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JEREMY DON'T PLAY THAT; GOD'S COMPLETELY CHANGED MY MESSAGE WHICH COULD BE A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING. WOULD YOU TAKE YOUR BIBLES AND TURN TO HEBREWS 10TH CHAPTER. I GOT ALL THIS STUFF HERE AND GOD SAYS I DON'T REALLY WANT IT SO I'M GONNA TRY TO SHARE WITH YA WHAT I THINK THE LORD WANTS FOR THIS MOMENT. HEBREWS THE 10TH CHAPTER, VERSE 19.

WHEN I FIRST STARTED PREACHING, I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY GOOD. JUST TELLING THE TRUTH, I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY GOOD. I THOUGHT GET A LITTLE SPIRITS UNDER MY BELT – NEXT THING YOU KNOW I'LL BE BILLY'S GONNA CALL AND ASK ME TO REPLACE HIM WHEN HE'S DONE. NOW AT 48, I REALIZE UNLESS THE LORD SHOWS UP, YOU CAN PUT THIS IN THE BIRD CAGE. IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER MUCH. THE WRITER OF HEBREWS IS WRITING AND THE CONCEPT OF HEBREWS IS THIS – THERE'S A BETTER WAY -- THERE'S A LIVING WAY. ALL THAT WENT BEFORE YOU WAS PREPARATION THE WRITER IS TRYING TO SAY AND NOW THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAD COME. HOW MANY OF YOU OWN YOUR OWN HOUSE NOW? HOW MANY OF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARD IT? YEAH, ME TOO. I ONLY GOT 30 YEARS AND IT'S MINE. I'LL BE 78 YEARS OLD, WOO HOO!!! HEY THE ALTERNATIVE IS – I'D RATHER BE HERE THAN THE ALTERNATIVE.

THE WRITER IS SAYING IT'S COME TO FRUITION. ALL YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, ALL THE PRIESTS BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT ALL THAT THE RABBIS BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT A DAY WHEN MESSIAH WOULD COME AND THIS LAW WOULD BE WRITTEN IN YOUR HEARTS AND THERE WOULD BE A BETTER WAY AND THERE WOULD BE A PERMANENT SACRIFICE, IT'S COME. BUT IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WAS. YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BIG AND FLASHY; YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD COME WITH ARMIES AND SOLDIERS. YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD COME WITH NEWS AND RIVALRY; YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD COME AND EVERYONE WOULD BELIEVE IT AND IT WOULD JUST BE USHERED IN AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BELIEVE IT AND EVERYONE WOULD ACCEPT IT AND THERE IT WOULD IN JUST ROLLING IN ON THE TIDE OF ACCEPTANCE AND IT WOULD BE EASY AND IT WOULD BE JOYFUL AND THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANY HARDSHIP AND IT WOULD ALL BE TAKEN CARE OF. BUT NOW THE SHOWN IN AND THE WORLD REJECTS IT CAUSE THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS REJECT TRUTH BECAUSE IT'S BASED ON A LIE. AND THE WORLD HAS REJECTED IT AND THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE REJECTED IT AND ALL OF THIS YOU'VE WAITED FOR AND YOU BELIEVED IT AND YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S NOT BIG WHY IT'S NOT HAPPENING AND WHY IT'S NOT HUGE. AND YOU'RE SITTING THERE AND

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YOU'VE LOST – THEY KICKED YOU OUT OF THE TEMPLE FOR IT; YOU'VE LOST YOUR JOB. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GONNA FEED YOUR FAMILY AND THERE THE TEMPLE STAND AND ALL OF ITS GLORY AND THE GOLD AND EVERYTHING BEFORE YOU AND THE WRITER IS SAYING I KNOW WHAT YOU

WANNA DO; YOU WANNA GO BACK. I KNOW WHAT YOU WANNA DO; YOU WANT T CHUCK THIS THING AND GO BACK. THE OTHERS EASIER. AND SO YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A LIMBO LAND, YOU DON'T QUITE KNOW THAT THIS WAY IS LIFE BUT THE OTHER IS EASY. EVER HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS EASY. WHICH ONE WOULD YOU RATHER DO? I'D RATHER DO RIGHT IF IT'S EASY. AND I'D RATHER DEBATE IF IT'S HARD. HOPING TO MAKE RIGHT EASY AND THE WRITER IS SAYING DON'T YOU DARE GO BACK. AND AS I FINISH THIS SERIES I'M GONNA DO TONIGHT I'M GONNA TELL YOU THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR GOING BACK FOLKS.. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT HE WHO PUTS HIS HAND TO THE PLOW LOOKS BACK, HE'S NOT FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. IF YOU STARTED ON THIS WALK, YOU MUST FINISH IT. IF YOU STARTED ON THIS WALK, IT MUST BE COMPLETED. THE CLAIM MUST BE STAKED AND IT MUST BE WORKED. I'VE STAKED MY CLAIM MANY TIMES BUT I FAILED TO WORK IT. AND I LET SOMEBODY INCOMING WORK IT. SO HE'S WRITING THESE PEOPLE AND HERE'S WHAT HE SAID. HE SAID THEREFORE BRETHREN HAVING BOLDNESS GET INTO THE HOLIEST BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? EVERY YEAR A HIGH PRIEST WOULD WALK INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES AND THERE THEY WOULD THROW BLOOD ON THE MERCY SEAT. AND DON'T YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE SAID I WISH I COULD GO IN THERE. I WISH ME, JUST PLAIN OLD ME, JUST COMMON OLE ME, JUST NOBODY, JUST ME, I WISH I COULD GO INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES AND I COULD EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND THROW THE BLOOD ON THE MERCY SEAT AND UNDERSTAND THAT GOD WAS WORKING ATONEMENT AND OH I WISH I COULD GO IN THERE AND EVERY YEAR A HIGH PRIEST ONE TIME IN THEIR LIFE COULD GO AND THEY WERE THE ELITE, THEY WERE THE ELECTED AND NOW HE'S WRITING SAYING DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND NOW YOU CAN GO IN THERE. BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS THERE ARE NO DIVIDING WALLS ANYMORE. THERE IS NO HIERARCHY OF HOLY AND UNHOLY. YOU MAY GO INTO THE HOLIEST BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? CAUSE I TELL YOU WHEN YOU GET THERE, EVERYTHING CHANGES. WHEN MOSES WALKED DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, THEY HAD TO VEIL HIS FACE FOR HE HAD BEEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY OF HOLIES. IT IS SAID IN HISTORY ABOUT THE HIGH PRIEST THAT WHEN THEY WOULD COME OUT OF THE HOLY OF HOLIES, THE ONE TIME THEY GOT TO GO IN, MANY TIMES AS THEY CAME OUT THEIR BODIES WOULD

