Greater Witness

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1 Thank you. Good evening, friends. With the great heart of God's love, I come this closing night of this revival of Owensboro, Kentucky, to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, and all that you have did for us here, we deeply appreciate. Appreciate the great fellowship of the ministers—the cooperation of every person. For all the finance that you've helped us too, we appreciate it.

2 We don't ask ... just for our bills to be paid, and the little love offerings we take for the brother ... I. Once we have ... if we'd have fifty cents left over, it would go into foreign missions. So, therefore, that you'd know that what your money is to try to bring peace as a Gospel to the heathen lands of the world. I'm sure you could never invest anything any better than that, to try to do that.

One time, years ago, I used to ... when I would leave a city, we'd have plenty of money then. You just pass the collection plate two nights, and it'd pay for all the expenses. And then, if they had a Red Cross drive or something, a kind of a drive--polio drive, or something--we'd go right ahead and help them people. Make an offering in our church, and give it to the people. And then, sometimes, we just turn it over to the city.

And it got to a place, friends, that it become almost like a.... Well, you wouldn't get out of town, till they'd be saying we was a bunch of holy rollers. And I'm just one person that don't believe in supporting, unless it's something really means for God.

⁵ I seen a man going down the street that we put this money in-great big swell car, and smoking a cigar, and a big diamond ring. Them people put that in for little children, and things, that really in need. So I thought, *Well, here's one thing. The money that God* gives me, I'm the steward of it, and God'll make me answer the day of judgment for what I do with it. So I know this one thing: If I took what I could, and took myself, and went out into the nations and things, and tried to preach the Gospel, when I answer on that day, I'll say, "Lord, I did the best I knowed how."

6 And I'm sure that the people would appreciate--ever who is saved--would appreciate getting somebody else saved and healed. Isn't that right? So, that's been my heart to try to do it. I've done it ever since. And that's what I'm trying to do now: Trying to help someone.

7 I don't rest too much here on earth. When I'm home, it's constantly pulled and dragged--constantly, all the time. It's been that way year in and out. These kind of lives don't last long. You know that. They soon burn out. John the Baptist only lived six months after he got in his ministry. Christ was three years and six months in His ministry--they crucified Him.

The life soon burns down. It's such a tremendous strain. This is one thing I want to do, Christians, is to make my life--every ounce of it--count for Jesus Christ while I'm here.

8 This message that I preach, I believe it with all my heart. God knows whether I'm telling the truth or not. Every ounce of my being believes everything that I speak. If I didn't, I wouldn't speak it. I'm trying my best to help someone.

And when I go to bed at night, although, I'm not free from critics.... Sure, I have them, but I thank the Lord that they're a minimum. And people do criticize and say, "Well, he's just *this*, *that*."

Well, of course, I expect that. I must have that. Everybody else has, so why should I be immune from it? I must have that, too.

9 But here's one consolation I have when I can find a few minutes of sleep: When I have my prayer before going to bed, I know this: By God's grace, I've done the best that I could to make life a little better for my fellow man. And in doing so, I pray that someday, when it's over, and I come up to His door and knock on the door, that He won't turn me away.

10 If you happen to get there before I do, you tell Him about me, and tell Him I love Him. Will you? And tell Him that I just love

Him with all my heart. And ask Him.... Tell Him that I'm trying my best. And when I come up, if you hear me knocking, why, you tell Him ... ask Him to let me in, will you; because I'm doing all I can for you.

And I believe, by God's grace, we'll all meet there. And I pray to Him now, while I don't know many of you here--just what I've got acquainted with--a very few. I pray that the door will be wide open for every one of you. And if my prayers to God will help you any, I just ask Him to open the door wide for every one of you.

12 And as I go to different parts of the world, if God shall permit me to, and when I'm out there on the.... Well, sometimes it gets awful dark. I've seen times where I wouldn't know where to turn next. Witchdoctors, demons, everything on every hand. It's not a easy thing. There you're standing there representing Jesus Christ, the most holy thing of all the world. And you're standing there and every demon trying his best to press in. And when you're dealing in another world, you must remember: Reproach on His name would do more than all the good would ever be done. Satan just watching for one opportunity. You pray for me, will you?

13 And when the nights are stormy and dark in Africa, the winds are howling, the witchdoctors are challenging; the fire eaters and things of India will be challenging; and every demon worker there'll be will be right out there, I'll be thinking about Owensboro--there's a bunch of people praying for me. I know you will be. And I know if you'll ask Him, He'll help me. I'm going to depend on you.

14 And you pray for me, wherever I go, that God will help me. I've done all that I knowed how to represent our Lord Jesus to you in the way of simplicity. He's never trusted me with too much, because I don't know ... wouldn't know how to take care of much, I guess. He just gives me what He will, but what I have I freely give to glorify Him and His church.

15 I'm just here to try to represent Him to you by a divine gift. Just like if He give me a hand, I want to use that hand the best that I can. If He give me eyes, I don't want to look at the evil things. I want to look at His Bible. I want to look at things that right. If they happen to run into evil things, I want to turn my head, look off somewhere else, see, because He give me my eyes. 16 Remember I was once a blind man, practically. Well, they led me around, so, just practically. And now, my eyes are ten-ten. That's two degrees better than normal--twenty-twenty. I can read newspaper print five feet away from me. So, I'm thankful for that.

17 I show my wife last night, here in my forties, I can take this fine Bible, and hold it that close to me, and read it; or hand it off anywhere five feet away from me, and read it. And think, once with great big thick bifocal glasses, and led around by the arm. Oh, it's amazing grace. How good He is. I love Him. Though He condemns me at the end, I still love Him.

18 Now, this may be our last meeting time, Christians. I don't know what tomorrow holds, but it may be our last meeting time. If it is, I say, as I'll say when I meet you again in glory—I trust that we'll all be there—I'll say this with a honest, sincere heart: I've tried to represent Jesus Christ to you with all that I knowed how. I love Him.

19 Our next meeting begins just across the river here at Evansville. And I forget the name of that tabernacle. It's a Baptist tabernacle, though the Full Gospel people are sponsoring it. It's a place that seats about four thousand, I think—something like that. If you have any time off from your own church, come over and be with us. We'd be happy to have you.

