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I THINK THIS IS THE SEVENTH MESSAGE THAT I'VE PREACHED IN THIS SERIES OF BREAKTHROUGH THE EIGHTH WHO'S COUNTING. ALL RIGHT. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS THE AREA THAT GOD WANTS TO BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR LIFE. THAT'S THE MESSAGE. THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME TO BREAKTHROUGH. HE BROKE THROUGH OUR WORLD TO BREAKTHROUGH YOURS. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS TO DO TODAY. EVERY TIME WE MEET GOD HAS THIS IN MIND FOR YOU. THAT HE WANTS YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE LIFE THAT CHRIST GIVES AND INTENDS FOR YOU TO LIVE. IT'S A LIFE ABUNDANT. IT'S A LIFE THAT IS TRULY SET ON FIRE BY THE MIND AND THE HEART, THE SPIRIT BY GOD. WHEN BREAKTHROUGH BEGINS TO HAPPEN, THAT ONLY A PERSON'S LIFE, IT HAPPENS IN THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CHURCH IS THAT IT BEGINS TO CATCH FIRE AND IT BEGINS TO REVEAL THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MOVING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH, THINGS WILL HAPPEN IN THAT CHURCH THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED BY HUMAN MEANS. IF EVERYTHING THIS CHURCH DOES CAN BE EXPLAINED BECAUSE JAMES DID THIS OR CAREY DID THAT OR LEE DID THIS OR SOMEBODY PUT THIS IN PLACE, THEN GOD IS NOT DOING THAT WORK NOW IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THAT IS NOT A GOOD THING. IT JUST MEANS THAT IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DOING SOMETHING IN THE CHURCH YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE IT BUT YOU OUGHT NOT BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT BY HUMAN MEANS. AND THAT'S

EXACTLY WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO IN YOUR LIFE. HE WANTS TO DO THINGS THAT IS SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY THING THAT WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT YOUR LIFE THEY'LL KNOW THAT YOU COULD NOT HAVE DONE THAT. THAT ONLY GOD COULD HAVE DONE THAT IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU. AND THAT'S WHAT BREAKTHROUGH IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT REVIVAL IN THE CHURCH IS ABOUT. IT IS NOT ABOUT US COMING AND MEETING AND GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS BECAUSE ACROSS AMERICA TODAY THERE WILL BE UMPTEEN THOUSAND CHURCHES GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS AND SO MANY OF THEM -- -- I DON'T MEAN TO BE CRUEL BUT SO MANY OF THEM ARE DEAD AS A DOOR NAIL IF THE STATISTICS ARE RIGHT, WORLD MAGAZINE PUT OUT THE STATISTICS THAT IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS 10 TO 15 YEARS -- -- LISTEN TO THE STATISTICS 75% OF CHURCHES IN AMERICA WILL CLOSE THEIR DOORS. THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE. CHURCHES MUST CATCH ON FIRE; NEW CHURCHES MUST START. GOD'S PEOPLE MUST START TO LIVE OUT OF THE ABUNDANT LIFE CHRIST HAS PROVIDED FOR THEM AN AND I YOU AND PROMISED TO THEM. IF THEY DO NOT, THEN WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS FOR GOING TO GET SWALLOWED UP BY THE WORLD ARE LIGHT IS SUPPOSED TO SHINE NOW HERE'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE CHURCH CATCHES FIRE, TRULY CATCHES FIRE WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE CATCH FIRE. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME AND WATCH YOU BURN. PEOPLE ARE INSTINCTIVELY DRAWN TO A FLAME. THEY ARE INSTINCTIVELY DRAWN TO A FIRE. WHEN A FIRE HAPPENS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE DON'T SIT IN THE HOUSE AND LOOK OUT THE WINDOW AND ALL COMMON LAW. THEY ACTUALLY GET IN PEOPLES WAY AND THEY WILL GET CAUGHT UP IN IT. EVERYONE TALKING SHARING HOW TO START THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE CHURCH.

PEOPLE WILL COME TO THAT FIRE TO GET CAUGHT UP IN IT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING THAT IS BIGGER THAN WHAT THEY ARE. IF THEY COME IN LA LA LA SAME OLD DING, DING, DING THEY WILL JUST SAY YOU HAVE BEEN HERE DONE THAT BOUGHT THE T-SHIRT. GOD WANTS TO DO MORE THAN THAT IN YOUR LIFE YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT OR NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN AS I SHARED LAST NIGHT, THE WORLD SAYS YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT GOD SAYS YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IT TO SEE IT NOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS IS THIS THAT GOD IS OMNISCIENT TO BRING YOU IN RELATION WITH HIM. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT HE CAME ON MISSION TO BRING YOU INTO A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WHEN YOU COME INTO THAT LOVE RELATIONSHIP BY BEING BORN AGAIN, AND IT ASKS YOU TO COME ON THAT VERY MISSION WE CAN. AND WHEN YOU COME ON THAT MISSION WITH HIM, WE BEGIN TO ABIDE IN HIM AND YOUR LIFE IS TRANSFORMED FROM ME RUNNING MY LIFE TO JOINING HIM IN PARTNERSHIP, JOINING HIM IN WHAT HE WANTS TO DO, THEN YOU BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THE LIFE HE PROMISED, THE LOVE, THE JOY, THE PEACE. THAT'S JOHN WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW WHEN YOU JOIN HIM ON MISSION AND YOU BEGAN TO BE INVOLVED IN OTHER PEOPLES LIVES, TOUCHING THEIR LIVES, THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT BEGINS TO POUR OUT OF YOUR LIFE. IT BECOMES THAT AVENUE OF EXPERIENCING WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO; NOT JUST SITTING AT PRAYER TIME; NOT JUST READING THE BIBLE BUT GETTING INVOLVED IN THAT MISSION. BUT HERE'S THE PROBLEM. THE TENDENCY IS FOR US TO RUN AFTER SUBSTITUTE HAS GOD HAS A TENDENCY -- I DON'T KNOW IF Y'ALL HAVE NOTICED THIS -- BUT GOD HAS A TENDENCY NOT TO DO THINGS YOUR

