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## **Introduction**

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Abed-nego stepped into the fiery furnace there was One standing by there side fanning away the fire. Hour after hour of pleasure in there.

<sup>73</sup> The king said, "Open up the doors and see if they are there." He said, "I thought you put in three. I see four and one of them looks like the Son of God." Why? Somebody took God at His Word.

<sup>74</sup> On the day of Pentecost a hundred and twenty people entered into an upper room taking God at His Word. "Well how is it going to be? What is the Holy Spirit? What do you mean the promise of the Father?"

<sup>75</sup> "I don't know how It is coming. I don't know what It is going to do when It comes but I am taking God at His Word." Amen. Pull them away from Jerusalem. You couldn't do it. They had a commission to stay there until the Holy Ghost come. Hallelujah. They took God at His Word. How is it going to be? That ain't the question, it is going to stay until He comes. Amen.

<sup>76</sup> How long? Until He comes. Stay right there. And when the Holy Ghost come like a mighty rushing wind, God's Word was confirmed. And away they went. Into the streets everywhere. It is time for God's people to take God's Word.

<sup>77</sup> Mark 16 says, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Take God at His Word, "Lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." God bless you, you believe it.

<sup>78</sup> Let us bow our heads. Lord Jesus, I am thinking of men and women who has took You at Your Word. Oh, You never leave or forsake. You are always just on time. Come tonight Lord Jesus. Manifest Thyself here tonight, and maybe many sick people here who has tried...and the doctors have tried their very best to help them. They can't do it. Maybe there is something laying back there in their life. That snake bite can not be cured until it is made right.

<sup>79</sup> But may tonight, maybe just lay everything aside and say, "God at Your Word here I come. I am taking You at Your Word. I have seen people healed. I have heard of it. I have watched others. I have seen them in my neighborhood that were paralyzed and now walking; blind and now seeing; cancer ridden. Doctors give them up and now they are living and well and healthy. And now Lord, at Thy Word I am coming tonight too."

<sup>80</sup> Grant it Lord. And may Your Spirit be here to answer back. In Jesus Christ Name we ask it. Amen. [End of tape—Ed.]

## At Thy Word

<sup>1</sup> Good evening Christian friends. It is a great privilege to be here again tonight to begin a new weeks of service. I guess the brother has told you that we get to keep the place for a week and we are thankful for that. We want to thank the men here, the cooperating pastors, and those who went forward to get it. We want to thank each one of you for giving us the invitation to stay. Above all things, of course, we thank God for the promise. We want to thank the mayor of this city and the city officials for letting us have this place. May the Lord grant His rich blessings on them also.

<sup>2</sup> And we will try with the help of God and the best that we know how to minister to the sick and the needy this week; the needy of salvation, and for their bodies also in the Name of our Lord the best that we know how.

<sup>3</sup> It is kind of a new task that we are trying now. I have for some time been trying my best to operate the meetings myself and—I mean without my manager and them. There is no one here but my little son and I, seventeen year old boy. So I have to do the preaching and so forth. And I have always thought that maybe the Lord would help me to do that some time and I am giving it a try. So you bear with me a little while. And usually I stay home, don't eat, come into the meeting, fasting, praying, just lead me right to the platform and start right off from there praying for the sick. 'Course it makes a better meeting I know that because you are already under an anointing. But now I like to come and read a text, speak on the Word a while, and then pray for the sick. So that is usually what the managers do.

<sup>4</sup> Now the Lord bless you. We thank you for your fine cooperation everywhere. And now—and last night, or yesterday afternoon rather, it was last night it was, they taken in the meeting here a love offering for me. I want to thank you. I am not worthy that you should give it to me. I did not think about it until last night when they brought the—it to me and said, "Here is the love offering for you." I was really happy for that. Now I will assure you of this Christian friend that every cent of it that I know what to do with I will give it to the glory of God. Anybody is welcome, just as welcome as they can be to search through what I do with money. Every penny that I don't have to have for my family, and what I have to have for my expense and things, goes right straight to missionary work and I take the Gospel to the other parts of the world myself. Then I know—and—what it is.