Brother Bosworth and I have agreed on three things that I've wanted ... or, one thing that we want to try for the first three nights. I want to try, if I can, tonight, to call just as many to this platform for visions as I could get up here, see. And I don't care if my wife and boy have to pack me out of the building. I want give my best.

And tomorrow night at Evansville, I want to approach it from a different way. I want to try to read the Bible, and explain what healing is in God's Word. And then, the prayer cards, just call them up--just let God, as He will, give the visions, and just pray for the sick. And come to these people who are, maybe, something wrong with them, and ask them if they're right with God.

Even if I see the vision, I don't even say anything about it, see. Just go ahead, and just try to, on the legal promises of God, just stand there, toe-to-toe with the enemy and fight it out with him. That's right. Pray for everything I can get on the platform to pray for. And just ask the enemy to leave the people. Then, I'm going to give them seventy-two hours to find out what takes place. Then, if it isn't that way, I'll return back to the other way, and take a day of fasting, and ask God to help.

23 Then I want to see.... The main message that the Angel of God gave me--which has been confirmed around the world--He said I was born to pray for sick people. Now, what I think He meant by that, is massive prayer. That's the way I put it together. I questioned Him, and He said I didn't have any ability. And He told me this very gift, and the things that would take place, would be a vindication of it.

Now, what I think, and always have thought that He meant by it: If I could stand here at the platform right now, and look over this audience, and God would speak something to somebody, or in a supernatural way, it ought to make the entire audience believe that the presence of God's right here.

That ought to make every one of them, at one time, accept their healing, regardless.... If you sinned, now, you make it right; but you should accept your healing. If you don't feel one bit different in six weeks from today, you ought to still accept it right now, and stay right with it, and hold it as your personal property. That's right. Stay right with it.

Now, that's what He wants. And that's the way it works wonderful, anywhere but the USA. That's right. Anywhere but America. But we've got it.... You can't blame the American people. They've been taught of laying on hands, and the regular routine of the ministry. Well, that's just what they believe. They've been taught to believe that. And usually....

27 Just like, many people say, "Well, he's a Catholic." If you'd ever think maybe that boy was raised from the cradle a Catholic. That's all he knows. "This one's a Baptist." Well, maybe he was just raised up a Baptist. That's all he knows. "The other one a Methodist," or what.... They were just raised that way. That's all. They were raised up that....

And if the American people are taught laying hands on the sick, that's Scripture, see. But perhaps my ministry was not only in the scope of America, but it was for other nations, because that's where He just keeps pulling me to, you see. And that's where the greatest success has been.

29 Did you realize the altar call at Durban was, I believe, thirty times bigger than Pentecost? Did you realize that? That was thirty times bigger than the day of Pentecost. Thirty thousand souls got saved at one time. There was only five thousand at Pentecost. Three thousand the next day, so that.... See how big that God does things now, because we're in the last days. Don't you believe it?

Thank you, again. It's time for me to pray for the sick, now. I want to start early, because I want to get as many on the platform as I can. But, just first, can I read some of His Word? Because I know my words will fail just sure, but His cannot fail.

Now, just before I read this Word, I want your undivided attention, just a moment. And if there's anything that you've ever paid attention to, to what I've said, you listen to what I'm telling you now: That as far as your healing is concerned, in the presence of God, there's not one other thing can be done; the rest of it's left for you. Jesus Christ has already healed every sick person on the face of the earth tonight, if they'll just believe it. He saved every sinner there is on the face of the earth when He died, if they'll just believe it and accept it. Do you understand that?

And there's no gift that I have, or any other man has, that can heal you; because how can we do what Jesus has already done for you? If I could heal you, I could save you. "For He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed." Is that right? So, I couldn't do nothing about it. Now, other men can point it out in the Word, others.... God's put gifts in the church in different ways. And those gifts, and everything, if it's a true gift of God, it'll point to that one thing: Jesus Christ.

And I do not believe in building the gospel of Jesus Christ around an individual. I don't believe in building it around a denomination. I believe in building it around Jesus Christ. Exactly. And all individuals, and all men are the same. And we're all looking to one Redeemer: that's Jesus Christ. And I believe that with all my heart, soul, and body, that that's true. And that's what we want...

Now, you've always noticed, I've never said, "Oh, the great Baptist church," or, "the great Pentecostal church," "the great...." I've never said that, as knowingly I didn't.

³⁴ I've always said that I thought this one thing: that Pentecostal people were the most spiritual. Certainly. They were the kick-outs of other churches. And they've had to pull for every little inch they got. And that made them spiritual, because they had to get down apraying.

You just let a little persecution rise in the United States, and watch the church come together. Watch it get spiritual then.

35 Well, down in Korea, where the revival's going on, the Methodists and Baptists and Presbyterian are having great healing services, speaking with tongues, and everything. You say, "Are all these Pentecost?" There's none of them Pentecost. They're all Methodist and Baptist and things. But it's just such a pull and a strain, they just had to start praying. And when you get spiritual, God'll take care of the rest, see. The rest of it just comes automatically, see. The main thing: start praying. The rest of it'll be all right.

If you Baptists here tonight, and you Methodists, you just start in your church, just pray, and get all your church to praying. You ministers do the same. Just get the people to praying real good. The rest of it'll take care of itself. God'll take care of the rest. And I appreciate your kindness, and all that you've done. And now, the Lord bless you.

And here's the next thing I want to say is this: that, don't wait for a healing campaign in your city to be healed. Your pastor, or your neighbor that's a Christian, has just as much legal rights from God to pray for you as anybody on the face of the earth. It don't have to wait till somebody comes along with a healing campaign. Those men are just stimulating faith. God never intended all these great ... these campaigns sweeping across the nation. He expected that to be in every church, every pastor.

The Bible said, "If there be any among you sick, let them call the elders of the church." Now, the elder really is.... We call it in Pentecost, we call it a deacon, or something, but a *elder* is a "minister." "Let them call the ministers of the church, and let them anoint them with oil, and pray over them. The prayer faith shall save the sick. Confess your faults, one to ... and pray one for another," everybody pray for one another, "that you may be healed." Is that right?