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GLOW. I KID YOU NOT UNTIL THE SPIRIT WAS REMOVED -- SOMETIMES THEIR BODIES WOULD GLOW. THERE'S A RESIDUAL EFFECT OF BEING IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES. SPENDING TIME WITH THE LIFE OF LIVES, THE WATER OF ALL WATER. HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES? HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS? CAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU GET THERE, BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS BY A NEW AND LIVING WAY BY THE NEW AND CONSECRATED WAY BY THE VEIL WHICH IS HIS FLESH A NEW AND LIVING WAY. NOT THAT OLD DEAD THING ANYMORE. A NEW AND LIVING WAY. IS IT LIVING TO YOU.

YOU SEE CAREY ASKED US A QUESTION AT STAFF MEETING, HE SAID -- CAUSE HE ASKS THIS QUESTION ALL THE TIME. SOME DAYS IT'S LIKE BLAH BLAH CHARLIE BROWN'S PARENT AND SOME DAYS THE QUESTION HITS YOU LIKE A TON OF BRICKS AND HE SAID TO US THURSDAY, WHERE ARE YOU WITH JESUS? AND I GOTTA TELL YOU I'M THE BEST PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN. IT'S NOT BRAGGING ON ME CAUSE WHAT I'M FINDING OUT IS-- I'M FINDING OUT I HAVE TO WORK HARD -- DON'T GET ME WRONG -- I HAVE TO WORK AT THIS THING BUT I'M FINDING THAT IT'S NEW AND IT'S EXCITING. ANYBODY GOT A JOB THAT WHEN YOU -- REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY ON THE JOB AND YOU LIKED IT? ADAM AND I WERE WATCHING THIS THING ON TELEVISION WHERE THEY PUT THESE SCREWDRIVERS TOGETHER AND THEY WERE -- THE SCREWDRIVERS ARE PUT TOGETHER BY A MACHINE BUT THE CHISELS WERE HAND PUT TOGETHER -- PUT TOGETHER BY HAND AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW LIKE THE FIRST WEEK THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN COOL. YOU'RE TRYING TO BEAT YOUR TIME YOU KNOW AND YOU'RE DOING IT, SAME REPETITION BUT NOW YOU'RE DOING THAT LIKE THE THIRD YEAR INTO IT AND YOU'RE GONNA GO PUT THE CHISELS TOGETHER AGAIN AND HOW MUCH YOU WOULD HATE THAT JOB. HOW MUCH YOU WOULD SAY SAME OLD DING DING DING. REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS NEW? REMEMBER WHEN YOU GOT YOUR FIRST NEW CAR? REMEMBER DRIVING YOUR NEW CAR, GOING DOWN THE ROAD, WAVING AT PEOPLE? YOU GOT MAD CAUSE SOMEBODY -- WE GOT THE -- WE HAD THE FIRST CALIBER, DODGE CALIBER THAT WAS BOUGHT IN OKEECHOBEE. WE HAD THE FIRST ONE, YES SIR. AND WHEN WE WOULD PULL UP TO A CONVENIENT STORE, PEOPLE WOULD SAY HEY I LIKE YOUR CAR. YEAH WE JUST PICKED IT UP. TO BUY IT AND WE WOULD DRIVE PLACES AND PEOPLE WOULD SAY OH LOVE THE CAR AND THEN ONE DAY I SAW THIS PERSON GO BY IN A RED CALIBER AND OH, THE BUBBLE BUSTS AND NOW IT'S JUST A CAR. I GOT IN IT TODAY AND I NOTICED WHEN I GOT IN IT THAT ONE OF THE PIECES THERE AT THE SEAT IS BROKEN OFF. HOW IT'S DAMAGED. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO GET IN THE THING. OLD NASTY CRAPPY PIECE OF JUNK. OUGHT TO TAKE IT OVER TO SOME PLACE AND LET THEM TAKE A SLEDGE HAMMER TO IT. IT'S WORTH NOW. OH IT WAS FUN ONCE. IT WAS NEW. IT

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SMELLED NEW. IT WAS GLORIOUS. NOW IT'S DAMAGED GOODS. HUH. THEN CAREY GAVE ME A TRUCK, WAHOO! NOW ONE OF THE – THE THIRD DOOR THING WON'T OPEN IT'S DAMAGED. WHO WANTS IT! I DO CAUSE I HAVE TO ACTUALLY DRIVE IT BUT ANYWAY. THIS NEW AND LIVING WAY I'M FINDING OUT NOW THERE'S A SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS THAT HIS GLORY IS NEW EVERY DAY , HIS BLESSINGS ARE LIKE NEW, THEY'RE REFRESHING AS THE NEW DAY. AND NOW I'M BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE THAT. NOT JUST PREACH ABOUT IT. BUT EXPERIENCE IT. THE OTHER NIGHT I WENT OUTSIDE JUST TO HANG OUT. I DUNNO WHY. THE LORD SAID JUST TO GO OUT SO I WENT OUTSIDE AND I'M LOOKING AT THE STARS AND FROM MY HOUSE THERE'S THIS PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE STARS AND I'M LOOKING AT THE STARS AND THEN THE LORD JUST KINDA SHOWS UP AND I JUST – EVER JUST – IT JUST KINDA COMES OUT OF YOUR MOUTH THANK YOU LORD FOR EVERY BAD THING THAT EVER HAPPENED