<sup>5</sup> I have never took an offering in my life. I never was able to do it. I remember one time—some of my folks are sitting here from the church. And I remember here not long ago they got a place where they—you ever have a place where you couldn't make ends meet? I preached there. It was my tabernacle for twelve years without one penny of money. I was a state game warden in this county here also, the state of Indiana, for a number of years. And I patrolled high lines, so forth and worked, made my living. I didn't need to, I always thought that if a fellow, while I was

young and could work, why not work? And then I preached on the side. Pretty near every night in a week walk right along on the high lines with my uniform on and find somebody got repented, and take them down to the creek and baptized them and go on about with wet clothes on. That is right. Farmers and everything out in the field get talking by and by about the Lord and they get to crying and give their heart to God. I would take them, pull the straw hat off and we go down to the creek and settle it right there. Go on the road rejoicing. I have done it when I have had to break the ice. Go right on in and clothes froze to me. Never took a bad cold over it in my life.

<sup>6</sup> So I remember one time...Now my wife is sitting present too, so I will hear from this after church. So we got to a place to where we couldn't make the ends meet. So I said to her, "I am going to take up an offering."

She said, "I am going over to watch you."

So I went over to the tabernacle. I said, "You think I can't do it?"

<sup>7</sup> Now not because they would not. Them dear people would be willing cut their arm off for me. But I just didn't want them to do it. So I am...I always know it that that is one weakness of ministers that usually takes them out of the harness of God is money. So the love of money is the root of all evil. So we come here all the Branham's is vagabonds and as poor as they can be. I want to be like the rest of them.

<sup>8</sup> Here some time ago a fellow was going to give me a Cadillac car way out in California. His wife had been healed with a cancer. He said, "Well, Brother Branham, we give Abaick a Cadillac." Said, "We just go over and buy you one."

<sup>9</sup> I said, "Thank you, brother. My old Chevrolet truck is in pretty good shape yet." I said, "They would give me a Pontiac and I just kept swapping it back each time."

And so they...And he said, "Now I want you to have a Cadillac."

<sup>10</sup> I said, "Wouldn't I look good coming down through Arkansas down, the big Cadillac car, and here are my people coming to me. Little old women out there half dead with back trouble, female trouble, pulling a cotton sack through the field like that, about fifty or a hundred pounds of cotton pulling behind them. Maybe had some fat bacon and corn bread for breakfast and say, 'Oh there goes Brother Branham in a Cadillac.' I...that don't look right to me."

<sup>11</sup> Now if you have a Cadillac that is all right, understand, see. But I am just talking about myself.

<sup>12</sup> I remember I went to a convention, one of the Voice of Healing conventions. I pulled up. Here was one fellow sitting there with a great big custom built Packard. Here set another with a Lincoln. And I had an old thirty-five model Chevrolet. It look like a soar thumb between those big cars. But it got me there as well as theirs did. I was getting there just the same.

Babylon? Why, there is men down there, three people who has took Your Word and they are standing on it. And they are fixing to burn them up this morning."

I can hear Him say, "Yes Gabriel, I am watching them."

<sup>66</sup> I hear him say, "Look. I stood by Your side. Let me go down there. I will change the scene this morning." I believe he could have done it.

<sup>67</sup> I can hear Him say, "Gabriel, you have been a good angel. You have done just what I have told you ever since I created you. But stick that sword back in there." He stuck it back there. Gabriel took his place at His side.

<sup>68</sup> And here comes another angel, flashing up real quick. His name Wormwood. He had the controls of the water. I can hear him say, "Master, look down in Babylon. Have You considered Babylon?" Why, he said, "I-Let me go down there. In the antediluvian destruction You had give me the power over the waters. I broke up the springs and brought the atmospheres down. I washed the whole earth over. Let me go down there this morning. I will wash Babylon off the face of the earth." I believe he could have done it. That is right. Say, "Have You considered them?"