And compared each one with Elijah. Said, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are. He prayed earnestly that it wouldn't rain. It didn't rain for three years and six months," see. That's it.

39 Now, remember that. When you get sick, call your pastor. If your pastor don't believe in divine healing, call another pastor who does believe it. If you can't find any in your neighborhood, get that good old Christian mother that lives over there, that goes to prayer every day, or that old dad out yonder—old red handkerchief sticking out of his pocket, and maybe hands as callused as it could be, an old blue patch shirt on. I tell you, some of the truest hearts that beat beats under that old blue shirt. That's exactly right. Yes, sir.

40 I'd rather have his company, a lot of times, than slickers sometimes, that go around with their collar turned around or something; or pat you on the back, and call you "Brother Branham," walk away and tell someone "He'll ruin your character." I'd rather have somebody be honest with me; wouldn't you? That's right. I want somebody honest.

Just be what you are. God help the day that when we can come ... when we can be just what we are. That's right. Just be just what we are. And God bless you, now, while I read His Word.

41 And now I'm reading tonight out of St. John, and the fifth chapter, and the thirty-sixth verse. I want to read this little Scripture, so that His Word will be to you as a lamp to your feet, to guide you tonight to His blessings that He has prepared for you.

But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

And the Father himself, which has sent me, has borne witness of me.

42 Isn't that beautiful? Jesus Christ saying, "Now, you all believed John. He was a prophet. He just preached away. You all went and believed him. And you know he was a prophet," though he never done one miracle. But he was the greatest prophet that ever lived--Jesus said so--until His time. Said, "Never was a man, born of a woman, as great as John the Baptist." He never done one miracle, and only lived six months. But why was he so great? Because he bore record of Christ.

And when you see somebody giving God praise, and God glory, then you can realize that that person's coming from God. Isn't that ... giving God the glory. That's right.

43 And John said, "I must decrease, and He must increase."

They said, "Are you the Messiah?"

He said, "I'm nothing."

44 But Jesus come around and said, "Oh, yes, he is. He's the greatest from among women."

That's better, don't you think? Let somebody else say it. Live so that somebody else will say it. That's the way to do it. Do the right thing. Somebody.... God'll bear record for you.

45 Now, he said, "Now, I have greater witness than John," said, "because the very works that I do, bear witness that the Father sent Me. And the Father Himself bears witness of Me by the works He does through Me."

46 Now, that's beautiful. Isn't it? Peter, on Acts two, twenty-four, I believe--twenty-two or twenty-four--he said, "You men of Israel," he said, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by signs and miracles which God did by Him in the midst of you all, which you yourselves are witnesses."

47 Now, Jesus, when He was here on earth, He didn't claim to be great. He was just a man--an ordinary man. If you'd see Him on the street, He didn't look any different from anyone else. He walked right among men that didn't even know who He was. He didn't dress different. He just walked along as a humble man. No great big man. He was probably a little thin fellow. The Bible said, "There was no beauty we should desire Him." So, He just walked along, lived among men--eat, and drink, and slept with them. And who was He with? The poorest of poor: the fishermen down on the river.

48 I'd imagine Peter with that old greasy fishing apron around him, like that. And Jesus said, "You're Simon. So, follow Me, and you'll become fishers of men." I'd rather hear that than anything I know of. Just "Follow Me."

You say, "Now, wait a minute. You haven't got your degree." He don't need no degree. He just wants to follow Christ. That's right. Just "Follow Me." He wouldn't even know his own name if it was laying before him.

49 The Bible said he was ignorant and unlearned. Not only unlearned, but he was ignorant. Both ignorant and unlearned, but when he passed through the gate called Beautiful, and he said to that man, "Look on me." He said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, I'll give you. In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk."

50 Somebody in the church began to play the part of a hypocrite. They come into the line one night, a *certain-certain* thing. He said, "Why did the devil put in your heart to lie to God?" The man fell dead—Ananias. Sapphira come in, the same thing again. How God....

51 And then those people looked at that old fisherman. And you know what they did? If he'd had some great degree to go by, he'd had something to glory in; but God took nothing and made something out of it. That's the way God does: Just takes a nothing to make something.

52 And when you can become nothing in your own sight, you're becoming something in God's sight then. And always remember this, friends: The way up is down. "He that exalts himself shall be abased, but he that humbles himself shall be exalted."

53 So just love Him with all your heart, and forget all you ever knowed about all other things, but Jesus Christ. Just go ahead and love Him, and work for Him, serve Him. If He wants you to be the doormat, well, you just be the doormat. Whatever He wants you to do, you do it. God bless you, now.

54 What if He was here tonight in a visible person? Just as sure as He walked on the Sea of Galilee, He's right here. He promised to be. And what did He do ... what did He say He would do after He raised from the dead? The Bible said, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." Is that true? Well, if He's the same, He'll do the same thing. Now, He didn't heal no one. Very much contrary--He claimed He didn't heal. He said, "It's not Me. I only do what the Father shows me. When the Father shows Me a vision, I go do what He tells Me." In other words: "I don't do nothing till He tells Me." Saint John 5:19 said, "The Son...." After He passed all those crippled people, and blind, and halt, and lame--didn't heal any of them. He healed a man laying on a pallet, for Jesus knew he was in this condition. Sure. The Father had showed Him. All these things, it was just that way.

And then, He raised from the dead. He said, "The things that I do, you'll do also. And greater than this,"--that's *more*, of course, not greater; look at the things He did--"but more than this shall you do, for I go unto My Father." And when He was raised from the dead, He said, "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." He was with your great-grandmother and -grandfather. He was with your grandfather and grandmother. He was with mother and dad. He's with you and I. He'll be with the next generation to come, if there is one. The same yesterday, today and forever.

57 The church has growed. It's growed from justification, through sanctification, into the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Now into the restoration of the gifts coming to the bud. And here we are, ready for harvest now. God shall come someday, and we'll see Him, love Him. And at that day, when all of life is over, and I done preached my last sermon, prayed for my last sick person, the Bible lays closed, I know my time has come.

