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The Secret Of Unwavering Faith

Justified By Faith

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Introduction

At this very moment, you are holding in your hands an exclusive account, derived from the actual ministering of Brother George L. Pike, which clearly erases any doubts as to the mystery of faith, which has baffled great religious leaders for many centuries.

Within these pages, the honest hearted will, most assuredly, discover the key to unwavering faith, as we learn to differentiate between believing and actually having faith in God.

Should you search, with diligence, for a true and wholesome understanding of these basic tenets of Christianity, our Lord will amply reward your earnest efforts with His revealed spiritual insight, which is abundantly provided to the spiritual ear.

Let us invite you into the vastness of the immeasurable realms of genuine faith, as Brother Pike expounds clearly and distinctly concerning its entirety until we envision new horizons in our Christian journey that heretofore have not been fathomed. To our knowledge, there is no other treatise on this subject that even comes close to revealing these positive keys of faith in the magnificent way that they are disclosed in these writings.

Truly, many ministers and lay members across the world have already been stirred with this internationally acclaimed writer, who has unselfishly proclaimed the Revelation of Jesus Christ, having not only preached the faith of Jesus Christ, but also living it daily, proving God time and again with an overcoming life, resulting from years of conditioning his heart toward a steadfast, unmoveable confidence in God.

In closing, we trust that God will open your heart in all sincerity, with His precious Keys To Having Faith, until your cup shall run over with unyielding faith, free from all condemnation, and totally immune to the fiery darts of satanic influence, until we all come to the unity of the faith in Christ Jesus.

Keys To Having Faith

Jesus said so many things until His life was fascinating. To many people, Jesus is something of the past, and what has been done is done, and they think, "Well, it's great, you know, as to what it was," but even in the day that we're living in, His life is so fascinating; to read the Scriptures concerning Jesus, and to read what He said. Jesus said so many wonderful things. To read it is so exciting and so deep. Just the words that He said are so alive; such great, mighty meanings even for the day that we're living in and for the future that we're looking forward to. People who have never come into those realms don't know what I'm talking about. Jesus said things like, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." How exciting! How deep! How thrilling! How astounding those words are! "My doctrine is not Mine but His that sent Me. If any man will do His will, he shall know the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of Myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory, but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true and no unrighteousness is in him."

Jesus said, "Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me. Ye shall seek Me and shall not find Me, and where I am thither ye cannot come. Ye are from beneath, I am from above. Ye are of this world. I'm not of this world." Can you imagine that? What if I looked at you and said, "Hey folks! I'm not of this world." Somebody said, "Yeah, there you go, trying to be just like Jesus." Isn't that wonderful? Praise the Lord!

So then, to be like Jesus. You say, "Brother Pike, you can't say that. Jesus said that! But you can't say that because He said to them, 'Ye are from beneath." See, that's true. He could say that to them, but you know what He said to me? Paul said, "You're not of this world. You're not from beneath; you're from above. They that are born of the Spirit, they are Spirit." They are in those spiritual realms of heaven, and He said, "I am not of this world." So He said unto me, "You are not of this world, Brother Pike."

Isn't that wonderful, to be like Jesus? That's why His words are so exciting. They're so great and so exciting because He said if you know that the doctrine be of God; if you understand it, then you see these exciting, wonderful things: that as He is so am I in Him. And this is the wonderful excitement, from glory to glory, from blessing to blessing, from excitement to excitement, we go right on into these wonderful things that God is doing. My, that thrills my soul beyond words.

So Jesus said all of these things. He said, "Verily, verily I say unto you: whosoever commiteth sin is the servant of sin." Somebody says, "I just can't help but sin, and Brother Pike, when you say he that is born of God sinneth not, I don't get that because everybody sins." But Jesus said, "He that commiteth sin is the servant of sin." Now, if I said to you, "Raise your hand if you commit sin," would you raise your hand? If you did, then I would say to you, "Then ye are the servants of sin." I'm not the servant of sin. You love the Lord? I said I'm not the servant of sin. Hallelujah! Praise God! I don't belong to the devil. He's not my master. I'm not under bondage to the things of the world and the sins of this world. So then, he that commiteth sin is the servant of sin.

Jesus said all these wonderful things. I believe that because He said this, that He was trying to tell me something. They didn't recognize Him. They said things like, "Ye cast out devils by the prince of the devil, even Beelzebub." He said, "No, I don't do that. Ye are of your father the devil." "I'm not of the devil, He said, "but ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your fathers ye will do, and you'll do what your father lusted after. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth. He never has abode in the truth."

People who don't have God, they don't abide in the truth. Did you know that some of your most thorough, explicit people that do business are liars and cheats? I talked to a man not too long ago. He's an outstanding man, an outstanding figure in business and whatever, and I talked to him and perceived that he wasn't straight, though he seemed to be as straight as an arrow, and then he confessed to me and said, "Well, I do lie." Can you imagine that? See, Jesus said he never did abide in the truth. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it. Jesus said, "Now, because I tell you the truth, you believe Me not. I have not a devil, but I honor My Father and you do dishonor Me."

I want to go to the book of Genesis. These are some of the things that Jesus said when He came. I want you to notice this. It says in the second chapter, the first verse: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."

In the second chapter of Genesis, it says: "And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

He says here that He finished His work. He blessed the seventh day. That finished His work, but during the time of His work, he goes on to say that He made man a wife. The third chapter says, "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I

was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." God putting a flaming sword here with the cherubim to protect the way of life.

Chapter four, it says: "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch."

Now, this is reading quite a bit of Scripture here. I want to comment just a little bit on this. A lot of things are said about Cain and Abel. A lot of things are said about the seed of the serpent, as to what the seed of the serpent really is, and we've got some teachings and preachings here on it. A lot of things are said pro and con, and there is a lot of dispute over it. And if I add what I say, then, of course, that's another thing added to it for more dispute, because people, a lot of times, they don't really search and seek out things to find the truth. They just learn enough to argue about it or fuss over it, and a lot of people have degraded minds, and they go after certain things in the Scriptures so that they might degrade other peoples' minds and that they might cause a lot of problems. But the Scriptures are clean, and they are holy, and we're clean, and we're holy. We're commanded not to make mention of those things that are done in secret as to any degraded thing that might contaminate the life of a person or the mind of a person, because if you steal a person's virtues, then you're going to be brought into the supreme courts of God for it. That is a great crime against a person.

So this is what the serpent did. It stole the virtues of a clean, godly, upright woman. This woman, to what she had been made to know, to what she was; she was a very virtuous person; but he contaminated her mind and caused her to turn away from her steadfastness in God, to turn away from her conviction in God and contaminated her mind to the extent that she also contaminated her husband's mind, when she came to him, by giving to him the forbidden fruit, the fruit that God had forbidden that they partake of. So then, sin came into the world. We ask the question: Where does sin get into the world? How does sin get into the world? The Bible says that sin is in the world because of lust. So sin is in the world because Eve lusted after the tree. She desired the tree. She lusted after the tree and Satan found an entrance into the world; that is, Satan did not have any way of getting into the world. He did not have any way of doing anything in man's life. Death had no power over man, but the soul that sinneth shall die, and if sin is in the world because of lust, then death came into man's life. That's why the Bible says that death came by man. Through the weakness of Eve death came in. Death came in through lust, and when lust came, it brought forth sin, and when sin was finished, it brought forth death. So today, there is death in the world. Death is ruling over mankind. Death is in the world today because man allowed death to come into the world.

Death is the results of being carnally minded, and man was not made to be carnally minded. He was made to have carnal things, but not to be carnally minded. God made the trees. He made man out of the dust. He made all of the beautiful things that was in the garden and gave them unto mankind, but God never intended for him to be carnally minded. He wanted him to be spiritually minded; He wanted him to communicate with God Himself because God is a Spirit. So then, God, who is a Spirit, created all of these things and made a man and put a man over these things, and then demanded that man keep his mind in the heavenly things.

So then, here we find that Satan enters into man's world. This is the first time that he ever got into man's world. This is where he got in. This was the open door, and he got into man's world, and from the time that he got into man's world, the curse came. God began to curse mankind. It wasn't that God cursed mankind or that God wanted to curse mankind, but God had to curse evil, and the curse was upon evil in that God had cursed evil, and then man taking the curse, thus he became contaminated and he was under the curse. He's been under the curse ever since. Today, we're still under the curse. Everybody is still under the curse unless we call on the name of Jesus and become born again. If we become born again, then we're not under the curse anymore. The woman is not under the curse of bearing children in pain and sorrow. She's not under the curse anymore. She can use her faith and go through those things as it was said of the women down in Egypt, who brought forth their children quickly. There were no problems.

See, a man is not under the curse, to have to labor among the thorns and thistles and the sweat of his brow. He can believe God and God will supply all of his needs according to the riches in glory. The Bible said cursed is everyone that hangeth upon a tree, and Jesus hung upon a tree for us. The curse came as a result of the tree: the tree of knowledge. God had to do away with the tree of knowledge to bring to a close the curse, so He did it by the tree. When Judas went out and hanged himself, it indicated the end of the serpent.

The Lord Jesus hanging upon a tree indicated the end of the thing. He was made in the likeness of the serpent; that is, in the likeness of the fallen one. He came in the image of man, and man had fallen to the realms of the serpent. So then, He came in that image, and when the Lord went to Calvary, He made an end of sin, and He did away with the curse for everyone that can believe. God said, In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

But we are living in a new day. A new day has broken. A golden day has broken in old Gethsemane, the song writer said. So then, we're living in a new time. We're living in a new day. This is a brand new time, and we've got a wonderful future in the Lord Jesus. There is no future to the world. People who say that I have a future in the world, and that I'm studying so that I can get a diploma and have a future in the world; these people are foolish. They don't realize they're foolish, but they are foolish. See, there is no future in the world. All that I could ever do in the world, all the money that I could ever make, all the knowledge that I could ever obtain will lead me to one place. Great men, poor men, whatever it is, rich and poor alike, it leads them to a hole and then the dirt is thrown in their face. That's the end of man. Sometimes, when we are driving by the graveyard with the children in the car, I'll turn and I'll look and I'll say, "That's the end of all flesh. Do you see it? That's the end of the poor; that's the end of the rich; that's the end of the celebrities. That's the end of the presidents. That's the end of all the great people and all the poor people of the world. That's the end of all flesh right there." See, all that we could ever be, all that we could ever do, it takes us to death because death is in the world. Sin is in the world. When you sin, you are the servant of sin, and if you sin, you're going to die. The Bible says the soul that sinneth shall surely die, but folks, we don't have to sin. We don't have to sin! I've spoken to you in times past concerning faith and salvation by faith, and I've explained the difference between believing and having faith. I can believe, but that doesn't mean that I have faith. See, I can believe. I must believe just to live. I must believe that I can stand up. I must believe that I can sit down. I must believe that I can speak. See, I must believe that I can take from my plate and feed my mouth. I must believe that. I must believe that that's a tree. I must believe that that's a river. I must believe because you have to believe, but that doesn't mean that you've got faith. See, the secret of faith is differentiating between believing and faith. The difference is that you believe up here in your head, from the contact of your human senses, from seeing and smelling and tasting and feeling you believe. The difference between believing and faith is that faith is in the heart. Faith is not a result of your seeing and hearing, so far as your natural senses. That's not what faith is. Faith is the results of that connection with God. You've got to make that connection with God. You say, "But Brother Pike, I hear." But how is it that the Bible says having ears to hear, you do not hear? It means that it's not the hearing of natural things. There is a spiritual thing that comes to the church where they have a spiritual ear to hear, they have a spiritual eye to see, and their faith is the result of their contact with God. My believing, or what you call faith in the natural, is the result of my natural conscience mind making contact with the world. That's believing. That's what you call faith. My believing, my faith, my real genuine faith comes from the eyes of my understanding being enlightened, and from having an ear to hear. The Bible says faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

