

From The Gutter Most To The Utter Most

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Father in Heaven, we just want to thank You Lord for this time that You given to us. Lord, You're a good God and Your mercy endures forever Lord another day in Your presence, another day of Sabbath. Lord, You said honor the Sabbath for I am the God who makes you Holy. Lord this morning, even as we surrender our self, even as we heard this song 'Father in Your house there are many vessels, some for honor, some for dishonor' but Your Word says, if any man cleanses himself of the later, he will be made unto God a vessel of honor ready for the Master's use. And therefore, this morning, O Lord, I pray through the washing of the water by the Word that You'd sanctify us. Sanctify us, that You would set apart, that You'd cleanse us, our minds of all the lies that we may receive through this week, all the thoughts that we may have allowed into our minds, thoughts that are contrary to Your Word, thoughts of unbelief, thoughts that dishonored You. I pray Lord even as we receive Your Word by faith that You would cleanse us, purge us and purify us make us a little more clean, O Lord than we were last week. And even as we receive Your Word by faith, Lord Your Word says, You would pour out Your Spirit and I pray that You would pour out Your Spirit on each one of us. You said, O Lord, how good and pleasant it is for the brothers to dwell together in unity, but it is anointing that is flowing from head of the high priest Aaron on to his beard on to the rest of his body, there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even the life forever more that's what Your Word says, and I pray the Lord even as we receive Your Word that You'd anoint us, that You'd bless us, that Lord we'd take part of Your life, I pray that You impart Your life to us, that You'd impart faith to us. To that end we pray that You'd bless today's meditation. Speak to our hearts and prepare us even for Your coming. We thank You; we praise You, we worship You in Jesus' name amen.

We hear every Sunday, I mean every meeting that we come, come to listen to the Word one of the main focuses is how to strengthen our faith because without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith has many aspects many, many dimensions to it, and if you read through entire account of the heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 every testimony that is been given of the old covenant saints it is of the life of Christ the overcoming power of the believer who is in Christ, who is walking by faith. That is faith in God, not in himself but in the righteousness of God. And you will see different kinds of people all varieties of people and we learn from everybody see one of the things that you need to understand even when we fail, even when we fail, Peter said, 'Even if everybody forsakes You, I will not.' And then immediately Jesus says, 'Simon, Simon Satan has asked Me permission to sift you as wheat,' and then He says, 'I have prayed for you,' for what? 'That your faith should not fail you, and when you are restored strengthen your brothers.'

So, faith see ultimately it is faith that pleases God. No matter how much, I mean it's not that we excuse the sinful lifestyle, no it is faith that pleases God. It is the obedience that comes from faith that pleases God, not any other obedience. Obedience doesn't please God, the obedience that comes from faith pleases God. The basis of our obedience is faith. Okay faith on the faithfulness of the God, faith that in my own strength I cannot be obedient to God. No matter how much I try in my own strength it is impossible for me to fulfill the righteous requirement of God. It is impossible. You know I listen to the conversation among children you know. Recently a conversation came to my ear, I don't want to mention the name of the person, he or she is right here in our midst okay she was he/she was saying, 'Mama I do not like the fact that father is so happy about prodigal son but he is never seen being the happy about elder son. After all, the elder son, he never sinned, he kept a pure life. I mean he lived a pure life I mean this kind of inclination of the father towards this prodigal is something which I cannot re-conceal in my mind.' I am articulating thoughts of the person who mentioned this okay. I am shocked, I said, 'Boy! See we don't realize the holiness of God, we do not.'

Yesterday pastor was talking about Holiness of God. We see the true people I mean, one person at least, one person had a glimpse, the glimpse, a vision of the holiness of God. When he enters into the temple and he looks and by the time he was prophesying left right and center and pronouncing woe's on every categories of people! And then he looks at the holiness of God then he says, 'Woe is me! I am undone!'

See it doesn't matter where we stand, it is faith that pleases God. We look at different kinds of people in the Bible every example it says *—all the Scriptures have been given to us, so that through the patient and comfort that scriptures provide we might have, what? Yes, boy! Hope. That we might have hope when we look at worst case scenario. Okay. My goodness there is hope. You see, the vilest offender truly believes, when that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. So, we see different categories of people and you what God looks and shows us different, different example and one of the reason why He shows us most of the time the worst case scenarios is that, 'You*

know what, you see that I extended the mercy to that kind of the person, if you repent and have that kind of a faith how I treated this person I will also treat you.' that is the reason why we come to ministry of the Word of God what else where else we have completely abandoned ourselves upon the mercies of God. So, this morning I want to look at one interesting character from Hebrew 11 verse 31,

Hebrews 11:31

³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

By faith, what is that? The harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe. The word 'did not believe' also rendered in the other translations as with 'those who were disobedient.' I told you right, believing and obedience go together. They are not mutually exclusive, sometimes you might have obedience, but you might not have faith, that kind of obedience is not acceptable to God; this is obedience which comes from faith, okay. So, with those who did not believe she received the spies with peace, then two people are compared in another epistle, you have one father of faith and another character, both of them are put together, just a position of two interesting characters. Let me show you another place this person is mentioned with her title.

James 2:23-25

²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. And verse 25 look at how it starts, *likewise* now what is comparison here? ***was not Rahab the harlot***, you see ***also justified by works***? Boy! So that is the reason why you need faith. What is that is we look for? Coming back to this verse Galatians 5:6,

Galatians 5:6

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision matter nor uncircumcision matter but what matters is faith working itself through love and in NLT translation its very interesting look at what it says, ***"for when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, okay look at that when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself through love."*** And Jesus commends faith He gets excited with faith and two people He marveled at the faith, and He marveled at the unbelief. He marveled at faith of gentiles, and He marveled at the unbelief of the so-called people of God. It's incredible He marveled and He could not do many mighty miracles in their presence because of their unbelief, and He marveled that these guys had unbelief. And on the other hand the other kind of people who were whom you just rot off and said these guys are unfit for anything He looks at them and says, 'Such great faith have not seen not in Israel, many will come from east and west everybody will be sitting in the on the table around the Abraham's table but the people in the kingdom will be sent outside,' you see this kind of the response look at what it says Luke's Gospel chapter 4 how He puts the knives and twist, this is interesting.

Luke 4:24-27

²⁴ Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country ²⁵ But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country He is accepted everywhere except in His own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land, but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. Who is this widow? Gentile widow and many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except, what,

Naaman the Syrian.” who are these two people? Gentiles. And immediately you will see the reaction. Whenever people pick up stones, it’s something you should pause and think. Why did they pick up stones? Because they got mighty offended, ‘How dare you compare us with those gentiles?’ and what do they wanted to do? So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with angry, and they wanted stone Him and throw Him in the cliff etc.

See all of us, one of the things that I realized over a period of time, in my walk as a believer with Lord, God shows no partiality; there is no partiality with God. You seek God, you will find Him, if you do not seek God, you will not find Him. It’s a very simple equation and it’s as simple as that you seek Him you will find Him. If you seek him with what? All of your heart. The problem is that many of us don’t do that, so many bottle necks. Look at Jeremiah chapter 9 about uncircumcision and circumcision. Jeremiah, chapter 9 this is the chapter that says, ‘let not rich man boast in his riches and let not the wise boast in his wisdom, let not the strong man boast in his strength, let him boast that he knows Me that I am a God who loves, what?, Righteousness and judgment. And in this I delight.’ And then goes on to say Jeremiah 9 verse 25 onwards.

Jeremiah 9:25-26

²⁵ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised ²⁶ Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.”

Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised kya baat hai Egypt then Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab and all in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in their hearts. That is the reason why neither circumcision matters nor uncircumcision matters. What matters? Expression of faith is important. What matters is the expression of your faith; what do you stand and where do you stand? Look at what it says Romans 2 one of my favorite verses I took at it so many times chapter 2 verse 25

Romans 2:25-27

²⁵ For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶ Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? ²⁷ And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become what? Uncircumcision and therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law. Now think about that, what are righteous requirements of the law? Anybody? Exactly, what is the righteous requirement of the law? If he loves the Lord; love is the fulfillment of the law. If he loves the Lord, like we’ve been hearing about David, one man who loved the God. If he fulfills the righteous requirements of the Law will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? And then it goes on to says, will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that out of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God okay. Romans chapter 2 what is that? Righteous requirement Romans chapter 13 will say that,

Romans 13:9-10

⁹ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law, an expression of righteousness. My righteous shall live by faith. These are just preliminary, but I just want to understand, what is this faith of the harlot? What kind of faith did she have? I mean every time you read this, we find so many different things. I just want to look at that today this morning and I hope this will encourage you. Look at what it says in Joshua 2 and this is, look at few verses in Joshua chapter 2 and we will make our comments even as we move forward Joshua chapter 2 this is where Rehab has been introduced for us first time in the Bible.

Joshua 2:1

¹ Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho."

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly saying go view the land especially Jericho. Now this is again every time you read the Bible it's a type, it's a pattern. Joshua is a type of Christ the spies, who are been sent out are disciples who have been sent into the mission field, and how are they sent? In two's where are they sent? To Jericho, what is Jericho? A type of the world, what is Jericho mean? Jericho means under the influence of the moon god or the influence on the powers of darkness. This is the type of the world and what has happened? Joshua is a type of Christ, two spies what are they supposed to do? They go to they have to spy secretly very interesting details which have been given the typology is over here. Mark's Gospel chapter 6 this is what Jesus says.

Mark 6:7

⁷ And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

And He called the twelve to Himself and began to send them what? Two by two and gave them power over unclean spirits. So, this is basically the sending of the disciples into the mission field. Okay so you need to understand you might come to God in different, different ways but ultimately it is through the message that has been preached that you will be saved. Okay, its God had never changed that order very rarely He does that, okay so unless and until faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. But how can you hear unless you have a what? Preacher, how can you have a preacher unless he has been what sent? You see that is important and what does he say you go and spy secretly what does that mean? Spy secretly means this is very important again Matthew chapter 10

Matthew 10:16

¹⁶ "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and be what? Harmless or innocent as doves let not the world system touch you, but use your discretion, and go and save the people who are supposed to be saved, whose names are already been written in the Lambs book of life. So, this is the pattern, this is the type of Joshua, a type of Jesus, the spies are type of ministers of Gospel, where are they being sent? They are being sent to the world Jericho, the type of world, which is under the influence of the powers of the darkness and the Bible says that Jericho was tightly shut in because of the children of Israel; none could go out and none could enter. That means this is the world which is like completely trying to insulate itself from the influence of the Gospel. Okay I am telling you peach anything, you teach anything people will enjoy and you know they will accept you, but the movement you start talking about Christ you will see the opposition okay. You talk about Christ, you talk about good works, you talk about doing good things, oh they will say 'fantastic' but when you talk about Christ you will see them they are tightly shut in. So, type of Christ where are they being sent? Sent into the world and where did they come?

Joshua 2:1-2

¹ Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. ² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."

So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab. Now where is Rahab? Rahab is in Canaan, what is Canaan? Canaan means the place where merchandise is a place of merchandise, what is she doing? She is the person who is selling herself for money; who has been sold out, whatever she had in her power, she is using that willing to earn money. And one of the things that she realizes is that it is not satisfying her at all. Okay you need to understand you read the book of Ecclesiastics.

The Derek Prince calls him 'the Holy Spirit inspired back slider'. And what does he say? 'Vanity, vanity all is vanity. I tried everything under the sun. I tried even righteousness and holiness and I found that it doesn't satisfy me.' It does not satisfy me, and there is a person there. God knows who are His. Okay nothing is an accident, nothing is an accident in my life I look at back in my life I see the series of incidents that had happened in my life. Beginning from the university that God choose for me, beginning from the university God choose for me in India. He shut down

every other Master's university and sent me to that university only. I was trying to go to different, different places Delhi, Chennai, Kharagpur, etc, etc Mumbai. All doors were shut because no other IIT had such powerful church at that time. And I met Shibu, or rather I went and fell into the arms of the Shibu. You see everything that happens in your life, if you'd look back you will see divine poking of God, intervention of God in your life.

And God knows, He looks at the entire Jericho and He looks at the one person who's searching and he says, 'I'm sick and of tired being a harlot, selling my body and I know this is not going to last for long. One day they will use and throw me that's it, I will be out of business and what is going to happen to me is not satisfying me. I'm not only destroyed myself, I'm destroying so many homes. I'm sick and tired of this life.' And you know what good news comes in the form of two strangers, that is the reason why Bible says in *Hebrews 13:2* - *be careful when you entertain strangers in doing so some are what entertain what? Angels.* You know what the word 'angel' means, 'messenger'. Stranger means entertain stranger one single word in Greek language philoxenia which means 'love the stranger' don't have Sinophobia these are messenger of the Gospel. These have come into the house. Now your entire salvation lies in how you are going to respond not only to the Message, but also to the messenger of the Gospel. The salvation is not just for you but for your entire household.

There is one person there searching and says, 'Lord, this life of defeat and rejection. I'm trying to sale my body for what Lord? And I know one day they are going to use me and throw me.' that is exactly what the world does. Somebody told me, I was listening to somebody that if your resume reaches somebody's office and if your age reaches above 45 your resume is rejected automatically. Actually, if you come to the Kingdom of God your actual career starts around 50 basically it takes lot of time to prepare you. You see? But in world they need your talent your expertise etc, if you're not talented if you cannot give your company anything, slowly they will say, 'You are useless, put him aside. Do something to get him out.' This person is like, 'Lord, is there any hope for me?'

I titled today's teaching as 'From The Gutter-most To The Uttermost' the faith that takes you from the gutter-most to the uttermost. I mean this is an incredible journey of faith, my dear brothers. But how does one reach that point? Where you're experiencing this mercy of God, it all depends upon certain works of faith that she does, I told you right. Obedience that comes from faith pleases God, not just your obedience, but the obedience that comes from faith pleased God. lets read Joshua chapter 2 once again.

Joshua 2:3

³So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."

So, the king of Jericho sent to Rahab saying, bring out the man who have come to you who have entered your house for they have come to search out all our country. So, who is the king of Jericho? Satan himself, who is he against? The messengers of God, let me tell you one something there is a demonic agenda targeted specially against the messengers of God, it is incumbent upon the body of Christ to pray and seek the face of God for those people who have been given the office of preaching the Word. That is the reason why I will strike the Shepherd and what will happen to the sheep? They will scatter, so what is the incumbent about all of us, to pray and seek the well-being of those people who have been give the charge of teaching and preaching the Word of God. Otherwise, you cannot become complete, you will be tossed by every wind of doctrine there is no completion in our life, there is no perfection in our life. How do we reach the perfection of faith? How so we reach the perfection of the measure, of the stature of the fullness of the Christ? You know how, through fivefold anointing, the fivefold gifting; the apostles, the prophets, the evangelist, the pastors and the teachers. And this fivefold gifting are paramount. It is through the preaching of the Word people get saved. It is through the foolishness of preaching, people become children of God.

God has chosen that process it is not lecturing, it is not discussing; it is preaching, it is proclaiming the truth. I was talking to somebody. I think I was talking to brother Wesley the other day, he said, 'Every time you talk, when you have an encounter with the principality and powers of darkness it is the truth-encounter. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free, you see you need to understand. So there is something there, it is a demonic agenda and what does it, what is his agenda? To somehow discredit and destroy the messenger, if not the Message, if they can get hands on the messenger.'

You know, there was one great man of God in Ramagundam, his name is Pastor Suresh, one of the stalwarts of the IPC movement in Telangana. You know when he was, he passed away when he was very young around 60 years old and people in the hospital who were praying for him, it was just before he was passing away, I mean he was in the

hospital and all the pastors who were being mentored by him they came together and started praying and praying and praying and one of the pastor said, 'You know what, Lord please Lord spare this man because to prepare another man like this, another man which is going to impact so many lives, it's not going to be easy. Lord somehow, Lord, protects him, preserve him, save his life.' I mean I was touched by that prayer, because you know what? You can, you can create prophets of Baal 450 slaughtered, again 450 rise up and are slaughtered again, you can slaughter all the prophets of Baal but within no time they will come back again. But to make a one Elijah, one Elijah oh what is the process Zarephath, Cherith, Carmel, Horeb, Jordan, Ai my goodness so many places he have to go through so many purging and cleansing and testing and removing of the flesh, so the one man of God is totally surrounded to the purpose of God and for the glory of God and he has no other selfish ambition at all in his life. It is not easy to prepare one man of God.