And I know that sitting before me, like every mortal here tonight, is a great big black door sitting yonder. And every time that heart beats, you're going one step closer to it. It's called "death." One time your heart beats, that's one time less it'll ever beat again. And we're going that way. I don't know when it's going to stop, but when I enter there, I don't want to go like a coward. I want to wrap myself in His righteousness, enter in to that channel of death, knowing this: that I'm persuaded that I know Him in the power of His resurrection, for He has resurrected me from a life of sin and made me His servant. And I know Him that way. And I know when He calls, I'll come out from among the dead. I want that to my testimony. God bless you.

59 I don't live too far up the river here. I'm your neighbor. Come

up, knock on the door. I've often said, "The night never gets too dark, the rain never falls too hard, what I'd come to you." I wish I could, but, friends, there's just thousands of calls everywhere. You just realize what one day will be.

My wife sitting right here. Many times we have noticed.... And at times, I have kept count of the phone calls, just long distance alone, and we've had, at the average, as many as sixty-four an hour, day and night--of long distance. It's just isn't in Owensboro here, it's around the world, see. Millions and millions of people, see. And you can imagine what it is.

But I'll say this one thing, friends. If I can ever be any help, and get to you, or anything, I'll be glad to come. Pray for me, and I'll pray for you. God bless you, now, while we bow our heads.

Now, Father, here lays handkerchiefs before me. Bless them, Father, to the sick and needy. Way across the country, people are waiting for these handkerchiefs, maybe many sitting here. And Thou can heal them all, and I pray that You will.

And now, Lord, I pray that Your Spirit will just settle over this company of people tonight in a great awe. And may Your Angel, which I know is standing here at the platform at this time, may He come forward, take over the poor little old unworthy hull that I live in here; use these poor unworthy eyes to look through and these lips to speak through. God, use those hearts out there for a conception. And may the reception of God's Spirit move right into there, and confirm God's Word with signs following.

63 Grant it, Lord. Heal all the sick and afflicted. Save the lost and dying. Grant it, Lord. Forgive us all of our sins. And may there not be one person that's in this building tonight be lost. May they, every one, be present at that day to receive crowns of glory from our loving Saviour. For we ask it in His name. Amen.

64 These handkerchiefs are marvelous things. Not for your mailing address. No, friends. We don't ... just answer letters. We don't want it for mailing address, or to do anything away from your church. We want you... Our purpose is for you to be loyal to your church of your choice. That's what I want you to be. But if you do need a handkerchief, just write me. I'll send it to you, absolutely free. We send thousands and thousands of them.

Here recently, a woman in Germany received one; put it on her bosom. She was sitting with arthritis in a wheelchair. She said, "Now, devil, you get out of this building."--got right up, and walked away.

I was in Arkansas recently. Some.... Recently ... some time ago. Many of you here are from Arkansas. This is when I was at Jonesboro. Twenty-eight thousand people, the paper said, was in the meeting. And I told people, "Just bring your handkerchiefs and let me pray over them. You put them in your Bible. If you ever need them, why, all right."

66 There was a little woman took one and put it on Acts 19 in her Bible, where I'd asked her to. Weeks later, she lived way out in the rural, and she was cleaning an old lamp chimney. And she cut her hand across there. And the blood just begin spurting. You've heard the old superstition of taking cobwebs. She got a bunch of cobwebs, and throwed it on there. Of course, the blood just blew the cobwebs off. And then she tried other little remedies, but it wouldn't stop.

Now, this is her testimony. I can't say it's.... The only thing I know, she's a Christian woman. I believe her testimony. And she said that she was getting so weak, she wrapped a pillow slip around her arm, and it bled it wet. And then she got a sheet, and it become just wet. She was losing so much strength, she couldn't stand up.

And way away from a neighbor, a little cotton raiser, way back out. Her husband had gone to town to get food for the table, and some hay, or sheep stuff, and things for his cattle, and stuff, in a wagon. She said, "Lord, I'm dying. And what can I do?" No doctor within miles and miles. And she slipped to the Bible, and remembered that. And she picked this handkerchief up. She said, "Dear God, I trust You to save my life." And she laid it on there.

69 That night, I happened to still be in Arkansas, down at Little Rock. Reverend G.H. Brown's a witness. She come there wearing a pair of boots. She walked three or four miles out that night with a pair of boots on, packing a lantern. Stepped out of the boots, and got her shoes out of her satchel that she had, put them on her feet. Flagged a Greyhound bus, and rode a hundred-and-something miles down to Little Rock, where I was having a meeting. Walked in there, hung her lantern on a tree, so she could find it when she come back, and go back through the mud and stuff in the rice fields. And walked in there and showed that handkerchief, not even stained with blood. And the scar on her arm, where it was across there, where God had stopped it and saved her life. She said, "I feel that I owe it to God."

A woman once put one on a little baby--club foot. Her sister had sent it to her, and she kept that on that baby for weeks. She said.... [Break in tape.]

God bless you, brother. Do you believe mother's going to get well? Do you believe it, mother, with all your heart? God bless you. God grant it to you.

70 These two women have been here the last two or three nights. Of course, I believe some of them told me the Holy Spirit told them what was wrong with them, and all about it. I just watch, see. Of course, anybody is like, say, crippled, that's.... Sure. Everybody knows they're crippled. The thing is, a well-looking person, and then something wrong with them. That's the mystery part. But don't worry.

71 You've tried hard, haven't you? God'll help you. Just accept it now. And you too, sister. Both of you old and gray, and God be with you and help you. God'll make life sweet for you, mother. Don't pay no attention to your disease, now. When the Angel of the Lord begins to anoint, you just accept it with all your heart.

Now, looky here, friends. If I was a healer as the newspapers say, "Brother Branham, the healer"; if I was a healer and see that poor old brother sitting there, and them old callused hands, and his little old shirt buttoned up around his collar, and dust over his shoes; that little mother laying there that's probably been his sweetheart for years and years, laying there; do you think that I would stand here, and let her lay there? Not if I was a healer. I'd walk right down there, and they'd walk out of here like sweethearts again. Think I'd let this poor old mother that's sat here night after night? Do you think I'd let her lay there? No, sir. I certainly wouldn't. I'd be a brute if I did.

