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I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WHAT GOD IS WANTING TO DO IN THIS CHURCH IS A TIME OF REVIVAL. IT IS AS CARY SAID, IT'S AMAZING HOW GOD PUT US ALL ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH WITHOUT EVEN REALLY A DISCUSSION ABOUT IT. IN FACT, WHEN I BEGAN TO SENSE GOD CALLING IT TO MY LIFE, I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS JUST FOR ME. AND THEN I BEGAN TO SENSE IT WAS FOR MORE. AND I THOUGHT, WELL, MAYBE. I'M REALLY OUT OF STEP HERE. I DON'T THINK SO. SOME OF US HEAR THAT WORD REVIVAL, AND WE'RE TAKEN BACK TO OH MAN. IT'S THE VISITING PREACH COMING AND WE HAVE TO FEED HIM CHICKEN EVERY NIGHT, YOU KNOW HOW THINGS GO; YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOVE OFFERING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE 400 VERSES OF JUST AS I AM. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. YOU'RE GOING TO START ON SUNDAY MORNING AND BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT THE IRS CAN'T FIND SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE THERE. SO I'M GOING TO PUT A DIFFERENT WORD THERE AND I'M GOING TO PUT THE WORD BREAKTHROUGH. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT REVIVAL IS. IT'S BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR LIFE. FOR SOME OF US, IT'S GOD RETURNING US BACK TO THE LIFE THAT HE GIVES AND INTENDS FOR US TO LIVE. SOME OF US HAVE GOTTEN VERY COLD; VERY HURT; VERY WOUNDED. IT'S LIKE A SCALE HAS COME OVER ARE OUR HEARTS AND NOTHING SEEMS TO BREAK IT. WHAT USED TO

PENETRATE OUR HEARTS AT CHURCH NOW WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE DUTY. SOMETHING NOW IS WRONG AND WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS. GOD WANTS TO IGNITE FIRST LOVE IN YOUR LIFE, REIGNITE IT. FOR SOME, HE WANTS TO IGNITE IT FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN CHURCH, GONE THROUGH THE MOTIONS, WE SIT HERE, WE SEE EVERYBODY ELSE LIFTING HANDS, HALLELUJAH BUT WE DON'T REALLY SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT. YOU KNOW THE PRAISE TEAM, THAT IS GOOD WHEN CAESAR DOES (SOUND). I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD PLAY THAT THING LIKE THAT. I AM IMPRESSED MAN. AND HE'S PROBABLY SAYING I DON'T PLAY IT THAT WELL. FOR SOMEBODY WHO DOESN'T PLAY AT ALL, THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. AND THE WHOLE BAND THING, AND THEN THE PREACHER GETS UP THERE AND HE GOES WAY TOO LONG. GOD WANTS TO IGNITE SOMETHING IN YOUR HEART IF YOU WILL LET HIM. BUT YOU HAVE TO LET HIM. YOU HAVE TO BECOME A WILLING PARTICIPANT IN THIS BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE COME JUST TO BE A SPECTATOR, YOU'RE GOING TO MISS IT. NOW HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN GOD BEGINS TO MOVE THROUGH A CHURCH. THOSE WHO ARE READY TO RECEIVE IT, SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. BUT THERE ARE SOME SITTING ON THE EDGE THAT THE ENEMY IS GOING TO TRY TO PUSH YOU TO, IT'S GOING TO IRRITATE YOU; IT'S GOING TO FRUSTRATE YOU; YOU'RE GOING TO FIND VERY SPIRITUAL REASONS WHY THAT'S JUST -- I DON'T

CARE FOR THAT. AND YOU'RE GOING TO SIT THERE IN YOUR PRIDE IN YOUR BITTERNESS AND YOU'RE GOING TO MISS WHAT GOD IS DOING. YOU'RE GOING TO PASS HIM BY. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT WHAT WE'RE GETTING READY TO TALK ABOUT THIS MORNING AND IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. GOD WANTS TO EXPLODE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE. HE WANTS AN EXPLOSION TO HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED. HE WANTS SOMETHING TO HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE THAT THE ONLY WAY IT CAN BE DESCRIBED IS A SUPERNATURAL FIRE OF GOD THAT HAS MOVED IN. NOW I WANT YOU TO HEAR WHAT I'M GETTING READY TO SAY. WHAT I'M GETTING READY TO SAY TO YOU. LISTEN TO ME. **GOD LOVES YOU.** NOW I'M SAYING THAT BECAUSE IN JUST A FEW MINUTES YOU'RE GOING TO SAY NOW JAMES LISTEN. GOD LOVES YOU. AND HE IS VERY VERY VERY ACTIVE IN DRAWING YOU TO HIM. HE IS THE ONE. UNLESS THE FATHER DRAWS YOU, YOU CANNOT COME TO THE SON. THE FATHER IS RIGHT NOW DOING A WORK OF DRAWING. HE IS DRAWING YOU TO HIMSELF. IF YOU THINK IT'S UP TO YOU TO MOVE GOD, YOU'RE WRONG. GOD IS MOVING YOU. NOW HERE'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AS GOD BEGINS TO DO THAT WORK IN YOUR LIFE, AS HE BEGINS TO DO THAT WORK OF BUILDING UP -- A FEW WEEKS AGO I TALKED ABOUT IT -- HE'S GOT AT THE SAME TIME TO DO A WORK OF PRUNING AND PURGING, OF REDUCING. YOU'VE GOT TO WORK WITH HIM. IF YOU THINK GOD IS GOING TO SWEEP THROUGH AND