You may hear the Word of God as a natural oral expression, but that does not mean that you have faith. When you hear what the Spirit is saying unto the church according to the Word of Spirit, and it is not the minister that speaks, but you hear God speaking, for the Bible says that it's not him speaking but God speaking, then comes faith. That stirs the heart. That makes a contact with the heart. Like Jesus when He stood by the tomb of Lazarus, He said, "Father, I know that Thou hearest Me and I know that You hearest Me always, but I'm saying this so they'll know that it's not of Myself, but that it's the heavenly Father, that it's the contact with that glorious world." Then He said, "Lazarus, come forth." Can I say that I know that God hears me always? The Bible says God's ears are ever attentive toward the crying of the righteous. Can I then say that I'm righteous? The Bible says and these that are born of God are righteous even as He is righteous. So then, can I say that I'm born of God? I am born of God. I've had that experience. So God has perfected me through His love. He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified, which means made perfect forever; and He has sanctified them once and for all by the offering up of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. So then, God hath perfected forever the believer. He has sanctified forever the believer. Though sin is in the world, yet I don't have any fellowship with sin, and I'm not the servant of sin, and I keep myself and the evil one touches me not. I keep myself by the power of God and the strength of God. It is so powerful in keeping me that the Bible says when you've done all that you can to stand, just keep on standing. When you say, "Oh my God, I've stumbled and I've messed up and I've failed. I did everything I could, God, to do right." God said, "Don't fret over it. Just keep on going. I've blotted it all out at Calvary. Be strong in the power of My might and say, 'No! Away with Satan! I'm still a child of God. You might trip me, but I'll get back up and I'll walk. God made it to where I can.'"

Faith! Wonderful faith. I differentiate between believing and faith, and I said, "What is that?" The difference is that I can believe, but

Jesus said in one place, "Don't disbelieve. Don't doubt!" Don't doubt! If somebody was dead, He said, "Don't doubt." Don't let that bother you. See, don't doubt. What is the difference? He was saying, "You can believe, but if you doubt, then you don't have faith." If you can have faith, then you won't doubt, for faith doesn't doubt. There is no doubt in faith. When you doubt, you don't have faith. You are a believer, but you don't have faith. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe in thine heart and not doubt, then say what you will, because that's faith."

So the secret of it is not doubting. But, we are people that go and come. We're like alternating current. We go and come. We can't believe without doubting. Do you know why we can't believe without doubting? Because we don't walk with God. The Bible says that Enoch walked with God three hundred years and was not, because before his translation, he had this testimony: that he pleased God. That is to say, the Bible says that he was translated by faith. You come to where you walk in faith.

It's like I was telling my wife. We go around trying to believe. We say, "Bless God, I'm a Christian. Bless God, I go to Bethlehem. Bless God, I'm Church of God or United Pentecostal. I believe." See, that's no good. That's not the way you believe. Going around trying to convince yourself that you believe isn't going to do anything for you. Let me tell you something: start conditioning your heart. John said to do the things that please God. Jesus said, "Always I do the things that please My Father." Enoch had the testimony, "I please God." When we start conditioning our heart, then we are finding faith; then we're growing in faith. It's when you start conditioning your heart. You've got to condition your heart. You've got to make an effort to be clean. You've got to make an effort to be holy. You've got to ask God for His Spirit so that His Spirit will purify your life, and you've got to lay aside the things of the world as to the ambition of the flesh, those things that you are fleshly ambitious to do. You've got to get away from those things, and you've got to come out from the world and be a separate people. You've got to condition your heart, then faith will develop in your heart. That's where faith comes from.

Millions of religious people will not make it so far as the rapture or as getting into heaven. They won't make it because they are not conditioning their hearts. They're in the gullible things of the world. They are in ball games. They're in everything that's out there in the flesh. Satan savors the things that be of the flesh. They're in all those things out there in the world and flesh. They're in the fleshly doings, and they've brought them into the church. They've not conditioned their hearts. Somebody would say, "Don't you believe that they're believers?" Sure they are believers. They wouldn't build a church if they weren't believers. They wouldn't come together if they weren't believers, but they don't have faith in God. It's going to take faith in God to save you, because Enoch was translated by faith, and faith will not come from a dirty heart. Faith will not come from a heart that loves the things of the world. There is no possibility for faith to live in a heart that is out in the world.

So God said, "We serve Him with our minds." We serve God with the mind, and that mind is within our heart. That's our spirit. Our spirit has got to make contact with Christ's Spirit, and then when Christ's Spirit comes within our heart, then we have faith. He said, "How could you call Me Lord, Lord and you don't do what I tell you to do? How could I be your Lord?" When a person is lord over you, don't you honor them? Isn't that what makes them your lord? How could you call Me Lord and not do the things that I tell you to do? He's my Lord, my Savior. Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." How could you call Him Lord? How could He be your Lord? See, Jesus said, "Ye have not the Spirit of Christ within you. You don't have the Spirit of God within you." You have the spirit of the devil in you, that's why you do the things of the world, because he savors the things that be of the world. He loves the things of the world. That's what it is. Even when Peter said one thing concerning the flesh: "Nay Lord! We won't let them abuse Your flesh." Jesus said, "Get thee behind Me, Satan! Thou savorest the things that be of the flesh; the things that be of the world."

So when we talk about faith, real faith doesn't doubt. Faith doesn't doubt. When you doubt, you don't have faith. Faith doesn't doubt. Faith believes. Always, faith believes, and when you believe, then it is faith if it is down in the heart: believing from the heart, doing the things to assure the heart, living for God.

I want to give you two or three things to think on. There was a woman who came to Jesus about her daughter that was grievously vexed and tormented of the devil. This woman came to Jesus, and she kept following Jesus, and the disciples said, "Make her go away." It aggravated them. They said, "Make her go away." "Always she is behind us," they could have said, "following us." Jesus said, "No." Just like the man that was blind who was crying out, they said, "Don't pay any attention to him," but He said, "I'm not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Finally, He turned around to the woman and she said, "Lord, help me." He said, "Is it meet to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs?" Don't you know that we are Jews? Don't you know that God is the God of the Jews, and don't you know that the Gentiles are nothing but dogs? "Is it meet then that I should take the children's bread and give it to the dogs?" Jesus said. She said, "Yea, Lord, I know that, but the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table." Jesus said, "Oh woman, great is thy faith!" I want you to notice this now. Great is thy faith. Be it unto you as you will.

And then a man came to Jesus and said, "Come and do something for my servant." Jesus said, "I will come." He said, "No, I'm not worthy for You to come under my roof. Just speak the word." And Jesus said, "Why, I've not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." And He told him, as he had believed, so it was to be unto him, and he found his servant healed when he returned home.

I said that to say this: this woman, what did she do? She showed signs of humility. She showed signs of humility. She said, "Yea, Lord." She humbled her heart. She didn't fight back. Jesus didn't get a repercussion from her. She said, "Yea, Lord, I know that, but the dogs eat of the crumbs." Now, I want you to notice this. He said, "Great is thy faith." Then, when the man came and He said to the man, "I'll come." The man said, "No, I'm not worthy." See? Great is thy faith. Here's humility again. Jesus meets humility again. When it comes to Jesus, He said, "Take My yoke and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." Lowly in heart means that He wasn't interested in the high places of society. He wasn't interested in being a celebrity. He wasn't interested in money and business and prestige. He wasn't interested in the high planes of living and the recognition of the world or the diplomacies of life. He said, "Condescend to men of low estate." Not men with high estates, but men that don't have much; to the poor. The poor heard Him gladly. Jesus said, "And the poor have the gospel

preached unto them."

So then, when we think of humility, think of condescending. Jesus said, "I'm meek. I'm meek." When it came to Moses, Moses was a great power house for God. Moses had great, mighty faith; but when it speaks of him, it said that he was the meekest man in all the land. He was the meekest man. "Take My yoke and learn of Me," Jesus said, "I'm meek." Everywhere there is great faith, it brings great honor. But Solomon said that humility goes before honor. Everywhere you find this humility, this is something that men can't have. You can't manufacture humility. You can't duplicate humility. This is the thing that men and women can't have is humility. They are always haughty. They have to be arrogant. They have to meet you with a haughty attitude. You know, "Bless God, you speak to me and I'll speak to you." They don't have the spirit of meekness. And brothers saying, "Ah, that ain't right. Where did you get that? You don't know that that is right." Always with their foolishness, cutting at one another, talking with one another, always they're haughty. It's hard to find a meek man; hard to find a man that's meek. That's why you don't find any more power in the church than you do. That's why you don't find any more knowledge of God in the church than you do. That's why you don't find any more salvation in the lives of human beings in the churches. It's because they don't have humility, they don't have meekness. They're self-willed, self-exalted. They magnify themselves. All of their efforts is to try to prove how great they are. But Jesus didn't do that. The Bible says that He did not seek to make any reputation for Himself.

So then, we see that humility goes before honor. Why is that? Because, when a person takes the act of humility like the woman did, she was saying, "I don't have any righteousness. You say that I'm a dog." I don't claim any righteousness. This automatically made everything wide open for the righteousness of God. See, the righteousness of God that is by Christ Jesus. "Yea, Lord. I don't have any righteousness. I didn't come to You that way," she could have said. The man in the temple said, "Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me." That is, his humility is there. His faith registered. God accepted him. The other man said, "I fast. I pray. I pay tithes of all that I possess." God said, "Away with you. I don't want that. I'm not interested in that." God approved all that to the extent He said, "If you would have done the other, love, judgment, humility, and not left them undone, then that would have been fine." If you are going to do that and not do these others, then you are naturally minded. You're not spiritually minded, and all that you're doing is for the flesh. Away with that! I don't want your fasting. I don't want anything from you. So then, we see faith again. The man was saying, "I have no righteousness, Lord." And God said, "That's all right. That's all right. You now have My righteousness." God was saying to him, "Don't worry about it." Humility goes before honor. And the woman was bold. The Bible says come boldly before the throne of grace. This woman was bold. He said, "Dogs." It didn't move her. She just boldly stayed there and said, "Yea, Lord." Like Moses before God, when God said, "Move, Moses. I'll slay every one of them. I'll do away with all of them and I'll make a nation of you, the meekest man." But Moses in his meekness said, "Wait, Lord. Wait! You can't do that!" And God listened to him. Oh, somebody would say, "Now God wouldn't listen to a man." The Bible says, concerning Joshua, that never before had God hearkened unto a man's voice like He did Joshua when Joshua said to the sun, "Stand still," and said to the moon, "Stand still." Humility. Humility.