Now, here's the only thing. The only thing is this. Look at this little mother sitting here. Them two boys coming from New Albany, bringing them, faithful. Boys, I don't.... I know they don't want me to say this, but they've done me a favor recently. And you don't

know how my heart, every night.... And I've been in the room praying for that little mother. Oh, how I just pray that God would let me see something. If it was my own mother sitting there, I couldn't do it. But I know one thing, it was here, a night or two ago. Some of them was telling me the Angel of God was so around that, there's something's happened to her, I know that. Just as your faith will measure up, it'll come.

(What say? B's, I believe. I called to.... I don't know. 10? All right.) All right. Let's call up 10--B, 10. I want to get a line. Can you pile them in there? All right. All right. B-10 to 15. B-10, 15. B-10, 20 --up to 20. See how many that's going to make. B-10 to 20. All right. 25. That ought to be enough. Let people stand so long like that when we're going through.

⁷⁴ [Break in tape.] ... just healing them. Many, many, many more are healed out there than there is here. Because the people's on the line here, that doesn't mean that they get healed. If their faith is not right with God, they'll sure miss it. See, it's nothing I could do; it's what their faith is in God. This here is just a vindication of God's presence.

Now, what if our Lord was standing here tonight with this suit that He gave me, here, on, and these people standing in the prayer line? Now, as far as I know, looking down this line, I don't see.... You're not in the line, are you, brother? No. Oh, you're just with.... I know the brother preacher here, but that's the only person that I realize in that ... recognize in that line. I guess they're all strangers to me. I don't know any of them, but....

⁷⁶ I don't know anyone in the audience, but these two brothers, and that mother sitting there, Brother Beeler, and this other brother sitting right here. And I think that's ... and my wife sitting there, and Mrs. Damico. I'm not sure, I believe I see the Methodist preacher, Brother Junior there. Isn't that right, brother, from down...? That's right. I'm glad to have you here tonight, from down in southern Indiana. And the brother sitting there, which is just coming to be a minister, sitting by him. This is good for Methodists, too, you know--helps them all. Sure does.

77 All right. As far as I know, that's the only people in the audience that I know just at this time. But the Holy Spirit knows every one of you. He knows all about you, and He can do for you

the exceedingly, abundantly. Can't He?

All right. (Now, I guess you got them out, plumb to the road out there, huh? All right. All right.) But we're going to try, now.... Let's let this meeting tonight be this: I want to ask you something. Will you obey me, as His servant, now? Just as His servant, not as ... obey. I don't mean that. But, you obey what He says through me.

Now, I'm going to challenge every one of you tonight, this ending up of the nights here in this meeting. Many of you have been sitting around. And I've been watching, seeing, if the individual, each one at a time. But I'll tell you what God'll do tonight: If you'll do just as I'm advising you now, there will not be one feeble person left among us when we go out--if you'll just believe this, now, that I've told you, and say, "God I believe it with all my heart, and I'm now accepting it upon those basis."

And when somebody's healed up here at the platform, you say out there, say, "I accept it for me. That's me, too. God knows just what's the matter with me, if He knows what's the matter with that one." And I'll tell you, that in Jesus' name, you'll find that every person in here will be healed. And the Holy Spirit will move right out there in the audience, and heal....

How many's out here to be healed that hasn't got prayer cards? Raise your hands everywhere. All right. That's good. I missed this balcony. How many over there, raise up your hands, that want to be healed, hasn't got prayer cards? All right. Now, let's be real reverent, every one, and praying.

Now, if these people come up here on the prayer line.... If Jesus was standing here, would the same thing take place that told Philip, when He saw Philip coming to Him? Now, He told Philip that he was a Christian —a believer. And told him that He saw him, and knowed where he was at before he'd come to the meeting. Is that true?

He talked to a woman. He said, "Now, you have five husbands is what's your trouble." And she admitted that was right. And she recognized Him, be a prophet. And said the Messiah was coming. He said, "I'm the Messiah."

And He knowed where two mules was hitched at the forks of a road. He said, "If a man's going to come up and ask you something,

you tell him the Master has need of this, and he'll let them go," see.

And He knowed where a fish was--had a coin in his mouth.

84 But remember, now that was people who believed. But when they captured Him ... or, He give Himself up to them, they put a cloth around His eyes, and took a stick, and hit Him on the head, and said, "Now, Prophesier, prophesy and tell us who hit You. We'll believe You, if You'll tell us who hit you on the head with that stick."

85 He never opened His mouth and said a word, did He? See. He didn't clown for people; He done the will of God, see. Probably He didn't even know who hit Him on the head. God didn't tell Him. God don't tell His prophets everything; didn't even tell His Son. His Son didn't even know when He was coming back again. He said, "No man knows--just the Father, only." Is that right? So, we recognize the same thing.

⁸⁶ [Brother Branham speaks aside.] There was someone here supposed to see Billy Paul. A brother from up in Indiana. He said to tell him to meet him in the side room, if he would, if the brother is present. And if the brother goes around, you go ahead and let the lady come here.

Come here, lady, if you will. Do you believe with all your heart as an individual? I say, "Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is here to give help?" You do.

Now, as you're in the line, friends, many times, I pass right over it. And when you're out there in the audience, be ready, be praying. And just as soon as it speaks, snap in right quick. Catch it. Because.... Let me say this before the anointing drops on me, see. It's caused by, way I see it, I can't explain it, (There's no need of trying to.) but it's a light. And you've had the picture of it here. You've seen the picture. And, it's a fire, about like that. There's a picture--a scientific picture--hangs in the hall of religious art in Washington, DC, as the only supernatural being that's scientifically proven has been taken. And it's here.

Now, I can't see it when I'm standing like I am now, but when the Spirit of God so anoints and takes away, then I see it. And it moves out here in the audience, and the only thing.... I don't see the individual, I just see the light, and I watch it. And then, as I'm watching that light, it just breaks through, and I see something take place. Then when it leaves, I try to keep on my mind what it was. Then I look and see if I can see that person--where it was at. Then I say, like, "I see a person go in a hospital--had a kidney taken out," or something.

