

## CALL OUT OF THE CALLED OUT

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Praise the Lord. I'm very glad to be here with you this evening. Amen. I trust that what we have to share with you will encourage you, praise the Lord? The Lord is always wanting to encourage us in the race, in the midst of the fight. Hallelujah.

If you have your Bibles, you might want to open them tonight to Judges, and I believe that I will be ministering to you out of the seventh chapter. I don't know if I will get to it entirely tonight. We'll just see how the Spirit leads us.

Many of you were in Jamaica, many of you were in the Illinois conference, and I want to encourage you in your relationship with God. A lot of us did business with God during those timeframes of ministry. Many of us rededicated our lives, recommitted ourselves to the plans, and the purposes of God. Sometimes when we get outside of that flowing, outside of that unction, outside of the moving of the Spirit of God, our strength begins to wane, and our effort becomes a little less diligent. I want to encourage you tonight, that God met you at that particular time, at that particular place, and maybe God will meet you tonight, I don't know. It is my hope and my prayer that He will. Hallelujah.

I like the story of Gideon because it is indicative of the end-time. You can read Gideon and almost put your own name in there, not so much that you or I are Gideon, but because the purposes, the plans of God were being made manifest through this man, by this man, because of God's desire to set the children of Israel free from the Midianite bondage that had been over them for a number of years. Now, I think a lot of the book of Judges deals with the aspect of the Midianites and their oppression of the children of Israel. Now, somebody told me just the other day what Midianite meant and I'm trying to recall what they said. It seemed fairly important, at the time. Hallelujah. I was going to say "contention," but I wasn't quite sure if that's what I remembered it being. When that was spoken to me, and as I have meditated upon it, the scripture that came to me was a scripture that's found in the Bible that talks about God. He says, "I will contend with them that will contend with thee.", (Isaiah 49:25). You can make a note of that and go back and check me just to make sure that I'm right. Praise the Lord.

I have found that it takes a great deal of effort, it takes a great deal of concentration, it takes a great deal of energy to maintain your position of righteousness, to maintain your position of holiness. Now, I'm not talking about pressing in, pressing on, or overcoming. I'm just talking about the fact of trying to maintain a position or a place of righteousness against the wickedness of this day and age. And yet, God is looking and going throughout humanity, looking for a people. Now, praise the Lord, we think that we're that people, but, you know, in the midst of the called out, there's always the called out. There's always someone being called out of the called out, because in the

midst of the people that God is calling, times and wickedness are changing. Wickedness is becoming more wicked and diabolical and the cost that is involved in all of that is always considerably more than it was the day before. There is almost a position of commitment that we have to come to with each position of contention. Are you following what I'm saying? Hallelujah. We have to make a decision. Are we going to go on from this point, or are we satisfied, are we happy with what we have as Christian people? The decision that you make with regard to that question determines if you are being called out of the called out. Hallelujah. It's a spiritual principle.

God chose twelve men. When He was here on earth, God chose twelve men. Now, each one of those men had the same opportunity that the other ones had of being around the Master, of walking with Him, or serving Him, of doing whatever was necessary, traveling with Him, sitting at His feet, and listening to Him. Every one of them saw Him do the same thing. Every one of them! But something was different about some of them. Something was different about some of them, because the thing that He was doing, though it sparked the interest in all of them, it brought out something in some of them that was demonstrated by their relationship to Jesus that the others did not demonstrate. Hallelujah.

I'm going to build you a hypothetical situation which could have possibly been a very true situation. Let's say, for instance, they were all out somewhere camping and Jesus got up, say, at 3:00 in the morning, or 4:00 in the morning, and He decided to go off to pray. Now, His getting up may have disturbed a number of people. Some of them may have just rolled over and gone back to sleep. "Well, the Master, He's going off to pray. He always does this at 3:00 in the morning. He always does this at 4:00 in the morning, and He always comes back, so I'll just roll over and take my ease." Now, there might have been those there that, as the Master got up to move off, they got up to follow, to see what the Master would do, hallelujah. We're not told a lot about the personal relationship that these men had except for the fact that there were three individuals amongst the twelve that seemed to have more favor - not because God liked them more, because it says that God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). That means He doesn't care what color your eyes are. He doesn't care how tall you are, how short you are, how thin you are, how fat you are. God is not a respecter of persons. Your personality may be better than this guy's personality, but God doesn't care. God is not a respecter of persons. What God appreciates is the interest that we have in Him!