TO ME. AND I STARTED NAMING PEOPLE THAT DONE ME WRONG. AND I'M SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE NAMED ME CAUSE I'M SURE I'VE DONE WRONG BUT I STARTED NAMING PEOPLE WHO DONE ME WRONG AND I STARTED THINKING ABOUT THINGS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER GET OVER; THINGS I THOUGHT WOULD DAMAGE ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE AND I STARTED TO GET SO EXCITED BECAUSE IT BECAME NEW AND LIVING AND ALL BEGAN TO – I HEARD THE LORD SAY IF THEY HADN'T DONE THAT JOHN YOU'D NEVER LEARN TO STAND ON YOUR OWN 2 FEET. HOW COULD YOU HAVE HELPED PEOPLE WHO COME TO YOUR OFFICE IN NEED IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN NEED. HOW COULD YOU COUNSEL THE PEOPLE WHOSE MARRIAGES ARE ROUGH IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD A TOUGH SPOT IN YOURS? HOW CAN YOU DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN DONE WRONG BY AN INDIVIDUAL, BEEN CRITICIZED BEEN BY PEOPLE IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN THERE? AND WHEN IT ALL BEGAN TO SEE GOD'S HANDS IN SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT I HAD HELD AS MOUNTAINS OF BITTERNESS IN MY LIFE. WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN THE 3 YEARS I HAVE BEEN HERE IS NOTHING SHORT OF MIRACULOUS. WHEN I WENT TO CAREY TO CHICAGO, FIRST TIME WE WENT AND WE WERE SITTING TOGETHER EATING. I SAID I GOTTA GO I DID SOME PEOPLE WRONG UP THERE AND I GOT TO APOLOGIZE TO THEM. AND GOD IS BEGINNING TO SHOW ME HOW ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD AND ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. LET ME SAY THE SCRIPTURE TO YOU AGAIN. FOR ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THEM THAT LOVE GOD AND ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. SEE ALL THINGS DON'T WORK TOGETHER FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T WORKING TOWARDS HIS PURPOSE. AND THERE HAS TO BE A CALLING TO MOVE ON. AND WHAT I MISSED WAS THIS. THAT WHEN GOD CALLS A PERSON TO MINISTRY AND

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TO THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE, IT'S GONNA BE HARD. BECAUSE THERE IS WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS EASY. THE SCRIPTURE TRIED TO TELL ME THAT BECAUSE IT SAID BROAD IS THE WAY TO DESTRUCTION AND MANY GO THAT WAY BUT NARROW IS THE GATE. NARROW IS THE WAY AND STRAIGHT – STRAIGHT AND NARROW IS THE GATE AND STRAIGHT IS THE WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE AND FEW FIND IT. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY FEW FIND IT. BECAUSE IT'S HARD. SO THE WRITER IS SAYING TO THESE PEOPLE YOU MUST SEE IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS STUFF THAT THERE IS A NEW AND THERE IS A LIVING WAY WHICH HE CONSECRATED FOR US, HE DIED FOR US; HE WENT THROUGH IT; WE HAVE THIS HIGH PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD. LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS IN VERSE 22, LET US DRAW NEAR WITH TRUE HEART AND FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH HAVING OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED FROM AN EVIL CONSCIOUS AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER. DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART AND FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH. YOU MUST DRAW NEAR. CHRIST RIGHT NOW IS CALLING OUT TO MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM, COME CLOSE, COME NEAR. WITH FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH – COME! _____ SHARED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND YOU MUST HEAR THIS PRINCIPLE. GOD HAS A PRINCIPLE THAT HE RARELY WILL BREAK AND WHEN HE BREAKS IT WE CALL IT MIRACLES. GOD HAS A PRINCIPLE THAT HE SAYS THIS I WILL INITIATE GRACE

AND THERE IT IS GRACE IS ON THE TABLE BUT YOU MUST RESPOND IN FAITH AND TAKE IT. THERE IT IS. DRAWING NEAR WITH FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH. DRAW NEAR. WELL I COULDN'T POSSIBLY DRAW NEAR, JOHN I'VE GOT THIS OR I'VE GOT THAT OR I'VE GOT THIS AND THIS IS WHAT HE'S SAYING TO YOU, WRITE THIS DOWN, WRITE THIS DOWN. THERE WILL BE NO BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR LIFE UNTIL YOU'VE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT IT WILL COST YOU THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS. LET ME SAY THIS AGAIN. THERE WILL BE NO BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR LIFE UNTIL YOU ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT WILL MEAN THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS. IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU ANYMORE. MY HOUSE DOESN'T BELONG TO ME. THE BANK – I'M SURE THE BANK DOESN'T WANT TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT BELONGS TO THEM EITHER. MY HOUSE DOESN'T BELONG TO ME; MY CAR DOESN'T BELONG TO ME; THE TRUCK THAT CAREY GAVE ME DOESN'T BELONG TO ME; MY KIDS DON'T BELONG TO ME; MY WIFE – I SHARED THIS LAST NIGHT AT HOME GROUP BUT IT'S PART OF SOME OF THE THINGS I WANT TO BEGIN TO SHARE WHAT GOD IS SHARING WITH ME. IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU. NONE OF IT DOES SO IF YOU LOSE IT, IT WAS MEANT TO BE. WHAT IF I LOSE A LOVED ONE JOHN? THAT'S SIMPLE TO SAY WHEN IT'S SOME MONETARY THING BUT WHAT IF I LOSE A LOVED ONE? WHAT IF I HAVE TO ACCEPT – DO YOU KNOW THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL NOT COME TO CHRIST AND MOVE AWAY BECAUSE THEY'RE ANGRY THAT GOD LET A LOVED ONE DIE. BUT WE MUST ACCEPT

