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THE MIGHTY POWER OF
PRAYER

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A Mighty Man of Prayer and a Father
to Many of us.

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The Lord has said, "My house will be a house of prayer." Hallelujah, and I truly believe that He is bringing us to that hour when, if there is any thing for which we are going to be known, it is that we are a people of prayer.

Praise God for this wonderful word that we have just received on prayer and the need for crying out. I thought that was such a wonderful thought concerning Hannah when she came to the temple to pray, and, sure enough, there was Phinehas and his brother, "the mouth of the serpent, and the man of guile," always ready to tear down. I thought of the Scripture in John 10:10, with which you are familiar. It says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

There is no doubt in my mind that we have been robbed in the past of the relationship that God wants us to have with Himself. The thief has come to kill, to destroy, to rob; to keep us from the ministry that God has for His people and in His people. The Lord has shown me in the fourteenth chapter of John (if you would like to turn there) beginning with verse 10-as I have ministered this word on prayer, God has continuously (as I have expected Him to) shown me greater depths, greater heights, and greater widths concerning prayer. And I realize, as I am sure you do, that there is so much about prayer that we do not know, but that God is going to take us into, because God is going to reveal unto us that prayer is that means or that channel through which God is going to bring about everything that He will do in the earth. And we have never realized this, and we have not been able to believe this up to this point because we have felt it has to do with our own efforts, our own works. But we are going to find that God will change all things and bring them into union

and harmony with Himself. And He is going to do it through prayer.

Of course, we (or at least I) have felt in the past that the things that were done through prayer were done because of us, to some extent. But I am just now beginning to come to the knowledge that the only part I play in this is to become a pure channel through which He might do it. It is not going to be my doing, not even my faith (which has hindered the work of God, because I have felt that it had something to do with me and my faith), but I am coming to see that it is not me. I must be submissive, submitted, concerned—but even this concern comes from God. Even compassion comes from God. And it is whenever I become a willing vessel, yielded to Him that He might cleanse and purify and purge and then use, because He is going to do it, and He is going to do it by His own mighty power. And it is not going to be me, but I am going to be a vessel, just as you are, through which He does it! Hallelujah!

Let us first read John 14:10-14: "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

Just the other day, for the first time, I felt I began to understand how we were going to do greater works than He. Here He is giving the ministry of prayer the highest possible place in His service. Now the apostles were very concerned and took full oversight of all the Christian responsibilities and duties and work of their day. They

were careful to set in order the things of God that needed to be set in order.

But you will notice that the place that they gave to prayer was the highest they gave to all of them. And this is the place I see that God is giving here when He says, "Greater things than these will you do." And it is going to be through the ministry of prayer because Jesus immediately couples it with prayer, because when He has made that statement, He says, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father." And then -, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Hallelujah! And so, He has tied this in with prayer. And I see that He is giving the ministry of prayer the highest possible place in His service. And it is not preaching. For those of you who would like to be elders and would like to preach-I do not want to disillusion you or discourage you, but I would encourage you to enter into the highest possible ministry that there is in all the earth. It is the only ministry that can move heaven and earth. Hallelujah!

We can begin to see why God has shown us that prayer is omnipresent.

In prayer you can do anything that God can do.

In prayer you come into the fullness of His wisdom, the omniscience. And in prayer you are any place where God is. You see, we have limited God. I began to see the limitlessness of God through His Body, and the outreach of God through His Body-that is what He is wanting to do. God is not going to do anything in the earth except through prayer.

Of course, as we think of prayer as that part that we play, that is, our faith, then of course, we begin to draw back immediately. But when we begin to see prayer as the very voice of God, the very Spirit of God-it is God that is praying and not just us-then we can begin to

understand what He is going to do, how He is going to do it, and why He is going to do it, through prayer.

The thing that has really encouraged me and excited me concerning this matter of prayer is that it is not a ministry of a few. It is not a ministry of a few select ones. It is not a ministry of the great preachers, those who have great revelation. It is not limited to the elders, to the apostles, whom we esteem the highest. But, you see, God says, "You do not think the way I think, you do not see things the way I see them." But, you know, it is because of those faithful few, I would say, that have ministered through the years-the Annas and the Simeons-that have sustained the work of God in the earth. It has not been because of great preachers. I am convinced of that.

I can even remember when I was a child and I knew very little about the Lord; but I can remember that I appreciated the people in the community who went to church. We did not go to church, but I appreciated those I knew that were faithful unto God, and somehow I knew in my wicked little heart that they were my safety. It was a long time before I was saved.