Maybe there's a woman. I seen her come out, and she was so sick, or maybe something like that. And after a while I happened to look, and there's the woman sitting there. I say, "Was you in the hospital recently, had a kidney removed, or something?"

"Yes, that's it."

90 Well, maybe that's all I know, see. But, what it is, she's praying; and God knows everything. He's got that whole tape-recording from the time you were born. Isn't that right. And if He wants to show it to me, that's up to Him—a portion of it—whatever He does. Now, as for healing....

91 Now, if God does that, then that proves Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. Then, every person ought to believe. Is that right? Every person ought to believe; and the same time, be made well, for you accept it.

Don't wait, and say, "Well, I believe it right now, but if I just felt better...."--you'll never get any better, see. You've got to accept it first, and then you get better after you accept it, see. Accept it first. All who understands that, say "Amen." Accept it first. Now, no matter, mother how bad you feel, how bad you feel, how bad you, you, or you feel, just accept it, and then, God.... It's up to Him to take care of the rest. All right.

Now, sister, you.... I'm going to pull this around here, this microphone, so that somebody, of course, watches it. Now, I just want to talk to you, see. And now, do you ever read the Bible much? Do you? And, did you ever read over there in Saint John, about the fourth chapter, I believe it was, where Jesus went up and sat on a well, and sent His disciples down in town to get something to eat? And while they was, there was a lady came out, and she was going to draw water. And I believe Jesus had a vision that she was coming. But He didn't know what was wrong with her; He knowed that was the woman. So, He said, "Bring Me a drink."

What did He want to do? To my way of thinking--I couldn't prove it by the Scripture--but my way of thinking, He had to have

some personal contact with that woman's life. Then, while He talked to her, why, He said.... He told her, said, "I want a.... You bring me a drink."

She said, "Why, you Jews don't have nothing to do with us Samaritans. Why'd You ask me for a drink?"—so many words.

And He said, "But, if you know who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink."

And she said, "Why, the well's deep."

He said, "Go, get your husband."

She said, "I don't have any husband."

Said, "That's right. You got five, and the one you have now is not your husband."

Well, quickly, she said, "You're a prophet." She said, "Messiah's coming."

He said, "I am He."

So, she ran into the city, all excited, and said, "Come, see a man told me everything I ever done."

Well, He never.... He just told her one thing. But if God could reveal that one thing to Him, He could reveal everything to Him. Is that right? Well, then, the things that He did, He said we'd do also. Is that right?

94 Well then, you believe He's risen from the dead, don't you? And He's among us. Well then, He set some in the church to be seers, some to be preachers, some to be teachers, and so forth—the governments of the church. Is that right?

95 Well then, if the Christian, then, becomes sick, and they want a manifestation of something to raise their faith in God, they go to church and hear the preacher preach. If that doesn't do it, maybe a message will come forth through some other way, or maybe there's a prophet in the country that'll be able to see and know something that's caused the trouble, or something to tell them. Then they just have faith, God does the rest. Is that right? That's right.

⁹⁶ I believe you're a honest person. It's hard to catch into you. You're a distant type of that, because you're wandering at this time, you see. If you'd just let yourself be submissive, and just know that God is here to help you.... There's nothing in the world that I could do, only just say what I see. And it's difficult. Of course, one thing, I'm weak, but....

97 You've been ... something about a automobile--a car--a crash, or a wreck, or something. I see you strike. Just a moment. I just want to talk to you again. Yes. I see them taking the woman from it--very shook up, bad hurt. And you haven't recovered from it just right yet. There seems to be something wrong with one of your limbs. There's a.... No. That's a growth of some sort that's in a danger-line of being cancer--malignant.

And there's something about somebody that's in a wheelchair--crippled. It must be your husband that's pushed around. And it's a....

Now, just a minute. Was that the truth? All that was said was truth. Is that right? Then do you believe that He's going to help you now? Come here, just a moment.

Almighty God, the creator of heavens and earth, the author of everlasting life, and the giver of every good gift, send to this, our sister, Thy blessing. And I pray that You will heal her. God, grant to her the desire of her heart. And may this be one of the most happy times of all her life. May she go from here tonight, happy, rejoicing, and praising You, and giving you thanks and praise, and be made well. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

God bless you, sister. As simple as it seems, it's just the little simple things that means more. The prayer now, you just believe that God heard. Now, what He told you, that has been in life, you know that's true, see. Then, He promised you divine help, now. Then, if that was so, this other will be so, won't it? Go, and may God bless you. God be with you.

Now, come, lady. Do you believe with all your heart? All right. Do you believe that God is, and a rewarder of those who will diligently seek after Him?--with all your heart? Yes, ma'am.

100 Oh, my! What a wonderful.... This is the best anointing. There's a whole bank of faith just sitting here, now--the best it's been in any of the meeting. Right now. I want to tell you that before I get to a place where ... won't understand. 101 I want you to be just as reverent.... Be seated, be reverent. Look this way, and pray, and listen. And believe with all your heart, and rejoice with exceeding great joy. God is an object of worship. God wants to be worshipped in Spirit and in truth.

102 Now, excuse me, sister. I was just mentioning to the people, you see, so I would know, so I could get.... I ... kind of another world, you know, you kind of break into here. You know you got an audience before you. Sometimes the visions get so much, you can't tell your right or left, or where you're at, or what you're doing, you see. But you believe me to be His servant, don't you? And we're strangers--don't know one another, but God knows both of us, doesn't He?

103 Now, you've come from away from here. And you've come from a place that's a lot of prairie country. And you've come.... It was an airplane. An airplane comes up from leaving a prairie country in the back. It's a city you've come from. It's on a prairie. And it's a.... You've come to an immigration, or.... You're from Canada. You've come from, I'd say, Regina. Is that right? And your plane come down in a city that sits low into a near river. There's a city on each side of the river. I'd say it was Cincinnati, or something on that order. But then, you come here with an automobile. And it was at nighttime. The lights.... You got mixed up somewhere.

104 And you've had.... Your trouble is.... Oh, you're with friends. I see that. You're rejoicing with someone. But you've been operated on. You've had two operations. And the operations was in here, in the bosom, or breast; and it's cancer. Is that true?