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THE FACT THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND HE DOES WHAT HE WILL DO AND IN THOSE TIMES WHEN IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR, WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT SEE ALL OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALL OF THE THINGS THAT BROUGHT THIS TO BE. I'LL SAY THIS AGAIN AND I DON'T MEAN TO SAY THIS TO MAKE ANYBODY FEEL GOOD OR WHATEVER BUT WE'VE SEEN BEAUTY COME OUT OF ASHES IN SO MANY THINGS IN THIS CHURCH. GOD'S TAUGHT US SO MUCH. MIKE AND GINA GEHRING CAME IN THE OFFICE, THE ELDERS, THE ADOPTION, THEY HAD LOST A BABY AND THEN THE ADOPTION THAT THEY WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT FELL THROUGH AND THEY WERE ANGRY. WOULDN'T YOU BE? AND THEY WERE HONEST AND ADMITTED THAT THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD WAS DOING BUT THEN THEY BEGAN TO SEEK WHAT GOD WOULD DO AND I'LL NEVER FORGET WE BEGAN TO PRAY AND WE WERE CRYING OVER THEM AND RICK ASPDEN SAID THIS – HE SAID THIS. ONE DAY MIKE VERY SOON YOU'RE GONNA BE HOLDING THAT BABY UP. THE BABY GOD'S GONNA GIVE YOU. THE BABY DEDICATION. AND I'M GONNA TELL YOU THE BABY DEDICATION THAT DAY WHEN MIKE AND GINA STOOD THERE WITH THAT BABY, I ALMOST COULDN'T STAND UP CAUSE THAT'S ALL THAT WENT THROUGH MY MIND. I WAS PREACHING IN THE FRESHMAN CAMPUS WHEN WE FIND OUT THAT LITTLE RYLEE HAD DIED. AND WE WERE DEVASTATED. WE HAD PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD LET HER LIVE AND GOD SAID NO I HAVE SOMETHING. SO MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN ANGRY AND HAVE SAID NO THAT'S ENOUGH. FORGET GOD. BUT OUT OF THE DEATH OF RYLEE SHE LIVES NOW MORE THAN SHE COULD HAVE EVER LIVED HAD SHE BEEN ALIVE. BECAUSE LITTLE RYLEE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE WITH THE MEMORY OF HER

AND WHAT SHE DOES THAT SO MANY PEOPLE GET THROUGH IT. LEE'S STARTING FULL TIME WITH RYLEE'S HOPE THIS MONTH. PRAY FOR HIM AS HE GOES. GOD CAN BRING BEAUTY OUT OF ASHES AND YOU SAID JOHN ALL I'VE GOT IS A HANDFUL OF ASHES. AND I HEAR YOUR STORIES ABOUT THIS THAT AND THE OTHER BUT I DON'T CARE. AND UNTIL YOU START CARING, IT'LL ONLY BE ASHES. UNTIL YOU TAKE THOSE PILE OF ASHES AND YOU PUT THEM THERE AND YOU SAY GOD ALL I GOT IS ASHES. BUT THAT'S OKAY BECAUSE YOU CAN MAKE BEAUTY OUT OF THESE ASHES. UNTIL THAT HAPPENS THERE'LL NEVER BE THE QUOTE FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. YOU WANT – IF YOU WANT CHRIST YOU MUST TAKE HIM ON HIS TERMS; HIS WAY; HOW HE WILL DO IT IN YOUR LIFE. THERE ARE THINGS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN MY LIFE I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE THAT WAY BUT GOD IS SAYING SETTLE DOWN BOY, SETTLE DOWN BOY. IT MUST BE THIS WAY AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND AND I WANT TO KNOW THE FUTURE AND GOD SAYS YOU MUST LEAVE THAT IN MY HANDS. AS I WALKED AROUND AND LOOKED AT THE STARS, HERE IS WHAT DAWNED TO ME. I FELT THE LORD SAY JOHN YOU KNOW HOW

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MANY PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES HAVE LOOKED AT THOSE STARTS AND WONDERED IF I WAS GONNA DO ANYTHING IN THEIR LIFE AND I'M SAYING YEAH AND HE SAID I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING IN YOURS, VERY BIG. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTAIN IT. YOU KNOW I KNOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE SO MUCH PREACHER WHATEVER BUT I BELIEVE IT. AND I DON'T MEAN HE'S GIVING ME STUFF. I DON'T WANT STUFF. I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED. I LIVE IN THAT LITTLE HOUSE WITH THOSE 2 CARS WITH MY KIDS AND MY WIFE AND I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE. BUT I GOT A FEELING GOD'S GONNA LET ME GET MY LIVE INVESTED IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE. YOU KNOW WE CAN'T CLOSE OUR DOORS CAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS OPEN. THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE AT MY HOUSE. ANYONE'S EVER BEEN AT MY HOUSE KNOWS THAT'S TRUE DON'T THEY? THE OTHER NIGHT WE HAD A COUPLE PEOPLE AT MY HOUSE AND LORI SAID SHE'S GOING TO BED AND EVERYBODY'S STILL MAKING NOISE AND I SAID LORD LET THIS BE THIS WAY TILL I'M DEAD AND GONE. LET MY HOUSE BE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE JUST LOVE BEING THERE. LET US DRAW NEAR WITH TRUE HEART AND _____ HAVING OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER. GOD WANTS TO WASH YOU CLEAN. GOD WANTS TO WASH YOU CLEAN. WOULD YOU STAY WITH ME JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER. GOD WANTS TO WASH YOU CLEAN. WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY I USED TO HATE TAKING BATHS. I LIKE IT NOW JUST TO LET YOU KNOW. BUT I REALLY DON'T LIKE IT. I JUST LIKE THE RESULTS I GET FROM IT SO I GUESS I SHOULD SAY THAT BUT I DIDN'T LIKE TAKING BATHS. AND MY MOM WOULD MAKE JAMES AND I TAKE A BATH EVEN IF WE DIDN'T NEED IT AND WE USUALLY DIDN'T. WE WERE SO CLEAN—NO – SHE WOULD MAKE US TAKE BATHS AND WE'D GET IN THE BATHTUB AND PLAY FOR A WHILE. YOU KNOW HOW LITTLE BOYS ARE WE'D HAVE A LITTLE SCUBA MEN AND WE WOULD PLAY AND THEN THERE WOULD COME THE MOMENT WHEN SHE WOULD SAY OKAY I GOTTA CLEAN YOU UP. WE HATED THAT. OH NO NO NO, YOU KNOW SHE'D TAKE MY ARM AND