We need humility in the church. The one thing that's missing in the church today is godly humility. Charity edifies. It's got humility. Knowledge puffs up. People get all puffed up with their quotes of the Scriptures, and all these things that they have, saying, "I belong to this," or "This is my preacher," or "I belong to the first church." They get vainly puffed up by their fleshly mind. You understand what I'm saying? Faith can never work in a heart like that. There will never be faith in a heart like that. You may think that you're on your way to heaven, and you may be determined that that's going to get you into heaven, but I'm telling you that millions of people are going to be lost because they don't have faith. Though they are staunch believers, they don't have faith, and the reason is because they don't have humility. Humility is the forerunner of honor. Pride is the forerunner of destruction, but humility is the forerunner of honor.

So, when I think of faith, then I want to condition my heart. Jesus, one time, cast a devil out of a boy, and the man had brought the boy over to the disciples, and they could not cast the devil out. Jesus said, "Oh, faithless, perverse" — notice that now — "faithless, perverse generation. How long shall I suffer you? How long shall I be with you?" He said that you are faithless because you are perverse. You're not conditioning your heart. You don't have the love of God in you. You are not going after the things of God, but you're going after the things of the world. He said, "How long am I going to put up with this?" He said, "Bring the child over to Me." He cast the devil out. When He had cast the devil out, then the disciples came to Him and said, "Lord, why could we not do this?" He said, "Because of your unbelief." See, a perverse, faithless generation. You're faithless because you're perverse. Your unbelief won't let you do it. It's your perverseness. It's because you're not living right; you're not going on with God; you're not conditioning your heart. If you would have conditioned your heart; if you would have done the things that you were supposed to do, then you would have faith. You wouldn't have been faithless.

So, He said, "Howbeit, this kind cannot go forth but by prayer and fasting." Why prayer? Because prayer conditions the heart. He said, "You're going to have to have a relation with God." Going around trying to cast out devils and not having a relation with God is absurd. When those men went over there and said, "We adjure you by the God that Paul preaches," the devils said, "We know Jesus. Paul preaches Jesus. We know Paul. We know both of them." Had it been Paul that said, "Get out of here," they would have left. Had it been Jesus that said, "Get out of here," they would have left. But they said, "Who are you?" We don't have any record of you. And the Bible says that the man whom the devils were in jumped on them and just tore them. So then, you don't want to mess around with devils unless you have a life with God. Fasting and prayer. You've got to pray. You've got to pray to God, stay away with God, talk with God. Get your mind on God. Stay with God. Somebody said, "You mean get in a back room, Brother Pike, and stay with God?" That's good. That's fine; nothing wrong with that, but Jesus said, "Pray always." You've got to pray. You pray while you're walking. You pray while you're sitting. You pray while you're in the room. You pray in the night time. You pray in the day time. You pray. You meditate in His laws day and night. You pray. Jesus said, "You've got to pray." If you don't pray, then you don't have anything from God.

He said, "You've got to fast." Why pray? Because it conditions the heart. It is the spirit on the inside of the heart calling out all the

time, all the time, until your spirit is lining up with God's Spirit and becoming one with God's Spirit. The power of God is being poured into your spirit through prayer; for everyone that asketh receiveth. The Bible says that when they prayed and fasted, that they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and the power of God came on them. They went out and were great witnesses for God. So then, why pray? Because that is the connection. That's the way you get your infilling. That's the way you make contact with God.

And then, why fast? Why fast? What good is doing without food and starving yourself out? The Bible says that you do not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. I don't want your kind of fasting. Your kind of fasting is to smite with the fist. Your kind of fasting is to gloat. Your kind of fasting is for your own personal desires, and to have the preeminence among men and to have people say to you, "Rabbi, Rabbi, I salute you," as to the salutations in the marketplaces. But this is the kind of fast that I have chosen: fast some of the things that you've got and give to the poor; fast some of your time; and fast your food and do without for the purpose of world evangelism and to share and to be like God, to have a vision to help the poor and needy. This is the kind of fast that Jesus said He was interested in.

So, what good is fasting? Fasting is for the purpose of breaking down my carnal resistance. Fasting is for the purpose of moving the interference that would cross my heart. All of my fasting is for the purpose of subduing my flesh and to bring my passions and my human senses down to a low ebb, to where I don't have an ego to go out here and be some famous person, or go out here just to eat and to drink, or go out here to frolic, make money, pump iron, as we say, to jog and all these other things, to go to the ball games and the races, not wanting to watch television, listen to the radio, read the papers and study books. See, fasting is to get me away from all of that. Fasting is to cause my body, humanly speaking, or my bodily senses to be cut off from the world. I don't have any exuberance to go out there. I don't have any get up and go to get out there. I don't have any drive to be in those things. I just want to sit around. I want to be in the back room. I'd just rather not listen to anything of the world. It is to cut down the resistance, to keep the bodily interference away from my faith so that I won't doubt. As long as this body is alive, as long as these things are taking place, then that means that my heart isn't going to be able to believe without doubting. I must believe and not doubt. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe and not doubt." So then, if I can believe and not doubt. He said, "Say what you will." Say what you will. It doesn't matter if it's a man or a woman. The man came to Jesus and Jesus said, "Great is thy faith." And then, the woman came to Jesus and Jesus said, "Great is thy faith." There is no difference between the man and the woman when they come to God. God accepts faith. God is looking for faith, because, by faith, God's Spirit can come into your heart and God can fellowship you in the Spirit.

Let me tell you this, and I want you to think on it. The one thing with Israel was that they were not spiritual. Paul said, "I would that you were spiritual." You're not spiritual. So, they killed Paul. They were not spiritual, so they killed Jesus.

God was saying, in the days of Moses, "Look, Israel, I've given you everything you could want naturally. I'm doing this because I'm pulling you out of your homeland, and I'm letting you know that I'm able to feed you and your children and take care of you and supply all of your needs. I must do this with these natural things. I'm a Spirit, and you can't communicate with Me. You don't know Me. You've never seen Me. Here is a man, Moses, that I've raised up." He could have said all of these things to them. "Here is the man, Moses. I've raised up a mighty, spiritual leader, but he is just going to give you natural things and work with you like a baby." Like today, the gospel tents, that's all they do. They say, "Healing, healing, prosperity, prosperity." Those things are of God. God uses those things. But folks, God didn't use those things to make a hog out of us, and to make a dog out of us, and to make a beast out of us, and to make a glutton out of us. God didn't do that. God called us to Himself, called to us and called us to Himself by using these things to allure. He uses these things to let you know that if we leave off with Egypt and the things of the world, from our businesses or whatever, that He could take care of us. He did that to Israel. But the thing is, God is a Spirit. He was trying to lead them to the Spirit. He was saying, "Israel, all of this is great. I am with you, but I want to be in your heart. I'm a Spirit. I created the body because I live in the bloodstream. I live in the heart. I work through the mind. I am an invisible force. I am life. I am life, and I want to be on the inside of you, and you are cut off from Me because of the sins of Eve. You're cut off from Me. I never did have a chance to get into the hearts of Adam and Eve. I gave them the beautiful things of the garden of Eden, and then I gave them the test, and in the test, they failed Me and I was never able to get into their hearts. I'm still pursuing you by the prophets and all of these other things. I'm still in pursuit, trying to get into your heart, Israel. I want to get into your heart. You've not entered into My rest. You can't enter into My rest. Canaan land is only a type of My rest. You can't enter into My rest doing that. I swear that ye shall not enter into My rest because of your grumblings and your mumblings. You're too fleshly. It has cut you off from the Spirit. Being naturally minded, being carnally minded, it's death. You're abiding in death. There's no life unless I can get into your heart. Being naturally minded, you are cut off from life. I swear ye shall never go in because you're cut off because of your carnality."

So, then came Jesus; so, then came Calvary; so, then came this wonderful day of grace. And Paul said, "I would that you were spiritual. Pray that God would give you the Spirit of revelation." Jesus said, "It's not given unto them to know the mysteries, but unto you it is given." So then, God is trying to enter into your heart. Churches that don't have heartfelt salvation; churches that don't preach the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the heart of mankind; those people don't have any salvation. They don't have any hope. They are people that are completely lost and cut off. That kind of religion is just a formality. There is no life without the Holy Spirit living within you. Christ said, "If you don't have My Spirit, you're none of Mine." There is no faith, because if there had been faith, then the heart would have been purified. It's just a religious ritualistic and a formality that brings carnality and brings death. The blind leading the blind, as their leaders all fall into the ditch.

But folks, I'm telling you that God is a Spirit. I'm telling you that you must serve God with your spirit, which is your mind and your heart, and that faith is with the heart and that you must believe in your heart. The Bible says, "With the heart, man believeth unto righteousness," not with the believing of his head. So then, with this heartfelt salvation, with this Christ on the inside, we're filled with the wonderful Spirit of God, and the way that we know that a person is filled with the Spirit is that the child is known by his doings. If it is

a spirit of a dog, then that is a dog. If it is a spirit of a cow, then it is a cow. I cannot say to an elephant that you should act like a cow. I'd say to an elephant, "You must act like the cow." Why, he could never act like the cow. I'd say to the cow, "You must act like the elephant." He could never act like the elephant. He doesn't even know what I'm saying. How many of you understand what I'm saying? See, it's the nature of the cow to be a cow and to act like a cow. It's the nature of a pig to be a pig. It's the nature of a dog to be a dog. He said, They are beasts; greedy dogs that don't ever get enough.

They don't have the Spirit of Christ. They don't understand what you're saying. The Bible says that when good cometh, they shall not see, for Lucifer, Satan, even the god of this world, has blinded their eyes that they can't see when good comes. He blinded Eve's eyes. He blinded those eyes of understanding. The understanding was, "Thou shalt not eat," but he blinded that, saying, "Ye shall be as gods." See, and it really came to pass. They were as gods, but Eve didn't understand. Being as a god, she didn't understand. So then, you must have the nature of Jesus to have faith. You must have faith to be saved, and if you have faith, you will have His nature. The Bible says that we are partakers of the divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ, and with this nature, we will do just like He did when that nature lived in His body; the same, yesterday, today, and forever to a thousand generations. This nature of Christ will make the child act Christ-like. They were first called Christians at Antioch because they acted Christ-like.

This nature is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, and if it's in your body, you'll be about the Father's business. You will not be carnally minded, for to be carnally minded is death. You will not be carnally minded. You will not go after the things of the world. You will not have the love of the world in you. If the love of the world is in you, then that is Satan's spirit. If the love of the things of God is in you, then that's God's Spirit. Satan, thou savorest the things of the world because you're the god of the world.