WAY. HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT? HAVE YOU NOTICED GOD HAS A TENDENCY -- -- AND WHEN HE DOESN'T DO SOMETHING YOUR WAY, YOUR HEART, SOMETIMES OUT OF FRUSTRATION OR WHAT EVER WILL SHIFT. AND WHEN MAD HARDSHIPS, THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, YOU BEGIN TO RUN AFTER, WHETHER INTENTIONALLY OR TOTAL IGNORANCE, YOU BEGIN TO STARTED RUNNING AFTER SOMETHING ELSE TO MEET THAT NEED FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAT YOU THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE. AND YOU BEGIN TO RUN AFTER OTHER GODS AT OTHER THINGS. RUNNING AFTER HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, AND SOUL AND HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN THAT HAPPENS. GOD IS GOING TO BEGIN TO DISCIPLINE YOUR LIFE OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR YOU. THAT'S WHAT WE SAW LAST WEEK. AND WE SAW THAT HE DOES WELL TO REVEAL THE TOTAL BANKRUPTCY, THE TOTAL FAILURES OF THE THINGS YOU'RE RUNNING AFTER. HE SIMPLY LETS YOU HAVE EXACTLY WHAT SHE THOUGHT YOU WANTED. HE SIMPLY LETS YOU HAVE EXACTLY WHAT YOU THOUGHT THAT WAS OUT THERE. LET'S YOU HAVE IT. BUT HE ALSO DOES IT SO CUT OFF THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT YOU WILL CUT OFF THAT AREA OF DESTRUCTION AND QUIT LETTING MORE AND MORE DESTRUCTION COME IN YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL COME BACK TO HIM. THE BIBLE CALLS IT REPENTANCE -- -- YOU WILL COME BACK TO HIM AND GET RIGHT ON BOARD WITH HIM AND BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THAT LIFE THAT HE THAT WANTS FOR YOU.

NOW I WANT YOU TO GO TO JUDGES CHAPTER 2 AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK THERE IN JUST A MINUTE. NOW YOU SAW IN THAT PASSAGE THERE LAST WEEK WAS THIS. WHEN GOD BRINGS DISCIPLINE IN YOUR LIFE -- THIS IS

WHAT I WANT TO LOOK AT TODAY -- LISTEN TO ME.. WHEN GOD BRINGS DISCIPLINE INTO YOUR LIFE HE IS DOING IT SO THAT YOU WILL CRY OUT FOR DELIVERANCE. NOT MURMUR NOT LIKE PLEASE HELP ME. I'M TALKING LIKE IT WILL GET TO THE POINT THAT YOU CRY OUT FOR DELIVERANCE. NOW UNDERSTAND THIS NOT ALLOWING THIS DISCIPLINE TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE BECAUSE HE IS TRYING TO GET EVEN WITH YOU. LORD IF HE TRIED TO GET EVEN WITH US; WE'D BE IN A MESS. HE IS NOT DOING THIS SO HE CAN GET EVEN WITH YOU. SO HE CAN SMACK YOU AROUND. THAT'S NOT WHAT HE'S DOING. WHAT GOD SIMPLY DOES IS REMOVE THE HEDGE FROM YOUR LIFE— THAT AREA OF PROTECTION, HE SIMPLY STEPS IT BACK AND SAYS OKAY. IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, THAT IS WHAT YOU'LL GET. AND HE LETS THE DESTRUCTION AND ALL OF THAT TAKE PLACE. THAT'S ALL HE'S DOING. HE'S JUST STEPPING BACK AND SAYING OKAY. AT THE TIME OF THE TRIBULATION, WE KNOW THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE BIBLE SAYS, WILL STEP OUT OF THE WAY. WHEN IN HE DOES, ALL OF THE EVIL THAT HE'S RESTRAINING WILL COME INTO THIS WORLD LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER IMAGINED. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE DOES IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN. HE'LL SIMPLY STEP BACK AND SAY OKAY. THAT'S THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD. NOW THAT DISCIPLINE IS DESIGNED FOR HE DECRY OUT FOR DELIVERANCE AND COME BACK.

I WANT TO LOOK AT THREE THINGS TODAY. I WANT YOU TO WRITE THEM DOWN I WANT YOU TO HEAR THE THREE THINGS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN WHAT GOD IS DOING. NOW LOOK AT HOW GOD DISCIPLINES US OUT OF LOVE, I WANT TO LOOK AT HOW HE BRINGS US TO THE POINT OF CRYING OUT FOR DELIVERANCE. IT'S SO IMPORTANT. BECAUSE IF YOU'RE HERE TO DAY

SAYING, MAYBE I NEED TO GO TO A COUNSELOR, MAYBE I NEED THIS. I WANT YOU TO HEAR THESE THREE THINGS. BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ESSENTIALS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE. LORD BEFORE WE DO THIS, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO TOUCH OUR LIVES, WERE DEEPLY IN OUR LIVES, WORK A GREAT POWER RIGHT NOW. BREAKTHROUGH THOSE AREAS OF THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE THEY ARE. YOU'RE TRYING TO TOUCH US THROUGH THEM. THAT NOTHING IS WASTED WITH YOU. AND THAT RIGHT NOW TODAY YOU WANT TO DO GREAT WORK AND OUR LIVES. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