I know that it has been those faithful Simeons and Annas here and there in the earth who, because of prayer, God has moved through to sustain even the earth.

And the thing that I see is that in prayer God is able to bring forth the mightiest ministry from the weakest in our midst, I want you to know that prayer is the mightiest ministry in all the earth because there is no other ministry that can move heaven and earth. Because any of us knows that, if there is any strength in the Lord, it is because of prayer. If we are not praying, someone else is, because it is going to be brought forth through prayer.

This is the thing that thrills me, in that I know that even the weakest of you can come into the mightiest ministry that is possible in all the earth. Now, in the past you might have said, "Well, I do not have a ministry, you know. I am not an elder; I am not a prophet; I am not an

evangelist; I am not an apostle." I want to take all that excuse out of you, because you can have the most powerful ministry that is possible upon the earth if you want to travail, if you want to reach out for it.

If you have troubles or confusion, if you are not able to understand, if you have illness or all of these things, then I would say the thing you need to do is pray. I want you to realize the significance and the outreach of your prayer life. This is the thing that I know Satan has robbed us of, because he has turned us aside from prayer to everything else. He tries to keep you from praying. He would rather you go and read the Word of God than pray. Now, I do not want to discourage that either, because it must be in relationship to your prayer life because here is the Word, here is the Truth. And it is going to show you how to pray because the Spirit is going to teach you how to pray, because you and I do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit does. He will teach you how to pray. Rom. 8:26.

'The first thing you need to do is to pray, to learn to pray, and to pray always. Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

The Lord spoke to me recently that the thing I need to do is whenever I even think of somebody, I ought to pray for him. So, when someone comes to your mind pray for him. Do not talk about this person, do not criticize him, do not judge this person, but pray for him. Then you will not hate him, you will not envy him, you will not covet what he has, but you will lift him up unto God.

God wants to lift us out of our helplessness into the place of the highest, from the weakest to the mightiest and from the lowest to the highest. Hallelujah! This means that any, even the little children, ought to be taught and helped to understand the significance of their prayer life, that they yield to God that He might be able to do His mighty work through them.

Now we know the words of Jesus in Mt. 28:18 where He says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." So when you enter into the prayer life you are allowing the omnipotence of God to do His work in the earth. You are opening the gates unto the power of God, because it is the Spirit of God that is going to pray through you. I thought so much that it was my prayer, that it was by my faith. This is the reason I got discouraged, because I knew my prayer was not very strong. I knew my faith was not very big, but if Satan can discourage us, then we are not going to open the gates to the Almighty God. God is reaching unto the ends of the earth. You see, He will not only move the earth, He will move even galaxies because it is God. It is not you. If you can begin to see this-it is God who is going to do the praying, as we pray believing.

Remember the words as Jesus said, (John 14:12) "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Now in Mark 9:23 Jesus said to the concerned father as he came with his son who was deaf and dumb, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." At first the father brought the son to the disciples, but they could not heal him, and Jesus said to them later, in verse 29: "Such cometh out only by fasting and prayer."

Now in John 6:28,29: ", Then said they unto him, what shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom He hath sent." So, as Jesus said here, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." "The works"-the works is to believe the works of God are going to be done through believing prayer. Believe-not in your believing, as to what you can muster up, but in believing that you are a channel through which God is doing the work,

because it is through His Body that He is going to do His Work. And He is not going to do it apart from you- from those who pray. Hallelujah! I know that He is going to do it through prayer. Therefore, if we want to be a part of what He is doing in the earth, we must pray.

Now, I would like you to turn to Ephesians 1: 11,19:"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: . . . And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power." And it is not according to the working of our mighty faith. Did you notice that? It is according to the working of His mighty power. Hallelujah.

Someone shared with me an experience that Oral Roberts tells about in the beginning of his healing ministry. As he was having a healing line one night, he saw coming in the line an older blind man who was being led by a young couple. He said that if anything caused him to lose heart it was a blind person. He said he could not have faith as easily to pray for a blind person as he could for others. There were people whose goitres were being removed and legs being lengthened, and limbs being straightened out, and all of this; but he said that whenever a blind person came he just sort of lost heart.

So when they brought this old blind man upon the stage for him to lay hands upon, Brother Oral started to lay his hand upon the old man's head, and when he did the old man just knocked his hand off his head and said, "Get your hand off of me!" And Oral, of course, was praying, seeking the wisdom of God and how to move. Again he tried to lay his hand upon him and said, "Well, don't you want us to pray for you?" The old man knocked his hand off and said, "No, I don't want you to pray for me." So Oral then said, "Well, would you mind if I prayed for you?" The old man said, "Well, no, if it'll make you feel

any better, go ahead." So Oral put his hand on his head and prayed for him.