One of the scriptures in the Bible says, "You draw nigh unto God..." and what will God do? "He will draw nigh unto you," (James 4:8) but the prerequisite is YOU drawing nigh unto God. YOU have to draw nigh unto God. Now, drawing nigh unto God means something more than just reading your Bible once in a while, just being in a place of prayer occasionally. Drawing nigh, in God's economy, is entirely different. We delegate a certain amount of time to God and we think that we have performed our Christian responsibility. Christian responsibility is not attending a fellowship meeting or a prayer meeting on a regular basis. Church is not something that you hold at a particular time, especially when you and I have been designated as being the church. Hallelujah. Many people have the revelation, and I wonder if we have yet got the revelation of, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Many men have gotten the revelation that God does not dwell in houses built by men's hands. Solomon had that

revelation. Solomon, hallelujah, had that revelation. David must have had that revelation, and many of the patriarchs, all the way up through the New Testament. Many of the founders of the church, they all were aware that God does not dwell in houses built by men's hands. Paul, as he penned the Corinthian letter, says, *ye are the house of God*. God desires to dwell within you. (2 Corinthians 6:16). So, really, our conduct, the way that we do business out there, should be as the business that we do while we're in here. Hello? Hallelujah. There should be something of a testimony of the Word of God being proclaimed by our life! Hallelujah.

Now, one of the first things that God deals with with regard to you and I as being called out, or, as the New Testament put it, being Sons of God, is dealing with our familiarity. Now, when I talk about familiarity, I am talking about *family position of heritage*, the blood with which we are born, the people to which we come into the world. Hallelujah. In Judges, one of the first responsibilities of Gideon was to begin to rectify the order of his own house. Hallelujah. He had to begin to set his own house in order. There was a special unction, there was a special anointing that God gave him for him to do that. Hallelujah.

Judges six, verse one, says, *And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years*. Seven is the number of perfection. There was something of a working out of God's perfection in the aspect of the children being submitted to Midian. *And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds*. Well, praise the Lord, we could preach a message on that, but we're not. Hallelujah. But down toward the end of the time frame of God's judgement upon Israel, God began to speak to this man Gideon, hallelujah, and He began to talk to him about the thing that he needed to do. Chapter 6, verse 25, *And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it*: Now, we don't have groves, our fathers don't have altars that we can say, "This is the grove of my father and this is the altar." But, nevertheless, we have a spiritual inheritance that has been bequeathed to us, not by God, but by the fact of sin that has been predominate and prevailing over humanity on the family scale. Every family has a familiar spirit. Some of them have many of them. Hallelujah. He cast seven devils out of Mary Magdalene. Hallelujah.

So, there were familiar things, there was a familiar thing in the family of Gideon that God had to deal with before He could use Gideon to move against the host of Midian. You know, we spend a lot of time looking out here and looking over there and looking around over here and saying, "Well, that's the trouble, that's the problem, that thing over there - that will never work. That isn't spiritual." All of the time we're looking over here, over there, over yonder. Hallelujah. I really like it in families where brothers and sisters, you know, begin to tell on one another. "So-and-so said so-and-so and did so-and-so and this is how they're acting." "Well, I wouldn't have done that unless so-and-so would have done so-and-so-and-so-and-so." They begin to tell on each other. One spirit accusing another spirit and getting it all mixed up and trying to get you, the parent, on the whatever side. Hallelujah. I wonder how many times we make

righteous judgment, like Solomon, when he took the child and said, “Give me the sword. I’m going to cut the child in half.” Hallelujah. And the woman whose child it was said, “No, no, no. Give the child to her” (1 Kings 3). That’s righteous judgment. Hallelujah.

Now, you know what your familiarities are. I certainly know what Asbill likes and wants. I know how and I know what I have to do with regard to those aspects. The problem is, we are standing here at the end of time, on the edge or the threshold of the end of the age and moving in to the revelation of the Sons of God and we have not dealt with the aspect of the familiar that is so paramount in our lives and is keeping us from doing what God wants us to do. What if Gideon had said, “No, I don’t want to go up there. I don’t want to go up there! I don’t want to go up there!”