I WANT TO LOOK BACK AT JUDGES CHAPTER 2 AND I WANT TO START AT THE 10TH VERSE. IT'S GOING TO COME UP ON THE SCREEN. AFTER THAT WHOLE GENERATION HAD BEEN GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS, THIS IS THE GENERATION AFTER JOSHUA AND THE ELDERS; ANOTHER GENERATION GREW UP WHO KNEW NEITHER THE LORD NOR WHAT HE HAD DONE FOR ISRAEL. THEN THE ISRAELITES DID EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD AND SERVED THE BALES. THEY FORCED SUCK THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR FATHERS, WHO HAD BROUGHT THEM OUT OF EGYPT. THEY WORSHIPED VARIOUS GOD OR GODS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM. THEY PROVOKED THE WORD TO ANGER BECAUSE THEY SERVE THE BAALS AND THE ASHTORETHS. IN HIS ANGER AGAINST ISRAEL, THE LORD HANDED THEM OVER TO RAIDERS WHO PLUNDERED THEM. HE SENT THEM TO THEIR ENEMIES ALL AROUND WHOM THEY WERE NO LONGER ABLE TO RESIST. WHENEVER ISRAEL WENT OUT TO FIGHT, THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS AGAINST THEM TO DEFEAT THEM, JUST AS HE HAD SWORN TO THEM. CIRCLE

THIS -- THEY WERE IN GREAT DISTRESS. THEN THE LORD RAISED UP JUDGES WHO SAVED THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THESE RAIDERS. YET -- LOOK AT VERSE 17 -- THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THE JUDGES BUT PROSTITUTED THEMSELVES TO OTHER GODS AND WORSHIPED THEM. UNLIKE THEIR FATHERS, THEY QUICKLY TURNED FROM THE WAY IN WHICH THEIR FATHERS HAD WALKED, THE WAY OF OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD'S COMMANDS. WHENEVER THE LORD RAISED UP A JUDGE FOR THEM, HE WAS WITH THE JUDGE AND SAVE THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES AS LONG AS THE JUDGE LIVED; FOR THE LORD HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AS THEY GROANED UNDER THOSE WHO OPPRESSED AND AFFLICTED THEM. BUT WHEN THE JUDGE DIED, THE PEOPLE RETURNED TO WAYS EVEN MORE CORRUPT THAN THOSE OF THEIR FATHERS, FOLLOWING OTHER GODS AND SERVING AND WORSHIPING THEM. THEY REFUSED TO GIVE UP THEIR EVIL PRACTICES AND STUBBORN WAYS. THIS IS THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND. GOD'S DELIVERANCE IS GOING TO CAUSE DISTRESS. WRITE THAT DOWN. GOD'S DISCIPLINE -- THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD IS GOING TO CAUSE DISTRESS IN YOUR LIFE. NOW THEY'LL RAISE YOUR HAND. BUT ARE ANY OF YOU IN DISTRESS TODAY? ANY OF YOU GOT A LITTLE DISTRESS GOING ON? ANY OF YOU SENDING UP ANY SOS SIGNALS? NOW YOU MAY CALL IT DIFFERENT NAMES. YOU MAY CALL IT FRUSTRATION, YOU MAY CALL IT STRESS, YOU MAY CALL IT TENSION; YOU MAY CALL IT DEPRESSION; YOU MAY CALL IT A BUNCH OF OTHER NAMES. BUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS WHEN YOUR WORLD GETS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS WHEN YOUR WORLD GETS ROCKED. WHEN NOTHING IS WORKING LIKE IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK. AND BY TOUCHING YOU WHERE

YOU'RE AT NOW? WHEN EVERYTHING IS JUST GOING ZZZ ZZZ Z ZZ (SOUND) -- EVERYWHERE. NOW LISTEN! THE PROBLEM WITH SO MANY OF US -- ANTENNAS TO THE TOP -- THE PROBLEM WITH SO MANY OF US IS WHEN THIS HAPPENS WE SOMEHOW DROPPED GOD OUT OF THE EQUATION. WE SIMPLY SAY OKAY, I NEED TO WORK HARDER AT DOING WHAT I'M DOING. I NEED TO DO WHAT I'M DOING HARDER AND FIX IT. I NEED TO PUMP MORE TIME, MORE ENERGY, MORE MONEY INTO WHAT I'M ALREADY DOING. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU GOING TO KEEP GETTING WHAT YOU'RE GETTING. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP GETTING WHAT YOU'RE GETTING. BUT HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. DURING THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND YOURSELF PRAYING LIKE YOU'VE NEVER PRAYED. YOU'RE GOING TO SEEK THE LORD; YOU'RE GOING TO BE CRYING OUT FOR SO MANY THINGS TO HAPPEN AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN -- GOD'S GOING TO SEEM TO BE DOING NOTHING. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THERE? THE MORE YOU PRAY THE LESS GOD DID? YOU GO TO CHURCH. THEY SAY GET ON YOUR KNEES AND PRAY. AND YOU PRAY AND GOD SEEMS TO BE DOING NOTHING. IN FACT, GOD SEEMS TO BE BACKING UP. AND SO WHAT HAPPENS IS YOU GO INTO PANIC MODE. AND YOU START GETTING A FALSE BELIEF THAT SAYS GOD'S NOT GOING TO FIX THIS SO NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO FIX IT. DON'T LOOK AT ME SO SPIRITUAL. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THERE. I HAVE NOW GOT TO FIX THIS AND I HAVE TO PUMP IT UP BECAUSE GOD NOT GOING TO FIX IT THE WAY I WANT TO FIX IT. LISTEN TO ME. GOD'S NOT GOING TO FIX YOU. BUT IF YOU FIX THE FIX HE'S FIXING TO FIX YOU WITH, HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO FIX YOUR FIX. I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY TO SAY THAT AGAIN I WANT YOU TO PUT THAT IN THE CLASS NOTES