So then, it's going to take Christ's Spirit. If you're going to be a Christian, you're going to have Christ's Spirit. To those people out there, they're going to act just exactly like they've always acted. I was riding down the street the other night, and there were hundreds and thousands of them there in sin. They cared nothing for Jesus. The frolic, the bright lights, the nude bodies; they didn't care anything for God. See, what is it? Their nature. That's their nature. They're not partakers of the divine nature of the Lord Jesus. If they were, then they would act like it.

But folks, let me tell you, you can be religious. You can go to church. Just like Cain, you can offer your offering, but that doesn't mean that you have God. Why did Cain kill Abel? Why was God upset with Cain? Why did Cain kill Abel? Why was it? Because God favored Abel. Cain killed Abel because he saw that God favored Abel. Why does the world out there want to kill Little Bethlehem? Why does it want to call them a cult? Why does it want to pounce on the true children of God? Why did they do what they did in the early church, when they threw them into prisons and beat them and killed them? Why? It's that old Cain spirit. It's Satan. It's Lucifer. He knows that God favors the people of God. He favors the children of God, and Cain hates that. So the Bible says that they'll kill you. They'll kill you.

So, this is the way that it is. I can't make them do these things. You can't make them live right. You can't force this thing on them, because they have a nature that is different from God. The nature of the world. Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil, and his lust, his nature, you have." You love the things of life: money, prestige, fame, and popularity, and the places of the world that are programmed for frolic. You like that.

See, going to those people, you can't do that. You've got to live right. You've got to show them a testimony. You've got to let your light shine, and you have got to entice them, and if there are any elect among them, they will see it and they will come out. The others have their eyes blinded. They could never see even when good comes. They're predestinated to be damned and doomed. They're predestinated. As it was said of Judas, "Let another his bishopric take," before he was ever born into the world. As it was said of Esau and Jacob, "Jacob have I loved, and Esau have I hated." The Bible says the children never having yet been born, having done no good or evil, that it would stand by what God had called.

I'm trying to tell you that a nature; if you have a nature, then that nature, whether it be of God or whether it be of Lucifer, that's all that you're going to do. See, telling the cow to act like an elephant won't work. The cow knows nothing about it. But there is one thing that God does do: He does bring grace as to the blood on the seat of atonement, so that every individual can come together and hear the Word of God, and He turns the light on enough for those that are out there to hear that call, to the extent of the mercy of God and the love of God and the grace of God, so that if they want to come out from there, then they can. And if they do come out from there, it is because they were elect before the world ever was. God ordained it, or that is, God saw that they would do it and wrote their names down in the Lamb's book of life. The Bible says and this was given to us in Christ before the world ever was. So then, they hear this, and then the light goes off. They don't come. The light goes off and they're back in darkness, and then that's the end of them, because they come to hear, they know the love of God, they know the grace of God, they know the kindness of God. God has given them this much understanding, this much enlightenment, and then they go back and they're doomed and they're damned to stand before God in the day of judgment in that they did not have faith. If you don't have faith in God, you can't go.

You people that aren't conditioning your heart to live for God, you that are going to church, you don't have faith in God if you're in that kind of condition. No matter if you go to church. It doesn't matter. You still don't have faith in God, and you're not saved. You don't have God. The first news you know, you're going to drift off over here and then you're going to drift off over yonder, then you're going to be out yonder going to another place, going to another thing, another job, another place, doing other things because you never heard what the Spirit is saying to the church.

So then, to love God, to have faith in God, it's going to take listening to what the Spirit says unto the church, and coming into a place to where you can have faith in the heart, believing in the heart, and that is faith in God.

But folks, let me tell you. Out of the millions and millions of people in the church world, there's going to be just a few of those people

that are going to be saved. I'm telling you from my heart. Out of the multiplied millions across the world, only a few of them are going to be saved, because they don't have faith in God. They're not conditioning their heart. They're of the world. They're not of God. They're not of the Spirit of God. Their hunger and thirst is not for the holy things of God and the mysteries of God and the Word of God, of the things related to evangelism, of helping the needy and the poor. Their world is not that of denying self, denying the flesh and thirsting after the things of God. That's not even in their world. They don't have faith in God. Jesus said, Have faith in God. Don't doubt. Have faith.

The Bible says do your diligence to keep thine heart, for out of it comes forth the issues of life, whether it be unto eternal life or whatever. So, I'm asking you the question, "Is your heart right with God? Are you doing anything to condition your heart?" The Jews didn't condition their heart at all. They looked to God as a natural security; but are you looking to God for your break, for just the things of the world? Is your only interest in God that He feed your belly? The old serpent is on his belly because God put him on his belly. All of his labor is for his belly because his belly craves it of him. But folks, we have meat to eat that they know not of. Our meat is to do the will of God and to finish the work that He has sent us to do. So then, I ask you the question, "Is your heart right with God? Is it? Is it genuinely right with God? Have you done anything to condition your heart?" If you haven't, you're not going to have faith. You might as well quit playing your game. You don't have faith and you don't have salvation. I told a man here about a year ago, "You might as well stop playing a game. You don't have the infilling of the Spirit," though he was one of the smoothest among you, though he was one of the most diligent among you. But he didn't have it.

See, you might as well quit playing a game, folks. You know, if you don't have His Spirit, you're none of His. If you haven't conditioned your heart then you're not going to have faith and you're not going to have His Spirit. Without faith, it is impossible to please Him. If you say that you have it, and you're not doing the things that please God, then He's not your Lord, and you don't have it. Why lie against the truth, because you're doing the things that are unlike Christ? It means that you are the servant of sin, and the servant abideth not in the house always, but the son abideth always.

So then, there are a number of things I would have liked to have said. We go into the foreign countries, and I meet thousands of people in the foreign countries, and out of all of the religious people that I meet, I can count them on one hand those that I meet that I really believe have had an experience with God, that have really found salvation, because they are just like America, a religious world but no salvation. A believing world, but no faith. How close is it, Brother Pike? It's close enough that Jesus looked at His own disciples and said to one of them, "Satan, get thee behind Me," and He said to the others, "Perverse generation, unbelieving generation, without faith." It's that close. These men followed Him wherever He went.

How many people are really Christians, that are really born again? How many of them? I tell you, a child is known by his doings. Look around and see how many of them are about their Father's business, that haven't made a joke out of things and made a game out of things, but find out how many have laid down their life. Jesus said, "Unless you hate your own life, you can't be My disciple." That's why I made the statement that just to be in this world to eat and drink, just to be in this world in routine, I hate that. It's nothing but debauchery. It's accursed before the face of God. I hate that. I hate my own life because the natural life is nothing but corruption. It's nothing but deterioration. It's nothing but just hard headed, stubborn, rebellious children, nothing but rebellious men and rebellious women as husbands and wives, nothing but dirty, filthy practices under cover. Nothing but drinking and just slopping around in the world. David said, "I hate evil with a perfect hatred." Lest you hate your own life, lest you hate that life, you can't be Jesus' disciple. You've got to find another life. You've got to find another love for life. You've got to have a love for the things of God and a hunger and a thirst for the things of God. Your routine and your prestige and your business and your kind of things are an abomination in the sight of God. God suffers it if it is a child of God that's doing it. He makes it clean to the extent that Daniel was down there in Babylon and the three Hebrew children were there. But all that is an abomination to God. God will burn every bit of it.

All of the religious practices of today are vomit in His presence. My tables are full of lukewarm vomit. Only a few will find it. Few there be that find it. Little flock, I want to give you the kingdom. Strive to enter in, for many shall try religiously, and not be able to make it. They'll try. Someone would say, "Well, I believe that if you try you'll make it." No. The Bible says many shall try and not be able. He said to strive. Just like two men wrestling together. Put up the best you've got to defeat the devil and do thy diligence to keep thine heart, for it is desperately wicked, deceitful above all things, and out of it comes forth the issues of life. He is saying to you and I, strive, for many shall try and not be able.

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The Secret Of Unwavering Faith

I like talking to you about revelation because we need revelation, but I also talk to you about faith because the Bible says, "Without faith, it's impossible to please God." He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. You know, unless you can believe God for your salvation and healing, and unless you can believe God for your blessings, as to meet your needs, then you can't please God. So then, you must have faith in God. Jesus continually said, Have faith in God. That was one of His favorite sayings. And He would say, Fear not, only believe. Be not of a doubtful mind.

People have a tendency to be of a doubtful mind. Somebody said, "We're just doing what comes naturally, Brother Pike." Well, if you do what comes naturally, then you are going to be of a doubtful mind, because you're just naturally born to doubt. Paul said that when he would do good, evil was present with him. So, you are going to find out that when you want to believe, a doubtful mind is going to be present with you. So, don't be of a doubtful mind. Don't do that which comes naturally, but that which comes spiritually. To be naturally minded is death. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

I preached on this the other day, and I emphasized that about the spiritual mind. I kept saying over and over, "To be spiritually minded is life, but to be carnally minded is death." Somebody said, "Well, that means if you have a car, a house, or if you have land." No! You can have two or three cars, three houses, five thousand acres of land and five million dollars, but that doesn't have anything to do with it. That's not being carnally minded. Being carnally minded, whether you have ten dollars or no dollars, is that your mind is on lust, on houses and on money. One man can have five million dollars and fifteen vehicles, and he has all of that to work for God and he is spiritually minded, and yet another man may not have anything, and all he can think about is something in the world. He may be just as worldly minded as he can be, and if he is, he'll die and go to hell.

I know people that don't have half enough, and all they can think about is when their husband is going to work and how he's going to pay the bills. They'll say, "Husband, don't you think you've been out long enough, and maybe you ought to go to work in the morning? I don't know what we're going to do." God bless them for having a little bit of concern so they can get that lazy husband to do something outside of being lazy! Let's give the Lord a hand! Now, you thought I was going down the other trail didn't you? All right. God bless that little woman. She helps her husband to get straightened out. Yet there are some women that just about drive their husbands crazy. He'd like to do something spiritual, but every time he thinks about taking a day off to do something for God, then she starts her regular routine.

I like to see people that are willing to do something. Some people are so that they can't dig a ditch, or they can't help. They've always got a lion in the street. They've got a backache or a headache or they married a wife, or they bought a field or they did something else. Nevertheless, I thank God that there are some who are willing to help and do something.

So, don't be carnally minded. If you'll be spiritually minded, you can have all you want. God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory. He gives you the power to get wealth and He makes rich and adds no sorrow. Don't let the devil beat on you because you've got a few blessings from God. Just put it to work for the Lord Jesus and go on enjoying what you've got. Don't be selfish and greedy and start hoarding things, because if you do, you're going to get in trouble. Honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of your increase, and so shall your barns be filled with plenty and your press will burst out with new wine and you'll have your health. When you feed the poor and the orphans and the widows, and you invest in God to win souls, hating the garment that's spotted with iniquity, pulling them out of the fire, then the Bible says that your health will return unto you speedily. The reward of God will go before you, and it will just be wonderful. So then, you can have your health and enjoy these things. I would above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. This is the three-fold blessing of God.