Now, listen to me. I don’t think it was an easy decision for Gideon to do what he did. First of all, he was defying his father. And in Israel, my understanding of historical Israel, the father had a position or place of reverence and respect and you didn’t take what was his without asking. Do you know that they could stone a rebellious son? Did you know that? They were commanded by the law that if a son was rebellious to take him out and stone him (Deuteronomy 21:20-21). The parents were commanded in the Word to take the son to the elders and if the elders deemed the punishment was death, they were to take him outside the gate and stone him there, for the sake of his rebellion. So, did you know what Gideon was doing? It’s easily written, it’s easily read, and we’re not really told a lot of what was going on, but we know something was going on. We know something was going on so much so that Gideon decided he wasn’t going to do it during the daytime. How’s that for “thou great man of valor?” I think God has a sense of humor. He sneaked out under the guise of darkness, but, yet, God honored his position, what he was willing to give. God utilized it. He says, “Yes, I’ll even take that. If you want to sneak out at night, if you want to do it under cover, if you want to take just a few select people, not make any noise in the doing of it, that’s just fine. I’ll take even that.” Hallelujah. How much more glory will God give with regard to our participation with God if we lay it all on the line, put it out in the open, put it out up front?

How many of you were at the July conference? Then you heard Brother Gruver’s prophetic word? I don’t know if you heard what God said, but I encourage you all to get the tape and listen to it again. Hallelujah. It said that God’s glory was going to be poured out. One of the things that stuck in my mind that he said is that God’s glory was going to be poured out, but what would the manifestation be because of that pouring? It told me one of two things. It could be a good manifestation, or there could be a bad manifestation – all on the basis of the unveiling of God and the glory that He is willing or wanting to shed upon us. It is all depending on what is in here [our hearts]! Hallelujah.

I tell you what. These men that were put in various situations... take Joseph, for instance. What if Joseph had rebelled against his set of circumstances? What if, in his heart, he had harbored malice against his brothers for what they did? What if in his heart... what would you do if you were taken out of prison and put in a position next to Pharaoh that, only in the aspect of Pharaoh’s throne was he least greatest, and you had Potiphar come before you? What would you have done? What would you have done with your resentment? There was a glory, do you understand what I’m saying? There was a glory that Pharaoh had, there was a position, there was a place of excellence and authority that was designated in the place that Pharaoh was. Hallelujah. Are you

following what I'm saying? He took Joseph out of prison, took his glory, and put it upon Joseph! Now, that glory had the possibility of doing other things than good things if in him was something that was not good, if he had resentment, if he had bitterness, if he had lust in his soul. Pharaoh's glory would have given Joseph the ability and the liberty to move in a manner that would have brought degradation and shame and reproach upon him, as well as his people. He would have missed being the deliverer! Hallelujah. I encourage you to go back and listen to the word. You know, we let so many things fall to the ground. We do not go back, we get busy, we get caught up in life, and we get doing our thing. Hallelujah.

I don't know if we really understand how God looks at His visitation. I don't know if we really understand it. I don't think we really comprehend God's presence as He comes in and He begins to walk down through the midst of us, as He begins to touch this one and that one as He begins to..., you know, my goodness, hallelujah.

Just a little after-note – You know, one of the reasons that we gathered in Jamaica was for the liberation of Jamaica. Well, that last week, there were three main kingpins, drug lords, in Montego Bay that the police have been trying to arrest for years. They arrested them the last couple of days of the conference, and the Prime Minister, who is in cahoots, who is the “bandito,” hallelujah, is ill in health and failing and thinking about resigning. Well, he can think about it all he wants to, but he is on the way out. Come on!