THIS WEEK. I KEEP TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK -- HAVE YOU EVER KEPT TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK? NOW LISTEN TO ME -- LISTEN. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT'S TIME TO STOP! PUT THAT WORD DOWN. S. -- T -- O -- P.. THERE IS A SIGNPOST UP AHEAD STOP TAKE INVENTORY. HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EQUATE WHAT I'M DOING WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING. CAUSE WITH EFFECT. THAT SEEMS SO ELEMENTARY. BUT YOU KNOW WE RARELY DO IT. DO WE ACTUALLY STOP AND SAY OH, I'M DOING THIS, AND I'M GETTING THIS. IT'S KIND OF THE OLD THING SAYING DOC, IT HURTS WHEN I DO THIS AND HE SAYS STOP DOING IT! WE DON'T STOP AND DO THAT. WE JUST KEEP RUNNING HEAD ON. GOD, YOU'VE GOT TO FIX IT, COME ON, COME ON, COME ON. YOU KNOW, HE NEVER PANICS WITH YOU. GOD NEVER SAYS, OKAY, OKAY, OKAY, I TURNED MY BACK FOR A MINUTE AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED. OKAY, OKAY, LET'S TRY -- HE NEVER DOES THAT. OR WHEN WE ACTUALLY DO STOP AND LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE DOING AND EQUATE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING WE DON'T LIKE WHAT WE SEE, WE START EXCUSING IT AND WE START BLAMING OTHER PEOPLE BECAUSE I CAN'T BE WRONG, IT MUST BE SOMEONE ELSE'S FAULT. CAN I GET A WITNESS? I'M GOING TO COME BACK TO THAT IN A MINUTE. THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT PART.

NOW LET ME MAKE SOME WORDS OF CLARIFICATION. EVERY TIME YOU ARE IN DISTRESS IN YOUR LIFE IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF SIN. HEAR THAT, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT EVERY TIME YOU'RE IN DISTRESS, IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN SIN. SOMETIMES YOU'RE IN DISTRESS BECAUSE OF SOMEBODY ELSE'S SIN. SOMETIMES FAMILIES GO IN DISTRESS BECAUSE SOME MEMBER OF THAT FAMILY IS SITTING. DISOBEDIENCE. NOW

EVERYONE IS IN THAT RIPPLE. EVER BEEN THERE? OR IT COULD JUST BE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHY IT'S HAPPENING. LIFE SOMETIMES IT IS HARD. GOD IS STRETCHING YOU. BUT WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN THAT FRUSTRATION, WHEN THAT TENSIONS STOPS -- WHEN THAT TENSIONS STARTS, YOU HAVE TO STOP AND SAY GOD WHAT ARE YOU DOING; WHERE DO YOU HAVE ME; WHAT IS YOUR PLAN; GOD I KNOW YOU ARE INVOLVED, YOU'VE NOT BACKED UP ON ME. THIS COMES BACK TO THE ISSUE OF FAITH. YOU ARE AT WORK HERE AND I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SEE THIS HARDSHIP -- AND HEBREWS 12 7 -- WE SAW IT LAST WEEK -- I'VE GOT TO SEE THIS HARDSHIP IS YOU DISCIPLINING ME, TAKING ME DEEPER, TEACHING ME TO TRUST YOU IN THE WORST TIMES AND KNOWING THAT YOU ARE THERE TO WORK. I WISH IT WERE THAT EASY AS IT SOUNDS. BUT IT'S NOT IS IT? BUT THERE IS A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME THAT IT SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU'RE IN DISTRESS; YOU HAVE BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF. WE LOOKED AT THAT LAST WEEK. I WON'T BELABOR IT BUT YOU HAVE BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF. NOW WHAT AM I SAYING. WHETHER INTENTIONALLY OR IGNORANTLY, WE HAVE TRIED TO RUN OUR OWN LIVES. ANY OF THE YOU HERE EVER TRIED TO RUN YOUR OWN LIFE? HOW WELL DID YOU DO? I KEPT RUNNING INTO THINGS. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT Y'ALL. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE GOT TO BE IN CONTROL? OH Y'ALL ARE LYING LIKE A RUG! NOT A HAND GOES UP. THAT MUST BE MY WIFE. ALL COMES BACK TO ME BEING IN CONTROL WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO TO GET THERE. NOW YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT LETTING OTHER PEOPLE CONTROL YOUR LIVES. I UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE IDEA OF SETTING BOUNDARIES, AND YOU FOLLOWING THE LORD AND LETTING HIM LEAD BUT YOU HAVE TO

LET HIM LEAD. THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP BUT HE IS THE ONE LEADING, YOU'RE FOLLOWING. IF YOU DO NOT YIELD TO THAT DISCIPLINE, IF YOU DO NOT YIELD TO THAT LORDSHIP, THE FRUSTRATION, THIS DISTRESS YOU'RE IN IS GOING TO GET WORSE AND WORSE MORE INTENSE AND MORE INTENSE UNTIL YOU DO. IT DOESN'T JUST GO AWAY. EVER THOUGHT -- I'LL WAKE UP TOMORROW AND THIS WILL BE BETTER. I'LL GO TO BED AT SIX O'CLOCK AND TOMORROW IT WILL BE HERE. AND YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND THEN 12 O'CLOCK ROLLS AROUND, YOU FIND OUT HEY I'M STILL HERE. JUST DIDN'T GO AWAY.