And therefore it is incumbent upon the Church to preserve those people who have been ordained in our lives to preach the Word and to speak the truth in to our lives it is absolutely incumbent and we will be held accountable for the prayers that we have done for our pastors who taught us the Word, because I mean the another day when we were celebrating. Why do we celebrate pastors birthday? Does anyone say, 'what is this, partying like little children?' You know why? Because it says in 1 Timothy 5 verse 17

1 Timothy 5:17

¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Those who are the elders and those who labor in the doctrine and the preaching of the word should be counted for what? Double honor, double honor. So, it is incumbent understand this, understand this, our salvation is intricately connected to the messengers as well, understand that okay.

Joshua 2:8-9

⁸Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

What is this faith? What is this faith? That takes you for the gutter most to uttermost. The first aspect of this faith, first aspect respect and preserving the people who preach into your lives, second the fear of Lord that trumps the fear of man. The faith that trumps fear of man, what is that faith? The faith that produces the fear of God. She looks at them and says, 'You know what? I know your God. Oh boy!' That is the reason why John the Baptist says, 'Oh! You brood of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' Oh, you brood of viper. Who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth fruit meet of repentance.' Did he change the message for the Pharisees? No, to the Pharisee he taught the same message, and for the normal crowd, 'brood of viper,' 'brood of viper' normal crowd were cut to their heart and said, 'Preacher! what shall we do?' Pharisees said, 'Who are you? Who sent you? Can you give me your credentials? Can you give me your ordination paper?' "I will tell you my ordination paper, 30 years in the wilderness hidden by God, eating locust and wild honey, cutting my flesh, practicing a lifestyle of fasting and pray, humbling myself before God, being purged by the wilderness." What are you eating? Locust and wild honey. You know why, you read the book of Leviticus, there is only one insect which on four legs you can eat, which is clean, you know what it is? Locust, I believe that God made that provision for John the Baptist, nobody else, how many of you look at locust and salivate?

How many will you say that? Nobody right? Do we fry locusts? No. We eat all the animals on the table 'jeevarasuluani undali manaki' the entire national geography channel was on the Solomon's table except the loin and etc. Loin was on the throne basically he had lion apparently, he made lion throne. 13 years he built his temple and 7 years he built God's temple that was not his plan by the way he only executed the plan. How much does it cost for execution? How much do you pay the mason and how much will you pay for architect? Who is more important? Architect is important. So what is the first thing? This is the faith which trumps the fear of man because it produces in you the fear of God. Look at what it says, fear of man will hamstring your faith, which will actually cause unbelief. Look at what it says in John's Gospel chapter 12,

John 12:42

⁴²Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in Him think, think about it. You see this all are emotional conversion even demons believed and they by the way they tremble they have emotions. So demons have emotions and they tremble, okay they also know, because they say, 'Paul I know, Jesus I know but who are you?' 'We know Thou art the Son of God.' They know, okay. Then they say, 'I will go back to my house,' they have a will, they have knowledge and they have emotions and they trembling. So demons also believe and Pharisees also believe, look at what it say, **but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Jesus lest they should be put out of the synagogue**, *synagogue* means their company their peer group, the peer group. Nowadays we have peer groups for everything very soon there will be peer group of teenagers with their own WhatsApp group and their forwards, discussing, gossips.

Now let me tell you young people, you go to college the pressure will be upon you to conform and they you will say, 'Lord I am trying to lead a godly life. That fellow is getting GRE top rank and this fellow is getting top university this fellow is getting top scholar ship what is happening to me?' God will not come and say Vijay no problem, okay it happens, you know what, He says, He told, 'Hey Jeremiah you should not be influenced by them, but you should influence them. What happened to your influence? I ordained you a prophet to pull down, to pluck out, to build and to plant. What are you doing? What has happened to your testimony? Does your stand challenge the people?' You will have a peer group.

Daniel took a stand you know why, Why Daniel entire book of Daniel is perverted on one verse? What is that? *Daniel purposed in his heart that he will not defile himself with the food that comes from the kings table*, that's it! Period. That's it, revelation and all other things started later. You take a stand for God, you will have pressure, when you go into the colleges, how all my children they are protected now. You know GTLC they will say, 'Pappa! I want to study this and that,' is it? Okay really? I will send you to college one day and then I will see you what happens to your faith, You can make all this claims now like Peter, 'Even if everybody forsakes,' the proof of pudding will be then, but now of course, now the problem is the schools are also compromised and homes are also compromised, so as it is in the world so as in the home. So what's the big deal? They will say, 'Might as well conform.'

You know Derek prince says every time I used to pray pardon us miserable sinners, and then I said you know what I can sin if am not going to Church I never feel so miserable okay, now problem is people in the world are okay they are not miserable, people in the Church if they go into the world they are neither happy in the Church, nor are they happy in the world, what are they? Miserable.

So look at what it says lest they be put out of the synagogue for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. What will they think? What will they think? What is your cast? Outcast, that is my cast. OC you know that's what you will write in your application form, OC outcast. This pressure when you go to universities, 'Vijay what you are Christian? So reservation?' I was so angry, and I said, 'Reservation? Reservation? And I said certain things which I am not supposed to say now. There is a nice Telugu joke, but no subtitles hahaha! Look at this, see this is incredible okay the fear of man and the hunger for the approval of men blinds you, blinds you to an incredible miracle that has happened in your own life and in your own family. You are not able to see, you are not able to see the hand of the God, you know why? The approval of man trumps even the grates miracle, that is the reason why when lot of people saw signs and wonders and miracle, they said you know what? We believe you you're the Messiah, Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, you know why? Because He knew what was in man. He knew. Look at one example John's gospel chapter 9

John 9:18-19

¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight. The most incredible miracle; a person who is born blind, can see now, the problem is He did it on a Sabbath day just to stir them up. Okay until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them saying, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' Please can you explain, look at how the fear no man trumps the fear of God. Look at what they say?

John 9:20-23

²⁰ *His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."* ²² *His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him.*

Their parents said, 'Look ma no hands' 'I have nothing to do with him.' His parents answered them and said, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but by what means he now see is, sorry that is open to discussion. You ask him, he is of age, why are you asking us? Why are you making us responsible?' You know why, we want to stay in the synagogue.

You see how people with, with name and fame how they come it the middle of the night in the darkness of the night Sanhedrin, Nicodemus he came in the darkness of the night so that nobody can see him it going to meet a rabbi, so called, with a with a questionable reputation. That is the reason why Jesus says, 'If you deny Me, I will deny you.' Are you proud of Jesus? How many really proud of Jesus? What He has done in your life. I like what Zac Poonen say, 'Sare jahase aacha CFC hamara.' I said, thank you okay induction, mathematical induction okay. You said it, I am also saying it, 'Sare jahase aacha GTC hamara.' You can say, I can also say. I mean you should see, the problem is that if you are not proud of the things that you are doing for God, why are you doing? Like today pastor was telling, he sent a forward by Francis Schaeffer how many of you read it, I mean it's interesting, it's our privilege that He used us. And you are not even proud of it,

"But by what means he now sees we do not know." Why? Look at what it says, his parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews has agreed already that if anyone confessed that He is Jesus, Jesus was the Christ he would be put out of the synagogue. Look at how the fear of man trumps and you are blinded to a miracle that had happened to your own life. People receive their miracles they come to Jesus they come to the Church they receive their miracles. But who healed you, who touched you? They don't want to confess, lest they be put out of their own synagogues. What synagogue is that? That's not the synagogue of God; it's a synagogue of Satan if you are not able to confess Jesus. Who touched you? Another example Jeremiah chapter 38 Jeremiah chapter 38 this is King Zedekiah okay.