I'm talking about God's presence walking down through the midst of a people. Hallelujah. God's presence walking in the midst and as He brings forth His Word... Now, if you really want an understanding, if you really want to understand the significance of how God, what God puts upon His Word, I can show it to you in the scripture. But I want to relate to you something. I have probably told this before, but you're going to hear it again, thank God. They say repetition is the key to remembering. We were in Schuyler and I had this vision of a meeting that Satan had with Jesus and in the meeting Satan was scoffing the people and whatnot and saying to Jesus, “Well, they're easily diverted and subverted. They're easily diverted and subverted.” And Jesus said, “Go. Do what you have to do,” but there was this soldier that was behind Jesus that was standing at parade rest. Suddenly Jesus whipped around and He pointed His finger right into the soldier's face and He said, “It's your job to stop him!” What is He talking about? He is talking about a company of people who have the concept of eternity before them! They're not working for social security. They're not looking for medical benefits. They're not looking for some retirement home on the edge of a lake. They're looking into eternity! They don't have time to retire. They're going to be eternal! Hallelujah. They don't have time to fool around with this or with that because there's something in their minds, there is something upon their heart that is pressing them, pressing them, pressing them as it must have been pressing Peter, James and John. Pressing them, pressing them! “I don't know how long we're going to have this man. Why don't we stay as close to him as we possibly can?” And out of the three, JOHN! He must have dogged the man. He must have followed Him around everywhere He went. Probably every time Jesus turned around, He said, “Oh, it's you again?” I'm sure He didn't do that. I think it pleased Him that there was one in and amongst all of them that desired Him in such a way, and I believe that that man is indicative of a company of people! Hallelujah.

Do you know something? The mother of Zebedee's children came to Jesus and said, "I have a favor to ask of you" (Matthew 20:20). Hallelujah. "I have a favor to ask of you." He said, "Ask." You don't think He knew what was in her heart? You don't think that He knew that, in her heart, there was a longing to see her sons walking with God? Walking and sharing God's glory? Being Godly men, righteous men? Come on! There was something, and you know something? What they had must have been something they got from her! She was there with them, following them around, ministering to them all the time that Jesus was walking, and John was walking and James was walking! Hallelujah. I wonder what the husband was doing. He was probably off fishing, making a living. Well, thank God there was someone in his family that desired something other than the natural arena, something more than what the eyes could see, the hands could feel, the ears could hear! They could smell something! The scent of heaven was in their nostrils! They were smelling eternity! They were looking beyond the natural realm of things! That doesn't mean they weren't involved in worldly things. That doesn't mean that they weren't doing what they had to do. Paul worked! He worked hard.

You know, in India, one of the most vexing things that happens is that you get a man saved and he wants to preach. But he doesn't only want to preach, he wants to be a pastor. That's what he wants to do. Well, praise God. Praise the Lord for people that want to preach and people that want to be a pastor. But, my God, there are the mechanics of things in the world around you. You have got to overcome in this level. You have got to overcome in the things of the naturalness around you! Hallelujah.

I don't know that my life is so much different than anybody else's. You know, I told God, "You have got to do something for me. You have got to do something. YOU HAVE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, GOD! You have got to do something. I can't do what You're asking me to do. I can't do it. I can't be in the ministry and work. I have to be either in the ministry, or I have to be working. You make up Your mind!" I'm talking about in the early days, you know, when I was coming into all of this stuff, and I was hearing the Lord, and I was getting excited and God was sending me out and then I had to come back in and go to work. My, what a bummer! I don't want to work, I want to play! I want to preach! I want to see souls saved! I want to see God move. I want healings to happen! "Oh, this is the man of God!" You know, you think it's funny, but it's true! It's true. There's something in you that begins to say, "Oh! I like this!"

Here I am and I'm saying, "God, You've got to do one or the other. You've got to either release me to minister, or I'll work and I'll support the ministry." Hallelujah. "But You've got to make a decision! You've got to make a decision, God! You hear me? I'm not going to put up with this any longer!!! One or the other!" And so, the prophet was coming. "Oh, praise the Lord! Prophet coming! I'm going to get a word! God's going to answer me. Oh, yes, He is! Oh, praise the Lord! Prophet! Prophet coming! Prophet coming! Going to lay hands on me! I'm going to sit in the front row! Want to be sure the prophet lays his hands on me. Want to be sure the prophet sees me! Here I am! Here I am! I need a word! I need a word!" Prophet comes. Oh, hallelujah. I didn't listen to a word. I don't know what he said. I was just thinking, "Oh, come on. COME ON, get through with it. Get through with it. Get to the prophesying! Get to the laying on of hands! Come on, prophesy!" He goes over here. He goes over there, and