SUDDENLY THE DEPRESSION IS GONE, AND THE BITTERNESS IS GONE, THIS IS A JOINT OPERATION. HE'S GOING TO POINT HIS FINGER ON SOMETHING AND THEN YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO. AND HE'S GOING TO SAY I WANT TO REMOVE EVERYTHING. I WANT YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN MOVING EVERY HINDRANCE OUT OF YOUR LIFE. ANYTHING YOU THINK IS SO IMPORTANT, NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT IS; NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT IS; IT'S GOT TO GO. AND LISTEN TO ME. IT'S GOT TO BE RUTHLESS WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO. JESUS SAID IF YOU'RE EYE OFFENDS YOU, PLUCK IT OUT. IF YOUR RIGHT HAND OFFENDS YOU, CUT IT OFF. THIS IS HOW RUTHLESS WE HAVE TO BE IN THIS WHOLE ISSUE. NOW I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE COME IN HERE WITH NO EYES AND NO HANDS NEXT WEEK, ALL RIGHT? BUT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IS THOSE THINGS THAT ARE HOLDING YOU BACK FROM GOD AND YOU'RE MAKING EXCUSES FOR THEM. LISTEN TO ME. THIS IS AN UMBILICAL RELATIONSHIP. I AM JUST LIKE THAT CHILD IN THE WOMB. IF THAT UMBILICAL CORD IS NOT ATTACHED TO ME, I DIE. JESUS CHRIST IS LIFE. HE CAME SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE AND THAT LIFE IS THE LIGHT OF MEN. HE IS LIFE. SO LISTEN TO ME. LISTEN. ANTENNAS TO THE TOP. YOU CAN NO LONGER PLAY CHURCH HERE ANYMORE. I LOVE THAT SONG. THIS IS A PLACE WHERE RELIGION IS GOING TO DIE. YOU CAN'T PLAY THAT ANYMORE. IF YOU WANT TO PLAY THAT, GO SOME WHERE ELSE WHERE SOMEBODY WANTS TO PLAY IT. GOD WANTS TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SEEK HIM. YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW HIM. THE GOD WE SERVE IS A CONSUMING FIRE. HE IS CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. HE IS LORD AND MASTER. HE WANTS TO IGNITE A FIRE IN HERE, THE SAME ONE THAT LED THE ISRAELITES AND BURNED BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES. IT'S THE SAME FIRE THAT LIT THE ALTAR AFTER THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE. IT'S THE SAME FIRE THAT RAINED DOWN AT CARMEL AND TOOK ELIJAH UP IN A CHARIOT OF FIRE. IT IS THIS SAME FIRE THAT BURNED IN THE HEARTS OF PROPHETS. JEREMIAH SAID THERE IS A FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES. IT IS THE SAME FIRE THAT BURNED IN THE HEARTS OF THE DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD OF AMAUS THAT SAID DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US. IT'S THE SAME FIRE THAT MADE JESUS GLOW ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION. IT IS THE SAME FIRE THAT IMPASSIONED AND EMPOWERED THE FIRST CHURCH. THIS IS THE FIRE HE WANTS TO IGNITE IN THIS CHURCH BUT YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE HOLD OF IT OR IT WILL PASS YOU BY. LITERALLY YOU PASS IT BY.

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING TODAY THAT I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE EVER REALLY HEARD A PASTOR PREACH ON. NOW IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE PHASES OF BREAKTHROUGH, THE PHASES OF REVIVAL. AND I WANT TO START TODAY BY TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE EVER REALLY HEARD A PASTOR PREACH ON. REFER TO BUT PREACH

ON NO. WHY? BECAUSE IT'S NOT RELEVANT ANYMORE? NO IT'S VERY RELEVANT. I THINK IT'S THAT WE'RE AFRAID IT MAY OFFEND SOMEBODY. IT MAY WORRY SOMEBODY. IT MAY BE TOO THREATENING FOR MODERN AUDIENCES. BUT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING TODAY THAT IF WE DON'T GET A HOLD OF IN THE CHURCH, YOU DO NOT GET A HOLD OF IN YOUR LIFE, NOTHING ELSE IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

I WANT YOU TO TURN TO PSALM 36, PSALM 36. NOW DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD SHOW, THE OUTER LIMITS? IN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES WE HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF YOUR TELEVISION SET. I'M GOING TO SAY 30 MINUTES BUT YOU KNOW I'M LYING. SO HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES. I WANT GOD TO HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN YOU. DON'T TURN THE CHANNEL. BECAUSE WHAT I'M GETTING READY TO TALK TO YOU NOW MAY FIRST OF ALL GO NOW COME ON. NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE A POINT HERE AND YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR IT. I USED TO HAVE AN OLD MAN IN MY CHURCH AND HE USED TO SAY NOW SON, I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING IF YOU LISTEN TO ME. GOD SAYS I'M GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IF YOU LISTEN TO ME. AN ORACLE IS WITHIN MY HEART CONCERNING THE SINFULNESS OF THE WICKED. THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE HIS EYES. FOR IN HIS OWN EYES HE FLATTERS HIMSELF TOO MUCH TO DETECT OR HATE HIS SIN. THE WORDS OF HIS MOUTH ARE WICKED AND DECEITFUL. HE HAS CEASED TO BE WISE AND TO

DO GOOD. EVEN ON HIS BED HE PLOTS EVIL. HE COMMITS HIMSELF TO A SINFUL COURSE AND DOES NOT REJECT WHAT IS WRONG. YOUR LOVE O LORD REACHES TO THE HEAVENS. YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE SKIES; YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIKE THE MIGHTY MOUNTAINS. YOUR JUSTICE LIKE THE GREAT DEEP. OH LORD YOU PRESERVE BOTH MAN AND BEAST. HOW PRICELESS IS YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BOTH HIGH AND LOW AMONG THE MEN FIND REFUGE IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS. THEY FEAST ON THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR HOUSE. YOU GIVE THEM DRINK FROM THE RIVER OF YOUR DELIGHTS. FOR WITH YOU IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE. AND IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT. LORD, MINISTER SO DEEPLY IN OUR LIVES TODAY THAT WE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. I'M ASKING LORD FOR THE FEAR OF GOD TO DESCEND UPON THIS PLACE TODAY AND LET US NEVER EVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. WE PUT THIS IN YOUR HANDS. AMEN

THE DEFINING MARK OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO REJECT AND WALK AWAY FROM GOD FOR ANY REASON IS THE LACK OF THE FEAR OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT VERY VERY CLEARLY. THE LACK OF THE FEAR OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES. THEY HAVE BEGUN TO LIVE AS IF THEY DID IN THE DAY OF JUDGES AND EVERY MAN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES. IT IS OWN EYES, HE'S TOO FLATTERED WITH HIMSELF; HE'S TOO INTOXICATED WITH HIMSELF; TO ABSORBED WITH HIMSELF TO EVEN DETECT WHEN HE IS MOVING AWAY; HE EVEN LET IT BOTHER HIM TO HATE WHAT'S COMING IN HIS