<sup>69</sup> Said, "Yes. I have watched them all night long." Amen. His eye is on the sparrow. I know He watches me. I sing because I am happy. He watches every hour. He knows everything you are doing. That is right. He said, "I have watched them all night long. And you angels are great men. And you have done what I have told you to do. But I can't let you go this morning because I am going Myself. It is a man size job." Amen.

<sup>70</sup> He said, "Look, they just got one more step. They are going right on in." Sometimes God sits still and lets you get to the last minute. You are the only one that is in a hurry, not God. He knows what He is going to do. You just believe Him. He is on the answering side.

<sup>71</sup> I can see Him come walking down. I can see Him get up off of His throne, His priestly garments drop off around Him like that. The great King of majesty, like everything obeys Him. I can see a great big thunder head hanging back there in the north. I can hear Him say, "East wind, South wind, North and West come here." Everything minds Him. All but man. Man knows more about it than He does, or thinks he does. I can hear Him say, "Get over on that thunderhead and bring it here right quick. I got a mission for you." The winds and the waves obey Him. Everything else obeys Him. I can see that big thunderhead roll over there. Sets up for it like a chariot. My, reached up there, got a hold of a zig-zag lightning, cracked it to the skies to let them know that He is on the hearing side. Hallelujah. "I am watching you. I know where you are." Cracking that lightning as it went through there.

Shadrach said, "It will be alright. Don't worry."

<sup>72</sup> Right then I can see Him pass down by the Sea of Life and pick a palm, out of the Sea of Life. Just about the time Shadrach, Meshach, and

“My brother is dead. He is even stinking at this time. But at Thy Word Lord.” You just ask it. You say it and it will be so. That is what it is. Take God at His Word. Whatever God says, God is able to perform.

<sup>57</sup> God down through the ages. I can see the Hebrew children that night when they come down to the fiery furnace. They were down in Babylon. What a condition! What a time way down in Babylon. Them boys had determined that they wasn't going to be defeated. They were going to take God's Word for it. We need some more of them tonight: Shadrachs, Meshachs, Abed-negos.

<sup>58</sup> The king made a proclamation, declaration. And he said, “Whoever won't bow to this image will be thrown into the fiery furnace.”

<sup>59</sup> They said, “Our God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace. But nevertheless if He don't, we will not bow down to you.” I like that, that determination.

<sup>60</sup> The king said, “I will burn some of that holy-roller religion out of them then.”

<sup>61</sup> So he got the old furnace hot; seven times hotter than it ever was. I see them tie their hands behind them. They had a prayer meeting all that night. The next day, the death march, come a long plank. Walked up there, a road there, whatever it was, a stone road to the furnace then they dropped off into the furnace. I can see the great strong man, the king, set up and said, “Now we will see how good this religion is. How much they will take His Word or not.” But they had an issue from God not to bow down to images. Take God at His Word. I can see them start the death march. The old skies were roaring red with the fire.

Said, “You want to take it back?”

<sup>62</sup> They said, “No sir. Our God is able to deliver us from this but we will not bow down to your image.”

<sup>63</sup> So up the road they went. As they got closer, don't you worry, You take God at His Word and the devil will turn the heat on you. Don't you think he won't. Up the road they went. As they got farther, hotter, hotter, hotter it began to get. I can hear Shadrach say to Meshach, “Are you sure you are prayed through?”

“Yep, everything is alright.”

“Let's go then.”

<sup>64</sup> On right on up they begin to stagger from the intense heat coming off of there. Getting close one more step and they are going into there. Looks like a black picture for a believer, doesn't it? Let's turn our camera. All the time there is something going on down here. There is something going on up there too. Let's look up there and see what is going on. I can see Him sitting with His great priestly robes hanging around Him, watching there across.

<sup>65</sup> I can see this great archangel Gabriel come up, pull his sword, unsheathe his sword, and stand. Said, “Master, have You looked down at

<sup>13</sup> So I remember taking this offering. I went over and old Brother Wiseheart, bless his soul, he is in glory tonight. An old deacon was there, aged man. I said, “I am going to take up an offering. I want you to... I got something.” And everybody begin to look at me and old Brother Wiseheart, many of you here from the tabernacle remember him. And so he went... I said, “Get my hat. I want to pass this. This is something.”