Jeremiah 38:14

¹⁴ *Then Zedekiah the king sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance of the house of the LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."*

Then King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah the prophet and had him brought to the third entrance to the temple of the LORD. Secret, secret, secret meeting with the prophets. I am going to ask you something please, okay the king said to Jeremiah, 'Do not hide anything from me.' Jeremiah is like you know by this time he is like frustrated, these people they don't, I mean he is all by himself okay I mean you should feel for Jeremiah really, really, he didn't have people in this congregation except Baruch. Baruch also was like, he look at Baruch and said you know, I know you're the faithful scribe but one thing Baruch, Baruch do not expect for yourself. Don't seek great things for yourself. Baruch don't, that guy said, 'Okay sir,' he started writing his prophecies, only Baruch and Jeremiah. That's it! Nobody else, nobody else. Even those people who stayed back, who did not go into captivity, they came to Jeremiah and said, 'Jeremiah, can you tell us what to do? We will do whatever you say. Should we go to Egypt?' They've already made-up their mind to go to Egypt. This people who already have experienced this, what we say, the judgment of God, then they are still not going to you know. There is one saying in Telugu, 'chinta chachina pulpu chavaledu' meaning, meaning even if you kill the tamarind the taste will be same taste. I mean I cannot explain that in you see you should know the language. That's what I told you no, HABIT means you take away the 'H' what do you have ABIT you take, you cut off the A you will have BIT you take off the B you will have IT, that's how it is. Its sticks to you. Two different kinds of ways of cleaning a car, one way is to take the paint of the car, the other is to take the rust of the car, which is difficult, sticks like rust.

I am going to ask you something, the king said to him, 'Do not hide anything from me,' next verse.

Jeremiah 38:15-16

¹⁵ *Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."* ¹⁶ *So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives, who made our very souls, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."*

Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I give you an answer will you not kill me? Already this I proved to you, and you are unfaithful, you will kill me. Will you not kill me? Even if I did give you counsel, you would not listen to me, what is the whole point? What's the whole point? Think about it no. In hindsight, in hindsight see all the time we always look back in time okay, in hindsight who was a fool? Zedekiah is a fool, who was a smart guy? Jeremiah was the smart guy. Whoever believed in the words of the prophets Jeremiah was a smart guy. And all the time you know what we always people in our generation we will not listen to the prophet, and when we will go astray, 'Arrey! I should have listened to that prophet.' Then maybe our generation will say, 'Arrey! They should have listened to these people,' another generation will say. What's the whole point? What's the whole point in telling you the truth? Zedekiah swore this oath secretly to Jeremiah. You see how this guy does not what to confess his alliance with the prophet. As surely as the Lord lives, who has given us breath I will neither kill you nor hand you over to the house to those who want to kill you, you know goes on say,

Jeremiah 38:17-19

¹⁷ Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you surely surrender to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live; this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live. ¹⁸ But if you do not surrender to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans; they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.' "¹⁹ And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they abuse me."

You see, I am telling you my dear brothers and sisters, you do not realize how much the fear of man is in our hearts. How much of the prejudices that we have. How much we live for the opinions of man. How much we desire people to approve us. You know we, we will pray that prayer 54 17 Isaiah what is that *every lying tongue that raise against you in judgment we shall condemn, for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord* and the very next word will say in NASB translation it says *and our vindication comes from You*, who should vindicate you? God.

Look at the temptation that Jesus had to face on the cross okay He is dying, 'If you're the Son of God, you know what the Bible says when He was reviled, He did not threaten but continued to entrust Himself, what? To the One who is gonna judge righteously, to the vindication of the Holy Spirit after three days in the grave. He took the risk of being called a sinner, of being called the cursed of God. Yes, indeed He was a curse of God, but He was not cursed, but He became a curse for us, there is a lot of difference, but who is going to believe that?

That is the reason why the Bible says, in Isaiah chapter 15, '*Lord who has believed our report.*' I am afraid of the Jews, who have gone over to the Babylonians, for the Babylonians may hand me over to them and they will mistreat me. What? Mistreat him? He was scared. You see, the decision had to be taken now. And God is going to test you in little, little things. Whether you will remain faithful to God in those little, little tests and pressures God allows in your life is in your hands. How are you going to respond to them? How are you going to respond to the lack? How are you going to respond to sickness? How are you going to respond to problems in relationships in your home? How are you going to respond to misunderstandings in a family? How are you going to respond? The temptation to vindicate yourself.

Joseph comes to my mind, you know what he said? Lord, I am innocent. Vindicate yourself, vindicate your servant. 13 years, but one day God vindicated His servant. Let me tell you something God will vindicate His servants, because the vindication comes from Him. Look at what it says in Jeremiah chapter 38

Jeremiah 38:20

²⁰ But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver you. Please, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you. So it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.

You know what he says next verse if you tell what you told me I will kill you! Shush! That is the reason why Proverbs chapter 29 verse 25 what does it says.

Proverbs 29:25

²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

The first thing Rahab learnt is that it is better to fear God than man.

Proverbs 14:27

²⁷The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

The fear of the Lord is fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. What is it? The fear of God is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. When you fear God, in all the people in the Jericho there was one lady who was an harlot where you expect the least fear of God, she feared God and God visited to her with the Gospel. God is not a respecter of persons. Acts chapter 10 look at what it says in Acts chapter 10.

Acts 10:1-2

¹There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ²a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household. Similarly, Rahab feared God and all her household will be saved. How many of you want your household to be saved? Lift up both hands, okay good, if you want your household to be saved one of the prerequisite you have to say, 'Lord, Lord I want live with the fear of God, fear of God.' Look at the subtlety of a person who does not have the fear of God. You want to see? Okay, it's a very interesting Psalm, these verses actually get accentuated when you read a particulate verse in different translations, Telugu translation it drives you crazy only but I am because you're not Telugu people I will give you Psalm 36 in verses 1 and 2 in NIV translation, consider carefully,

Psalm 36:1-2

¹I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before their eyes. ²In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin.

I have a message from God in my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked. Who are this wicked? He is defining, definition how do I know its definition? There is a colon okay when you do mathematics this is colon, definition. Who is the wicked? The person who does not have fear of God where? Before their eyes, no fear of God at all. Look at what it says, in their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin. Put that in your spiritual pipes and smoke it, read it again, the wicked, what do they do? They flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin, now think about its no to detect you sin is one level, to hate you sin is different level and who are the primary candidates for deliverance. Deliverance for the disparate DD, there is one and what happens? This guy is actually flatters himself, he thinks, you know what it doesn't matters, there is no fear of God. What does he do? He flatters himself too much to detect his sin or even to hate it, actually the word is iniquity, what is iniquity?

Iniquity is always judging by the wrong standards. I'll tell what the iniquity is one standard for you and one standard for another that is iniquity. In-equity okay, where is it found? It is found, it first started with Satan, iniquity; one standard for you and another standard for the other brother. You judge yourself very lightly, but on the other person you put stones only. He flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. Let me our self this question, how many of us genuinely hate our sins? We talk about besetting sin, you know very people, only one person I am saying in the entire congregation and that too, reluctant, 'I don't know really I hate my sin,' really honestly ask our self, 'I hate this thing about me,' 'I hate the way I think,' 'I hate the way I am ungrateful,' 'I hate the way I allowed dirty thoughts into my mind,' 'I hate the way I disrespect my parents,' 'I hate the way I dishonor the eldership,' 'I hate the way I come late,' 'I hate the way I am disorderly,' 'I hate the way I live.' How many of us really, really hate?

We flatter ourselves too much, my dear brothers and sisters to even detect or hate, the problem is, you will have a solution to your problem only when you detect your sin. If you do not have detection, there is no solution. If there is no diagnosis, how can you have a cure? But the problem is in your heart because don't have the fear of God, what do you do? You flatter yourself too much to hate your sin or to even detect your sin. Think about it, once you know that you have sickness in your body, do you love it? Let it be there, I love it. No, you want that fellow to get out of your system. You will thank Vijaya diagnosis, and the first the doctor who recommended Vijaya diagnosis, what do you have? A medically diagnosed inequality, I like inequalities no, sugar level less than equal to, greater than equal to, sometimes greater than equal to inequality, less than is equal to is save zone, equal to border line.