LIFE; TO FEAR WHAT IS COMING IN HIS LIFE. HIS WORDS BEGAN TO BE ALL ABOUT HIMSELF. ALL ABOUT HIM. HIS THOUGHTS BEGAN TO BE ALL ABOUT HIMSELF. HE HAS CEASED TO BE WISE. HIS WAYS ARE NOW EVEN AS HE IS PLOTTING ON HIS BED NOT REALIZING THAT STEP-BY-STEP HE'S DRIFTING AWAY FROM GOD, WALKING AWAY FROM GOD BECAUSE HE'S JUSTIFIED EVERYTHING IN HIS LIFE YOU'VE SEEN PEOPLE LIKE THAT. NOT NECESSARILY BAD PEOPLE. PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEGUN TO DRIFT BUT ALL THE REASONS WHY IT'S ALL RIGHT. ALL THE REASON WHY THERE'S TOO MANY HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH; HAVE TOO MANY REASONS WHY GOD HASN'T DONE THIS; TOO MANY REASONS IN THEIR LIFE AND ALL THE TIME GOD IS SAYING IT WON'T WASH. YOU WANT THE BIGGEST IDOL IN AMERICA IS, THE BIGGEST IDOL, LOOK IN THE MIRROR; THE BIGGEST IDOL IN AMERICA TODAY IS THE ONE YOU LOOK AT IN THE MIRROR EVERY MORNING. IT'S ALL ABOUT ME. GOD WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME. I WENT TO THAT CHURCH, LORD, I TELL YOU I WENT THERE AND CARY SPOKE, JAMES SPOKE, JOHN SPOKE, THEY EVEN LET SAM UP THERE OCCASIONALLY AND IT DIDN'T DO NOTHING FOR ME. SO I'M GOING TO OAKVIEW AND MAYBE THEY HAVE SOMETHING FOR ME. I'M GOING TO TRY EVERYTHING AND UNTIL I FIND A CHURCH THAT HAS SOMETHING FOR ME. THIS AIN'T ABOUT YOU. THIS IS YOUR FATHER'S WORLD. YOU JUST RENT SPACE. THE DEFINING MARK OF THOSE ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEFINING MARK OF THOSE WHO WILL WALK

WITH GOD -- YOU'VE GOT TO GET THIS PRINCIPLE IN YOUR HEAD BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER -- IS THE FEAR OF GOD. PSALM 111:10 THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE. PROVERBS 1:7 THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM. PROVERBS 9:10 THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM. IT IS THE BEGINNING. IT IS THE ALPHA. IT IS THE BEGINNING. THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCK UPON WHICH ALL OF LIFE IS BUILT. IT IS THE DNA UPON WHICH YOUR LIFE IS BUILT. IT IS THE FIRST. IT IS THE FIRST. IT IS THE FIRST THING. WELL NOW JAMES I THOUGHT IT WAS THE LOVE OF GOD. NOW SEE ALREADY SOMEBODY IS SAYING BUT GOD LOVES US. REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING. BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS GOING TO SAY JAMES YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE LOVE OF GOD. THE LOVE OF GOD COMES OUT OF THE FEAR OF GOD. JOHN GAVE ME A GREAT ILLUSTRATION. HE THINKS WEIRD BUT IT WORKED. I GET A CALL TOMORROW FROM THE IRS FOR AN AUDIT. THERE IS GREAT FEAR. I MAY NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT I'VE DONE BUT THOSE WORDS WOULD YOU PLEASE COME TELL ME, COULD SOMEONE SHOOT ME RIGHT NOW. GREAT FEAR. YOU COME IN AND FEAR AND TREMBLING. YOU'RE CALLED INTO ACCOUNT. YOU'RE SITTING THERE AND THE IRS LOOKS AT YOU AND SAYS YOU HAVE A DEBT THAT IS SO AMAZING HERE, WE'RE GOING TO GARNISH YOUR WAGES; YOU'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH THIS DEBT FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. BUT

YOU KNOW WHAT, TODAY IS YOUR DAY BECAUSE WE'VE WIPED IT CLEAN. GREAT GRACE. BUT THAT GRACE WILL MEAN NOTHING UNLESS YOU'VE HAD THE GREAT FEAR THAT PRECEDES IT. THE FEAR OF GOD MUST PRECEDE. THE LOVE OF GOD PROCEEDS OUT OF THAT WHICH PRECEDES IT. WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE CHURCH TODAY IS TALK ABOUT OUR IDENTITY IN THE LOVE OF GOD. LISTEN I KNOW ALL ABOUT IDENTITY. I LOVE IDENTITY. I LOVE THE FACT HE'S MADE ME HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS IN HIS SIGHT BUT THAT IS JUST GOD GETTING ME TO THE PLACE I CAN EVEN COME INTO HIS PRESENCE. I HEAR PEOPLE WELL LET ME TELL YOU WHO I AM IN CHRIST. I'M GLAD BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS? DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS? HAVE YOU DEALT WITH THE REAL FACT OF WHO HE IS LATELY? PROVERBS 14:27 SAYS THE FEAR OF GOD IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE WHICH TURNS US FROM THE SNARES OF DEATH. PROVERBS 19:23 THE FEAR OF GOD LEADS TO LIFE AND BRINGS REST TO THE SOUL. ECCLESIASTES 12:13 FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN. NOW CERTAINLY YOU DON'T MEAN FEAR, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AWE AND REVERENCE. NO I MEAN FEAR. THE HEBREW WORD IS THE WORD YARAW WHICH MEANS TO BE ALARMED, PUT IN FEAR OF, SCARED, WANT TO TREMBLE, WANT TO FALL. IT IS THE WORD FEAR. IT IS THE IDEA OF A HEALTHY FEAR OF STANDING IN THE PRESENCE OF A WHOLE ALMIGHTY, HOLY GOD. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS. THAT GOD ORDERED THIS WORLD TO

WORK ONLY BY HIS DESIGN. NOW PLEASE GET YOUR ANTENNAS TO THE TOP. LISTEN TO ME! GOD MADE THIS WORLD TO WORK ONLY BY HIS DESIGN. ANYTHING, ANYTHING, NO MATTER HOW WELL INTENDED, NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME FROM, NO MATTER WHO TOLD YOU, YOUR MOMMA, YOUR DADDY, YOUR BEST FRIEND, ANYTHING THAT STEPS OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGN OF GOD IS DEATH. ANYTHING. HOW MUCH DEATH? DEATH. YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. GOD'S PRESENCE IS THE VERY THING THAT GIVES US LIFE. IT IS THE UMBILICAL CORD FROM WHICH LIFE IS DRAWN. ANYTHING ELSE, ANYTHING ELSE, ANYTHING ELSE, NO MATTER GOOD, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS DEATH. ANYTHING. MY GREATEST DESIRE SHOULD BE TO WALK IN THE WILL OF GOD; MY GREATEST DREAD SHOULD BE SOMEHOW TO GET OUTSIDE OF IT. BUT ISN'T HE A LOVING GOD? YES HE IS BUT THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH. THAT DID NOT STOP BECAUSE JESUS DIED ON A CROSS. THAT LAW IS STILL THERE.