I WANT YOU TO TURN TO FIRST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING. PLEASE GET A HOLD OF THIS PRINCIPLE BEFORE I -- YOU GOT TO GET A HOLD OF THIS PRINCIPLE BEFORE I CAN GO TO THE NEXT STEP HERE. LISTEN TO ME. EVERYTHING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT -- NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS TELL US WAS FOR OUR INSTRUCTION. THEY WERE PICTURES, WORD PICTURES. THE OLD TESTAMENT IS THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. IT BRINGS ALL OF THE NEW PRINCIPLES YOU FIND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT INTO LIGHT. OH I CAN SEE HOW THAT WORKS, BECAUSE I SAW IT IN THE LIFE OF JACOB. OH I SEE HOW THAT WORKS BECAUSE I SAW IT IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM. OH THAT'S WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE. I KNOW I KNOW THAT? LOOK AT WHAT IT SAYS IN THE FIRST CORINTHIANS 10 VERSE SIX NOT THESE THINGS OCCURRED AS EXAMPLES -- WHY -- TO KEEP US FROM SETTING OUR HEARTS -- ARE HEARTS SHIFTING ON EVIL THINGS AS THEY DID. DO NOT BE IDOLATERS AS SOME OF THEM WERE AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK AND GOT UP TO INDULGE IN PAGAN REVELRY. WE SHOULD NOT COMMIT SEXUAL

IMMORALITY AS SOME OF THEM DID AND THEN ONE DAY 23,000 OF THEM DIED. WE SHOULD NOT TEST THE LORD AS SOME OF THEM DID AND WERE KILLED BY SNAKES. AND DO NOT GRUMBLE AS SOME OF THEM DID AND WERE KILLED BY THE DESTROYING ANGEL. THESE THINGS HAPPENED TO THEM AS EXAMPLES AND WERE WRITTEN DOWN -- WHY -- AS WARNINGS FOR US ON WHOM THE FULFILLMENT OF THE AGES HAS COME. SO IF YOU THINK YOU ARE STANDING, IF YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT THIS CHRISTIAN LIFE BY THE TAIL, YOU THINK ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DO A LITTLE BIT MORE -- THEN BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DO NOT FALL. LISTEN TO VERSE 13 THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST MISQUOTED OR MISUNDERSTOOD VERSES IN THE BIBLE. NO TEMPTATION HAS SEIZED YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MAN. EVERY ONE OF US STRUGGLE WITH THE THING OF THE ENEMY TRYING TO GET US TO DEPART. EVERY ONE OF US. AND GOD IS FAITHFUL. HOW? HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. LET'S STOP RIGHT THERE. WELL, THE BIBLE SAYS, HE'S NOT GOING TO LET US GET MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR. THEN YOU'VE NOT READ THE LAST PART OF THE VERSE. BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT THE LAST PART OF THIS VERSE SAYS, IT WILL BE MORE THAN YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH IT -- HE IS GOING TO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN STAND OUT FROM UNDER IT. WHAT'S HE SAYING? HE SAYING THAT WHEN YOU BEGIN TO DEPART AWAY FROM THE LORD, DISTRESS IS GOING TO COME. TEMPTATION IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THERE. DON'T GO AFTER IT. BUT WHEN IT DOES COME, WHEN DISTRESS DOES COME, WHEN DISTRESS DOES COME IN YOUR LIFE, IT WILL BE MORE THAN YOU CAN BEAR UNLESS YOU TAKE THE WAY PROVIDED OUT AND OVER IT. IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THE WAY

OF ESCAPE, YOU'RE GOING TO GRIND TO A WRENCHING PAINFUL HURTING HALT SOMEWHERE. THAT LEADS ME TO THE SECOND ONE. THE FIRST ONE IS GOD'S DISCIPLINE IS GOING TO CAUSE DISTRESS.

THE SECOND ONE IS THIS. DISTRESS IS GOING TO CREATE DESPERATION. DISTRESS IS GOING TO CREATE DESPERATION. NOT GOING BACK TO JUDGES CHAPTER 2, JUDGES CHAPTER 2, LOOK AT VERSE EIGHT. 18 RATHER, IT SAYS THEY GROANED UNDER THE OPPRESSION AND AFFLICTION. THE OPPRESSION, OF THE AFFLICTION, DISTRESS, THE TENSION, IS GOING TO BRING YOU TO GROANING AND SUFFERING. NOW LISTEN TO ME. SUFFERING IS ON AVOIDABLE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO AVOID IT, YOU HAVE FOUND OUT YOU CAN'T DO VERY WELL AT IT. IT IS ALSO EVEN NECESSARY. GOD USES IT. BUT IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE. LET ME SHOW YOU WHY. LOOK AT VERSE 16. THEN THE LORD RAISED UP JUDGES TO SAVE THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE RAIDERS. YOU WOULD THINK THEY WOULD BE REJOICING. BUT LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS. YET, THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THEIR JUDGES. HAS ANYBODY EVER COME ALONG, WHEN YOU'RE IN THE MIDST OF FRUSTRATION, AND TRIED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING THE LORD IS TRYING TO DO AND YOU REALLY AT THAT POINT DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. HAVE YOU EVER TALKED TO ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE JUST BENT ON WHATEVER, YOU START SHOWING THEM WHAT THE LORD IS DOING, THEY DON'T USUALLY STOP AND SAY, THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR. FATHER, MOTHER, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? ALL I NEEDED WAS A LITTLE GUIDANCE. THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS, IS IT? IT'S BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT -- AND NOW LISTEN -- THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING OPPRESSED, THEY ARE