Think about it because they don't have the fear of God. So Rahab has the fear of God and she looked at her life and hate this life! How long will I be selling my body, and making a living? How long? I hate this life! I hate this sin! Think

about that my dear brothers and sisters. You can never get rid of a habit unless and until you hate it, don't be like Pharaoh when do you want the frogs to go? Tomorrow. How many if you really look at frog? These people are doing dissection and trisection with the frog. I am saying, 'Thank God I did not get into MBBS.' This dissection, trisection will not work with me they will cut it, they will put it in the solution and they do all kinds of things. That would not be possible with me. Okay, all the animal and me we have a nice relationship; okay you don't disturb me I don't disturb me. Even a Pigeon, pigeon, I can't stand them. I call that guy and say, 'Can you please get rid of the pigeon,' 'Pigeon sir?' 'Yes please, pigeon, please.' Animals and me one arm distance, actually several kilometers distance. There is no fear of God, when you don't hate your sin, when you don't detect your own sin, you know what the reason is? Why you are not able to detect your own sin, you know why? Because you don't have the fear of God. You don't have the fear of God. Oh my dear brothers and sisters, you know what? Let there is be a generation of young people who say, 'Lord fill me with the fear of God. Fill me with the fear of God.'

Thy Word have I hidden in my heart, that I will not sin against You, that I will fear Your judgments.

Second thing, Rahab had the faith of a harlot, took her from the gutter most to the uttermost. She was willing to suffer with the people of God than be judged by God with the world, she was willing. Are you willing? What if you are found out? That you gave asylum to the people of God, what if you are found out? I will rather die, with the people of God. Rather die put in my hand with the church than to compromise and to rule and to betray the blood-bought saints of the God. Do we have those convictions? That is the reason why Uriah an uncircumcised fellow comes to David, and he say sir the ark of the covenant my God, Joab everybody is in the tent, and you are asking me to go and sleep when they are risk their life for my safety. I would rather die with them, rather than compromise and stay and be judged with the world and be safe. I think it was some CEO of the company the greatest risk in your life is not to take a risk fantastic life I will not do this I will not do this you will never grow. I will tell you something, in research also I have seen this, you know who are the people who actually succeeded in the research? Those people who said, 'Vijay this idea will work,' I am not like that, I will be wondering, 'If it doesn't work, this will not happen, that will not happen,' so many 105 doubts I will have, one guy will be there, younger person he will come to lab and he say, 'Vijay, this will work.' Arey, how? I have an intuition, we will go with the intuition, it will work. See! It will work, you see.' And you know what 9 out of 10 times it will work. But if you failed at least you tried.

But here you will never fail.

Hebrews 11:25

²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin. Jericho your days are numbered, worlds days are numbered my dear brothers, the wall are about to fall. The wrath of God has been poured out against all ungodliness against all the unrighteousness. God who suppresses the truth in their unrighteousness, Matthew chapter 10 verse 28 look at what it says.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

And do not fear those who kill the body by cannot kill the soul, who is He saying this to? The disciples who are sent into the mission field. 'What will happen, what will happen, what will happen? Will they persecute me, will they put me in prison?' "Okay let me tell you the equation, I will not promise that they will not persecute you, in fact in this world you will have tribulation for sure but be of good cheer for I have overcome. Blessed, are you rejoice and be exceedingly glad when you suffer for My name sake, rejoice great is your reward in Heaven. Do not fear."

I would choose rather to hold on to the people of God than to betray the blood bought saints of God. Let me have those convictions, I ask my God every day, what about you? What about you? You have to make these choices now, my dear brothers and sisters, not then.

Third, *you receive the messengers and the message of God!* Receive, look at what it says in Hebrews chapter 11 verse 31, it's very interesting.

Hebrews 11:31

³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had what? Received the word for receive is fantastic you know where else it occurs, look at what it says in Matthew chapter 10 receive the spice in peace with peace look at what it says in Matthew chapter 10 verse 11 onwards.

Matthew 10:11-12

¹¹ "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. ¹² And when you go into a household, greet it. ¹³ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, now who is found worthy in entire place called Jericho? One person Rahab the harlot, the least expected place. Where Lord where Lord where are we going to lead ah to that inn, to that brothel. Oh brothel! Yes, there is one person who is worthy. Can you imagine? Can you imagine? Coordinates, where is it? GP, yes, it is locked - on the city wall, in the inn called 'the brothel of Jericho' whatever the name, 'Hotel California' I don't know. It's there worthy inquire and when you go into a house, what should you do? Greet it, means what? Preach the Gospel. What does it mean? What is greeting there? Those day how do they greet themselves, the Jews people? 'Shalom' means 'peace be to you,' not like asalam malikum peace be upon him etc., No, sorry my dear brothers, from the other Abrahamic race, but see peace they all copied by the way, what do they say? Asalam malikum, which is again Arabised version of shalom. Okay salam, India, namaskar is Hindi, okay.

And when you go into the house, greet it, means say, 'Peace, glad tidings of peace I bring to you,' what is that? Gospel of peace. That is how you greet. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. Kya baat hai! That means, they will be peace, peace; there will be peace among the both of you, they will receive your Word. That is the reason why Paul says when we came to you, when we brought the Word of God to you, you did not, what? Receive it. You remember that word receive, receive it as the words of man but as it was in the Truth, the very Word of God, which effectively works in those who believe. Okay so, ***greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.*** I am telling you something, I believe a spiritual transaction takes place every time when you preach the Word, you will know when a congregation or certain people in the congregation who are sons of peace. And when you see, I mean it's a spiritual transaction that is going on, you know like Jesus says no when He is walking suddenly one girl, one lady with the issue blood touches His virtue has flowed through me. What has happened? Women of peace, there is faith over there, there is seeking there, there is hunger over there, there is hunger and thirst, not for healing, not for promotion, not for money, not for deliverance, not for anything. But for what? Righteousness, righteousness, there is hunger and thirst for righteousness over there, and that person is seeking for righteousness. He is seeking to live a right life before God, and he says, 'Lord, give me something today, encouraging me and empower me, so that I can receive Your righteousness.' Do you know what happens? Peace goes, because what? Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost that's the Kingdom of God.

How many of you want to life a right life before God? Even in your thoughts, I am challenging you young people, how many of you guard your mind? From not receiving anything, if that's what he says guard your minds, think on those things which are noble, which are peaceable etc, etc, etc. Which bring forth peace, which bring forth perfection, which bring forth completion in your life, which brings wholeness in your mind and therefore in your body. Otherwise let your peace return to you. And you know what you should do? Ultimately go to the end of the town and dust your feet. Look at what it says,

Matthew 10:14-15

¹⁴ And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Lot of people receive you, but they will not receive your words. You, they will love. I don't have any problem with you, but with your Word. You know what, a man of God is nothing apart from the Word. What is he apart for the Word? The very Son of God, when He came, it says 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and He is called the Word of God.' Understand, and ***whoever will not receive you or not hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust***, in other words, what is dust signifying? All the thoughts that they may have given you. Arey! This Gospel! this thing, that thing,' they will say, 'No, hey, this doesn't work,' they will put doubt, unbelief and they will try to convert you. You know what you should do? "Sorry, out!" You know what it says? Paul went to Athens, and after he gave this entire discourse and he talked about righteousness, judgment, repentance etc and the

resurrection of the dead, and the movement they heard about the resurrection of the death everybody started saying, 'Hai hai hai,' they started mocking. Some said, 'We will hear about it later,' some clung back to him and believed. You know what Paul did? After they made that statement, he made a full stop and he got out of the place, out. 'I am not going to stay one more second in a place of unbeliever or doubt.'

Tell yourself this thing today, say, 'Lord, let me not stay one more second in the place of unbelief.' How many of you there now? You know in Telugu its very interesting kuracha budhi, you shorten the hand of God. Luke's Gospel chapter 19 another, a son who is worthy a worthy son of Jericho, a worthy son of Jericho my dear brother's and sister's this are the people who are the reject of society.