THERE IS A GREAT PRINCIPLE, A GREAT LAW CALLED THE LAW OF AERODYNAMICS. WHEN I AM IN AN AIRPLANE, I CAN SUPERSEDE THE LAW OF GRAVITY BUT LET MY FEET EVER STEP OUTSIDE OF IT I AM COMING DOWN FAST. IT'S SOMETHING LIKE 200 MPH. WELL I WAS UP HERE SO LONG AND I WAS IN THIS PLANE SO LONG, I THOUGHT SOMEHOW GOD GOT RID OF GRAVITY. NO HE DIDN'T. WELL JAMES YOUR -- -- THAT'S OLD TESTAMENT. I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP. COULD YOU TURN TO ACTS CHAPTER 2. ACTS CHAPTER 2 VERSE 43 IS

GOING TO COME UP ON THE SCREEN. NOW I LOVE THE NIV VERSION. I'VE BEEN ACTUALLY USING IT FOR MY QUIET TIME SINCE 1983. SO WHAT I'M GETTING READY TO SAY -- SOMEONE'S GOING TO SAY I DIDN'T LIKE THAT NIV VERSION. IT'S A GREAT VERSION BUT EVERY VERSION HAS PROBLEMS. IF YOU WANT ABSOLUTE PERFECTION YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS. EVERYONE WAS FILLED WITH AWE. MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE DONE BY THE APOSTLES. THAT'S THE VERY FIRST CHURCH. THE WORD AWE IS GOOD BUT IT'S KIND OF LIKE STANDING UNDER A SHADE TREE. I SEE THE SUN BUT I DON'T GET THE EFFECTS OF IT. THE LITERAL WORD IS FEAR. IT'S THE WORD PHOBUS FROM WHICH WE GET A PHOBIA. IT MEANS TO BE PUT IN FEAR OF; TO BE ALARMED; TO BE AFRAID; TO BE SCARED. THEY WERE COMING, SOME OF THEM FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND THERE WAS A HOLY FEAR AMONG THEM. AND AS THAT FEAR BEGAN TO GRIP THEM IN THAT FIRST CHURCH, MIRACLE SIGNS AND WONDERS CAME OUT OF IT. NOW IN THE LITERAL LANGUAGE, THIS IS LITERALLY WHAT IT SAYS. NOW ON EVERY SOUL CAME FEAR YET MANY MIRACLES AND SIGNS OCCURRED THROUGH THE APOSTLES. BESIDES THAT GREAT FEAR WAS ON THEM ALL. MEANING WHAT? THAT WHEN THE FEAR OF GOD CAME UPON THEM, THIS CAME OUT OF THEM AND AS THEY SAW MORE OF IT, THE MORE AFRAID THEY GOT. THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THEM THAT THEY WERE WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

WE HAVE THIS IDEA THAT IF GOD REALLY BEGAN TO WORK HERE, WE JUST WALK IN. REALLY BEGAN TO MOVE, REALLY BEGAN TO MOVE, WE'D WALK AROUND SAYING ISN'T THIS WONDERFUL, ISN'T THIS LOVELY? LET ME TELL YOU WHEN JESUS CHRIST REALLY BEGINS TO MOVE AND HIS PRESENCE COMES, WE FALL UPON OUR FACES. THAT SONG I ONLY IMAGINE, I TELL YOU, WILL I DANCE BEFORE HIM. NO, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DANCE BEFORE HIM YOU'RE GOING TO FALL ON YOUR FACE.

IN THE FIFTH CHAPTER THEN ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA LIED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HE STRUCK THEM DEAD. LOOK AT VERSE FIVE, CHAPTER 5. WHEN ANANIAS HEARD THIS, HE FELL DOWN AND DIED IN GREAT FEAR, PHOBUS, PUT IN FEAR OF, TO BE AFRAID, TO BE SCARED, SEIZED, SEIZED ALL WHO HAD HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED. CAN YOU IMAGINE? MAN YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO HE STRUCK ANANIAS DEADER THAN A HAMMER. I THINK I NEED TO GO HOME. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE GOD IS STRIKING PEOPLE DEAD. I WANT TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE IT'S ALL JUST COMFORTABLE. SAPPHIRA WALKS IN AND WE -- I'M SORRY SAPPHIRA, GOD JUST STRUCK ANANIAS. THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED. PETERS SAYS WERE YOU IN ON IT. YES THEN THEY'RE GOING TO CARRY YOU OUT TOO -- BOOM, GRAVEYARD DEAD RIGHT THERE D.R.A -- D.R.T. DEAD RIGHT THERE, GRAVEYARD, HAMMER DEAD BOOM. LOOK AT WHAT VERSE 11 SAYS. VERSE 11 GREAT FEAR

SEIZED THE WHOLE CHURCH AND ALL WHO HEARD ABOUT THESE EVENTS, THERE WAS SOMETHING WORKING, THEY WERE COMING INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD. THEY WERE COMING INTO HIS PRESENCE. THEY WERE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ALMIGHTY GOD AND IT WAS MAKING THEM REALIZE THAT AS THEY WERE COMING BEFORE HIM, SOMETHING HAD TO CHANGE. YOU GO BACK ON INTO THE FIFTH CHAPTER OF ACTS; THE APOSTLES ARE ARRESTED FOR TELLING ABOUT THE NAME OF JESUS. THEY SAID DON'T TELL ANYMORE IN HIS NAME; DON'T DO IT AGAIN. AN ANGEL RELEASES THEM. IF IT HAD BEEN ME AND CAESAR, WE PROBABLY SAY WE NEED TO GET OUT OF TOWN. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THESE GUYS DO. THEY GO BACK INTO THE TEMPLE COURTS AND START DOING IT AGAIN. THEY GO ARREST THEM AGAIN; THEY BRING THEM IN AND THEY SAY DIDN'T WE TELL YOU; AREN'T YOU SCARED OF US; PETERS SAYS I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU WE OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN HIM RAISE THE DEAD AND WE HAVE SEEN HIM STRIKE THEM DEAD AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE POINT OF WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO BE AFRAID OF YOU OR GOD, WE'LL BE AFRAID OF HIM. WHEN IT COMES BETWEEN STANDING BEFORE YOU OR HIM, WE'LL STAND BEFORE YOU AND DISOBEY BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN WHAT HE CAN DO. JESUS SAID DO NOT FEAR THEM WHO CAN KILL JUST THE BODY. FEAR HIM WHO CAN PUT BOTH BODY AND SOUL IN HELL. ACTS CHAPTER 9, VERSE 31,