105 Then, I see it turning dark, lady. It must be that you're not going to live, perhaps. No, here's what it is. You are in need of Jesus Christ. You're not a Christian. You need Christ. Is that right? Why not take Him and live? Is that true? Do you accept Him as your Saviour now? Right now? Forsake all sin? If God lets you live, you're going to live for Him the rest of your days? Come.

106 Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead, this dying woman, standing here on her feet, has now come to life. I thank Thee, Lord, for Thy Spirit that makes her well. God, I pray that You will take all sin and everything from her. And may she go to her home happy, rejoicing, and completely well. I ask this sickness to leave her body in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

107 My sister, you're returning a different person. You are a Christian now; your sins are forgiven. With all my heart, I believe you'll live, for it's light, real light around you now, where I'm standing. And I believe you're going to be all right. You feel that too, don't you? Yes, ma'am. You are a Christian, and living for Christ now. God bless you. God bless you.

108 Someone should see the.... Don't.... Now, it hangs here in the corner. The little lady sitting there with a red pocketbook. It's right over her. Do you have a prayer card, lady? You don't have a prayer card? Do you believe me to be God's prophet? You are? You have something wrong in here, too. It's a gallstone. Isn't that right? It's gone from you now. You can go home and get well.

Have faith.

109 Do you believe with all your heart, sir? All right. I want you to just believe with all your heart. All right. Now, if the Lord Jesus is present, His manifestation of His Spirit to give life, forgiveness of sin...? Is it just as easy to say your sins be forgiven you, as it is that you're healed? Well, which does either one? God.

110 There's something about sin in your life, but you're a disobedient person. You're a preacher, too. Yes. Yes, sir. And you got some kind of a eczema—a skin over your body that's bad. And you failed to do what God told you to do. Well, that's sin. That's right. But you're a minister of the Gospel. And you've got a sick wife. And she's got some kind of a trouble in here. It's a asthmatic condition, and a smother.... It's a heart. She's got heart-asthma. Is that right?

You, now, ask God to forgive your disobedience. I want you to return to your wife, lay hands on her, and go back preaching the Gospel.

God, in Jesus Christ's name, make the man perfectly normal. Heal his wife. And may this be the hour of hours for him, and take it away from him. I rebuke the enemy in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

111 Just a moment, sir--minister. Stand there just.... Turn your back again, if you will. Now, look around to me. You've been sometime or other at my tabernacle. Isn't that right? I've seen you walking out the door, like that, out of my tabernacle door. Isn't that true? Well, God bless you. Go on. I just seen it. My tabernacle come before me, and I seen you going out the door, and I knowed you'd been there, somewhere. All right. The good Lord bless.... God bless you, brother. All right.

Do you believe Him with all your heart? All right.

112 Do you believe, lady, with all your heart? I am a stranger to you, lady, but not with God. I realize that you are a Christian. Not because you said, "Oh, Jesus.", because any sinner would do that, that was standing, especially, in His presence. But God knows you. And, if He be with me, then He'll let me know you, too, for His glory. Do you believe that?

113 You've been ... had some trouble--some operations. And it's been.... They've removed inward organs. Isn't that true? I can't understand. There's something about a tent. Somewhere, a tent or something. You've got a tent, or you're.... Oh, you're a preacher's wife. That's what it is. You're a preacher's wife. And he.... A tent, about a tent meeting or something. And that's Assembly Of God.

114 And now, if I'm not mistaken, in the vision, I saw a man with a little place here in his teeth, which is Brother Vivert. You have something to do along with Brother Vivert or something. Is that right? Well, God bless you. Come here.

Almighty Father, oh, be merciful, God. Now, go touch our sister. And may she go, and be healed. God, I send her on her road in the name of Your Son, Jesus, to be made absolutely whole. Amen.

God bless you, my sister. Go, and may His presence be with you. Amen.

115 Was there someone healed, right here? Oh, was it you, lady? The vision didn't look like you, though, is it? The lady.... Now, you all just bear with me, just.... We're serving the Lord Jesus with all of our heart. It has left me. I don't know what the Lord meant, unless it was just a blessing on the lady, sitting there.

You've already been up here, have you, lady? Oh, you was up here. All right. All right.

All right. Bring the next. Here's a man that's deaf. Bow your head, everywhere. Just as soon as it moved, I felt the Spirit move on

him. Now, keep your heads bowed till you hear me speak to you.

116 O God, who raised Jesus from the dead, Satan has bound this poor man. He doesn't have the privilege of hearing the Gospel, so faith doesn't come by hearing for him. I pray, God, that You'll excuse this, now, and will make this demon leave him, so that he can hear.

117 Now, Father, being that he can't, I pray that You'll give me power over this devil to cast it out. And, Lord, if there be anything wrong, then You can speak to Thy servant. But, I pray Thee, now, Lord, that this demon will not be able to stand in the face of Thy servant, that this man could be healed. A young man, here, just in the prime of life, and the devil's done this evil to him.

118 Now, Father, hear my prayer. Satan, you who bound the man, you deaf spirit, trying to run him to a premature grave; I charge thee by Jesus Christ the Son of God, "Come out of him!" [Brother Branham speaks to the deaf man.] Can you hear me? How about now? Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now? I'm barely whispering. All right. Raise your head. Listen to this. You say loud what I whisper to you. I'll put my hand over this, because this is real live. Amen. ["Amen."] I love the Lord. ["I love the Lord."] Praise the Lord. ["Praise the Lord."]

Now, watch this: Praise the Lord. ["Praise the Lord."] I love Jesus. ["I love Jesus."]

I'm just barely whispering. God bless you, brother. Christ has healed you, and made you well. Now, go, sin no more. It'll be all right.

119 Do you believe me to be his prophet now? Do you love me? I love you. I want to ask you something. Will you do what I tell you to do? You have a bad habit. That's smoking cigarettes. Give them up. Go, and never do it again. God'll help you. God bless you. God bless you.

Have faith.

Do you believe, lady, with all your heart? Do you believe me to be His servant?

There it is. Oh, yes. It's a lady sitting next to this woman here. You have an allergy, don't you, lady? Isn't that right? Oh, yes. That made you feel good, too, didn't it, dad? All right. You had a colon trouble, too. Isn't that right? All right. Put your hands on one another. God bless you now. You can go home and be well—both of you.