over there. And I'm saying, "Here I am." I'm doing this, "OH, PRAISE THE LORD!" loud, thinking, "*Oh, surely he'll notice me.*" You don't do that, do you? "Oh, I want a word, I want a word, I want a word. Please, please, please, please, please, give me a word!" "God, you're not going to leave me *BARREN*, are You?" "*Maybe if I get down on my knees.*" I get down on my knees. He's still over there, over there, over there. I said, "*What's wrong with this guy? Can't he hear God? Doesn't he see I'm in need, God? I'm in neeeeeeeed!!!!*" He's all through prophesying. Goes back up to the front, gets down to where he says, "Well, God bless you." Closes his Bible up and begins to walk away, and all of sudden he walks by me and he points his finger at me and he says, "Thought I forgot you, didn't you? Well, the answer is, **YOU WILL DO BOTH!**" Wrong word! Don't want to hear it! That's not the word I want to hear!

You know, that's what it's like all the time. It's never what we want to hear. It's what we think that we want to hear. I had this one son and he was looking out the window one day, out into the service yard there where we were living. He wanted to do something and he said, "Mommy, I want to go... and do, do, do..." and Mommy said, "No." He said, "But, Mommy, I want to hear the other 'no'." He really wanted to hear, "Yes." He didn't want to hear, "No." He wanted to hear the other "no", and the other "no" meant "yes." That's the way we are, and if we don't get what we want, we pout. We don't talk. "I am not talking to you. *You* don't even exist. I am not going to talk to you AT ALL." And then there's silence. Do you know, if we could see ourselves in the Spirit, stomping our feet, banging our hands upon the floor, that's what we would look like. Of course, you don't ever have these problems, right? You never get so wrapped up in your own flesh because God didn't do for you what you thought God should do, and how God should do it. You've never gotten so wrapped up in your own flesh that you throw your little temper tantrums. Familiar spirits! Familiar spirits. Or, we just get mad. We get mad. Slam doors. "Oh, there's nothing wrong with me." Bang! Door shuts. "I'm fine!" Wham! Something hits the table. "Oh no, everything's just hunky-dory." Whump! I'm telling you, God is touching something, something, something, something, something. God is touching something. Familiarity. Family spirits. Family heritage. "Oh, I'm an Asbill. I have to be proud. Strong." Poppy-cock! What we have to be is submissive to the will of God. We cannot submit to the will of God if we are walking in our familiarity, if we're paying obeisance to the altars of our ancestors.

You know what I like about Africa? They don't hide anything. They worship their ancestors. They worship their grandfather. They worship their grandmothers, their great grandfathers, their great grandmothers. At least they know what they're worshipping! We kind of dress it up. We kind of dress it all up in nice clothes, with nice colors. The colors, of course, that we like. Hallelujah. We put the touches on it that make it palatable to us. Hallelujah.

There is something that has to be done with regard to the elect of God. There is something that God is waiting for you to do. It took somebody out of Gideon's family, do you understand, to do what Gideon did. If someone came from outside of Gideon's family it would have created something of a war. The father recognized there was a..., you know, I think he was almost glad. He was almost glad. He was the one that said, "Let Baal plead for himself!" It was just like Elijah going up... I'm telling you what, we build these types of scenarios, but they are actual, nitty-gritty situations, do you

understand, that are pertinent to you and I, in the realm that we live, in the time that we live. Elijah, with all of the prophets of Baal, falling down. My goodness, you walk out there in the street and what do you see? Wickedness! I don't know what you see, but I know what I see. Wickedness! Wickedness! People bowing down to idols, people worshipping and we get these people that stand up and begin to spout and spew out all of their garbage. All of their garbage, hallelujah, and we act as though it really doesn't make any difference what they think. There has to be something of a challenge that goes up. "Let the God that answers by fire, let Him be God!" There was a prerequisite upon the calling and the election of Gideon as there is a prerequisite upon the calling and the election of the called out. You can't take one thing, or one story that's in the Bible and pick out of that portion of the story what you like to hear. If you think Gideon is a type of the moving of the Holy Ghost, and his three hundred is a type of the Sons of God, then anything and everything that transpired in Gideon's life that is recorded within the pages of this book has something to do with that thought and that premise. You cannot just take a piece, a portion, and utilize it for something that makes you feel good.