Luke 19:5-7

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

So, he made haste and came down, and received Him, how? Joyfully. How do you receive the Word? 'Ah Lord! Another one and a half of torture again! Please spare us!?' How do you come to the word? Think about it. But when they saw it, they all complained, 'Babah! He is seeing all of Jericho the son of God and He says you know what, there only one worthy son in Jericho and there is only one worthy son outside Jericho. What's his name? Blind Bartimaeus, in Jericho one worthy son, another worthy son outside the Jericho. What do you call him? Bar-Timaeus, son of Timaeus, what does Timaeus mean? Unclean. So what is he? 'Unclean, unclean.' Where is he? Outside, that is what Jericho does. The rejects of Jericho are the accepts of God. Kya baat hai! You can put that statement. Okay in your DP may be, I don't know. The rejects of Jericho are the accepts of the God.

And He received him, but when they saw it, they all complained. They received the messages and the Messenger. How do you respond? That is the reason why whenever Jesus went to Bethany He went to the house of Martha, because they received Him every time gladly and one person in that house always received Him gladly, how is that person? Maria, you know something, you know what the word Maria means? "Maria" comes the word from "Mariam" comes from the Hebrew word "Mara" the person who has tasted bitterness in his/her life. That's what Mariam means and where is she? At the feet of Jesus, the one who took away all the bitterness from her life. Okay so she received the messengers. Let's move on, the faith that took her from the gutter most to the uttermost. Look at what it says in Joshua chapter 2.

Joshua 2:8-10

⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

The next thing we understand she understood the judgment of Lord the judgments of Lord. You see it says in Isaiah, I forget I think it's 58 or 59 or 57, I don't know exact chapter, it says – 'When Your judgments are upon the earth, my God, people will learn righteousness.' When your judgments are upon the earth my God people will learn righteousness. ***And as soon as we heard this thing our hearts melted, neither did, they remain any courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath.*** So, what does it tell me, see she understood one thing, the word Rahab means two words, two renderings of the word "Rahab" means "broad", and the other root word comes from the root word "Proud", broad, proud okay the person who is proud and who is on the broad way exactly okay. It is interesting no in New York one of the streets is called Broad Way. So Broad Way, the one who is proud and one who is on the broad way, to destruction. And she says, you know what? 'If I am proud like Sihon,' look at what it says in Deuteronomy chapter 2 verses 6,

Deuteronomy 2:26-27

²⁶ "And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

²⁷ 'Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left.

Deuteronomy 2:30

³⁰ "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day.

But Sihon king of Heshbon the word “Heshbon” by the means “arguments”, “Sihmon” means “warrior”. Who is this fellow? Who has got a lot of counter arguments, is a warrior in his mind. Counter arguments to the Gospel, and that is the reason why, as much as I like apologetic, I don't think, it only takes you to one level and leaves you there, unless and until you have a power encounter with God you will not be changed. That is the reason why the disciples, when they were threatened by the Sanhedrin, you what know they went back and prayed, you know how they prayed? They prayed saying, ‘Lord, let mighty signs, wonders and miracles and healings take place even as we preach the Word of God with boldness.’ Ask for that in your life, pray, ‘Lord take me to situations where people will have to have a power encounter with You.’ See how many arguments will you have against power? Display undi akada mundu okay. (it is evident right in front of your eyes.) Your arguments will not cut it, how can you argue a fire which is coming down from heaven? Only one think Elijah said, ‘If God is God worship Him, if Baal is god worship him and the people said nothing.’ And you know what he said? ‘Lord, do this and turn the hearts of Your people to Yourself.’

Joshua 2:12-13

¹² Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³ and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

Now look at this, she understood the judgments of God and what is she appealing to? She *appealed to the Mercy of God!* Now look at this, I will show you the Psalm where Sihon, Og, Pharaoh, Egypt everything is mentioned, look at how that entire chapter breathtakingly unbelievable. Okay I think you all must be familiar with this Psalm but let us look at it in this light.

Psalm 136:10-13

¹⁰ To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; ¹¹ And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever; ¹² With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever; ¹³ To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever;

To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn for His mercy endure forever. You know what? Our first born did not die, their firstborn died because we just put our trust in the Blood of the Passover Lamb, we are recipient of God's mercy, hallelujah. Nothing different, even if an Egyptian believed in the Blood of the Passover Lamb he would have been saved, mercy. And brought out Israel from among them, His mercy the power of the world is broken in my life, why? Mercy. You know what, the demoniac is delivered, he is seated at the feet of Jesus, clothed in his right mind. Three things: clothed, in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus. Three, and then he wants to follow Jesus. You know Jesus says, ‘Go back and tell your people what great compassion the Lord had upon you.’ He spared me, that is the reason why sister was praying in the morning, and she says, ‘Lord, Your mercies are new every morning.’

You know, ask God to you make into a merciful man. You know what when you become a merciful man you will never boast over the good thing you have done. When you start began to boast about the good things you have done you are not the recipient of the mercy of God. Pharisee said, ‘Lord I thank You, that I am not like these people.’ And the other man looked down and said, ‘Lord, have mercy!’ Look at what it says. With the strong hand and an outstretched arm, in other words, ‘I was powerless. I was in my sin. I was in an enemy of God. I was a sinner, yet Christ died for me. Praise the God for His mercy! His mercy endures forever. To Him who divided the Red Sea in two. Why did He divide the red sea into two? We were caught between the devil and the deep sea now and there was no other way to go. We would have been consumed by our enemies, but His mercy made the Red Sea part. We did not deserve, we were actually complaining and grumbling against Moses, we do not deserve the mercy of God, but God in His mercy divided the Red Sea for us. They went through baptism, what is it? The mercy of God, the mercy of God.

You know I liked what brother Prem was singing today, you know in Telugu songs you have interludes right; you will have the music. You know why they have interludes? Of course, nowadays interludes have different connotations. Now if that fellow has the violin, another fellow has the veena, if he does not give an opportunity for violin or veena he will not come and play the violin or the veena. So we make room and say, ‘you play your instrument for a while,’ ‘now you play your instrument for a while and then you both play together. You come together.’

But actually, if you look at the Psalms, there are places called, ‘Selah! Selah! Selah!’ and every time you have a music it says, upon Heginoth; on the stringed instruments. You know what happens, they sing an entire stanza and they

think and you know what is happening over there? The music is playing, contemplation. Contemplation, you look at many of the eastern songs, there is lot of reputation. You look at the old hymns there is a reputation.

‘And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood.
Died He for me, who caused Him pain, For me to whom death pursued,
Amazing love how can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me.’

‘Amazing love how can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me.’ That’s a refrain all the time. You go back to the refrain, you go back to the refrain, you are thinking about it, you're thinking about it, you're thinking about it. Your mercy endures forever, Your mercy endure forever, Your mercy endured forever. It’s a refrain, let that be a refrain in your life , let that be the song in your life, every movement of your life, ‘Your mercy Oh Lord, Your mercy Oh Lord, that I am breathing today, it's Your mercy of God, mercy of God. Mercy endures forever, mercy endured forever. You made the Red Sea for us, you know why, it’s Your mercy. You know why we are still surviving today, that we have not been consumed? ‘*Oh house of Israel, I do not change therefore you are not consumed in your sins.*’ It’s a mercy of God.

Psalms 136:14-16

¹⁴ And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His mercy endures forever; ¹⁵ But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures forever; ¹⁶ To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His mercy endures forever;

And made Israel pass through the midst of it and did not allow the Egyptians to pass through it, why? His mercy, He has mercy upon whom He has mercy and He will harden whom He has harden, thank God I don’t want to argue about it, I don’t what to contemplate upon it. I just what to be a recipient of your mercy and I want to extend mercy Lord, Your mercy endures forever, Your mercy endures forever. But over threw Pharaoh and his army, why? His mercy endures forever. ***To Him who led His people through the wilderness.*** Why? His mercy endures forever; refrain.

Psalms 136:17-19

¹⁷ To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever; ¹⁸ And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever ¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites, For His mercy endures forever; ²⁰ And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy endures forever—

Therefore Rahab comes and says, ‘Please, can you ask God to show me the kindness, just the way I showed kindness to you, please. I am abandoning myself upon the mercy of your God.’

