed," but He said, "Let it be done according to your faith. You said you believe right?"

Now, He is not an escapist; Jesus can heal anybody, many of us would try this saying, "Let it be according to your faith," meaning; if you don't get healed, don't question me. Jesus is not an escapist, He is saying: If you really believe, it will happen. Do you believe?

Second thing: Let him call, who? The elder, not the older. Elder is not a title, it's not a title, it's an office and we have to see; do we fit in that office?

1 Timothy 3:9-10, who are elders? How do you qualify in God's sight, not in committee's sight. There are committees who creates elders and there is God who anoints elders; what is that?

<u>1 Timothy 3:9-10</u>

⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰ But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.

He should hold the mystery of faith with a pure conscience; he is a man of faith. He doesn't understand how faith works, it's a mystery. How can you touch somebody by faith and get healed? How can you believe God created all these things? How can you believe? It's faith; faith is a mystery but he is somebody, who holds the mystery of faith with a pure conscience, you don't have to teach him about faith; he's a man of faith. That's a kind of man when he prays, you get healed.

"But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless," they have to be tested, God will test in heaven, we get tested on earth. Can we be tested? Can your doctrine be tested? Are you consistent in what you believe? Are you consistent? Or Monday one doctrine, Tuesday, another one; Thursday, you contradict both. Have you been tested in your doctrine? Are you consistent in your walk with God? Doesn't matter what the devil throws at you, do you get up and continue walking with God? Are you tested? God says, 'that's an elder.'

<u>1 Timothy 3:13</u>

¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Their faith is bold. They are not afraid to tackle the devil. They have a history of faith in their life, that's an elder. Bible says, "Call an elder; they are man of tested faith."

James 5:14

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

What do they should do? Pray, not chat. Lot of people call elders and they chat. "How are you"--what did you call me for! You should be absolutely to the point, like the people address Jesus. If you call me and you are sick, just say, 'Pastor, I am sick,' don't ask how I am; I am good. You did not call to ask about my wellness, you don't have to be polite in that way, you don't have to be politically correct because you have very little time. "Pastor, I am sick. Will you pray for me," done? Not to chat, call him to pray. Now, everything is online or on the phone, but the elder comes home, anoint him with oil. Don't think it's his prayer, or the oil that heals you. How does he anoint? In the name of the Lord: First remember; the name of the Lord. Third: It's the prayer of faith. So, there is prayer, faith on both ends. He calls and he prays by faith, the oil is just a symbol, a visible symbol and God says: It works well for your soul, well for your body. And he says, "The Lord will raise him up." Don't

say Benny Hinn raise him up. It's God who raises, nobody can raise. "The Lord will raise me up." Ultimately, what does it mean? Sovereignty rests with God! That is all what a man of faith can do, he can be a man of faith, and Jesus was a man of faith but in Nazareth, He couldn't do anything; they got too familiar and it blocks from believing and receiving the anointing. "And then, if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." Again...you have to see, God comes over and over to that one thing; unforgiveness blocks--that's the last thing people want to hear. You look through the Bible and you will see, in many situations, Jesus won't say, 'Be healed,' He says, 'your sins are forgiven,' 'your sins are forgiven,' 'your sins are forgiven.' What does it mean? Unforgiveness will ultimately make you sick in the body and in the soul. Even if you are okay in the body, you will be tormented in your soul.

<u>Luke 6:17-18</u>

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

Unclean spirits; these spirits cause addictions, we call them Nephilim. Personally, I believe, these are the spirits of the people who died in Noah's judgement. They were strange creatures who were a result of fallen angels and daughters of men. So, it was a strange mixture. These angels, fallen angels; rest of them all are still freely wandering around, these angels; who did not keep their proper state, Jude says: They have been imprisoned, they are not loosed because they did not keep their proper state as angel and humans. So, they lived among humans, they had this breed of people, that's why God destroyed their whole generation; they went into all kind of stuff, so, when they died, they are disembodied spirits but they know what a human lust is; they know what glutton is; they know what sex is; they know what drunkenness is; they know what drugs is; they know everything that human body experiences; so they are looking for human bodies to inhabit, to enjoy vicariously our lust through our bodies; unclean spirits. Noah's days; all kinds of people were there. So, fear, anger, these all things opens portal for them to come into you and they live through you and you have this flashes; one day you come, next day you are angry; one day you are so sweet, next day you are bitter; one is you, the other is the other manifesting through you. Jesus said, "I have come to set the captives free," that's why Jesus cast out demons.

Mark 16:17-18, this is the first thing He said,

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¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

You can cast out demons; you can do it yourself. You can call first but after that you can cast: Everything that is not of God; Leave in Jesus's name. And I promise you, try it on your own as a practice, as soon as you seriously start doing it, you start yawning and you don't know where the yawn came from because they are leaving because they are spirits; try it or your eyes will water. Try it, today go and try it. What does He say, "In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues," God gives you the Holy Spirit intervention through that tongues to handle these spiritual entities because this is done by the Spirit of God. The next verse, "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover," what does it really mean? When you are doing this with somebody, you are being protected; what is on him or her is deadly, this is a spirit, it's an unclean spirit, it's a tormenting spirit, it will not jump on you; be sure it will not jump on you; be sure you are under that name, you are working under that. Nothing jumped on Jesus, nothing jumped on Peter, nothing jumped on John, nothing jumped on Paul, you know why? Because they were standing on this, "Behold, I give you power over all the power of the enemy; you shall trample upon snakes and scorpions and they shall by no means harm you." And where are the snakes? In that person; the demonic entities and they are poisonous, they have addictions that if they jump on you, it will kill you. You will not be harmed, it will not harm you, but be careful; operate in faith, operate in faith, walk in faith.