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THERE. IT SAYS AS THE CHURCH GREW THEY WERE LIVING IN THE FEAR, THE PHOBUS, THE PHOBIA, THE PHOBUS OF THE LORD. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE DEFINING MARK IN THE HOME. IN THE HOME? YES BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHURCH IS SECONDARY TO THE HOME. THE HOME WAS GOD'S FIRST THING THAT HE CREATED. IT HASN'T STOPPED. THE HOME AND THE MARRIAGE. EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5 OF VERSE 21 SAYS SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE FEAR OF GOD. ALL THE NEW TRANSLATION SAY IN THE AWE, IN THE REVERENCE, BUT THAT'S NOT IT. IT'S THE WORD AGAIN, PHOBUS, IN THE FEAR OF GOD. YOU KNOW, WHEN GOD PUT ME ON THIS TRAIN OF REVIVAL, I HAD ACTUALLY STARTED A SERIES ON HOME AND MARRIAGE. I HAD GOTTEN THREE MESSAGES DONE, WAS GETTING READY TO WORK ON THE FOURTH ONE. YOU KNOW WHAT GOD SAID TO ME THAT WAS VERY REAL? UNTIL THE PEOPLE IN YOUR CHURCHES GET A HOLD OF THIS PRINCIPLE IT ISN'T GOING TO MATTER HOW MANY PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE YOU GIVE THEM. IF I TREAT MY WIFE WRONG, I'M GOING TO ANSWER FIRST OF ALL TO GOD. IF I WALK AWAY FROM ROBIN, THE FIRST PERSON I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER TO IS GOD. WELL GOD WANTS ME HAPPY. NO, GOD WANTS YOU OBEDIENT. BEFORE THERE CAN BE REVIVAL, YOU'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING. THIS IS A HOLY GOD. THIS IS A HOLY GOD. WHEN JACOB WRESTLED WITH HIM, REMEMBER WE TALKED ABOUT THAT LAST WEEK. IF YOU WERE IN THE SECOND

SERVICE, THE LORD CHANGED MY MESSAGE. WE TALKED ABOUT JACOB WRESTLING WITH GOD. AFTER JACOB WRESTLED, I BELIEVE WITH THE INCARNATION-- PREINCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST, HE SAYS-- HE CALLED THE NAME PANIA WHICH MEANS THE FACE OF GOD AND HE SAYS I HAVE SEEN GOD FACE-TO-FACE AND LOOSE TRANSLATION AND HE SPARED MY LIFE. HE DID NOT KILL ME. JESUS CHRIST IS THE BODILY FULFILLMENT, THE BODILY FULFILLMENT OF ALL THE GODHEAD. HEBREWS TELLS US THIS: IN TIMES PAST AND IN VARIOUS WAYS, IN DIFFERENT WAYS, GOD SPOKE TO US THROUGH THE PROPHETS. BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON WHOM HE HAS APPOINTED THE AIR OF ALL THINGS, BY WHOM HE CREATED THE WORLDS. HE IS THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY; THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON; HE UPHOLDS ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER. WHEN ISAIAH SAW THIS POWER, HE SAW IT HIGH AND LIFTED UP AND THE TRAIN OF HIS ROBE FILLED THE TEMPLE. HE SAW THE SERAPHIM WITH TWO WINGS THAT COVERED THEIR FEET; WITH TWO THEY COVERED THEIR BODY; WITH TWO THEY COVERED THEIR FACES. THESE SERAPHIM, THESE GLORIOUS BEINGS AND PRISTINE IN THEIR PURITY, GLORIOUS IN EVERY WAY; NEVER TAINTED BY SIN AND YET EVEN THEY MUST HIDE THEIR FACES BEHIND THEIR WINGS WHEN THEY COME INTO THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY. ISAIAH WHO SAW IT, THIS GREAT PROPHET OF GOD, FELL UPON HIS FACE AND SAID WOE IS ME. I AM

UNDONE. HE WAS BROKEN. SAUL OF TARSUS SAW IT ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS. HE SAID HE SAW A LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN THE NOON DAY SUN AND IT BROKE HIM AND HE THAT HAD BEEN SAUL, AND PERSECUTED THE CHURCH, LOOKS UP AND SAYS LORD WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO. AND SAUL BECAME PAUL IN THAT MOMENT. JOHN, THE REVELATOR SAW IT ON THE ISLE OF PATMOS AND WHEN HE SAW JESUS, NOT THE LOWLY CARPENTER OF NAZARETH, NOT THE ONE HE HAD WALKED WITH FOR 3 1/2 YEARS, BUT JESUS AND ALL HIS POWER, HIS HAIR LIKE WOOL, HIS EYES LIKE THE FLAME OF FIRE, HIS FEET LIKE BRASS; HIS VOICE LIKE THE SOUND OF NIAGARA. IT SAYS THAT HE FELL AT HIS FEET AS A DEAD MAN. THESE THREE WERE NEVER THE SAME AGAIN. THE WHOLE POINT OF MY MESSAGE IS GOING TO BOIL DOWN TO WHAT I'M GETTING READY TO SAY. NOW LISTEN TO ME. REVIVAL COMES IN LIKE JUDGMENT DAY. J. EDWIN ORR, WHO WAS PROBABLY THE GREATEST EXPERT ON REVIVAL, WHO STUDIED IT, I SAW AN ACTUAL VIDEOTAPE OF HIM. HE SPOKE TONIGHT -- ACTUALLY THE NIGHT THAT HE DIED. HE SPOKE ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK AND HE DIED ABOUT 12 O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT. AND THIS IS WHAT HE SAID. IF YOU THINK REVIVAL IS COMING TO GOD AND ACTUALLY COMING LIKE CHANGING A DIRTY PAIR OF SOCKS, YOU'RE WRONG. IT COMES IN WITH WAILING AND MOURNING. THE PEOPLE OF GOD CRYING OUT AGAINST THEIR SINS. IT COMES IN LIKE JUDGMENT DAY. WHEN YOU START COMING BEFORE GOD AND GOD