And gave them their land for heritage His mercy endures forever. Let GTC be known as men and women of mercy and children of mercy. Children, listen, now you have all zeal and fire for God but how do you deal with the people who are weak? His mercy, think about it. Think about this, there are so many aspects of God in His name. Seven aspects of God. Can you just look at that in Exodus chapter 34 please lets read it know I want to read it, I just love that verse Exodus chapter 34 I am going to read in my Bible, okay boy what a name He has got. Exodus chapter 34 and verse 5 and 6 if I am right I am gonna read it in the Bible in the NIV version.

Exodus 34:5-6

⁵ Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

The Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed this name and He passed in front of Moses proclaiming, the Lord, the Lord the God compassionate okay gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and in faithfulness, maintaining love to a thousand generations, forgiving wickedness and rebellion and sin and finally visiting the iniquity of the fathers. So, look at it disproportionately merciful. Think about it, out of seven attributes of God, six are expressions of, what? Mercy. One expression of judgment and wrath. Out of many attributes of Vijay, I will tell you how I used to deal with my students. They used to be terrorized, if they played the fool in my class, Gone! ‘Okay I will personally take your viva,’ that’s it! Over! It doesn’t matter what experiment you get, experiment is by the lots, by the way, how many of you were in Engineering College? You know, you pick your experiment by lots. They will take the lots and look at it, but the examiner is Vijay Eathakota. Okay, and one fellow who is in the class, he used to always do nautankee (gimmicks) you know. I used to call him ‘Albert’. And people used to ask me, ‘What does Albert mean?’ I said, ‘He thinks he is Einstein, but he is only half of that, he is only Albert now, he is yet to become Einstein.’ So he irritated me in the class and two other fellows irritated me in the class. I said, ‘You, you and

you I am going to personally take your viva.' You wouldn't believe on the day of the experiment that fellow was shaking, his fingers was like this, shivering while handling the circuit board, like this and I look that and I said, 'Okay!' Dumki deya, I give him dumki. He started shaking.

God does not give dumkies (threats) like that. God does not give dumki, slow to anger and gracious, patient, loving, abounding in His steadfast love and faithfulness, forgiving iniquity and sin and etc and transgression. But never letting the guilty go unpunished. That is seven attributes of God, six expressions of mercy, seventh expression of,. Now think about, what are the odds? And you know what she knows the name of God, my dear brothers.

Okay, appeal to the mercy, seven attributes of God, six out of seven. What's the percentage? 85% mercy, 15% wrath. What a God! Too, much! What about us? My wife is laughing, so whenever she laughs you know what I am talking about. She says, 'Why are you so tough on the children? What is his grade? I said, 'Satisfactory,' Satisfactory? In our school you should only give 'good' and 'excellent'. I said, 'You have strange ways to celebrate mediocracy,' and you know when we were kids, one line used to out of order, we would be in trouble. I like that, Even me, when I am also teaching I do not want one line out of order, Krutika am I right? She is like, 'Yes sir you are right.'

One line out of order. But God is not like that, even He wants perfection and completion. Don't, don't misunderstand me. He is a God who says, 'Be perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.' How does He drive us toward that? Through His mercy and not through His judgment. We love Him because He first loved us. How does He win us over? Through love and compassion. Ultimately, where do we abandon ourselves? Upon the mercy of God. How many of you, when you pray, 'Lord have mercy,' how many of you say that? 'Lord, I come to you I the name of Jesus da da da da da...' not even once mercy is mentioned. How does Psalm 51 start? 'Lord, have mercy! That's how it starts, it starts like that. He comes and says, 'Lord have mercy!' Let's move on,

Joshua 2:14

¹⁴ So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

What? Look at this interesting, okay interesting, ***kindly and truly with you***. We just want kindness without truth, not going to happen. ***If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just***. You see both are there, He will be kindly and truly, okay. So when Jesus comes to us, He is going to deal with us based upon truth, truth, truth, truth, understand that. Okay let's move on and then goes on.

Joshua 2:17-18

¹⁷ So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, ¹⁸ unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

Keep that in mind. Then it goes on,

Joshua 2:19-20

¹⁹ So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear."

Warning, you want to escape the judgment of God? Stay under the covering of Blood of Jesus and teaching that I have provided for you, don't go away. Stay under the full counsel of God. Everybody say, 'full counsel of God.' That's what I wrote - *stay under the whole counsel of God!* That scarlet thread is a symbol of the blood bought saint of Christ. Rahab, you are saying that you have put your trust on the blood. You did not put your trust in your righteousness because you don't have any righteousness, you are openly accepting it. Because you all that you can bring to the table is your sin, not your righteousness. But now, if you want to escape say under the whole counsel of God. While I am absent from this place.

Let me tell you something, I've told you, I've told you several times, I think. Bible says that familiarity breeds contempt. I mean don't become too familiar, it is written in the book of Proverbs. Okay don't keep going to your neighbor's house, okay don't keep on going to your neighbor's house, otherwise he will start hating you and cursing you, okay. Who said that? Not Solomon, but the Holy Spirit, through Solomon, said it. Therefore, who said it? God

said it. Now when God left Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. When God left Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden okay, He fellowship with them in the cool of the day, for long hours God left Adam and Eve. Now the only way you are going to behave is, 'I gave you My Word,' what is My Word? Thou shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The way you are going to respect My ostensible absence is how you respond to the word that I spoke to you. Now if you stay under the covering of the Word of God you will not be sent out of the Paradise or the Garden of Eden. But the day that you sin, you shall, what? surely die. Understand that. The problem is that many of us want this forgiveness, but the problem is that many of us don't want to stay under the teaching. 'Thank God that you accepted a harlot like me, but Lord I do not what to be a harlot.' How many of you want to pray that? I want to get the teaching which makes me, a harlot, into a virgin. It's going purifies me. That's the reason you have to listen to the second word of Jesus, Jesus said, 'Do you want to be made whole?' Ha! they are saying this and that and making all kinds of complaints, 'Pickup your mat and walk.' Then he finds Him in the temple. What is the second word? '*Go and sin no more.*' How will you not sin anymore? You shall know the truth, go under the teaching of the Word of God, where you receive the truth and even as you receive the Word of truth, the doctrine of the Word of God, surrender yourself to the doctrine and even as you surrender yourself to the doctrine, what is it going do? It's going to progressively free you from the power of sin. Okay, look at what it says in the book of Acts chapter 20,

Acts 20:25-27

²⁵ "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. Why? ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

The good the bad and the ugly, I have given you everything. Now if you want protection to continue in your life, you want to under the blood, 'I going to stay right under the Blood'; stay under the teaching. Okay, you cannot plead the Blood unless you have the teaching. Where the devil can do me no harm. But where is the teaching, my dear brothers and sisters? Do you know what it say? When you were servants of sin, you gave your instrument of your body as the instruments of uncleanness, but thanks be to God, what does happen now? Now you obeyed from your heart that form of doctrine to whom you have submitted yourself and having been set free from sin, you have been made, what? Slaves of righteousness, but thanks be to God for that. You know what he is saying? Stay under the teaching, stay under the Blood if you what to continue in the protection that I have promised.

Stay under the Blood, stay under teaching. There are two cleansing agents that God uses - the Blood, and the Word, the Blood and the Word. The Blood cleanses us and the Word sanctifies us, the Blood cleanses us and the Word sanctifies us, the mercy and the grace of God. The Blood signifies mercy, and the Word of God signifies even as you receive the Word of God, by faith it empowers you to overcome every situation and the sin and the world and the powers and the lusts and the lusts of your flesh and the powers and the influences of the world in your life. Stay under the teaching. Okay, that is the reason why He tells Ezekiel, "Ezekiel I have made you a watchman. If you see the judgment coming and you do not warn your people, and if they perish because of the judgment they might perish in their sin but their blood I will require from your hand." And they are saying, 'We will be innocent of this blood, if you don't stay under the warnings that we have given you.' Stay, stay. Where should you stay, therefore? Stay with the Body of Christ, where there is teaching. Settle down my dear brothers, how long will you be loitering here and there? Settle down. So, what does he say?