In St. Mark the eleventh chapter, the twenty first verse it says, "And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto Him, 'Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.' And Jesus answering saith unto them, 'Have faith in God.'" Now, I want you to listen real close to this, because I want to impress upon you faith in the Word of God. I'd like to explain just a little bit. We always say, "Well, we know that, Brother Pike. We've heard that, Brother Pike." But you really don't know it. You've heard it, and yet you've not heard it, because I talked with some of you that know and understand the Word so thoroughly, and yet when I get right down to basics and to principles, you don't understand the very Word that I quoted and read to you. Even though I read it over and you tell me what you understand of it, I see that you still do not fathom what the Lord Jesus said about it, and this is why faith does not work for you.

So then, He cursed the fig tree and the tree withered away from the roots, and yet, trees don't die from the roots up. Remember that now. Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Look at the hundreds and thousands and millions of people, and faith is not working for them. But then on the other hand, there are people where faith is working, and they are getting all kinds of blessings, financially, physically, spiritually and whatever.

Why is that? All of them have the same opportunity. The same God is Lord to all, so far as grace is concerned, and at this time, the blood is on the seat of atonement. God, being no respecter of persons, said, "What I say to one, I say to all." And if He said, "I am the Lord God that healeth thee," who then did He say that to? Did He not say that to all? Is He then respecter of persons? Somebody said, "Well, He said that to the people that are Christians." He did not say that to the people that are Christians, though the Bible does say that the bread is for the children, and that it is, as for the healing, and that is true. The woman said, "I know, Lord, that the bread is for the children, but the dogs eat of the crumbs" (dogs meaning the Gentiles). Even as the woman, as one eating of the crumbs, went away with the divine act of God, as the healing came into her home. Wasn't it, as to Cornelius, that salvation also came to the Gentiles that were called the dogs? So, who then would God have healed, or who then would God have saved? The Bible says, "It's not My will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and have everlasting life." He said that it's not even the will of God that the wicked should perish, but that the wicked should repent and have everlasting life.

So then, who would God have saved? That all men should come to repentance and be saved. Then who should be healed? That all should be healed, and that God would have all men healed, for He said, "I am the Lord God. What I say to one, I say to all." Somebody says, as to them that are righteous, "The Bible says that righteousness is of God, and there is none good but God." So then, if there is none good but God, which good one are you going to heal? Which good one are you going to save, because there is none good but God and our goodness is of God? Even the Pharisees, Scribes and Jews, and all of them that kept all of the sayings of God and tried to do all of the things that they did, were they good? Three million people or more that came out of Egypt, were any of them good? Yet, the Bible says that there was not one feeble one among them. Isn't that true? Then the Lord said to you and I, "If you'll keep My commandments and My ordinances, and if you'll do right before Me, I will not bring upon you the plagues and all of these evil things that I brought upon the Egyptians," and as to the Hebrews, "I will not permit these things to come upon you." Why, even in the wilderness, their feet didn't swell and there wasn't one person feeble among them. So, He says that He won't bring these things upon you. I could say it like this; if you would do the things that I've told you to do, then you would have faith, and your shield of faith would quench the fiery darts of the wicked. Your faith would keep these things from coming upon you. That's what it amounts to; faith by the hearing of what I've told you to do.

If Eve would have believed God, her faith would have kept the devil from putting that mind in her that killed her believing. Isn't that right? She wouldn't have been carnal minded. She wouldn't have died. The day that you eat thereof, you become carnal minded and die. Isn't it a fact that John made the statement that if you do the things that please God, hereby you assure your heart, and then does the heart have faith, or with the heart man believeth unto righteousness? You have confidence in your heart, and then when you ask of God, you believe, and what you believe, then you get it. Isn't that right? Jesus said that if thou canst believe in thine heart and not doubt, ask what you will and you will have it.

So then, Jesus said, "Peter, have faith in God." "I did this by faith," He said, "Say what you will. You can have it. Decree a thing in your heart. It will come to pass." What is He talking about, decree a thing in your heart? Just determine in your heart it is going to be the way you said it. Decree in your heart that it's going to be like I said. "Oh," somebody says, "well, now that couldn't be." But let's look at the man that was impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, never having walked. Paul was preaching over in Lystra, and all of a sudden, he perceived that the man believed what he was preaching, and that the man had faith to be healed. Paul perceived that the man believed what he was saying so much that the man had faith to be healed. Paul never said, "In Jesus name," or anything, according to the Scripture. He just looked at the man and screamed out in a loud voice saying, "Stand on your feet!" and the man stood on his feet and was healed immediately. Do you understand what I'm saying? He decreed it in his heart. He just said it, and the man came up from there. Isn't that right?

When Peter stood there at the gate called Beautiful, he did the very same thing. The man was about forty years old, and he was looking for an offering. Peter said, "I don't have anything to give you like that, but such as I do have, give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," and Peter put forth his hand, and the man came up from there and began to shout and praise God, and the Bible says that immediately his ankle bones received strength, and he went leaping and praising God. Isn't that wonderful? Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Look under the law, how that Joshua controlled the sun and the moon. Look how they opened up the Red Sea. The Bible tells us to contend for that faith that they had back there. Look at the wonderful things that the apostles did. What was it? It was faith in God. Jesus said, "Have faith in God." When He anointed the disciples, He told them to go out and heal. He said, "And whatsoever city you go into, heal the sick there. Cast out the devils there, and cast out the demons and the unclean spirits."

How many devils and demons have been cast out here at Bethlehem? Boy, I tell you what, we've had them come in here, it seems, by the car loads. It looked like some of them that came in here must have had a number of devils and demons, and it took us a long time to get some of them straightened out here. But nevertheless, God got rid of the devils and demons and we've got a good congregation now. How many of you believe that? Sure you do, and you know why some of you believe that? It's because some of you had devils and demons, but nevertheless, God delivered you from it.

It's like the Bible says, fornicators, liars, cheats, and all these kind of things, such were some of us until God delivered us, and now we're Christians. I'm trying to say that we're not good because of what we've done, or because of what God delivered us from or how God delivered us. We're good because He was good. He delivered us, and because He delivered us, that made us good; that is, good by His goodness. He saved us by His goodness. So when He heals us, He heals us by His goodness. So then, we know that salvation is to all by grace; therefore, we know that healing is to all by grace.

Somebody said, "Yeah, I got saved, but I don't have the faith to be healed." Have you ever stopped to think that it might be shocking, when you go to stand before God, and you don't have faith to be healed? And there is a good possibility, when you put it to the test to find out if you're saved, that you might get there and He'd say, "I'm sorry, but you've been just playing a game. You didn't have enough faith to be saved." What it is, you just go on the strength of the fact that you believe you've got enough faith to be saved, because it has never been put to the test to find out if you're going to get through the gates, and yet, it has been put to the test, as to whether you're feeling good or haven't got any pain. Come on, folks! You need to get down to business, that's what you need to do. I'm just saying, it's just that simple.

Let me take a few minutes and explain this to you. Jesus said, "Have faith in God." As the sun was going down, Jesus was healing all kinds of people as they brought them to Him. He healed their diseases and did away with their infirmities. He cast out the devils, and the Bible says that as He did this, He did all of them that way. Every one that came to Him that would believe, without respect of person, He healed them all. Jesus did that so that it might be fulfilled what the prophet had spoken of in the Old Testament, saying, "He took our infirmities, and He bore our sins," for He said, "I am the Lord God that healeth thee. I'm the God that forgiveth all of thine iniquities and

healeth all of thy diseases. I am the Lord that takes your infirmities," as we would say, to fulfill what the prophet has said. Now, He went to Calvary to do away with this. He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. I have abolished within My body death, and I've done away with these afflictions and these kind of things."

They said to Him, "Good Master." And Jesus said, "Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but God." So, they would say, "You can heal me if You will." He said, "I will that you be healed." And then somebody would say, "Well, Brother Pike, I would be healed if it was God's will, and if it was God's will, then I wouldn't be sick." That's where you are wrong. Somebody says, "Well, you can't prove that." All right. Why do the wicked go to hell? Somebody would say, "Well, it's God's will for them to go to hell." If that's true, then the Scriptures are all mixed up and the Scriptures are broken, and if the Scriptures are broken, then all of our faith is in vain because the Bible says that the Scriptures cannot be broken. And the Bible says, "It's not My will that even the wicked should perish, but all should come to repentance and have everlasting life, and that God would have all men to come to the knowledge of the truth." Then why isn't the wicked saved? It's because of their unbelief. They are not going to come and do the things that please God, that they may have a clear conscience, as John said, to believe in the mercies of God.

As I've said before, you can't live next door to a man and kill his cat, and kill his dog, and slap his wife, and knock his children's brains out, and have any confidence that the man loves you and cares for you. You can't do that. Yet, you can live next door to a neighbor and do something for a hungry child, and do something for a man. When he doesn't have a car, then give him a car, or share a little money. Be kind to him and win his affection, and believe that he likes you or that he cares for you. See? You do the things that please God, then you know that God turns His favor toward you. Now, Jesus has already done this in our behalf toward God, to turn His favor toward us. All we do is just submit and try to conform to God's desire, as to make an effort, to accept these things that please the Lord. Then, our faith goes up, as into the righteousness of the Son of God, and then these things prevail for us and our faith purifies our heart, and the Holy Spirit comes in just like that. That's why without faith it's impossible to please God, for he that comes to God, must believe that God is, and believe that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

The Bible says that all of the promises of God are yea and amen. Paul said that we do not come to you preaching the gospel as yea and nay, but we come to you preaching the gospel yea and amen. The Bible says that all of the promises of God are without alteration and the same to every generation, and that the Word of God is settled in heaven, unchanged, unaltered. The Bible also says that God will watch over His Word to perform it. He will hasten to perform His Word. And the Bible says that this Word of God is life to the individual that finds it, and that it is health to his flesh, for the Word of God is the power of God, as to healing, for He sent His Word and healed them. The Word actually becomes Spirit. He sent His Word and healed them. It is the power of God unto salvation, and it is the power of God unto healing. It was by His Word, that He spoke the world into existence, and when it comes to the will of God, Jesus was the will of God. He said, "I come to do Thy will, O God. Offerings and sacrifices Thou wouldest not, but a body Thou hast prepared Me. And I come to do Thy will, O God." That is, He was the manifested will of God. He was the Word. God was the Word, the Spirit made a human body. That was the manifested desire and will of God, who went about doing good to all men, and saying the same to all men; showing the love and compassion, even to the extent of taking the blood out of His veins, healing the crippled, giving sight to the blind and unstopping the deaf ears. See? Because it was God's will, and when they would come and say, "If thou will," Jesus was simply saying that it is God's will for you to be healed. I will that you be healed.

So then, when we say, God's will be done, we pray and say, "Hey, I'm sick. Lord, Thy will be done." Some say, "God, I want to be healed, but I want Your will to be done if You don't want to heal me." You can't pray like that. That's wrong. That's unbelief. That's not right. That's a reproach to God. That's a mockery to God when you read God's Word and see what God has to say about it, and then you go to praying like that. Now you can pray like this, "Father, Thy will be done," and then when you pray like that, you've got to think like this, "Father, Thy will be done," which means, "Thy Word be done. Father, Thy healing be done. My salvation be here, my healing be here, Thy will be done." That is, "I'm healed, heavenly Father. I'm saved, heavenly Father."