SCRUB AND SHE'D TAKE MY HEAD AND SCRUB IT AND SHE'D SAY OH THAT HEAD IS SOUR AND SHE'D SCRUB IT. AND SHE'D GET THOSE FEET – THE BOTTOM OF THOSE FEET AND SHE'D SCRUB IT. SHE'D SAY ISN'T THIS BETTER? NO. IT'S NOT BETTER. MY MEN WERE GONNA TAKE THE HILL MOM AND NOW EVERYTHING IS JUST SHOT TO WHATEVER CAUSE YOU GOT TO WASH MY FEET. BUT WHAT IF MY MOTHER HAD SAID YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT MY BOYS TO LEARN TO HAVE FUN. LET'S NOT TEACH THEM NOW TO BATHE. LET'S JUST LET THEM SIT THERE AND FIGHT WORLD WAR II UNTIL THEY'RE DEAD. NO THERE MUST BE A WASHING. GOD WANTS TO DO A WASHING AND TO WASH YOU HE MUST STOP YOU FROM WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING. YOU DO NOT WASH BY RUNNING A HUNDRED. YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING A HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR AND

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STOP. GOD WANTS TO STOP YOU SAY STOP STOP STOP!!!! I MUST WASH YOU I MUST CLEAN YOU AND YOU GOT TO STOP WHATEVER'S GOING ON. YOU GOT TO LISTEN TO ME A WHILE. MY MOM, WHENEVER SHE DID THE WASHING, WOULD ALWAYS TALK TO US. AND YOU EVER BEEN AROUND WHEN SOMEBODY'S VOICE WHENEVER THEY WOULD TALK YOU WOULD JUST SETTLE DOWN. SHE HAD THIS VOICE SETTLE DOWN. I FIND THAT WHEN EVER I STOP AND I LET GOD BEGIN TO DO A WORK IN ME, I CAN FEEL MYSELF SETTLE DOWN. IT SAYS LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING FOR HE WHO ___ IS FAITHFUL. DO YOU HAVE A HOPE? DO YOU HAVE A HOPE? WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH HERE; WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT REVIVAL. AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO US THAT WE STAY ON THAT MESSAGE. SO WHATEVER I PREACH TONIGHT HAS TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION CAUSE WE FELT VERY STRONGLY, THE LEADERS – WE SIT DOWN AND PRAY THAT GOD WANTS US TO STAY SO I CAN'T GET UP HERE AND PHILABUSTER. I HAVE AN ACCOUNTABILITY; I HAVE A CALLING THAT I MUST MOVE TOWARDS. SO LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY. DO YOU HAVE A HOPE? THAT HOPE IS FOUND IN SOMETHING TANGIBLE AND ONLY THAT CAN BE FOUND IN GOD. DO YOU HAVE A HOPE? A HOPE. WHEN YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING AND YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO DO. DO YOU HAVE A HOPE? OR THERE'S A TIME IN YOUR LIFE – YOU FEEL LIKE – YOU FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING IS BEGINNING TO CRUNCH DOWN ON YOU AND YOU'VE GOT ALL THIS STUFF IN YOUR LIFE. LISTEN THURSDAY – FRIDAY WAS A CRAZY DAY. THE OFFICE IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED ON FRIDAY BUT I HAD TO WORK BECAUSE I GOT END OF THE YEAR STUFF. I GOT TO GET CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS TO YOU GUYS. I GOTTA GET ALL THE W-2'S SET UP FOR ALL THE OTHER – AND I'M WORKING LIKE A CRAZY PERSON AND I'M SITTING HERE AND IT BEGINS TO WAY IN ON ME. JUST CONSTANTLY DOING IT AND IT'S PILING UP AND I'M NOT CRYING ABOUT – IT'S NOT ME CAUSE I LOVE MY JOB. CAUSE WHO WOULDN'T LOVE WORKING FOR MORE TO LIFE? YOU GOT THAT? I LOVE MY JOB. BUT ITS PILING UP AND IT'S PILING UP. AND I JUST STOPPED A MOMENT AND I PUSHED MYSELF AWAY FROM THE DESK AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF WHAT A GREAT LIFE GOD'S GIVEN ME HERE AND AS I LOOKED AT ALL THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND I SEEN HOW GOD HAS BLESSED IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AND

OF THE GIVING AND HOW PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN AND WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH PEOPLE AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT, GOD JUST WELLED ME UP WITH THE HOPE IN WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO IN THIS MINISTRY. AND EVEN IN THE TEDIOUS THINGS I THINK OF THE GREAT JOY WHEN YOU HAVE A HOPE. AND YOU SAY NOW JOHN I WANNA BREAKTHROUGH; I WANT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN IN MY LIFE. I'M LOOKING FOR BREAKTHROUGH; I'M LOOKING FOR REVIVAL. LISTEN WRITE THIS DOWN.

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GOD IS MORE IN THE MUNDANE THAN HE IS EVER IN THE MIRACULOUS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR GOD TO BLOW DOWN THE WALLS OF JERICO IN YOUR LIFE, THAT MAY NOT HAPPEN BUT HE JUST MAY BRING SOME LITTLE MUNDANE THING IN YOUR LIFE THAT'LL PUT A CRACK IN THE WALLS THAT'LL FINALLY FALL. THE ONE, JUST THE SIMPLEST LITTLE THINGS. AND WE'RE SO OUT THERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SO BIG AND SO HUGE AND GOD IS SAYING LISTEN, LISTEN TO ME, LOOK AT ME, LOOK WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO, JUST THE LITTLEST THINGS I'M DOING FOR YOU. CAN YOU THINK OF THEM? THINK OF THEM. SOME THINGS GOD'S DONE FOR YOU LATELY. THAT YOU TOTALLY MISSED. LITTLE THING TOTALLY GOLD. THAT'S NOT A LITTLE THING.