WANTS TO DO THAT WORK, HE'S GOT TO CLEAN THAT LIFE UP. NOW JAMES, WHAT ABOUT GRACE? WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE, JUST HANG ON. WHEN YOU COME BEFORE GOD, HE BEGINS TO SAY THIS HINDRANCE HAS GOT TO GO BECAUSE I WANT TO BREAK OUT IN SUCH POWER, I WANT TO OPEN UP SUCH OPPORTUNITY BUT THIS WALL STANDS IN YOUR WAY. THIS ATTITUDE STANDS IN YOUR WAY. THIS BITTERNESS STANDS IN YOUR WAY. THIS SIN STANDS IN YOUR WAY. THIS LITTLE SIN YOU DON'T THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT IS STANDING IN YOUR WAY. I WANT TO REMOVE IT. THE WEIGHT OF GOD BEGINS TO FALL UPON YOUR LIFE. YOU FEEL IT EVERYWHERE YOU GO. DAVID SAID IT WAS LIKE IT WAS BREAKING HIS BONES. BACK IN THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING WHEN JONATHAN EDWARDS WOULD STAND UP TO PREACH AND HE WOULD PREACH SINNERS IN THE HAND OF AN ANGRY GOD. JONATHAN EDWARDS WHO STOOD, BASICALLY WITH A MANUSCRIPT IN FRONT OF HIS FACE AND SPOKE LIKE THIS, NO INFLECTION, JUST VERY DULL. IT WAS SAID DURING THAT SERMON PEOPLE WOULD CRY OUT HAVE MERCY MR. EDWARDS, HAVE MERCY. HAVE YOU ASKED FOR MERCY LATELY? WHEN GOD PUT THIS ON MY HEART, I WAS STRUGGLING WITH SOME THINGS. I KNEW I NEEDED REVIVAL. NOW LISTEN TO ME. GOD PUTS ME ON AND I BEGIN TO SAY LORD I'M GOING TO PREACH THIS BUT IT'S GOING TO BE ABOVE WHERE I LIVE. FOR YEARS THERE'S BEEN AN OPPRESSION ON MY LIFE. THIS WEIGHT, THIS THING ON MY LIFE. I WALKED INTO CARY'S

OFFICE -- I THINK I TOLD YOU THIS STORY -- AND I WAS LOOKING FOR A CERTAIN BOOK. I PICKED UP THAT BOOK AND RIGHT BESIDE THAT BOOK WAS THE POWER OF PRAYER AND FASTING BY RONNIE FLOYD. I WENT IN MY OFFICE AND READ A CHAPTER OF THAT ONE BOOK AND SAID YEAH OKAY I'M GOING TO GET BACK TO THAT BOOK AND I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST READ THE INTRODUCTION TO THIS BOOK AND FOR THE NEXT 2 1/2, 3 HOURS, I COULD NOT PUT IT AWAY. GOD BROKE ME. HE CALLED ME TO A TIME OF PRAYER AND FASTING AND I CAN TELL YOU WHEN I BEGAN THAT, GOD BEGAN TO REVEAL EVERY ISSUE IN MY LIFE, EVERYTHING THAT I HAD HELD AGAINST HIM. DO I STAND UP HERE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND PREACH TO YOU, HE HAD TO TAKE -- AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT AFTER FOUR TO FIVE DAYS, THAT OPPRESSION THAT HAD BEEN THERE FOR YEARS, WAS LIFTED AND GOD WANTS TO DO THAT VERY SAME THING IN YOUR LIFE BUT YOU'VE GOT TO WANT IT. YOU'VE GOT TO LET GOD BE GOD. YOU CAN'T MAKE ANY MORE EXCUSES OR IT WILL PASS YOU BY. HOW GREAT IS THIS FEAR OF GOD? PAUL SAID IN 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5, WE SHALL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT. THEN IN VERSE 11, THE VERY NEXT VERSE, HE SAYS THEREFORE KNOWING THE TERROR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN.

IT IS A FEARFUL THING TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF A LIVING GOD. NOW LET ME BRING THIS TO A CLOSE, LISTEN TO ME. HERE'S

WHAT GOD IS DOING RIGHT NOW AMONG THIS CHURCH. WHAT HE'S WANTING TO DO IN ALL THE CHURCHES OF OKEECHOBEE IF THEY'LL LISTEN. THIS CHURCH IS NOT UNIQUE. NOW THE UNIQUENESS IS GOING TO DEPEND ON WHETHER WE WILL TAKE HOLD OF WHAT GOD IS DOING BECAUSE WE ARE NOT UNIQUE IN OURSELVES. THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE A PEOPLE THAT GOD PICKED OUT OF ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH. THEY WERE NOT UNIQUE. HE JUST SAID I CHOOSE YOU. GOD WANTS US TO TAKE HOLD AND WHEN WE TAKE HOLD, SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. AND HERE IS WHAT GOD IS SAYING. I'M CALLING YOU TO REPENTANCE. HE'S CALLING US TO A TIME OF BREAKTHROUGH. A TIME THAT COULD BE SO POWERFUL AND MIGHTY AND BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR LIFE THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE A SUPERNATURAL EXPLOSION. OR YOU CAN RESIST THAT AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE BREAK DOWN. JOHN THE REVELATOR WAS ASKED TO GIVE -- TO SEND SEVEN LETTERS TO SEVEN CHURCHES. THEY WERE DICTATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. FIVE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES WERE TOLD TO REPENT. FIVE OUT OF SEVEN. NOW I BELIEVE THOSE CHURCHES WERE NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES, THEY WERE CHURCHES THAT REVEALED THE CHURCH THROUGH EVERY AGE AND THAT MEANS THIS. IF THAT HOLDS TRUE THEN IT'S THIS. THAT IN ANY AGE, 70 TO 75% OF CHURCHES ARE IN NEED OF REPENTANCE. BILLY GRAHAM SAYS THAT UP TO 85% OF PEOPLE SITTING IN OUR PEWS, SITTING IN OUR

CHURCHES, HAVE NEVER BEEN BORN AGAIN. THAT WOULD HOLD TRUE TO THE AVERAGE, WOULDN'T IT, THE PERCENTAGE. JESUS' WORD TO ALL FIVE OF THOSE SEVEN CHURCHES WAS I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK YOU HAVE, REPENT. THE WORD OF THE PROPHET, THE WORD OF THE PROPHET IS TO SAY THIS IS A WORD FROM GOD. IF YOU HEED IT, A TIME OF SHOWERS WILL COME, THE TIME OF REFRESHING. THE TIME OF GOD WORKING IN SUCH ANOINTING THAT YOU COULDN'T HANDLE IT ALL. BUT IF YOU REJECT IT, YOU'RE CLOSER TO JUDGMENT THAN YOU'VE EVER BEEN.