Can't you just picture yourself getting down to the altar and saying, "Lord, I've come to Thee asking Thee to forgive my sins, and if You don't want to save me, it's all right. Thy will be done, just send me to hell." You don't pray like that, do you? No you don't! You go there crying saying, "Heavenly Father, save me. You're merciful. You're compassionate. You died for me. I know that You won't refuse me, because the Word says, 'Father, I shall in no wise cast him away that cometh to Me.' And Lord, Your Word says that it shall come to pass that whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Then, when God turns right to you and He says, "I am the Lord God that healeth thee. I heal all of your diseases. I forgive all of thine iniquities." Now, you say, "I know that You forgive all of my iniquities, Lord, You saved me." But He says, "I heal all of your diseases," and then you say, "If it's Your will." Pray, "Father, Thy will be done," which means you rejoice in it. Father, then Thou hast healed me.

Now, let's look at it like this: the Bible says that if we're going to get anything from God, then we have to decree it in our heart. We have to say it and not doubt. Jesus said that if thou can say it and not doubt, or He said that if we say anything, then we can't waver. See? You can't waver. If you say something and waver, then you cannot have it. If the devil can make you waver, you cannot have it. You cannot waver because God is a Spirit, and you must make contact, as to your inner spirit and heart, with God, who is a Spirit. Then it locks in, and when it locks in, you've got it.

I've got an electrician here, and this electrician will tell you that no matter how much power you've got, as to that transformer, and no matter how much current comes from the light company over here, which has a tremendous amount of power, when they run it out here on the line to this building, and it sits out here for ten years, if you have a dead receptacle, then you are not going to get anything from it. First, you've got to have a living receptacle, and then when you run it to the switch, if that thing isn't connected right, as to when

that switch is thrown, you'll never get any light. Though the power is there and it's already connected, and though it's freely given to you, as we say, maybe the bill is already paid and the deposit is already put up, but folks, that isn't going to do any good. The switch has got to be thrown and the connection has got to be made, and when the connection is made, then you are going to get the power. You are going to get the light, and the whole room is going to be filled with light. If you cook and heat with electricity, or whatever it might be, as to the beauty of electricity, then you are going to have it. Even as to the electronics of whatever devices it might be, as to TV or radio, if you throw the switch and make the proper connection, as to visions and as to hearing, or whatever.

Now, Jesus said to ask in faith, nothing wavering. A lot of times, we get misput in things. Like, for instance, He said that if you continue to abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you can ask what you will and it will be done unto you. So somebody says, "Brother Pike, I'm a Christian. I abide in the Lord myself. I abide in the Lord and His Word abides in me," but you misunderstand. The preacher ministers that to you, and you take it that you know and understand, when you don't know and you don't understand that.

When it says, "You abide in Him," it means that everyday of your life, you are trying to live an overcoming life and to be holy, and not only that, but you pray and fast. That's His way, and that's abiding within His Word, because He tells even the minister, that he should fast often and that he should be gentle, patient, apt to teach, and that he should go into all the world and preach the gospel. He says that you've got a job, and that you are to be about your Father's business everyday. Whether it's giving out literature or testifying, as to go into all the world, or whether it's to go to church and be a part, as to the home front operation, and to take part with the brothers or sisters in what they are doing, or whatever it is, then God is expecting you to abide in His Word. Whatever the Word has commissioned you or told you to do, then God expects you to go do it. That's abiding in His Word.

It's not just saying that you're a Christian and doing something, as to a testimony and these kind of things, but abiding within the Word, and going forth in the Word and doing what God told you to do everyday of your life. That's abiding in the Word. Then, let the Word richly abide in you, as to meditate in His laws day and night, studying that Word to show yourself approved that you might be spiritually minded, and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus so that you might have faith in God.

The next thing is to ask in faith, nothing wavering. Now, let me tell you something. You cannot ask in faith with nothing wavering just because you determine in your heart that you are not going to waver. Just because you say, "I'm going to believe. Bless God, I'm going to believe. I'm going to believe." You are not going to do anything. The devil will just turn you for a loop. That's not going to do it. You say, "Well, I'm going to go on a fast. Man, I fasted twenty days, thirty days. I believe. I believe. I believe." That isn't going to do it. You say, "I pray all night." If you pray two nights, three nights, five nights, then that isn't going to do it. That is not going to make you steadfast and unwavering. That is not what's going to make you do that. Those things are good and that can strengthen your faith in God, but that isn't going to do it. Somebody said, "Well, I believe it will." Okay, go do your thing, but I say that when you get through, you are going to find out that won't do it.

Now then, I'll tell you what will make you ask in faith, nothing wavering, and that is when you learn the Word of God and the promises of God. Faith doesn't come by fasting, and it doesn't come by prayer, but it comes by hearing the Word of God. You've got to know the Word of God, hear the Word of God, and understand the Word of God to be able to believe the Word of God, not just having heard it and convinced yourself in some service where a preacher has preached that God wants you healed, and that God is good to you, and God wants you to be blessed, and then you go out and wrestle with your thoughts again. Not that, but when you understand the Word of God, to the extent that you truthfully know, and you actually come to a knowledge, as to a conviction. And then, something enlightens you and turns on in your heart, and suddenly, you see that thing to where you don't change. And you say, "My God! God is precious, good and kind. He actually is a state of being that is above me, in me, and through me. All He is, is goodness to me, and there is no sickness or uncleanness in Him. There is no arrogancy about Him. There is no bitterness with God. There is no hurt toward me. He's like a springtime morning. He's like the sunshine without the heat. He is upon me, as to blossom and to bloom, and to bless me as the dew of the morning, that I might be the apple of His eye, and that I might be blessed and be in health, even as my soul prospereth. God is with me for good and God loveth me, and all that I do will prosper, and I will abide in the house of the Lord forever."

He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. He giveth me the desires of my heart. He maketh me to ride upon the high places of the earth. He maketh all of my beds in the time when the devil tries to make me sick. He makes me to ride upon the high places of the earth. He giveth me the power to get wealth. I'm like a tree planted by the water. My leaves will never wither. Whatever I do shall prosper, for the Lord is at my right hand that I should not be moved. He maketh mine enemies to be at peace with me. They come out against me one way, but He'll make them to flee before me seven ways. For the Lord is for me, and He hath given me all power over the powers of the enemy, which is the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ, which has conquered the devil, and nothing shall by any means hurt me. I've got power over devils and demons, and they are afraid of me. And because of this, I take my faith in God, and my faith is this, that I believe the Word and the Word tells me that God loves me and that God is for me, and that God is with me, and that I don't have to wonder if it's God's will to heal me. Although I stumble and stagger, and though I might have made a mistake and didn't do like I ought to have done, but I do love You, Jesus. I was trying to do right, and I wasn't trying to do wrong, and I did get distant and I didn't pray like I ought to, I didn't fast like I ought to, but I didn't go back out in the world and throw myself away.

Now, if you did go back out into the world, you need to repent of your sins and come and bawl like a baby, even like the prodigal son, and say, "Lord, I'm not even worthy to be called a servant," you know, to show God you are sorry. Then, as the prodigal's father, He'll be putting the ring on your finger and the shoes on your feet, as to show you His love. But folks, you'll get chastened for those things. But when you stumble and stagger when you are trying to do your best, just say, "Father, I realize that I've got problems. I've got sickness. I'm having a hindrance, but heavenly Father, my problem is not of You. You don't tempt any man, neither can You be tempted of any. You don't

confront a man. You don't hinder a man in his cause. You don't pervert a man in his cause, heavenly Father. I gave place to these things by going in error, and in doing this, I've caused my heart to condemn me. I've caused my faith to fall. I've caused my shield to go down and the devil is confronting me every way. He's hindering me. He's coming in on me in spite of all my trying to be religious and believe, and he's just causing me to be frustrated in every way. He's hindering my prosperity and health, but I'm going to line up, God, and get these things out of the way so my faith will go back up."

Now, it's right there that God is waiting to bless you, but that middle wall of partition has separated you from God, even though Jesus broke it down at Calvary, yet you are the one that's giving place to it again, and God is trying His best to get to you. It's like a mother trying to get to her baby that's fallen down in a hole. God's standing there weeping, trying to get to you, and you are to blame. Do you understand?

So then, we learn that there are circumstances and problems and things that hinder God from getting to us. Paul said, "I would have come unto you, but the devil hindered me." The Lord wants to bless you. You've got to come to the place to where you settle it once and for all in your heart that God had nothing to do with your sickness, nothing to do with your problem, and nothing to do with your poverty. And when you do this, then can you ask in faith, nothing wavering, because even though you will have problems, you can get them out of the way because you know He's on your side. The more you pray and call on God, the more you are going to be strengthened by the thoughts of His love and concern in trying to reach you. The Bible says that you draw nigh to Him, then you know He's going to draw nigh to you.

So, you've got that confidence in Him, and you are sure in your heart that you might have that confidence that whatever you ask, He heareth you, and you know that you have that which you desire because He heareth you. You fast to make your voice to be heard on high. You do this that your light may shine, and then your light comes forth and your health returns to you speedily because you shared with others, which is pure and undefiled religion. You cause your heart to believe and do the things that please Him.

I'm saying then, that to have steadfast, unmovable, unwavering faith, you've got to understand the Word, and understand who God is and what God is. He's the Word. He's the will. He is this in your life. So, we must come to the place to fully believe and understand it without wavering and without reasoning, to where you will never waver or doubt, and never again try to figure it out, as to your case, because it has nothing to do with your case. There is no such thing as your case or anybody else's case. It has nothing to do with that.

Somebody said, "Well now, Brother Pike, I do know. What if you blaspheme the Holy Ghost?" So what? You are dead. You are done. You are gone. Forget about it. That's the end of it. There's no forgiveness in this world or the world to come. Don't worry about your faith. Don't worry about anything else. You're gone. That's the end of it. Somebody said, "Well, that's what always hinders me when I want to come to God. I think about blaspheming the Holy Ghost." You know better than that. Usually, it's a lie of the devil. You know whether or not you've blasphemed the Holy Ghost. If you've never spoken against the Holy Ghost, then you haven't blasphemed the Holy Ghost. One word spoken against Him will not be forgiven in this world or the world to come. You need to get out of that rut and stop that.

Do you know what happens? Where the problem comes is that you get to feeling unclean, and you get that feeling because you let the devil put so many dirty filthy thoughts in your mind of everything from passions to I don't know what. The reason for this is that you won't pray and fast, and you won't listen to the Word of God and study. You take up all of your time thinking on the natural; buying and selling and laughing and talking, and going on about your face and your body, until the devil just eats you like a worm. You don't try to be spiritual minded, and the devil just eats you up. How could you ever have faith in God? God can't be in a carnal mind of money and all of those things. To be carnally minded is death. Faith can't work in that. You need to draw nigh to God, to get spiritually minded. So then, when you begin to think about being dirty and filthy, and drawing away from God, what is that? That's devil and demon thoughts, and sure enough, that is devils and demons that have gotten between you and God.