Our revelation is sometimes like an insurance policy that we think will go into effect when disaster happens. It always amuses me that insurance is good for anything except for what is considered an "act of God." What does that say about your theology? Come on! Come on! Come on! What does that say about your theology? You know, I think God has a humor, and I think He lets men do things that men do and word things that men word. They do it for greed, they do it for corruption, they do it for wickedness, but I think God lets them do it so that we might understand the workings of God in a spiritual arena. If your natural insurance policy will not cover you for "acts of God," what is your theology going to do in the day of calamity if it's not a reality and it's not written upon the tables of your heart?! He says, "I will give to them a new heart...(Ezekiel 36:26)", that's a heart transplant. "Oh, yes. I know. I've been saved. I'm waiting for that sweet by and by." We are rapture people, if you really want to know the truth. We are rapture people! We are not living like end-time, Sons of God people! Jesus said, "If you want to be with me," He said, "Deny yourself!" (Matthew 16:24). Now, listen to me. We're all at different levels of denial. I am not ridiculing your level of denial. I'm not talking about where you're starting from. I'm talking about where you're going and it will accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Now, either God is lying, He doesn't exist, the Bible is a fallacy, or there is something very explicit and exact that God is saying about His Word. Now, that brings you to the question, is the man of God speaking words of men, or is he speaking as an oracle of God? Is he a trumpet that is proclaiming the desire and the will of God? Hallelujah. Well, he does his part. He does his part. He expends himself. He does what he is desiring by God to do. There is a necessity of the hearer to hear. And you know something? Hearing doesn't mean listening to the words that are being spoken on the tape. Do you know, I have taken a tape and worn it out, playing it back, over and over and over and over again, gleaning out of that word the totality of the thing that I am possibly able to grasp, and then praying very diligently, "God, I want this word walking and talking in the midst of my life. How can I demonstrate the reality of that thing that You are speaking to me by the Spirit?" It's a very serious thing in how we handle the Word of God. It would be better for some of us never to hear than to hear and



not at least begin to work on it to whatever capacity that we are able to work upon it!! Hallelujah.

Okay, back to Onan and Tamar (Genesis 38). Hallelujah. I believe that this is what God has spoken to me. Tamar is a type of the church, in this type of a situation, and because her first husband died, it was the responsibility of the next eldest to bring forth seed unto his brother. Now, that would all be well and good, and we could say that's all Jewish tradition, and Jewish legislation, except for the fact that God designated it. Hello? It wasn't a rule that the elders got together and made for the sake of nurturing the widow. It was a rule, it was a principle, that God was laying down for the church. And this is designated, this is made... well, I can't say made plain, because you would have to hear it by the spirit, when it talks about Jesus being cut off in the midst of His generation, and then it asks the question. You know what the question is? ***He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken*** (Isaiah 53:8). Hallelujah. Are you following what I'm saying? It says of Onan, when he did what he did with Tamar, it says that he kindled the wrath of God. Boy, I don't know if you are really hearing what I'm telling you. It says that the wrath of God was kindled against Onan, and God smote him! Onan died. Hallelujah. Onan died.