UNDER BONDAGE. BUT THEY DON'T LISTEN. BUT THEY PROSTITUTE THEMSELVES TO OTHER GODS AND WORSHIPED THEM. SO GOD IS PROVIDING A WAY OF ESCAPE FOR THEM RIGHT NOW HE HAS COME UP AND SAID HERE IS THE WAY OF ESCAPE AND THEY LOOK AT HIM AND SAY I DON'T THINK SO. BECAUSE THIS IS NOT REALLY WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR, THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANT TO DO. THEY EVEN GOT A BETTER PLAN OVER HERE. SOMEONE ELSE HAS A BETTER PARTY OVER HERE. OH I CAN GET BETTER HIGH OVER HERE AND OFF THEY RUN. THEY PROSTITUTED THEMSELVES, TO THE WORLD. NOW THAT'S NOT A WORD I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO USE BUT IT'S A VERY GRAPHIC WORD, ISN'T IT? WE SELL OURSELVES TO OTHER LOVERS. THEY ALWAYS DESTROY US. AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, LISTEN TO ME. AT THIS POINT, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUFFERING AND BROKENNESS. NOT WHAT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU IS WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM MANY HOURS OF WORKING WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT IT COMES SIMPLY FROM THAT. BUT I'M ALSO GOING TO TELL YOU THAT IT COMES FROM MANY HOURS OF LOOKING IN THE MIRROR ASKING WHY I'M DOING WHAT I'M DOING. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING THAT'S CAUSING THIS TO HAPPEN? I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT I SIT DOWN WITH MYRIADS OF PEOPLE AND I'VE LEARNED THESE PRINCIPLES; THAT I HAVE FLOATED ON EAGLES WINGS AND NEVER BEEN HERE. BUT I HAVE DONE THESE VERY THINGS I'M GETTING READY TO SHOW YOU.

THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THERE ARE TWO THINGS ABOUT SUFFERING. WHEN YOU BEGIN TO SUFFER, HERE'S WHAT MANY TIMES IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THAT DESPERATION IS GOING TO DRIVE

YOU TO A DIVERSION. IT'S GOING TO DRIVE YOU TO A DIVERSION. WHAT AM I SAYING? WELL, THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK LIKE GOOD THINGS. IT'S GOING TO DRIVE YOU TO MORE WORK. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE TRIED TO BEAT YOUR FRUSTRATION BY WORKING HARDER? OH, I JUST NEED TO GET BUSY, I NEED TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL, I NEED TO STEP UP MY GAME AND COMPETITION. I JUST NEED TO WORK HARDER. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE TRIED THROWING MORE MONEY AT IT? I'LL JUST BUY ME SOMETHING NEW; I'LL JUST BUY ME SOMETHING BIGGER; I'LL BUY SOMETHING BETTER; I'LL GET MORE STUFF. HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE TRIED TO FIND IT IN THE WORLD OF SEA DOOS AND FUN AND BOATS AND FISHING? WE JUST GOT TO HAVE SOME FUN. I'VE HEARD, WE JUST NEED TO GET AWAY. WHY? THE LORD'S NOT GOING TO BE THERE? THE SAME LORD THAT'S ALLOWING YOU TO DEAL WITH WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH IS NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU DEAL WITH IT IN HAWAII? OH NO NO NO, YEAH BUT YOU'VE GOT TO COME BACK. AND YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU GET BACK? YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE 40 MORE LETTERS SITTING ON YOUR DESK, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE STUFF PILED UP, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARDER, THROW MORE MONEY AT IT, AND NOW YOU'RE IN MORE DEBT BECAUSE YOU WENT TO HAWAII. AND MY PAINTING A PICTURE? WE GET CONSUMED WITH FUN. AND WE NEVER GET ENOUGH. THEN WE TRY TO FIND IT IN RELATIONSHIPS. AND THAT RELATIONSHIP EITHER BECOMES UNHEALTHY OR THEY BECOME UNHOLY OR BOTH. NOW WERE CLINGING TO SOMEBODY, OH I HAVE FOUND YOU. I WAS SUFFERING UNTIL I FOUND YOU NOW THAT I FOUND YOU, LIFE IS WORTH MEANING. OH -- AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET -- HAVE YOU EVER FOUND THE ONE? FOR SIX

MONTHS, THEY'RE THE ONE, AND THEN YOU HAVE THAT FIGHT AND YOU REALIZE OH, SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THEM. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THEM. OR YOU FIND IT IN FOOD, PILLS, TRY TO MEDICATE YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS. OR YOU TRY TO FIND IT AND RELIGION. OH THERE IS A MYRIAD OF WAYS THE ENEMY TRIES TO -- RELIGION; LET'S GET MORE INVOLVED IN THIS. LET'S DO THIS. LET'S DO THIS. LET'S HAVE MORE THINGS. WE RUN AFTER MORE THINGS. YOU JOIN A CHURCH; YOU DIE FOR LACK OF SLEEP. LISTEN TO SECOND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TURN THERE.

JUST LISTENED TO IT. FOR THOUGH WE LIVE IN THE WORLD, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES. THE WEAPONS WE FIGHT WITH ARE NOT WEAPONS OF THE WORLD. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE DIVINE POWER TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS. WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS. LISTEN TO THIS. ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST. THE ENEMY IS CREATING STRONGHOLDS TO ENSNARE YOU AND TO PULL YOU AWAY FROM GOD. AND EVERY ONE OF THESE THINGS -- IF I CAME AND ATTACKED YOUR WORK, ATTACKED YOUR MONEY, ATTACKED YOUR PLAY, ATTACKED YOUR RELATIONSHIPS, YOU WOULD FIGHT ME OVER THEM. I KNOW. I'VE DONE THIS. I CAN'T TELL YOU THE NUMBER OF TIMES PEOPLE HAVE COME IN FOR COUNSELING AND I'VE LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, AND GOD'S BEGUN TO DEAL WITH AN AREA OF OUR LIFE AND I LOOK AT YOU AND SAY DON'T YOU TOUCH THAT! DON'T YOU TOUCH THAT! THAT'S THE VERY THING THAT'S KILLING YOU AND GOD'S GOT