Somebody says, "Then you're saying I'm possessed of the devil?" No, you are oppressed by devils and demons. If you are born again, you couldn't be possessed. But because of your foolishness and lack of consecration to God, this is where you let problems and circumstances come in. You need to get down to business with God and say, "Wait a minute. These devils don't have any power over me. I'm playing around like some silly child." Get down there and shake those things off and say, "Look, Satan, you get out of here." Jesus said, "Get thee hence Satan, thou art an offense unto Me." Take power and authority over him and rebuke him.

Start talking to God and get those dirty filthy accusations away from you, and don't feel dirty and filthy. Don't feel slimy. Don't feel like you are cold and calloused. Don't feel like you are worldly and all those other kind of things. Somebody said, "Well, isn't that the way you are suppose to feel? You feel humble and you feel like you are dirty and filthy?" That isn't feeling humble. That's feeling foolish.

Somebody says, "Well, how do you feel?" Like the writer of the Old Testament said, "He hath made me great. He prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. He anointeth my head with oil. My cup runneth over. He maketh mine enemies to be at peace with me. I know He favors me, because my enemies don't triumph over me. He giveth me the desires of mine heart." He said, "I've taken thee from among the sheepcote. I've given thee a name like unto the great men of the earth." You witness of the power of God and the goodness of God, and how that God has kept you. Decree a thing in your heart. Say it, it'll come to pass. Ask what you will, say it in His name.

So then, who are we? We are of another world. I don't belong to this world. I'm not of this world. Yet, Jesus did say to some, "You are of this world." Like the serpent that's on his belly, all of his labor is for his belly. He hungers and he thirsts and wants the things of this world. He'll never believe. But, I'm passing through this era, just like you'd pass from one planet going to another. I'm passing through this flesh. I'm passing through this era, but I belong to another world. A great and a mighty world. A world of Spirit and a world of power. It's a world of gods. and I'm passing through this world, as to a training, and I've never belonged to this world. Jesus said, "I'm not of this world, but I came from heaven and I go back to heaven." This was given to me in God before the world ever was. He said, "Job, where were you, even before the world ever was, when the sons of God leaped for joy?"

So then, you are of the world. I'm not of the world, and I speak to them that be of the world. So, you can never be to where you don't waver. Never! I don't care how much you fast. I've seen people fast thirty and forty days. Their faith wasn't any more steadfast than it was to start with. That has nothing to do with it. I've seen people go on a twenty-one day fast and then come off of it, and the devil hooked them just like that, and immediately, they ran off with somebody else's wife, or somebody else's daughter, or somebody's husband, or whatever. They'd be just as dirty and filthy as they could be, and then turn into a drunkard. That has nothing to do with it. Go out into the woods and pray for days, and then come right back. That has nothing to do with it. But folks, when you really come to where you walk everyday and something enlightens you, and something dawns on the inside, and you come to know the Word, and then you mix prayer and fasting, then that's good.

So then, I say to you, the only way that you are ever going to be able to ask in faith, nothing wavering, is when you come to the Word of God to know, to understand and realize. Somebody says, "Oh, Brother Pike, all those things I've known for years." You are lying! You don't know them! If you did know them, you'd be putting it to the test, and all these things wouldn't be like that with you and you'd have all these things that you are wanting, and you don't have them. I live with you everyday. So you don't know, you don't believe. You just hear me. It goes in one ear and out the other.

God's Word doesn't need to be propped up. As I said, you don't go through life saying, "Well, I'll keep on until I convince myself. I know for ten years I asked Him and it didn't happen, but we're the faithful ones. We know it isn't going to happen, and it didn't happen, but we're the faithful ones. We just keep on and keep on, and when we die and get over there, God is going to reward us, because we were faithful and we kept believing, even though He never would do it." Don't you know that's a slimy way of approach? That's that old slimy mind of the devil. God's Word is not altered. It's not changed. It's the same to every generation. It works that quick, as quick as the snap of my fingers. I have seen it work. I've put it to the test, and been present when it worked that quick numbers of times, and I mean a miracle that quick. More than one time, a miracle! I could see it was a miracle!

It's like I told someone before, for God's sake, don't ever frustrate the grace of God. Just because we have a pain or we have misery, or something happens, don't ever do such a foolish thing! Never! Because God's Word is accurate. It's quick! It's sharper than a two edged sword. It's right there all the time. So, there's no slimy approach to it. You don't have to prop it up. It works perfect, and if you folks were following in it and were walking in the light, and if you folks knew it and were doing it, then it would work in your life every time right to the tee. The Bible said that everyone that asketh receiveth. That means, ask according to the Word, and ask in understanding the Word. If you understand the Word, then you can believe it. But if you don't understand the Word, then you can't believe the Word. So these things I'm telling you is what makes it work.

I was telling my wife this morning, I said, "Betty, I've learned in my life time that you can be in pain and you can be in misery, and everything can be weary and the nerves can be broken all to pieces, and still, there is so much joy and jubilance in the inner person with God and His Spirit, that the whole world seems bright and like the birds are singing." But you can be whole and healthy, and everything perfect in your finance and your body and whatever, and if you don't understand and know this wonderful God, as the way I understand and know Him, then the world is a depressing place. It's like a mud hole for a hog to wallow in. There's nothing happy about it, and nothing there to rejoice over.

I try to teach you and help you, and share faith with you, but there are millions of people waiting, begging for a crumb, and I'm fixing to go back into the mission fields to reach some of them. You know, I love to see people reproved, and I love to see people corrected. I think they should be reproved and corrected, but I don't like to see people go to hell and never get out of the flames. The Bible says, "Where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not," and that they are in everlasting flames. One writer said, "Eternal flames." I don't want to see that. There are people there right now that's been there all these many years, and I don't want to see that. But there is nothing I can do about it. You know, the end is coming. It's coming fast, and there is nothing I can do about it.

I didn't finish saying what I wanted to say. I had a number of things I wanted to say, but I didn't get to say them. So, I trust that we said a few things that might be encouraging to you, and to those that hear them on tape and in the books. Maybe it will encourage their faith.

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Justified By Faith

The mind of faith is when you do believe God's Word. The Bible speaks of the mystery of the faith. There's a great mystery about faith and understanding the details of it, as to the functioning of it, and there are many things that you need to know about faith. But in all reality, faith itself is a very, very simple thing. Faith is that He hath said it and you believe it and that settles it. That's what faith is. It is He said it and you believe it and that's the way it is. If a man tells me something, I don't have to wrestle with it. If a man is telling me to do something, the devil isn't going to wrestle against what the man said. I'm not going to have a problem with it. But if God tells me something, then I'm going to have a constant war, a constant battle, a constant fight on my hands, because there is a power that's going to war in my mind against that voice that spoke to me from God. And the reason that it's going to do that is not necessarily because the devil feels that he can take that away from me, or keep me from believing that, but because he can cause me to be so broken up, as to my wavering in faith, that it will never benefit me; that he can cause me to believe a little and then doubt a little and believe a little and doubt a little to where it will never be any benefit to me. So I have to ask in faith, nothing wavering. I have to be able to believe and not doubt. And of course, if I can do this, then I can have whatever I want. Whatever I want, whatever I say, then I can have it. And to me, that thrills me. I just love that. That thrills me. That's a great challenge to my faith: to believe.

Man lives so far beneath his privilege. I find myself all during my lifetime believing. All my lifetime I've been able to believe. And God has done great, marvelous, mighty things for me because I've been able to believe. And because of this, I love to exercise my faith in God. No matter what my problems might be, I like to believe God.

Let's read from chapter four in the book of Romans. It has to do with the very thing that we're speaking of.

Romans, chapter 4: What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans, chapter 5: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more

abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now you know, in the fourth chapter of the book of Romans, there is enough here that you could preach on for weeks. But having spoken to you as many times as I have about the different things concerning Paul, the apostle to the Gentile church, who is our overseer, I'm almost of a certainty that you understand many things that we are saying. One thing that I really like to impress upon you is what it says here in Romans chapter four, verse five: "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works." So then, the question arises, is there such a thing? Is there really such a thing, that in the world somewhere today that there is a human being, or there is a man, that God would give righteousness to without him doing any works? Is there such a thing in the world today, that there is a human being somewhere in the world today, that God actually would give righteousness to him without doing any works? Is there such a being in the world today? Obviously there must be. Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying blessed are they. So when he uses the terms "they", it must mean more than one. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

We use the terms that there are people in the world today that cannot sin, and a lot of people dispute that. When I say something about people being in the world today that cannot sin, there are, of course, people that dispute that. There are preachers that dispute that. There are people even at Bethlehem, though they don't come right out and have a contest with me over it, but in their spirit they still have their traditional way of life. And they come to church and they go along with the Bethlehemites and they're a part of us, but really down in their heart, their conviction is the same as before I ever preached to them and told them these things. They still have the same old indoctrination that they've always had. See, and so far as what I've taught them or what I've tried to preach to them, they really haven't received that nor placed confidence in that. And so then, they're the same old individual they've always been. But nevertheless, to those that are of this message and are of this word and are of this covenant that God has brought forth, as to blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered, there are people that have their iniquities forgiven. God has actually forgiven their iniquities. And God, by His blood, has covered their sins. And the Bible says they are blessed because God will not impute sin unto them. Blessed is the man unto whom God will not impute sin. Blessed is the individual unto whom God will not impute sin.

So there are people in the world today that God will not impute sin unto. It doesn't matter how much they stumble. It doesn't matter how many mistakes they make. It doesn't matter how long they live in the world. God will never at any time during their life span impute sin unto them one time. They will never at any time, in the whole episode of the entirety of their life, never one time will sin ever cross their path or be imputed unto them. They will be without sin during their entire lifetime. So then when I preach this, that the Bible says that the seed of God remaineth in you and you cannot sin because you are born of God, then I'm not just carrying out a saying. I'm not just reading something to you in the Bible that doesn't have any meaning or any significance. I'm telling you a profound truth. I'm preaching to you the Word of God, and from that Word comes a conviction of heart through hearing as to faith, and faith in what I said will save your soul from death. So then, blessed is the man that cannot sin. Blessed is the man. He is saying blessed is the man unto whom the Lord will not impute sin. What he is saying is blessed is the man that cannot sin, because he is born of God. The man that's in the earth today to whom God will not impute sin is the man that's been born again. The man that is the son of God, the men or women that are the sons and daughters of God, these are they unto whom God will not impute sin. God will not impute sin unto His sons and daughters, because His sons and daughters are sinless. Blessed are the sons and daughters of God, for they are without sin. And God will not impute sin unto them, because they cannot sin, in that they are born of God. In that they cannot sin, then the devil has no advantage over them whatsoever.