<sup>14</sup> And everybody course went. And there is a little old woman who set in front there, years ago. Hard times. She got down in one of these little pockets you carry under her little apron. You know, when the pocket is beneath the apron. So she got this little pocket book out, had a little snap on the top of it. She unsnapped it and began to take out some nickels. My, I couldn't take that poor old things money. I begin to feel like my heart getting about that big. I said, “Oh I was just kidding you to see what you would say.” My wife sitting there like that. I said, “I wasn't meaning that.”

<sup>15</sup> Brother Ryan, an old man, I think he is sitting over here somewhere. Usually seen sitting over here. He has got long hair and a long beard. He come from up around in Michigan. He road an old bicycle down there and give it to me. He couldn't get it back. It backslid on him. So I fixed it up a little bit and painted it. And I took it off and sold it for five dollars and didn't have to take up the offering. So I got a... the Lord made a way anyhow, didn't He? So He will make a way. So I thank you very much friends for all the sincerity of heart. And it is with the warmest of Christian love I thank you. And by God's grace when we meet there at the Great Day, you will find that I have done the best that I could.

<sup>16</sup> May the Lord bless you now. I want to read some scripture right quick and talk some out of God's Word here. And then we are going to start into the prayer line. Remember the services goes on until Sunday night, if the Lord willing. So we want to take some of the nights just... maybe some of the nights through the week I would just like maybe to see if we can start the prayer line going and praying for everybody in present. [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]

<sup>17</sup> It is just lack of faith. You believe it right there and it is because you were told. Well then, if you still refuse to make that right put your meanness and the thing you are doing. It won't do you any good. See? So healing is just your faith in Christ always.

<sup>18</sup> Now in the 5th chapter of Saint Luke I will read these words.

*And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, (I like that) he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,*

*And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

*And he entered into one of the ships which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

*Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

*And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*

*And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

*And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.*

*When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.*

*For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:*

*And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*

*And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.*

Now we just bow our heads a moment for a word of prayer.

<sup>19</sup> Our heavenly Father, beginning of a new week, new things ahead, one week is in history. Many signs and wonders that Thou did do for us, we are grateful. Pray Father, now that You would be with us through this coming week. And may it even be much and many times greater for the glory of God only. Grant it, Father. May many sick be healed, backsliders reclaimed, sinners born into the kingdom of God. May there come an old fashion revival throughout the country here Lord, that will just cause thousands of souls to come. The needy coming to Christ for their soul's salvation, the healing of their sick bodies. For we ask it in the Name of Thy beloved child Jesus Christ, Amen.

<sup>20</sup> Now I want to take what I call a text for a few moments would be, At Thy Word. I like to read the Word. It is an inspiration. The Bible says, "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God." That is true. When we hear the word of God then faith brings forth.

<sup>21</sup> I would like to look at this tonight as seeing...taking maybe of Monday. Monday when everyone had heard a great sermon on Sunday. Maybe Him preaching and it went along and He didn't have no allotted places, but He was meeting down by the seashore. Usually He had to stay away from the rich and people who had many things of the world, so He got out amongst the fishermen, the peasants, the low type of people that was considered low type. The people who had not much of this world's goods but was rich in faith. I would rather be like that. So there is where you found Him, where people believed Him. And that is where you will find Him tonight. That is where people believe Him. That is where He will be. He is always where He...and you are too, usually, where you are welcome.

God's Word.

<sup>49</sup> One time there was a little boy had a sandwich in his hand, two little bunches of fishes, a whole...about five thousand people sitting around, Jesus sitting on a rock, had been talking to the people. Maybe the little boy had played hooky for all I know. We call in Indiana hooky, truant, ever what you want to call it. He went out fishing maybe and he seen that Man. There was something about Him, he liked to hear Him talk. Little bitty fellow. He comes up with this little lunch under his arm. Why, the people was so hungry that they was about to faint. Said, "You got anything to eat?"