Acts 20:28

²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

He purchased you with His own blood, do not become servants of man, He purchased you with His blood and so, do not become slaves of the lusts of man. How are you supposed to behave? No like mere man, but man who have been bought by the blood of Jesus as a new man you are now a part of the new race the second and last Adam with all His cursed with all His sin has been put to death in Jesus Christ. What has risen from the death is the Son of Man; Man with the resurrection power and God has given you that resurrection power, reign over sin, reign over life. But how do you do that? When you come under the teaching, under the teaching of the Word of God which cleanness you and empowers you and equips you. That is the reason why all Scripture is given by, the what? The inspiration of God. It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness so that the man of God is complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work. Do you understand the whole counsel of God, the whole counsel of God, we need the whole counsel of God, we need the prophetic correction, we need the apostolic correction we need the encouraging words people who encourage us, we need each other so that we can impart

faith to one and other. There is a body, God has placed us in the body, God has given us teaching, come under the teaching, come under the protection and you will be safe, you will be safe. Don't loiter, don't become aimless, don't become a wanderer like Cain. It's very interesting, Cain went away from the presence of God, and it says, Cain when away from the presence of God he settled in Nod. Where did he settle? You know what Nod means? Place of wandering. Where did you settle? In wanderings. You have settled in your wanderings. So, what happens? Does she obey? Oh ya! absolutely, and when judgment comes, I love this,

Joshua 6:22-23

²² But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." ²³ (And the young men, I think one of them was Salmon okay who fell in love with Rahab I believe so okay Salmon, Salmon is of a tribe of Judah, by the way. He is one of the prince of the tribe of Judah. It's not mentioned but I believe this is my intuition). **And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel.**

Kya baat hai! no when in the limited time she has saved entire household, it's very interesting. Esther, for such as this you have put in to the palace, she got the new, she got the message. "Go and tell my uncle, me and my hand maidens will fast." Arey baba you went into the palace and with in no time you already had so many people who have converted; already converted, they are fasting and praying with you. So by induction, how long have you been with Christ? How many people have you influenced? That's what Derek Prince says, the greatest weapon God has given us for, for reaching out the Gospel is the power of personal witness, personal witness. Within no time, madam you have been in the palace for six months or seven months, you already have hand maidens with you, who are going to fast and pray with you. Kya baat hai! They teach us lessons, to the people in the New Covenant.

So, they brought out all the relatives, and what happened, **and left them where outside the camps.** Still not in okay.

Joshua 6:25

²⁵ And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Then what happened? **Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household and all that she had.** So, she dwells where now? She was outside the camp, now she has come inside the camp. Why? It is **because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent his spies.** How did that happen the person who is outside the camp, how did she come inside the camp? Do you want to know the answer?

Matthew 1:5

⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

And Salmon begot Boaz. Somebody said, how was Boaz before he got married? He was Ruthless okay. And Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab, what is not there? What is not there? 'The harlot' is not there. The harlot is gone. Gone! You know what the word Salmon means? Garment. Now what has happened? She has been clothed with a garment and the righteousness of Jesus Christ and she becomes a part of the Jews who are circumcised in the heart. That is the reason why the hymn writers say,

Oh when He comes with trumpet sound
May I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand.

What does happen to her? From the gutter most put to the uttermost, from the gutter most to the uttermost. How many of us this morning believe that you are in the gutter, you can stand okay. You see any qualifications? What qualification she has we can also have, can't we? If a harlot can have, why can't we? We don't have an excuse, we have had preaching and teaching and exhortation and correction from such a long time.

So this morning we are all in the presence of God, God is not a respecter of persons. I don't know what situation we might be going through everybody has their own trial and situation and may we should sing that song, let's sing that song 'On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.'

Yesterday Sammy made a powerful statement, its Sammy statement okay, if you get upset with me get upset with Sammy, he said, 'You know what, you are not truly saved unless and until you love hymns,' he said. I said, 'Sammy, you struck a chord in my heart bro.' I will tell you something, the beauty of hymns is this, the music is just a channel to get the words out and after the words are out, you can forget the music, and many of the hymns I don't even remember the tune I remember the words because they are so powerful.

On Christ the solid rock I stand
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust my sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name,
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand.

Closing prayer:

Yes Lord this morning, Lord, we heard the Gospel once again and it is sweet to out hears O' Lord, we don't have any other hope but You, not our righteousness, not our good works, for we are all harlots, Lord, because we have trafficked with what You have given to us, with idols Oh Lord, which don't profit. We went after things which don't satisfy us, we went after fame, we went after relationships, we went after money, we went after bad and evil habits, hoping to drown our sorrows, through the numbness of the truck. But Lord when we came back to our senses, we couldn't still escape the situation we were in, we were as hopeless as before, with all our education we are still hopeless, with all our relationships we are still hopeless. With all our gifts and talents, we are still hopeless, nothing can cut it Oh Lord and therefore we come like Rahab and we abandon ourselves at Your mercy. Lord, yes our God is a God who is just, the wrath of God is upon all who suppress the truth in unrighteousness but our God is also God of mercy. And just the way He has mercy upon you and He rescued you out of Egypt, appeal to your God and His mercy because I know His mercy endures forever.

This morning we come once again and we abandon ourselves at Your mercy, Lord, You said in Your Word – there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Lord You said in Your Word, if any man is in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away, the life of sin is gone and I have just not been reckoned righteousness, but because I have been born again by the incorruptible seed of the Word of God I have been made righteous, and even as I water that seed of the Word of God, by the Word of God, by coming under teaching, I pray O' Lord, that we would continue to grow in Your righteousness and I will be an expression of Your mercy on this earth. People who see me they will fear God, but they will say, 'Can your God have compassion on us, just the way He has compassion on you?' And we will say, 'Yes God is not a respecter of persons, the vilest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.'

This morning come, we have still got two months ahead and the promise still stands. Because He said in His Word even though we are unfaithful He will still remain faithful because He cannot deny Himself, He is the God who does not change my dear brothers, He is a God who wept for our wasted years, He is a God who paid for our wickedness, He is a God who died in our place. He is God who said, 'You know what? I am Emmanuel, not only Jesus; the God who died for your sins, Emmanuel God with you, who is going to empower you. He will help you overcome sin and every power of darkness. You will stand in the face of the powers of the darkness and declares the testimony of Jesus. For it says in Revelation 12:11 – they overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and by Word of the testimony and they do not love their life even unto death. I pray O' Father this morning all fear will be gone because Your Word says that those who are righteous they are bold as a lion and the wicked flee where no man is pursuing but when we are clothed by the righteousness of Jesus we have boldness, boldness not because of anything that we are it is because what we are in You.

And I pray Father that You would bring back Your people this morning and that You would restore our relationship back to You. All the things that we have lost this year that You would restore to us, the opportunities that we lost to witness that You will restore, the time that we may have lost because of, because of foolish spending Oh Lord I pray that You would Lord grant us the speed to recover lost time so that we can bring back all those opportunities that we lost because Lord we know that we serve a God who is merciful and His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the

Lord for He is good, and His mercy endures forever. This morning I pray Oh Lord all of us, Your people will come back to the covenant will abandon ourselves to Your mercy we will fear God and not fear man. We will be willing to take the risk of joining themselves with the blood bought saint of the God, than we stay back with the temporary world which is already under judgment. Oh Lord, grant us that faith this morning, You are able to impart to us O' Lord nothing is too difficult for You, impart us that faith this morning. Thank You Father for this day, Lord, I worship You Lord, I thank You I thank You Father, that You give us the opportunity to even speak Your Word. We are unworthy, I am unworthy but O' Lord You are worthy and Lord let us continue to boast about the God who is worthy, let us decrease and You increase in our lives. I commit each one of us into Your hands, O Lord. Let us go out of this place encouraged and empowered, full of faith knowing that the Lord who converted a person's situation from gutter and made her into a princess through whom even the Messiah would come, Lord nothing is too difficult for thee Oh Lord, I pray Father that Lord we would not shorten Your hand in our lives because of our unbelief. Lord let faith arise in our hearts, let us continue to go out and proclaim Your victory in our lives. Thank You Father, thank You, thank You Lord, we praise You, Lord we worship You, we give You glory, we give You honor, we give praise for in Jesus mighty name we pray. And all God's children say AMEN.

*May the grace of Lord Jesus Christ, love of the Father and fellowship of Holy Spirit abide with each one of us.
All God's children say AMEN.*