Satan tried to get by with that. Well, I know that God was working in that move right there. Hallelujah! Oh, how we love Him!

120 Do you believe, lady? If I should just tell you what's your trouble, by the help of God (The visions make me so weak.), but you'd believe me? I see one thing. You certainly have had a lot of trouble. You got a heart-breaking experience, right now, you're going through. That's concerning some children that's out in the world, sinning. And you suffer with heart trouble. God bless you. Come here.

121 God, through the name of Your Son Jesus, help this poor little thing--so much like my own mother. And I pray, God, that You'll take away all the power of the devil off of her life. And may he go, and may everything that she has desire of, may it come to her. In Jesus Christ's name I ask it. Amen.

I bless thee, my sister. And may everything that I can ask God to give to you, may you receive it. Do you believe you do, now? God bless you. Go on your road, happy and rejoicing, and saying, "Thanks God."

Do you believe Him with all your heart?

There's somebody right in here. Wait.

Do you want to get over that diabetes? Do you believe God's going to make you well?--accept it right now? Come here.

Lord, heal this dear mother. I pray that You'll take all the trouble from her tonight. And may she get well in Jesus' name. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Go, rejoicing, thankful. And God bless you, sister. All right.

Now, reverence. The Angel of the Lord is moving over this audience. It's right there. And there's something the same thing wrong with that ... it is with this lady, here. Don't you have TB,

sitting right...? That's right.

122 [Break in tape.] ... Now, He's right in behind that man again. There's a lady sitting there, something wrong with her back. Her daughter, sitting right next to her, has got something wrong with her head. Do you believe with all your heart? Believe God's going to make you well? Do you accept it, lady? Both of you--you and your girl, both? Do you? God bless you. Put your arms over on one another.

God, make them well in Jesus' name.

Sir, you were laughing, sitting over from there. You have something wrong with your back, too, don't you? Is that right? That's your wife sitting next, and she has something wrong her head. Isn't that right?

123 And look, sir. You're not a Christian. You need to accept Christ. Isn't that right? I see it turning dark.... Do you accept Him as your Saviour now, so He can make you and your wife well? Do you believe that, and will accept Him as your...? Stand up to your feet, and say, "I accept Him as my Saviour." God bless you. Stand up to your feet, and you can be made well. Raise up. Just raise up to your feet, raise up with him there, [unclear word]. God bless you. Both of you now can go home and be made well, in Jesus Christ's name.

Let us say, "Praise the Lord." The Lord Jesus is here if you'd just believe

Now look, lady. Do you believe with all your heart? Do you believe me to be His prophet ... His servant, rather? With all your heart, you believe it?

Now, just a moment. Here He is again. That's the way to believe, audience. That's the way to get something from God. Now it's coming from many different places.

Look here, sister. You have stomach trouble. All you with stomach trouble, stand to your feet, right now. See that, what I told you? There they are. Let's bow our heads.

O Lord Jesus, these demons screaming, pulling, they know their time's come. They know they can't get by with these things. They know that their end is here, because people is now beginning to believe.

Now, I rebuke every demon that's suffering ... making these people to suffer with this stomach trouble. Come out of them! In the name of Jesus Christ, leave them.

God bless you. Take my word, go home and eat whatever you want to at your supper, and you, too, lady. God bless you.

Now, just a moment. I've seen you somewhere. Oh, here it is: standing right here.

124 Sir, you sitting there with that little boy on your lap, you had stomach trouble, too, didn't you? He healed you just then. Your little boy's blind, isn't he? Put your hands over on him, and ask God to help him--give him his sight. In the name of Jesus Christ, may it be so.

Do you believe, brother? Got kidney trouble, haven't you? Do you believe you're healed? Go off the platform, shouting and praising God.

125 A while ago, when that lady talked about having TB, you were standing right there on the steps. You were the one was healed, too, because you had TB, and had it a long time. It's gone now. Go home, rejoicing and thanking God for His goodness. All right.

Come, lady. You know your heart trouble left you when you stepped there and believed with all your heart. Just keep going on, and say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus," and be made well.

You too, sister. Do you believe with all your heart it's gone from you? God bless you.

Lord, heal her, and make her well in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Don't you have colon trouble, sitting there, lady? Isn't that right? You were weeping just then. You were wondering when it was coming your time. This is your time now. God bless you. That's right.

126 You patting her, you love her, do you? You sitting here on the end, you have complications—just everything wrong. Isn't that right. All right. Your time is now, too. God bless you. You go home and be well. God bless you, friend. Have faith in God.

Yes, you was healed with the stomach trouble. You're kind of wondering in your mind, sitting right there, that lady, sitting right in there. You were healed. God bless you. Yes, it's over. Yes, ma'am.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God."

Come, lady. Do you believe me to be His prophet?

127 Now, here's the pull. Little boy sitting there on the end, kind of dressed with a little yellow-looking shirt on, you've got something wrong with an eye. Isn't that true, son? That come from a ... a kid throwed a trinket. You was standing around a post or something, and a boy throwed a trinket, and hit you in the eye--put it out. But that changed. You got so you could see. Then it left you again. You was reading some kind of a little old book--some kind of a little old comic story magazine. Is that right? It went away from you. Now, it's blind again.

You shouldn't do that, son. You have another habit of using tobacco, smoking and things. Isn't that right? Stand up and accept Jesus as your Saviour, and may God make you healed and well.

Have faith.

128 Sister, you suffer with nervousness. This whole audience is plagued with nervousness. Everybody that's got nervousness, stand to your feet right now, and be healed the same time as this woman. There you are. Hallelujah!

129 Lord Jesus, I pray that You'll find every devil. Take these demons out of these people, Lord. May the power of God sweep over this building just now, and rebuke every demon of nervousness in here. May they go out and be completely whole, in Jesus' name.

130 While the Spirit of God's a-rising, I want everyone rise to your feet right now. This is it. This is the time. Let's give God praise and glory, everybody! All of you crippled people, get up! All of you lame people, get up! The deaf can hear, the blind can see!