Said, "There is a little lad here with five little sandwiches."

Said, "Bring him here."

<sup>50</sup> My I can imagine seeing that just in a drama the way I can in my mind. I can see the little fellow. Now as long as the little boy had...what he had wasn't very much. He could hardly feed himself with that. But once what he had he gave to Jesus, Jesus fed five thousand. You may not have very much but turn it loose once. Let Him have what you have got. If you have got that much faith put it in Him. Turn it loose and see what He will do. As long as it was in his hand it wasn't much, but when it got in His-Jesus hand, it meant something. It would only feed him here and hardly do that. But it fed five thousand. Taking up baskets full afterwards. Hallelujah.

<sup>51</sup> My, when I think of that my soul shakes and trembles. God at His Word. He said, "Cause them all to sit down." I can see Him look down at the little boy. Said, "You believe I can do it?"

<sup>52</sup> Said, "Yes Jesus. I am standing right by You. I believe You can do it." That is what He is trying to find tonight, somebody with childlike faith who will stand by and say, "Jesus, I believe You can do it."

<sup>53</sup> If He can get somebody to do that He will do it. But if you back off and say, "I don't know. I'll just pray. I don't know. I believe You but I don't..." Oh He can't use you. If anything is helpless as a spineless person who claims to be a Christian and afraid to stand on their convictions. God don't want cowards like that. He can't use them.

<sup>54</sup> Like Old Buddy Robinson I used to like reading his book. He was quite a man. He said, "Lord, give me the back bone the size of a saw log. And give me plenty of knowledge in the...?...of my soul. And let me fight the devil as long as I have got a tooth in my mouth then gum him till I die." That is the kind of faith and determination we need. Somebody who will do something, "At Thy Word Lord."

<sup>55</sup> Yes sir. At Thy Word. He said, "At Thy Word Lord. Whatsoever things you ask in My Name that will I do."

Then, "At Thy Word Lord here I come."

<sup>56</sup> Then I can notice one day as we was talking yesterday, there was a man who was dead. He was rotten in the grave. Lazarus had been dead four days. I can see Martha and Mary standing there, or Martha. Said,

doctor too, an intern at the hospital. And the other night, about a few weeks ago, I was out there on an emergency call. He called me down to the room. He said, "Brother Branham," a little bit different then. He said, "They are going to take my arm off." Said, "I have got five children." Said, "What will I do?"

Well I said, "I don't know."

<sup>42</sup> He said, "Brother Branham, I know one of our nurses here, we doctored here for about three years with foot trouble." And said, "Now she went up there one time and was prayed for, and she is normally well."

Said, "I know Margie Martins."

Said, "Brother Branham, you think God will help me?"

I said, "If you will change your attitude and believe Him."

<sup>43</sup> And a few days before I come up here they told me that the doctors said that there wasn't even a need for an operation on that man's arm. God had healed him. God is able and will keep His Word, when God is took at His Word. The secret is to take Him at His Word, if you believe it. Every man that has ever amounted to anything has been people who has took God at His Word. Do you believe that?

<sup>44</sup> Moses back there one time, how could he ever go down and make an invasion in Egypt. There he was standing out on the desert. He said, "Lord, I am a man of slow speech." He had an impediment. He said, "I can't speak." He began to make all kinds of excuses. But when God got through talking to him and showed him His Glory, at God's Word he took off to Egypt.

<sup>45</sup> Could you imagine? Wasn't that a funny looking sight that day? A man taking God at His Word, an old man, eighty years old... Now here is something for your skeptic. That man was eighty years old, white beard hanging way down, long white hair hanging down his back, little old skinny body, a man eighty years old. And here he come down across the desert with a crooked stick in his hand, and a wife sitting straddled on a little old mule with a kid on each hip. "Where you going Moses?"

<sup>46</sup> "Down to Egypt to take over." A one man invasion going down. Why? He was taking God at His Word. That is right.

"How do you know Moses you are going to take over?"

"God has done told me so and I am going down to take over."