WE MOVED IN THE HOUSE AND LINOLEUM HAD TO GO IN MCKAYLA'S ROOM AND UH, I LIKE TO TELL PEOPLE THAT I KNOW HOW TO PUT DOWN LINOLEUM AND I'VE DONE IT BEFORE BUT IT NEVER HAS LOOKED GOOD. ITS PRETTY BAD SO I KNEW I HAD TO PUT IT DOWN; I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO PUT IT DOWN AND HERE COMES TOBY TO THE RESCUE AND HE PUT IT DOWN AND HE PUT ALL THE MOULDING THERE AND I'M JUST THINKING WHAT A GOOD FRIEND AND THEN AS I WALKED AROUND GOD SAID THIS IS WHO I'VE PUT IN YOUR LIFE MAN. LOOK WHO I PUT IN YOUR LIFE. I'VE PUT A TOBY DOYLE AND I'VE PUT ADAM & AN IVY; I'VE PUT LEE JOLICOEUR; I'VE CAREY MCKEE. MAN WHAT A MAN TO PUT IN MY LIFE. HE'S PUT ALL THESE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE AND I'M THINKING – LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY – I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS A LOT. SOMETIMES REVIVAL DOESN'T COME THROUGH GREAT RELIGIOUS SPIRITUAL HAPPENINGS; SOMETIMES IT COMES SIMPLY WHEN YOU SAY, YOU KNOW THAT PLACE I'M LIVIN' AND THOSE PEOPLE I KNOW, THAT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. THAT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW THE STRUGGLING I'VE BEEN DOING TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE AND TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE, RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW IN THIS PLACE, THIS'LL BE ALL RIGHT. AND I HAVE FOUND THAT GREAT REVIVALS COME WHEN WE SETTLE DOWN AND SAY THIS WILL BE JUST ALL RIGHT. LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL AND I GOTTA GIVE YOU THIS BECAUSE I LOVE THIS PART. LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER. IN ORDER TO STIR UP LOVE AND GOOD WORKS. NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT EXHORTING ONE ANOTHER IN SO MUCH MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY IS COMING. I'M ALMOST DONE. LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY. I'LL BE DONE IN 5 MINUTES. THE DAY IS COMING. LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY. YOU'RE NOT

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GETTING IT. THE DAY IS APPROACHING QUICKER THAN EVER. YOU CANNOT LOOK AT THE NEWS AND SPEND TIME LOOKING AT ANYTHING AND KNOW THAT THE TIME'S ARE DRAWING VERY VERY CLOSE. I LOOKED AT THE NEWS YESTERDAY AND I LISTENED TO A MAN FOR 10 MINUTES TELLING ME EVERYTHING THAT WAS WRONG AND IT WAS DEVASTATING. IF I DIDN'T HAVE A HOPE, WHEW! AND THE MORE HE TALKED ABOUT HOW THIS WAS WRONG AND THIS WAS WRONG; HOW THIS WAS FALLING AND THE ECONOMY WAS GOING AND THERE WAS A RECESSION COMING AND THE DOLLAR WAS FALLING AND ALL OF THESE THINGS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE – I GOTTA TELL YOU. I THINK DIFFERENT THAN SOME PEOPLE. ALL I COULD THINK WAS THANK GOD I'VE GOT SOME GREAT FRIENDS. THANK GOD I KNOW A DANNY ENFINGER AND A PAUL BOX AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE THAT UH YOU KNOW WHEN THE TIMES GET TOUGH, I GOT A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT GOD HAS PUT ME IN THE MIDST OF 'EM. THE EXPERIENCE – DO YOU APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE? LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER.

I WAS GONNA PREACH A HARD MESSAGE TONIGHT. BUT WHAT I'VE GOT IN THESE NOTES ARE BLISTERING. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS SILLY BUT IT REALLY IS AND TONIGHT WHEN I SAW EVERYBODY DOWN ON THEIR KNEES AND I BEGAN TO REALIZE HOW SPECIAL THIS CONGREGATION IS; WHAT AN ANOINTING GOD HAS PLACED ON THIS PLACE. I FELT LIKE THE LORD SAID 'TELL THESE PEOPLE I LOVE 'EM'. TELL THESE PEOPLE THAT I EXPECT A LOT FROM 'EM, YES. TELL 'EM I LOVE THEM. TELL THEM I'LL NEVER LET THEM DOWN AND I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE IF THEY'LL FOLLOW MY WAYS. AND MY MESSAGE TO YOU WAS TO TELL YOU THAT IF YOU SEEK REVIVAL AND GOD LOVES YOU. IT SYS IN JOHN THE 15TH CHAPTER, ABIDE IN MY LOVE. ABIDE IN HIS LOVE AND AS YOU ABIDE IN HIS LOVE REALIZE THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST WAYS THAT GOD SENDS HIS LOVE TO US IS EACH OTHER. I'VE SHARED THIS WITH YOU A HUNDRED TIMES. I'LL SHARE IT AGAIN. THE BEST WAY HE DOES IT IS THROUGH EACH OTHER. YOU KNOW I EXPERIENCED THE LOVE OF GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING. I GOTTA TELL YA. WHEN WE MOVED INTO OUR NEW HOUSE THE REFRIGERATOR WAS GONE, WHICH IS DEVASTATING TO A BOY LIKE ME. SOME THINGS A BOY'S GOT TO HAVE. BIG SCREEN TV AND A REFRIGERATOR. AFTER THAT EVERYTHING ELSE IS GRAVY. SO WE GOT THERE AND THE TELEVISION DIDN'T WORK – I MEAN THE REFRIGERATOR DIDN'T WORK RIGHT AND WE PUT STUFF IN THERE AND IT WAS SPOILING, GETTING BAD AND WE WERE FIGURING PUT HOW WE COULD GET A REFRIGERATOR AND A GUY NAMED CLAYTON WILLIAMS CALLS ME UP FROM GRACE BRETHERN AND SAYS I HEAR YOU NEED A REFRIGERATOR. I SAID YES, I DO. HE SAID DON'T BUY ONE, HOLD OFF TILL MONDAY I'M