THE BOOK OF AMOS, HE WAS NEITHER A PROPHET NOR THE SON OF A PROPHET. I WAS A SHEPHERD, I WAS A TENDER OF FIG TREES. HE SAID IN AMOS CHAPTER 1 THE LORD HAS SPOKEN. THE LORD HAS ROARED FROM ZION. IT GOES ON TO TELL HIM FOR THREE TRANSGRESSIONS AND FOUR OF GAZA, IT GOES ON TO TELL ABOUT THE PLACES THERE OF GAZA, OF TYRE, OF AMON, OF MOAB AND YOU COULD HEAR THE PEOPLE IN ISRAEL SAY GET THEM, THEY'RE A BUNCH OF HEATHENS. TELL THOSE HEATHENS WHAT THEY'VE GOT TO DO. YOU LET THEM HAVE IT. THEN HE SAYS FOR THREE TRANSGRESSIONS OF JUDAH AND FOR FOUR AND THEY SAID YEAH THAT OTHER CHURCH OVER THERE, YOU LET THEM HAVE IT. THAT'S A SISTER CHURCH AND I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE LIKE AND THEN HE SAID FOR THREE TRANSGRESSIONS OF ISRAEL AND FOR 4. NOW YOU'VE GONE TO MEDDLING. CHAPTER 3 OF AMOS, IT'S GOING TO

COME UP HERE. LISTEN. LISTEN. GET THIS. DO TWO WALK TOGETHER UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO DO SO? DOES A LION ROAR IN THE THICKET WHEN HE HAS NO PRAY? DOES HE GROWL IN HIS DEN WHEN HE HAS CAUGHT NOTHING? DOES THE BIRD FALL INTO A TRAP ON THE GROUND WERE NO SNARE HAS BEEN SET? DOES A TRAP SPRING UP FROM THE EARTH WHEN THERE IS NOTHING TO CATCH IT? WHEN A TRUMPET SOUNDS IN THE CITY, DO NOT THE PEOPLE TREMBLE? WHEN DISASTER COMES TO A CITY, DID NOT THE LORD CAUSE IT? SURELY THE SOVEREIGN LORD DOES NOTHING WITHOUT REVEALING THE PLAN TO HIS PROPHETS. THE LIONS ROAR. WHO WILL NOT FEAR. THE SOVEREIGN LORD HAS SPOKEN. WHO CAN BUT PROPHECY. WHEN YOU SEE AFFECT, THAT MEANS THERE WAS A CAUSE. WHEN YOU SEE PEOPLE BEGINNING TO FALL DOWN FINANCIALLY IN THE BREAKING OF RIGHT NOW WHO CAN'T PAY THEIR MORTGAGES AND FORECLOSURES BEGIN TO RISE LIKE THEY ARE IN OUR NATION, THERE WAS A CAUSE. WHEN YOU SEE MARRIAGES RISE AND FALL APART, DIVORCE RATE ABOVE 50%, THERE WAS A CAUSE. WHEN YOU SEE PEOPLE, THE SUICIDE RATES RISING TO ASTRONOMICAL LEVELS, THERE IS A CAUSE. WHEN YOU SEE THE DEPRESSION RATES WITHIN THE CHURCH IS AS HIGH AS THE DEPRESSION RATE OUTSIDE OF IT, THERE IS A CAUSE. THE LORD HAS SPOKEN. THE LORD HAS SPOKEN. IN CHAPTER 5 HE SAYS THIS: SEEK ME AND LIVE. DO NOT SEEK BETHEL; DO NOT GO TO GILGOFF; DO NOT

JOURNEY TO BEARSHEBA; SEEK ME; SEEK NOTHING ELSE. BUT WE'VE ADDED 'AND' TO GOD; GOD AND MY SMALL GROUP GOD AND MY SUNDAY SCHOOL; GOD AND THIS; GOD AND MY CAR GOD AND MY FAMILY. THERE IS NO AND, IT'S JUST GOD AND GOD ALONE. YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT THIS; YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT THAT BUT YOU CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT HIM. AND HERE WAS A NATION, THE NATION OF ISRAEL, WHEN THE PROPHET BEGAN TO SPEAK, THEY WERE THE FIRST ONES TO RAISE UP AND SAY WE GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY; WE DO THE SACRIFICES EVERY WEEK; WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS; WE'RE DOING ALL THE THINGS; AND HE SAID THEY'RE DEAD AS A DOOR NAIL. OPPORTUNITY WANTS TO RUN THROUGH HERE. THIS IS A NATION AND A PEOPLE THAT I WANT TO SEE THE POWER OF GOD BUT YOU'RE WASTING IT; YOU'RE RUINING IT; YOU'RE SETTING IT ASIDE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. SEEK ME AND LIVE. IN CHAPTER 7 HE SAYS THIS: THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SHOWED ME. HE WAS PREPARING SWARMS OF LOCUSTS AFTER THE KING'S SHARE HAD BEEN HARVESTED AND JUST AS THE SECOND CROP WAS COMING. WHEN THEY HAD STRIPPED THE LAND CLEAN, I CRIED OUT SOVEREIGN LORD FORGIVE, HOW CAN JACOB SURVIVE, HE IS SO SMALL. SO THE LORD RELENDED. THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN THE LORD SAID. THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SHOWED ME. THE SOVEREIGN LORD WAS CALLING OUT FOR JUDGMENT BY FIRE. IT DRIED UP THE GREAT DEEP AND DEVoured THE LAND. THEN I CRIED

OUT SOVEREIGN LORD I BEG YOU, STOP, HOW CAN JACOB SURVIVE, HE IS SO SMALL. SO THE LORD RELENTED. BASICALLY SAYING YOU SEE WHAT -- THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANT TO DO. I DON'T WANT TO JUDGE. I DON'T WANT TO CONSUME IN JUDGMENT. THIS IS NOT WHAT I WANT TO DO. THIS IS WHAT HE SHOWED ME. THE LORD WAS STANDING BY A WALL THAT HAD BEEN BUILT TRUE TO PLUMB AND THE PLUMB LINE WAS IN HIS HAND AND THE LORD ASKED ME WHAT DO YOU SEE AMOS? A PLUMB LINE I REPLIED. AND THE LORD SAID LOOK I AM SETTING A PLUMB LINE AMONG MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

I'M NOT VERY GREAT AT CONSTRUCTION BUT I DID IT FOR A WHILE. SAM AND I WOULD BE OUT BUILDING SOMETHING AND HE WOULD SAY JAMES DOES THAT LOOK STRAIGHT TO YOU? YEAH, IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME. NOW THE PROBLEM IS WHEN I PUT A LEVEL NEXT TO WHERE THERE WAS A PLUMB LINE, IT COULD BE THAT MUCH OFF. BUT AT THAT MOMENT AND YEAH IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME BUT THEN YOU PUT A PLUMB LINE NEXT TO IT AND THEN YOU THINK HUMMM. WELL WE SHOULD HAVE DONE IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME BUT LET'S JUST LET IT GO. MAYBE NO ONE WILL NOTICE. THE PEOPLE OF GOD BEGAN TO DO THIS. JUST THAT MUCH. JUST DRIFT THAT MUCH. JUST THAT MUCH. WHAT DEAL DOES IT MAKE? THE FIRST DAY MAYBE NOT A WHOLE LOT; BUT THREE YEARS LATER YOU'RE THIS MUCH. WHICH IS EASIER TO COME BACK FROM? THIS OR THIS? HERE'S WHERE WE ARE AS A CHURCH. AM I SAYING YOU'RE A BAD