<sup>47</sup> Why that mechanized units that they had down there in Egypt is the most greatest city in the world at that time, or the greatest nation. Had the world whipped down, chariots and horsemen. And here went an old man leading a mule with his wife and two kiddies, and with a long white beard and a stick in his hand going down to take the whole thing over. And he did it. Amen. If God says anything He means it.

"How do you know you are going to do it Moses?"

<sup>48</sup> "God said so. That settles it." Amen. I like that, a man who will take

<sup>22</sup> Now, then we think of Him as He was gathered down there. I can see Him coming along with some men following Him. And He stopped at the side of the shore. I got a picture right where He preached this sermon the way it is in modern days. There is still a little harbor of ships there where they pull the boats in. And I hope to hold a healing service there in the next few weeks, the Lord willing. Now, He was... He begin to talk... now He had seen the women from up along the hillside and the men out in the field with their ox, plowing, so forth. They heard that that famous preacher that had just come into Light of the world was down there at the sea preaching. I can see them leaving their washing, go and stopping the ox and tying them up, going down to hear the Word of God.

<sup>23</sup> Oh I would sure like to hear Him preach. Wouldn't you? Anything I like is to hear good preaching, hear a man preaching. And I believe out of all the preaching I have ever heard in my life I just love to hear Him when He stood there and said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." My, wouldn't you have loved to have heard that? I guess we will never hear that. Well here is one thing that we will hear if we are faithful, "Enter into the joys of the Lord, thou blessed. For it has been prepared for you before the foundation of the world." You have been faithful over a few things, God will make us rulers over many.

<sup>24</sup> What a wonderful time to think that night when the... all the battles are over and we are setting around that great wedding supper, won't it be wonderful? I look across the table and happen to see sitting across there Brother Willis. Looking at the different ones here says, "Well they were at the Connersville meetings." You know I kindly believe that if we just have to cry just a little bit. Don't you think so? When I reach across the table and see all down through there the old battle scared veterans down across the table. Holding one another's hands, weeping for joy. Won't that be wonderful?

<sup>25</sup> Then I can hear an announcement of silver blast of trumpets. Out comes the King in His beauty, His majestic robes around Him, walk down along the table. Will take His own hands and wipe the tears out of our eyes and say, "Don't cry now. It is all over." Amen. That is the day that I am living for. That is why I press and beg and plead for lost souls and do all that I know to get them to the Lord Jesus. Then I want to sit down at His feet and hear Him like these people did.

<sup>26</sup> He began to preach and the people began to believe and multitudes began to come down across the hills. This new fellow that was performing miracles, doing signs and wonders, who seemed to know things before they taken place. What a phenomena. And all of them come down to hear Him begin to press towards Him, get close to Him.

<sup>27</sup> Now let's change the camera just a moment, in our minds. Look setting up there on a stump or an old chunk over on the side of the seashore. I see Peter sitting up there, and James, John the sons of Zebedee, sitting up there, fished all night long, discouraged. Any of you

fishermen know what it is to fish all night and don't catch nothing. That really discourages. So they washed out their nets and hang them up to dry and there they was sitting on a stump. Some of them says, "Well here comes that guy, that preacher. Let's see what he is going to say." I can see the old apostles get this chunk and sit down, after a while began to listen and says, "There is something a little different about that fellow." Moves his chunk just a little bit closer. After a while he stands right up against him. There is something about Him that draws man to Him.

<sup>28</sup> He still got the same power, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me." No matter how simple the Gospel is, if Christ is in it, it will draw people. He is the greatest magnet, as we talked of this afternoon, the world has ever known, "...draw all men unto Me."

<sup>29</sup> Then when the crowds got great I seen Him look around, I believe He knew that ship was there. So He stepped into the boat and He said, "Peter, thrust out just a little bit. I want to preach a while." And while He stood there and began to preach to the people. Well then after He got through, He had borrowed Simon's boat and He never borrows nothing unless He pays for it. He said, "Now, Simon, I want you to thrust out into the deep. Launch out."