TO GET THAT CANCER OUT BUT NOBODY'S GOING TO TOUCH IT. THE FISTS ARE UP. THEY ARE READY. I'VE HAD FOLKS COME INTO COUNSELING, THEY SIT DOWN, AND THEY LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M HERE, BUT YOU BETTER TELL ME WHAT I WANNA HERE. YOU BETTER TELL HER SHE'S WRONG. I'M NOT GOING TO HEAR I'M WRONG. THEY'VE COME AND DEFENDING; THEY'VE COME IN WITH THE FIST UP; IT COME IN WITH EXCUSES; AND HERE'S THEIR WHOLE PURPOSE. I WANT TO COME IN HERE AND NOT HAVING TO CHANGE. DON'T ASK ME TO CHANGE. AND THIS IS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. THE ARGUMENTS, PRETENSIONS THAT HE SAW TO GO AND GET GOD TO YOU HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED THAT THIS IS SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM. WHEN THEY CHANGE; WHEN THIS GETS BETTER; WHEN MY MONEY COMES IN; WHEN THIS GETS BETTER; WHEN I WORK THROUGH THIS, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. WELL YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THIS NOW FOR 15 YEARS. WHEN IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN? AND YOU HAVE DETERMINED WHEN SHE CHANGES; WHEN HE CHANGES; WHEN IT CHANGES; WHEN I GET MORE; WHEN I HAVE THIS, THEN I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. CAN WE GET A DOSE OF REALITY HERE? YOU'RE NOT SAYING THE PROBLEM COULD BE ME ARE YOU? YOU'RE NOT SAYING THAT I HAVE TO CHANGE? BREAKTHROUGH IS WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT GOD IS RIGHT AND I HAVE TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO WHAT HE SAYS. NOW LISTEN TO ME. I WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ON I WANT YOU TO BE REALLY REALLY HONEST WITH YOURSELF. DON'T SAY, MY SON NEEDS TO HEAR THIS, MY DAUGHTER NEEDS TO HEAR THIS, I'M ASKING YOU. HAVE YOU FOUND OUT THAT WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS GOING TO DELIVER YOU AND FREE YOU IS IN ACTUALITY ENSLAVING

YOU? NOW LISTEN -- LET ME ASK IT AGAIN. IF YOU FOUND OUT, THAT THAT THING THAT YOU PICKED UP SIX MONTHS AGO, A YEAR AGO, TWO YEARS AGO, THAT YOU KNEW WAS THE ANSWER, IN FACT HAS SO TURNED SOUR, THAT IT IS ENSLAVING YOU? WELL, IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN WOULD YOU PLEASE QUIT DEFENDING IT! WOULD YOU PLEASE QUIT MAKING EXCUSES FOR IT. WOULD YOU PLEASE QUIT SAYING, WELL, THAT'S JUST THE WAY I AM. OH, I'M ALWAYS A LITTLE TENSE. I'M ALWAYS THAT WAY. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, HE CAN BREAK THROUGH THAT. BUT YOU HAVE GOT TO BE REAL WITH YOURSELF. BREAKTHROUGH IS NOT YOU COMING HERE AND CONNING GOD INTO GIVING YOU WHAT YOU WANT. BREAKTHROUGH IS COMING SAYING, YOU ARE LORD, GIVE ME WHAT YOU WANT.

SECOND QUESTION. DO YOU DESPERATELY WANT OUT? DO YOU DESPERATELY WANT ALL? BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW? THAT GETS ME TO MY THIRD POINT AND I'M GOING TO STOP. LISTEN.

DELIVERANCE COMES WHEN YOUR DESPERATION BRINGS YOU TO DEPENDENCE ON GOD. AND ONLY HIM. AND ONLY HIM. THIS IS GOING TO BE REVEALED BY TWO THINGS. WRITE THIS DOWN. WHEN YOU REALIZE -- WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT IT IS YOUR BREAK DOWN BRINGING YOU TO BREAK THROUGH, THEN YOU'RE BEGINNING TO GET A HOLD OF THIS. WHEN YOUR BREAK DOWN IS WHAT YOU REALIZE IS BRINGING YOU TO BREAKTHROUGH, YOU'RE BEGINNING TO GET A HOLD OF THIS. NOW LISTEN TO THIS. THE FIRST THING YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND. WRITE THIS DOWN. WHEN YOU'VE REALIZED THAT YOUR DIVERSIONS ARE NEVER GOING TO WORK FOR YOU, YOU'RE AT THE BEGINNING. WHEN YOU REALIZE THEY ARE ACTUALLY TOOLS FOR YOUR OWN DESTRUCTION. AND WHEN YOU

HAVE REALIZE THAT DELIVERANCE IS GOING TO, FROM NO OTHER PLACE THAN JESUS CHRIST AND HIM ALONE, THEN YOU'RE AT THE DOOR OF DELIVERANCE. THAT'S WHAT'S GOT TO HAPPEN. JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE ME? PETER SAID WE'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. WHEN YOU GET TO THAT POINT, YOU'RE THERE. WHEN YOU REALIZE IT IS NOT BY YOUR MIGHT, NOR BY YOUR POWER, BUT ONLY BY HIS SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD.

SECONDLY, IT WILL BE MARKED BY SURRENDER. WHEN YOU QUIT FIGHTING IT. BUT JAMES IF I QUIT FIGHTING THIS, I LOSE EVERYTHING. THERE IS A VERSE I THINK THAT SAYS YOU MUST LOSE YOUR LIFE TO FIND IT? OH IS THAT WHAT THAT MEANS? YOU SEE, THERE IS NO LITTLE GLOSSY EDGES ON THIS. THIS IS PAINFUL, ISN'T IT? WHEN YOU QUIT FIGHTING IT, WHEN YOU QUIT EXCUSING IT, WHEN YOU QUIT DEFENDING IT, WHEN YOU QUIT TELLING YOURSELF YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE, YOU'RE THERE. AT THIS POINT THE DOOR OF DELIVERANCE IS WIDE OPEN. IT'S WHY OPEN. BUT YOU HAVE TO COME IN, IT'S WIDE OPEN. YOU HAVE TO COME IN, LETTING GO OF YOUR DISOBEDIENCE, YOUR UNBELIEF, YOUR EMBARRASSMENT AT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO BE RIGHT; YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COME IT WITH YOUR HANDS WIDE OPEN SAYING GOD I'M BEFORE THE ALMIGHTY LORD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND ALL I CAN DO IS SURRENDER TO YOU AND YOU'RE NOT SURRENDERING TO HITLER; YOU'RE NOT SURRENDERING TO STALIN, YOU'RE SURRENDERING TO THE ONE WHO HAS MAIL SCARS IN HIS HANDS. YOU'RE NOT SURRENDERING SO MUCH TO THE POWER OF GOD, BUT TO THE LOVE OF GOD. YOU HAVE TO TRUST THAT HE HAS BROUGHT YOU TO