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GONNA COME SEE YOU. SO I WAS SITTING IN MY OFFICE ON MONDAY; HE WALKED IN AND SAID SOMEBODY WANTS YOU TO KEEP EATING, WHICH IS A GOOD THING AND HE HANDED ME A CHECK FOR \$500 FROM GRACE BRETHREN, SOMEBODY HAD GIVEN HIM A CHECK TO GIVE TO ME. SEE THAT CHECK WE WERE ABLE TO BUY THAT REFRIGERATOR. SIMPLE STORY BUT THIS I CAN TELL YA. GOD'S

RAISING UP PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. ALL DAY LONG WHAT I DO IS I WRITE – WE HELP PEOPLE A LOT IN OUR MINISTRY. SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO SAY NO. WE STILL DOING THAT MORE THAN WE USED TO BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO BE STEWARDS, GOOD STEWARDS OF WHAT WE DO AND SOMETIMES WHEN YOU WRITE THAT MANY CHECKS TO PEOPLE, IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT, IT DOES SOMETHING TO YA. AND UH YOU LOSE PERSPECTIVE SOMETIMES. JAMES HAS TOLD ME ON MANY OCCASIONS, JOHN YOU GOTTA GET A HAND ON THIS. YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE PERSPECTIVE AND MAN WAS HE RIGHT. YOU GET TO ONE POINT WHERE YOU JUST – PEOPLE ARE COMING IN AND YOU WANT TO HELP THEM AND YOU LOSE PERSPECTIVE. AND WHEN CLAYTON HANDED ME THAT CHECK, I REALIZED WE WERE ALL IN THE NEED OF THE GRACE OF GOD. AND ALL OF US AT TIMES NEED SOMEONE TO REACH OUT AND DO SOMETHING IN THEIR LIVES. AND THE LORD TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS. FIRST OF ALL I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU SON AND SECOND ONE IS YOU STAND JUST AS IN NEED AS THOSE WHO COME IN YOUR OFFICE DO. I SHARED THIS WITH YOU BEFORE BUT HANG ON IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE. THIS IS AMAZING THING I'M TELLING YOU THIS. THIS LITERALLY MEANS WHEN IT SAYS STIR UP NE ANOTHER WITH WORDS AND GOOD DEEDS. IT MEANS – IF I CAN GIVE YOU A PICTURE – IT MEANS EMBRACE EACH OTHER AS YOU POKE EACH OTHER WITH A POINTED STICK. I KID YOU NOT THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS. NOW WHY DID IT SAY THAT. THAT'S THE CONCEPT THAT'S THE – THAT'S THE – NOT LITERAL BUT THAT'S THE IDEA. IT'S THE IDEA OF POKING EACH OTHER. AS YOU HOLD EACH OTHER, POKE EACH OTHER. HOLD AND POKE. NOW I WOULD DO THAT WITH JAMES BUT IF I DID HE WOULD HIT ME CAUSE THAT'S HOW HE IS. HOLD AND POKE. I TELL YOU WHAT. I HAVE NEVER MET ANYONE YET THAT IF YOU POKE THEM THEY WOULDN'T REACT. NOT UNLESS THEY HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION AND IF YOU TAKE SOMEBODY AND YOU GRAB THEM – AS GOOD A MAN AS CARY MCKEE IS AND AS MUCH AS HE LOVES PEOPLE, IF I GRAB HIM AND POKE HIM, I'M GOING TO GET A REACTION OUT OF BIG BOY LIKE THAT. AND HE MAY HAVE TO – AND I KNOW HOW HE'LL DO IT. HE'LL SAY SON, NOW YOU OUGHT NOT TO DO THAT AGAIN. HE MAY EVEN SAY BUBBA CAUSE HE LIKES TO REFER TO BUBBA. AND WHAT THE CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT AND IF WE'RE GOING TO SEE REVIVAL IN THE CHURCH IS THAT WE GET SERIOUSLY INVESTING INTO EACH OTHERS LIVES. I'M DOING THIS STUDY

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ABOUT BEARING FRUIT AND THIS IS WHAT I'M FINDING OUT ABOUT BEARING FRUIT. THAT YOU BEAR FRUIT AS YOU – GOD GETS YOU SO RAPPED UP INTO HIM AND AS YOU START TO SHOVING YOU INTO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE. AND THE MORE YOU GET INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE, YOU GET INTO THEIR LIVES AND THEY GET INTO YOUR LIFE AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW THERE'S THIS FRUIT ON THE VINE. THE MORE YOU KNOW IT AND YOU'RE NOT REALIZING IT CAUSE YOU'RE JUST INVOLVED IN PEOPLES LIVES AND YOU SEE A CHANGE IN PEOPLES LIVES AND YOU SEE SOMETHING HAPPENING IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE THAT GOD IS DOING JUST SUCH A GREAT THING. AND AS HE BEGINS TO DO THAT – THE DAY IS APPROACHING THAT'S NOT SO FRIGHTENING ANYMORE. BECAUSE I'VE GOT

THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE TO HANG ON TO. THE DAYS THAT ARE APPROACHING IS NOT SO TERRIBLE ANYMORE BECAUSE I KNOW THERE IS A GOD AND THERE IS A VICTORY AND THERE IS A CHRIST AND THERE'S A NEW AND LIVING WAY AND THERE'S A WAY OF GETTING INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES. THERE IS A WAY OF FINDING THE GRACE AND THE PROTECTION. AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO FEAR THE DAYS THAT ARE APPROACHING. BUT THE BIGGEST THING THAT KEEPS ME OUT OF FEAR BESIDES THE POWER OF GOD AND THE SCRIPTURES. THE MOST TRAGICAL THING THAT TAKES FEAR AWAY FROM ME ARE THE GOOD PEOPLE GOD HAS PUT IN MY LIFE. PEOPLE THAT I KNOW I CAN DEPEND ON. AND I PRAY TO GOD THAT I WILL BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE FOR SOMEONE ELSE. AND SO AS THIS CHURCH TALKS ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH AND IT TALKS ABOUT REVIVAL, WE WOULD REMISS IF WE WOULD NOT SAY THAT SOME OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH IS THAT WE STAKE A CLAIM THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE HAVE TO SERVE GOD BUT WE ARE HERE TO SERVE EACH OTHER. THAT WE ARE HERE TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEEDS OF EACH OTHER. THAT THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD WE WILL BIND THE WOUNDS OF THOSE WHO HURT. THAT WE WILL TAKE CARE AND DEAL WITH THOSE THAT ARE EMOTIONALLY DEALING WITH THINGS IN OUR LIFE. WE WILL NOT SPURN THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENT. WE WILL NOT CAST THOSE OUT WHO DO NOT FIT OUR IDEA OF WHAT IS WHAT; OF WHAT IS PERFECT IN OUR EYES; WE WILL ACCEPT THOSE THAT GOD PUTS IN OUR MIDST AND WE WILL TAKE THOSE – THE BIBLE SAYS WE WILL TAKE THOSE PARTS THAT ARE LESS LOVELY AND WE WILL ACTUALLY PUT THOSE IN A PLACE OF GREAT JOY. LISTEN TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY. THERE ARE SO MANY CHURCHES IN THIS WORLD WHO WILL NOT LET HIM. LITTLE JAMES DOING WHAT HE DOES. AND THE DAY WE EVER STOP HIM, GOD WILL DEAL WITH US. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT SOMETIMES WE DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THAT THINGS NEED TO BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER. BUT IF THIS CHURCH EVER GETS TO THE POINT THAT IT CAN'T – THAT WE HAVE TO DOT EVERY I AND CROSS EVERY T EXACTLY THE RIGHT WAY

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AND SIT IN SOME UNIFORM THING, THIS WILL NOT HONOR GOD. AND SO AS WE PRAY FOR BREAKTHROUGH, LET US KNOW THAT ALL OF US HAVE A ROOM AT THE TABLE. AND ALL OF US ARE DEALING WITH THINGS IN OUR LIVES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND AS JAMES GETS UP HERE AND SOMETIMES PREACHES AND YES SOMETIMES THOSE MESSAGES SEEM HARD. NEVER FORGET THAT THE HEART OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SAY THIS. YOU ARE LOVED. AND WE PREACH THESE TRUTHS. NO SO WE CAN SAY THAT WE ARE SUPERIOR IN WHAT WE DO BUT TO SHOW YOU THERE IS A LIFE FAR BETTER THAN WHAT YOU EVER DREAMED OF. AND IT'S FOUND BY LIVING BY THESE PRINCIPLES AND THESE TRUTHS. WE DO NOT PREACH HARD BECAUSE WE THINK WE ARE SUPERIOR. WE PREACH HARD BECAUSE WE HAVE A CALLING. WE HAVE A GOD WHO WOULD HAVE US SAY IT BUT SOMETIMES GOD IN HIS WISDOM WILL TAKE A FAT OLD BOY LIKE ME AND TAKE A MOMENT TO TELL THESE PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT GOD'S CALLED ME TO DO. NOW SOME OF YOU HAVE NEVER FULLY EXPERIENCED THE LOVE OF CHRIST THE WAY IT COULD BE. IN A PLACE AMONG ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE, THERE'S SOME

OF YOU WHO NEED TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. SOME OF YOU HAVE KNOWN HIM AND HAVE DEALT WITH SOME OF THE TRUTHS BUT YOU PUSHED HIM FAR AWAY CAUSE OTHER THINGS GOT IN THE WAY. RIGHT NOW WITH A ____ OF LIFTING FOR A MOMENT, WOULD YOU PUSH ALL THOSE THINGS AWAY AND RIGHT NOW IN THIS PLACE RIGHT HERE WHILE GRACE IS SITTING ON THE TABLE, WOULD YOU COME AND TAKE IT? I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STAND AND BOW YOUR HEAD AS WE GO INTO A TIME OF INVITATION. IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU NEED JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. IF YOU JUST HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AND YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEBODY, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW IN THIS PLACE, COME RIGHT HERE AND TAKE THE HAND OF CAREY OR JAMES OR LEE OR SAM OR WHOEVER AND WOULD YOU BEGIN TO ASK HIM TO SHOW YOU THE WORK GOD CAN DO IN YOUR LIFE AND HOW YOU CAN COME TO KNOW THIS GOD? THIS NEW AND THIS LIVING WAY. WOULD YOU DO IT RIGHT NOW? WOULD YOU COME? THERE MAY BE SOME OF YOU RIGHT NOW WHO SAID GOD I'M BORN AGAIN BUT I'M MISERABLE. I GOT SOMETHING IN MY LIFE, SOMETHING THAT IS SO OVERWHELMING ME THAT I HAVE NO JOY, I HAVE NO PEACE. SHOW ME HOW I CAN FIND HOPE IN THE MIDST OF ALL THAT. WOULD YOU COME? AT LEAST LET US BEGIN TO DO THE WORK OF PRAYING FOR YOU? WOULD YOU COME? WOULD YOU COME RIGHT NOW? BECAUSE THIS IS A PLACE OF VICTORY.

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WOULD YOU COME? RIGHT NOW IN THIS PLACE. SOME OF YOU RIGHT NOW ARE PRAYING THAT YOU WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SOMEONE; YOU'RE PRAYING FOR STRENGTH, YOU'RE PRAYING FOR COURAGE THAT FOLLOW THE MINISTRY THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU INTO. WOULD YOU COME RIGHT NOW SO WE MAY PRAY FOR YOU. WOULD YOU COME RIGHT NOW? WOULD YOU COME? IF GOD IS CALLING YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.