<sup>30</sup> Oh, if I...I would like to speak on that for a while, launch out. That is what is the trouble with people's faith tonight. You are afraid to turn it loose. There is many of you that has got faith but you are afraid to let it loose. Your faith without works is dead just as the body without the spirit is dead. See? If you have got faith then show me your faith by your works.

<sup>31</sup> Now, see now, Paul was justifying Abraham by faith. James justified him by works. Paul said Abraham was justified, in Romans 4 by faith. And so James comes over and says that he was justified by works. Now both of them, one confirmed the other. Now Paul was speaking what God saw; his faith. James was speaking what man saw; his works. And if you say, "I got faith in God," and afraid to put your faith to works, then it won't do you no good. You have got to launch out. That is what is the matter with the peoples today of this world. Many of them have faith but they are afraid to launch out with it. You are just afraid to venture a little bit. Just to say, "Well I can. I can do all things with Christ who strengthens me." Amen.

<sup>32</sup> Look at Him, to launch out into the deep and let down for the draw. In other words, I can hear Peter say, "Well Lord, why, we are fishermen. Well we was born and raised on this sea here. Well we know when the moon is right and when all the signs are right. There is not even a fish in that water. Well we have toiled all night long and we know when the signs are right and we never even took one fish. We took nothing. And then you come around to tell me to go back in the same waters where I been seining and let down to get a whole boat full of them? Why it couldn't be." If he had said that he wouldn't have got them. But he said, "Lord, I have toiled all night and have taken nothing. But nevertheless at

Thy Word I am going to let down the net." There you are. There is the secret. Taking God at His Word.

<sup>33</sup> If there was no fish there, God is able to put fish there. He did do it. That same net that went through that water all night long and caught nothing. But look, when God said put it down there. Well maybe tonight you might have seined through every doctor's office in the country. Maybe you have been to healing meetings and been anointed a many times but tonight, "At Thy Word Lord, here I come." That is the way it is. "At Thy Word, Lord, I am going to let down the net because you told me if I ask anything in Your Name, You would do it. And I believe that is the truth and I am letting down the net right now at Your command."

<sup>34</sup> Don't be afraid. Ask the whole lot. "You have not because you ask not. You ask not because you believe not." That is right. "Ask and you shall receive. Seek, ye shall find. Knock, it will be opened." That is God's Word. "I will let down for the draw."

<sup>35</sup> I can see that old apostle running that big seine out there in the water, getting ready. And when he began to pull on the net, made a couple pulls, there was nothing. After awhile, something began to tug, began to take a hold. Just let down one time and try it. The first little effort you might not feel much. The second little effort you might not, might make several little efforts. But after a while you will feel the tugging. Something caught a hold. Something is on the other end of the line.

<sup>36</sup> Like the little boy that caught the electricity in the bottle. He said, "I got it. I got it." He didn't know what he had but he had something.

<sup>37</sup> Believe God. Take Him at His Word. "At Thy, Lord, I will let down the net." And that is what he did and caught the multitude of fishes.

<sup>38</sup> Unbelief, the first thing you know would have caught that...when He said, "Let down the net and take up the draught" to where they had been fishing through. How foolish to the carnal mind.

Well they said, "There is no fish there."

<sup>39</sup> But God had put fish there for His Word. 'Cause He had already spoke, "Let down the net for the draught." And if there is nothing there to work on God will put something there to work on, if He said so. If you believe Him, take Him at His Word.

<sup>40</sup> And now, another thing. They had seined within themselves all night and got nothing. But one time taking God's Word for it and they got all the fish and even begin to sink their boats. Man's extremeity is God's opportunity. When you have gone as far as you can, when the doctor has done all he can do for you, it is...that is the time that God can go to talking to you. But when you have got something that you can lean upon beside God, you will do it. And when it comes to the last bit then you can talk to a person about his soul.

<sup>41</sup> I know a man here not long ago, I couldn't speak to him at all. I would say...he would make fun of the meetings. He said, "Oh Billy is cracked in the head." Went on, said all kinds of things, and he was a