<u>Romans 5:1-2</u>

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

First thing faith does is; declares you righteous. Second thing it does; it gives you access to the unlimited power of God. By faith we stand now in the grace of God, that's the unlimited power of God. Faith calls you righteous, faith causes you to be righteous before God. Second thing, it gives you--because we are not talking about healing alone, we are talking about walking in health; we are not talking about deliverance alone, we are talking about walking in your deliverance. See, you are declared righteous, demons are cast out, you've been delivered, you have to walk in it by faith. And you know what happens? Malachi 4:2, when you walk in faith, you walk in righteousness.

Malachi 4:2

² But to you who fear My name. The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

"But to you who fear My name," "In my name;" so, do you understand why Jesus said this is how you should pray: Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. He says: Revere my name, fear my name, hallow my name, because this is what happens to who really hallow my name, and walk in reverence before me, "when you walk in faith, you walk in righteousness. But to you who fear My name, The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves."

And you know what, in your spirit, you are getting stronger, and stronger and stronger..., body will ultimately fade, it's irrelevant, don't worry about the body; don't worry about the body, you have to look at the soul; how is your soul? Soul check, is the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in His wings over your soul? Are you ageing like Jacob? Are you ageing like Isaac? Isaac aged badly; goofed up. Jacob as he grew older and older, he is able to see, he goes far beyond Abraham, Isaac, and even his own son, Joseph; he is able to see. You know why? Because the Sun of righteousness is rising with healing under His wings. Even to the last day of his life; he is ill, he is bedridden, he is blind, but on his last day, he doesn't prophesy lying down; he rises up, he prophesises, lies down and dies. God gives him that dignity to prophesy his last words sitting up but he sees the history of his generations, all the way till Revelation, the Book of Revelation. That's how you should age! That's what happens when the Sun of righteousness rises over you with healings under His wings.

Proverbs 18:10

¹⁰ The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Put these verses together; the righteous run into His name and they are safe. Those who revere His name, the Sun of righteousness rises with healing under His wings. This is how you believe. Look at the promises of God! Side by side, revere His name, walk in His righteousness, walk in faith, and God says: You will be safe. As we close,

<u>Isaiah 53:5</u>

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

We have to go back. Why do we go back to this? Your healing, my healing, for our body and soul is free, because He paid the price. Do I deserve it? Nobody does, it's free. Can I fast for it? No, you don't have to; it's free, it is free, He paid for it. It's paid in full, not even half, it's not instalments and He say: It is finished; He says, it's paid in full. The actual Greek word is--what does it mean? 'Paid in full.' Do you know, even before any one of us fell sick, the hospital fees were paid! Paid in full.

So, this morning, let's stand up. Believe! Call it by name! Acknowledge it! Acknowledge it! And if it is a child of yours who is not here; like those four men carried, carry your children to God, don't worry about it. Somebody who doesn't believe in your family; doesn't matter, carry that person to God in prayer. Stand up and believe. First: Acknowledge; I got this issue, Lord, deliver me from this, that's the first step to solution. Second thing: like you are doing before God, stand up. Third thing: Stop making excuses, pick up your mat, stop justifying, stop blaming; the only question God ask is, "Do you want to be made whole?"

"Don't tell me; that one got before, this one didn't help me, that was the reason, last time I almost..., I don't want to hear any of these things." This is your hour, this is your time, the power of the Lord is present to heal. Simple question is: Do you believe? Do you believe? As simple as that.

Whatever it is, do you believe? The affliction of the soul, the affliction of the body; do you believe? You believe? Let's pray!

Closing Prayer:

Father, we come to You Lord, we come to You through the blood of Jesus, we come through that new and living way You have made for us; the Blood and the Body of Christ. We look into Your word, we believe, He paid the price. Our peace; because of Him, our healing; because of Him, the price was paid in whole, it's as simple as that, as simple as that. All He asked the two man is, "Do you believe, that I can do this?" Nothing complicated here, simple question asked to two men who were blind for years. Do you believe Jesus can do this? If you believe, God says, "Let it be unto you according to your faith." Father, I speak Your healing into every person who is standing here, who is standing in their homes, whatever affliction is in their body or their soul, I speak healing and speak deliverance. I command every unclean spirit to leave in Jesus' name. If they need to forgive; I pray that they will open their mouth, wherever they are and just let go, forgive, let go and I command the spirit that is tormenting them; the spirit of anxiety, fear, anger, wrath, jealousy; whatever it is, and it's manifestation in the body; I command both to leave in Jesus' name. Be healed in Jesus' name! Be made whole in Jesus' name; here, everywhere, oh Lord, Let Your people receive it in the simplicity of faith; God is good, God is able, and He longs for my deliverance. Have compassion on Your people, today, oh Lord. Thank You, thank You , thank You, thank You, thank You, Lord. For in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Benediction:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, rest and abide with each one of us, Amen! Amen!