So we should never give place to the devil. It doesn't matter what happens to us. It doesn't matter how much the devil's right on our trail to pursue us, to oppress us, to say things or to cause hindrance. Paul said, "I would have come unto you, but the devil hindered me." It doesn't matter how much the devil tries to hinder you, you stand right steadfast in the Word, and realize that the devil can never touch you at anytime, that you belong to God, that you cannot sin, that you are born of God, that you are delivered from the powers of Satan, and that you have all power over the powers of the enemy. All right, now somebody said, "Well, praise God. That means that I'll never have another problem." No. That means that you're having strong delusions. Now, that's just like going through a briar patch, saying you're never going to get a scratch on you. But there's one thing about it, just because you're in a briar patch, you don't have to become a rabbit and live there.

So it is said here, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven." So we ask the question tonight, "Do we have anybody here at all whose iniquities are forgiven?" I see some hands. We have some people whose iniquities are forgiven. How do you know that they are forgiven? Can anybody tell me how that you know that they're forgiven? How do I know that my iniquities are forgiven? I know it because God said so. If God said so, then that settles it. If God said so, I know that they are forgiven. So then, that means that I know that they are forgiven by faith. I believe what He says. So in that I believe what He says, then my iniquities are forgiven. Now, in that He will not impute iniquity unto me, then what will He do to me? The Bible says, "... and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. And being fully persuaded that, what God had promised, He was able to perform. Abraham being fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform." The Bible says that Abraham's faith was imputed unto him for righteousness, for the Bible said, "God purifies our heart by faith." The heart is desperately wicked. It's deceitful and wicked above all things, who can know it? But yet the Bible says that if I believe in what Christ did in my behalf, then the Spirit of Almighty God will come down into my heart, wash it, clean it, sanctify it and fill it with His presence to where it will never be wicked again.

So I find that God has not only taken my iniquities away, not only has He made me to where He will not impute iniquity unto me, but He has imputed righteousness unto me. He hath given me righteousness. For what is righteousness? Somebody said, "Fast ten days." What's fasting ten days got to do with as to righteousness? I don't know of anything fasting has got to do with other than making you hungry. You go without food ten days, you know, and you're ten days hungry. I don't know of any righteousness to it. Somebody said, "Well, if

you pray all night." I don't know of any righteousness of sitting up all night other than getting tired eyes and a tired, miserable body, and nerves all pulled down and getting your knees sore, and getting up the next day having been up all night. I don't know of any righteousness about it. I've done that and I don't know of any righteousness about it. So then, what does righteousness have to do with? God is the Spirit of righteousness. He is the Spirit of holiness, the Spirit of cleanliness, the Spirit of godliness, and righteousness is of God. And if I believe in what God did while He lived in the human body of Jesus Christ, in that He did that for me, and I am now dead to sin by the body of His efforts, and I am now dead to the world by the body of His gift, I am now dead to sin, and I am now dead, as far as death and sorrow and heartaches and the wrath of God, then am I alive unto the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all the blessings of God, in that He was delivered for my offenses. I esteemed Him smitten of God in my behalf, and He was raised again in a new form for my justification.

I am now therefore justified by faith in what He did for me. And now my heart is filled with His Spirit. I have been baptized in His name, for the Bible says remission of sin shall be preached in His name. Because my sins are remitted, which means taken away by the fact that I've acknowledged that He died in my place, and that was me that God smote, and that when they put me down under the water, that buried the body that God smote, and that body is forever gone. He smote the image of sin. It was born into the world. It was named George Pike. And it's dead. It's gone. And then, when that body came up on the other side as the Lord Jesus Christ, today I am that body. I am bone of His bone and I am flesh of His flesh, and I am members in particular. The body of death is gone. The vile, wretched body is gone, and God never sees that bastard child image again, that body of flesh again, that body of fault and failures again. But He sees me as the glorified, spotless image of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says that the Lord is coming back after a church without spot, without wrinkle, and without blemish. And when the Lord breaks forth from the heavens, as it says in Thessalonians, when He comes back in the clouds of heaven, I, all of a sudden, as He appears in the heavens, will be changed into the glorified image of the Son of God. When He looks down at that glorified image, before it ever leaves the ground, I will be a church without spot, without wrinkle, without blemish. I will be His perfect likeness. I will be His perfect righteousness. I will be His perfect bone. I will be His perfect flesh. I will be the perfect, spotless church that He came back after, before I ever lift a foot off of the ground, because I have been changed. And all of this righteousness of God, as to Christ on the inside, has been made manifest, as to this life of Christ within me, has been made manifest in the mortal genes of my natural body.

So then, God imputes righteousness unto me without works. Someone would say, "Well, Brother Pike, I like that." So then, by one man Adam, all of us were born unto sin and death, but God did not require it of men until the law came. When the law came, sin was revealed to us by the knowledge of the law, and then we knew about transgression. When we came to know about transgression, that became sin, for the Bible said transgression of the law is sin, for to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it is sin. So we came to know what was good and what was bad, and it became sin and it became death. And so then, we are born unto death until the seed, even Christ to whom the promise was made, until that seed came, and when that seed, the Lord Jesus Christ, came at Calvary, then death was abolished within that body and sin was gone, for He made in Himself twain. He made in Himself one man, as to putting away the man Adam that had sinned against God, in making an end of that generation, and the old tree of knowledge, in that the Bible says cursed is everyone that hangeth upon a tree, doing away with the tree of knowledge. And then made in Himself the second, as to twain, as to say the resurrected one appearing in a new form, as to the tree of life, that it might be the very body of Almighty God, sown in weakness, raised in power, sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body, sown a terrestrial and raised a celestial.

So today, we are completely free, and by one man righteousness unto life has come upon all of us. So then we are free from death by the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. God does not see us as sinners anymore. But He sees us as His dear children, which means we are heirs and joint-heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ. We are free from sin and death, and we are fortunate people because we are come to know the truth. Many people throughout the world today, religious people, Pentecostal people, Catholic people, Baptist people, don't understand these kind of things that we understand. But we are fortunate because God has made us to understand these things. So someone would say, "Well, this is wonderful. That means that we can go our way and do what we want to do." And that is true. We can now go our way and do what we want to do. If you want to go to the horse races, you can now go to the horse races. If you want to go to the car races, you can go to the car races. If you want to go to the wrestling, you can go to the wrestling. If you want to go to the ball games, you can go to the ball games. If you want to rob a bank or kill somebody or take another man's wife or take another woman's husband or whatever you would like to do, you can just go and do it now. See, because everything is all fixed and you can go do what you want to. And if you want to go do holy and godly and pure and be pure and godly and holy and win souls and feed the needy and help the poor and to watch after those that need help and win the lost and evangelize the world, you can do that, too. See, whatever you would like to do. You can go do it now, because God has made it possible for you just to go do whatever you want to do now, and you don't have to worry about it anymore.

Somebody said, "Well, what will happen to me if I do that?" Well, the blood is on the seat of atonement, and the rain is on the unjust just like it's on the just. And you can go out there and the goodness and the blessings of the Lord will still be just falling all around, because He cannot see your wrong because He's looking at you through the blood. See, but after a little while, the blood will be taken off of the seat of atonement, and the Lord will put you in hell for your evil doings. But you that had the 'want to' of righteousness, it will be a positive proof that you was born again because you had the right 'want to', and God will bless you with eternal life, and when the blood is taken off of the seat of atonement, your blessings will continue and your cup will continue to overflow, and rivers of living waters shall flow out of your innermost being, and throughout eternity, you will enjoy eternal life and the wonderful, eternal wealth of God. So then, God has fixed it. He has fixed it. There's a little song they sing: "Let Jesus Fix it for You." So then, Jesus has fixed it. So we see how that God has so fixed it to where we can do what we want to do. He has given us our freedom and given us our sovereignty to where we can do what we want to do.

So it's so wonderful to know that you can believe the right thing. And then of course, there is the danger of believing a lie and being

damned, God sending you strong delusions, causing you to believe a lie because you have not a love for the truth. So we see that you are free from death. Therefore, being justified by works, ye should strive always, with all of your ritualistics, that you might scarcely make it in, if there's any hope for you. That doesn't sound right, does it? That's because it isn't right. Therefore, being justified by faith, not of works lest any man should boast; therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with our heavenly Father, through the grace that He has given us by the finished works of the Lord Jesus Christ. So therefore, having faith in God, we have peace with God through what the Lord has done for us. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. So I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe on His righteousness. I've been filled with His Spirit by believing in the righteousness of the Son of God. And today I have His Spirit, which is called the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost, living on the inside of me, because I believe in the finished works of His atonement. I try to do works of righteousness.

The Bible says that he that nameth the name of the Lord Jesus, let him depart from iniquity. Let him maintain good works. It's not because he is working so he can get to heaven. Like I said, you don't work except to try to make a living. You're not working to sustain your life, spiritually. You are doing the things that your nature calls for. Your nature is the Christ nature. Your nature is Christ on the inside. And it's always been the nature of Christ to do the things of Christ. It is the nature of God to do God things. It is the nature of Brother Pike to do Brother Pike things. When I died, Brother Pike died. When I became God in the flesh, as to my measure, as to my birth, as to my membership, then it was my nature to do God's thing, because it was not me living but Him. Then whatever I do, Paul said, I do it as unto the Lord, and the things I say as unto the Lord, it's not me speaking unto you but as the Lord. I speak as the oracles of Christ. So it is not I that liveth but Christ that liveth within me. So the body is now the Lord's. And I strive to submit my thoughts, to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, that it might be Christ in His fullness, living in me, that I can say with Paul, "It's not I that liveth, but it's Christ that liveth within me, and the life I now live, I live by the Son of God."

So then, I do what comes spiritually in my life. That's to be like Christ. Because that's my life. That's my nature. That's my desire. And the apple tree doesn't have any problem bearing apples. It doesn't make any special effort to bear apples. It doesn't have to toil to bear apples. It just stands out there in all its brilliance, and the rain and the sunlight come. It just produces these beautiful apples because that's its nature to present luscious, juicy apples. And if you have the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ, it will just be your nature to produce the lovely fruits of the Spirit. And your branches will be filled with the lovely, luscious fruits of the Spirit, until your tree will just be loaded down with the loveliness of the fruits of Almighty God.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The law then was added because of transgression. Why did the law then come? It come because of transgression. The law was added because of transgression. Why did the Lord give the law? He gave it 430 years after He gave the plan of salvation to Abraham by faith. Why did He give it? It was added because man was transgressing the way of the Lord, and God wanted to reveal to man that he was contrary to the ways of righteousness. So it was added because of transgression, until the seed, Christ Jesus, unto whom the promise was made should come. Once the seed came, then the law was folded up and laid away, because there was no need for the law. Jesus fulfilled every jot and tittle. And once He came, the law was then taken away, because righteousness was then upon all mankind, and the law is taken away now. So we don't have to serve the law. "Wherefore serve the law?" Paul asks. "Do you desire to be under bondage to days and those kind of things?" He said, "I'm afraid of you." Let's abide within this wonderful Word of God to continue in the lovely laws of the freedom of Almighty God, rejoicing in the wonderfulness of our Savior.

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