THIS POINT TO DELIVER YOU, NOT TO HURT YOU. AND THEN WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS YOU HAVE TO RECEIVE WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO. BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO ESSENTIAL LAWS GOVERNING THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD. HE IS GOING TO INITIATE A BY GRACE. AND HE'S OPENED IT UP. BUT UNTIL YOU QUIT LISTENING TO SOMETHING AND BY GRACE, TAKE HOLD OF WHAT HE IS ASKING AND WANTING TO DO IN YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL NOT GET IT. YOU'LL SEE SOMEBODY ELSE DID IT. WE'LL SEE SOMEBODY ELSE TAKE HOLD. AND YOU MAY GET MAD AT GOD. AND YOU'RE GOING TO COME AND PRAY AND SAY LORD, WHEN IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN; WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS. AND GOD SAYS SHHHH, THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOU CONVINCING ME TO DO WHAT YOU WANT. IT'S ABOUT YOU YIELDING TO ME AND LETTING ME DO WHAT I WANT TO DO IN YOUR LIFE. AND WHEN YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, HE WILL LIFT YOU UP. SO THE FISTS HAVE TO UNCLENCH. HOW MANY OF YOU ARE JUST LIKE IT IS WITH GOD? WELL I'M NOT LIKE THAT WITH GOD, BUT I'M LIKE THAT WITH MY HUSBAND. THEN YOU'RE LIKE THAT WITH GOD. OH REALLY? IF YOU SAY OH I LOVE GOD, BUT I HATE MY WIFE, THEN YOU GOT IT WRONG. ALL I'M ALL RIGHT WITH GOD, BUT LEE JOLICOEUR. UNTIL THESE HANDS UNCLENCH HERE, THEY ARE CLENCHED HERE. SOME OF US ARE NOT EXPERIENCING DELIVERANCE BECAUSE WE SIMPLY WON'T LET GO OF IT. IT'S OVER! IT'S DONE! ARE YOU GOING TO WALLOW AROUND IN IT FOR EVER? WHEN HE HAS OFFERED YOU THE WORLD, HE HAS OFFERED YOU LIFE. JUMP OVER THE FENCE, GO ON! IT'S OVER! LIFE CAN BEGIN NOW. IT'S OVER! YOU HAVE TO FALL IN THE LOVE OF A REDEEMER WHO LOVES YOU ENOUGH TO DISCIPLINE YOU. IF HE LOVES

YOU ENOUGH TO DISCIPLINE YOU, HE'S DONE IT BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU ENOUGH TO DELIVER YOU. I DON'T THINK I CAN LET GO OF IT. THAT'S NOT TRUE. THAT'S A LIE. DO YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO'S BEEN HURT? THIS JUST MAY. THIS TO TYPE OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED MORE. JUST ME. SHHHH I THINK YOU ARE GOING SHHHHH. STOP. OPEN THEM UP. OPEN THEM UP LET GO OF YOUR DIVERSIONS. LET GO OF YOUR ARGUMENTS. LET GO OF YOUR DEFENSES. LET IT GO. KERRY QUOTED THAT VERSE THAT I'LL BE LOOKING AT NEXT WEEK. IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME-- FIRST, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES. NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL THAT HAPPENS. HERE'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY. YOU STAND AT THE DOOR OF DELIVERANCE. IT'S WIDE OPEN. BUT NO ONE CAN PUSH YOU THROUGH IT. YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE TO GO THROUGH IT. DOES THAT MEAN HE'S NOT GOING TO ANSWER THE PRAYER THAT I'M ASKING; DOES THAT MEAN HE'S NOT GOING TO ANSWER THAT PRAYER? YES, HE'S GOING TO ANSWER THAT PRAYER BUT HE'S GOING TO DO IT IN HIS WAY. HE'S GOING TO DO IT AND HAVE TO REFINE THAT PRAYER. HE'S GOT TO REFINE IT SO IT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS. HE'S GOT TO DEEPEN THAT DESIRE. HE'S GOT TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND TEST THE HUMILITY. HE HAS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND REFINE YOUR MOTIVES. GOD IS IN THE PROCESS OF REFINING. HE IS A REFINING FIRE. JUST BECAUSE YOU MIGHT BE ASKING A RIGHT SAYING, GOD IS SAYING COME ON, COME ON. AND THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN. COME ON. COME ON. AND AFTER YOU WALK IN THAT DOOR THERE IS A PATH CALLED REPENTANCE AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT THAT NEXT WEEK. THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN. YOUR CRISIS IS WHAT LED

YOU HERE. AND JOHN TALKED TO LAST NIGHT ABOUT THANKING GOD FOR ALL THE BAD THINGS. YOU ARE WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW SO THAT GOD CAN BRING DELIVERANCE IN YOUR LIFE. YOU HAVE GOT TO COME AND LET HIM DO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO AND COME TO THE NAIL SCARRED HANDS. WITH HEADS BOWED IN EYES CLOSED, ONE OF MY TRYING TO SAY. I'M TRYING TO SAY TODAY CAN BE YOUR DAY. HOW? THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN.

(PRAYER)