There is a scripture found in 1 Corinthians, you may think I'm taking it out of context, but I don't believe that I am. You can wrestle with it before the Lord. It says, many are sick, many are weak and some sleep. Some sleep, some die because they what? They do not discern God (1 Corinthians 11:29). Come on! Am I taking the scriptures out of context? I don't believe that I am. I believe that that's what the Bible says. Says, many are weak, many are sick, what is it? Because we do not discern the Body of Christ. What is the Body of Christ? ***“Philip, have I been so long with you that you have not seen the Father? Do you not know when you see me you see the Father?”*** (John 14:9). I'm not putting my feet in His shoes. I'm not standing up in His place, God forbid! But I'm telling you, there is something of a characteristic, there is something that God sees that we don't see. There is a perspective that God has that we don't have because we're down here, looking horizontally, or looking down, or maybe looking up sometimes. God is up here, looking down! He sees the whole picture, beginning, middle and end. He knows the destiny and He knows the fact that the Word that He gave back there on November the 25<sup>th</sup>, 1988, was sufficient to bring you to November the 25<sup>th</sup>, 1995! I believe that there are many who are not with us today because of the Word that they did not hear or receive! I believe things are going to get a lot more serious. I believe that things are going to get a lot more critical. Hallelujah. There has been a tolerance that God has allowed because of our humanity and because of the sin that is around us, but God gives you the power to rise up over that position of humanity, He gives you the power in the aspect of the Word that He has delivered to you and you refuse. “I'm too busy.” You say, “Well, I'm not going... I'm too busy, I can't.” “I can't do that now. Let's put it off to another time.” Hallelujah. Or our familiarity begins to rise up and to usurp that position, that high place, that grove, all those big mighty trees. God says, “Hew them down. Put them down as an altar. Kindle the wood. Kindle the spark under it. Slay the bullock and lay it upon there. Slay the bullock! Slay the bullock!!“ God says, “Kill the flesh!“ This flesh, our body, is more of a reality to us than

what we call eternity. It should be just the reverse. You know, Jesus, throughout His whole life, defied the natural principles of things. He walked on water. He had limbs grow out where there was no limb. Hallelujah. He had eyes open. He defied the natural principles again and again. Why? Just to demonstrate that He was miraculous? He was demonstrating that He was of a higher order, a higher principle that took precedence over this natural arena. Yet, this natural arena dictates to us what we do, when we do it, how we do it and why we do it! Oh, my God.

There is a calling, there is an election. What do we think it is to rededicate our lives, or to dedicate your life? “God, I’m your man.” “I’m your woman.” “I’m your servant.” “I want to be a fireball in God!” What do we think that means? Going out with a megaphone? Some of us wouldn’t even do that.

You were down on the street in Jamaica, right? Amen. Hallelujah. Do you remember, George? “Brother Georgie in the Word of the Lord?” We’re comfortable in our house, doing our business, doing the things that we have to do, because that’s what we have to do. Living life, maybe, hoping Jesus will come some day. *YOU’VE GOT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN*. You’ve got to make it happen. It’s not that you’re waiting on Jesus. Yeshua is waiting for you. He’s waiting for me. He’s waiting for us, hallelujah, to begin to testify to the power of God that we have in our lives in the absolute, mundane things that we are locked into or walking in. Hallelujah. It is not that it has precedence over you, you have precedence over it! You begin to release the fire of God that is in you, instead of letting the fire of God in you destroy you! Hallelujah. Oh, hallelujah. Hallelujah.

And he said, Judges 6:26, *And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock...* It says in Peter that “He” is the rock. The chief cornerstone. He says, this rock, you will either be a part of it, or it will fall on you. Be a part of your foundation or be on top of you (Matthew 21:42-44). *...in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.* Boy, that must have been one whale of a fire. I wonder if they all scattered when it went up. I mean, you could probably see that thing down in the village. Certainly, if Gideon’s father was looking out of his window he would have been thinking, “My grove is on fire!” Can you imagine a grove stacked up, and then kindled with a match? My goodness. *Then Gideon took ten men of his servants...* ten is the number of law. Jesus says, I will write my laws where? Upon your heart. On the tables of your heart (Hebrews 8:10). *27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father’s household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.* A lot of us stand in the midst or in the place of Gideon’s shoes. We don’t do a lot of things because of family retribution. Family retribution. Well, I tell you what, get in your closet. Get in your closet and begin to ask God to break the familiarity of the groves, and it was just as important, the groves and the idols. The groves were just as much a part of the idol as the idol itself. Like trees. Jesus said, “What do you see?” to the blind man. He said, “I see men as trees, walking” (Mark 8:24). That means I have great grandfather, and great-great grandfather, and great-great-great-great grandfather. Trees. Hallelujah. Spirits. Not that they are spirits, but the spirits that took them and ministered to my family to bring them down have culminated in this time! My God, hallelujah.

***28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.*** It's not a matter of just saying, "I am going to be a good Christian." It's a matter of war. It's a matter of sacrificing of self. It's a matter of having the reality of an eternity before you. Eternity. God bless you.