PEOPLE OR A BAD CHURCH? NO I'M SAYING THE EXACT OPPOSITE. THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS IN REVELATION WAS A GREAT CHURCH BUT THEY HAD DRIFTED. EVERYTHING WAS GOOD BUT THE FIRST LOVE WASN'T THERE. GOD IS OPENING UP A DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS CHURCH LIKE NOTHING YOU COULD EVER EXPERIENCE. GOD IS PLACING AN OPEN DOOR BEFORE US THAT IF WE WILL WALK THROUGH IT, EYE CANNOT SEE NOR EAR CANNOT HEAR WHAT IT IS. WE DARE NOT DRIFT NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT IS. WE DARE NOT DRIFT. SO ARE WE READY FOR IT? IS THERE AN AREA IN YOUR LIFE FROM WHICH YOU DRIFTED? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE HOLDING BACK FROM GOD? IS THERE AN EXCUSE YOU KEEP MAKING? ARE YOU UPSET THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH AND NOW YOU'VE MADE IT A REASON TO BE MAD AT GOD? HAS ONE OF THE PASTORS FAILED YOU? I'VE HAD PEOPLE OVER 23 YEARS, ALMOST 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY WHO QUIT GOING TO CHURCH BECAUSE THEY GOT MAD AT ME. IF YOU QUIT GOING TO CHURCH AND QUIT GOING AT ALL THEN I'M NOT YOUR PROBLEM. AND RIGHT NOW GOD IS BEGINNING TO MOVE AND YOU'RE SITTING THERE WATCHING IT. SOMETHING IS BEGINNING TO STIR IN SOME OF YOU; SOMETHING IS BEGINNING TO STIR LIKE A FIRE BURNING; SOMETHING IS BEGINNING TO STIR LIKE AN IRRITATION. I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WON'T STOP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. WHAT IS THIS FEAR OF GOD AND SOMETHING IS BEGINNING TO CAUSE YOU TO PUSH IT

AWAY. SOMETHING IS CAUSING YOU TO NOT WANT IT; SOMETHING IS BEGINNING TO RAGE WITHIN YOU RIGHT NOW AND YOU'RE SAYING I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS ANYMORE. SOME OF YOU GOD IS BEGINNING TO PUT A FIRE AND YOU THINK I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT. WHATEVER I'VE GOT TO DO, TELL ME. WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO COST ME, I'LL DO. I WANT TO GO BACK TO PSALM 36, JUST LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS. I'M GOING TO END. HE SAID HOW PRICELESS IS YOUR UNFAILING LOVE BOTH HIGH AND LOW AMONG MEN. HERE'S WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO: THAT WE WOULD FIND REFUGE IN THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS; THAT WE WOULD FEAST ON THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS HOUSE; THAT HE WOULD GIVE US DRINK FROM THE RIVER OF HIS DELIGHTS; WITH HIM IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE; IN HIS LIGHT WE CAN SEE LIGHT. THAT'S WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO HERE. I TALKED ABOUT THE FEAR OF GOD BECAUSE IF YOU WILL WALK THROUGH THAT, YOU WILL GET TO THE END OF HIS LOVE AND THAT IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THE GRACE OF GOD. WHERE THERE IS GREAT FEAR, THERE IS GREAT GRACE. SOMETHING BURNING WITHIN YOU? IS IT? IS THERE SOMETHING BURNING? LET ME ASK YOU A BETTER QUESTION. IS THERE A GREAT FEAR THAT YOU'LL MISS IT? BECAUSE BEFORE THERE CAN BE A BURNING, THERE HAS TO BE A FIRST THING. AND THE FIRST THING IS THAT SOMEHOW BECAUSE OF MY WAY I WILL MISS IT. WHEN THE FIRE BURNED ON THE BUSH AND IT BURNED THERE FOR MOSES, HE COULD HAVE WALKED AWAY; HE COULD HAVE MISSED IT.

HE COULD HAVE NOT HEDED IT. WHEN THE ANGEL APPEARED TO GIDEON, HE COULD HAVE REJECTED IT. WHEN GOD BEGAN TO COME TO THOSE DISCIPLES, THEY COULD HAVE BEEN LIKE A PHARISEES AND REJECTED IT. BUT THERE CAME A FEAR IN THEIR LIFE THAT SAYS MORE THAN A BURNING TO HAVE IT IS THIS GREAT TO DREAD THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEHOW, I WILL DRIFT AND I WILL MISS IT. THIS IS WHAT THE WRESTLING OF GOD IS ABOUT. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS. DO YOU FEAR IT? DO YOU FEAR THAT YOU'LL MISS IT? IT'S COMING, IT'S RIGHT HERE, IT'S COMING. BUT IF WE DRIFT, WE WILL PASS IT BY AND WHO KNOWS WHEN IT WILL COME AGAIN? I SAY THAT FOR THIS REASON. SINCE I WAS 20 SOME YEARS OLD, GOD'S GIVEN ME A HEART TO PRAY FOR REVIVAL. I'VE BEEN IN THREE CHURCHES AS PASTOR WHERE I THINK GOD BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT AND I BEGAN TO PREACH ISSUES AND PRAYER OF REVIVAL AND THE CHURCH SAID NO. AND I CAN TELL YOU WHEN THEY SAID NO THE SPIRIT OF GOD -- LIKE IN THE DAYS OF EZEKIEL -- BEGAN TO BE LIFTED OUT OF THAT CHURCH AND WITHIN A MATTER OF TIME IT WAS DEAD AS A DOORNAIL. THAT'S WHERE WE STAND. THAT'S WHERE WE STAND. THAT'S WHERE YOU STAND. IF YOU HAVE DRIFTED, IT WILL NOT TAKE YOU LONG BEFORE YOU HAVE NO HEART; NO CONCERN; NO DESIRE. BUT IF YOU WILL FALL UPON YOUR FACE HE WILL LIGHT A FIRE IN YOU THAT WILL LIGHT THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE. DON'T MISS IT. DON'T MISS IT. DON'T MAKE EXCUSES. I'M GOING TO OPEN THIS

ALTAR AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU NOT TO MISS IT. IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BORN AGAIN, IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TRULY BEEN BORN AGAIN, OH YOU'VE GONE THROUGH THE MOTIONS BUT YOU DO NOT FEEL THE FIRE, THE URGING OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVING IN YOUR LIFE, MAKE SURE. MAKE SURE. DON'T MISS IT. COME ON, JOIN ME RIGHT HERE. (ALTAR CALL)