Of course, they led him away, as blind as he ever was. And Brother Oral said he wrestled practically all night long over that thing. He felt that his ministry was a failure because he was not able to pray for the healing, that is, to believe for this old man that he might receive his sight. He said it was about four o'clock in the morning before he finally got to sleep. Someone knocked at his door the next morning.

They said, "Do you remember the old blind man for whom you prayed last night?" And he said, "Yes" in sort of a "How could I forget him?" manner. The person said, "Well, he can see!" Oral replied, "I don't believe it." He said, "Yes! He can see!" Oral said, "I won't believe it until I see it."

So that night the old man came, and of course he could see, and he shared with them that that morning when he got up and went to the door he could see, and he ran across the street to the young couple's house and told of what God had done for him.

Oral said he went before God and said, "God! I don't understand this." He knew that he did not have faith for the old man, and he knew the old man did not even want to be prayed for, and did not care. He asked God, and said, "God, what about this?" God spoke to him and said, "It was not you, but it was Him to whom you prayed. It was by His mighty power, and not by your mighty faith."

This is the way that God will do His work through us, but we must be willing even though we lack faith to let Him do His mighty work through us-reaching out by His mighty power.

We know that God is going to change whatever needs to be changed to bring about the deliverance of His creation. We see the mighty power of God move through Brother Joshua over in Joshua 10:12-13a: "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up

the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies." I do not believe that Joshua had any more faith or any greater access unto God than you do, but he was able to speak, and the very Spirit of the Lord spoke through him to stop the sun and the moon in their places.

We have seen through the power of prayer the seasons changed in the North and the floods stayed in the South by a people who prayed. We are beginning to see what God is doing. But we know that we are just beginning to touch the hem of the garment and have not yet entered into the greatness of what God wants to do in the earth. We can begin to see that we are only vessels, we are only conductors of His power.

I got this word when I was in Barranquilla. One morning when we got up Brother Gary went up to shower. Pretty soon he came running out saying, "Boy! I can't take a shower in there!" When you touched the knob, the electricity went through you like a spark plug. When he came out they directed him to another shower in the back.

But I was waiting to shower, and John and others were waiting also. I was wearing some plastic sandals, so I decided to go up and enter the shower wearing my sandals. Sure enough it was fine, until I got wet. When I reached out to take hold of the knob, it shocked me too. The electricity there is 220 volts, not 110 volts, so you get a pretty good jolt. I then knew better than to take hold of the knob as long as I was wet.

I went ahead and took my shower and stayed away from the knob. After I had finished, I reached around, got a dry towel, and turned it off-no shock. I saw that the power must have a conductor through which it can move.

Many times, you and I do not allow the power to flow through us.

You see, the reason that all the great things of power and production are done in the earth is because men have learned to use the laws of that power. If this is true in the natural, then it is true in the spirit. We need to learn to move with the laws of the power.

I came back down, and Gary said, "Did you take a shower up there?" When I replied that I had he asked, "How'd you do that?" I said, "Well, I just moved with the laws." I learned to move with the law of electricity. I knew that as long as I was in a position to become a conductor I was going to get it, but when I blocked it off by a dry towel there was no shock.

You see, God wants us to be conductors of His power and of His life and of His love. All we need to do is move with the laws of God and open the gates-believe! and that is it. That is the works of God-just believe-believe that He is able, that He is going to do it, and that He is doing it. It is that faith, a working faith-faith without works is dead.

Now we want to see Him do things, but, you see, by faith you believe. It is by believing that it is going to be done, that He is going to change. All of these changes that we are expecting to come about are not going to come about just because we hear a revelation, we study the word, or we try to walk it out. It is going to be by His power, by faith, an obedient faith.

God is Spirit. He is going to move by His Spirit to bring it to pass, as you and I believe and move in those laws- the law, as He has given us, of recognizing Him as God. "Hallowed be thy name." The law of forgiveness, the law of humility, the law of submission, the law of faith; and so-learning to move in the laws of God, not in the law of what you and I can do-which we have moved in, and still think we can do something. We have to come to the point where we know we can do nothing. If we

move in this realm of praying without ceasing which Jesus moved in--Jesus never did anything without prayer--this is where He wants us to move, that we never work, we never eat, we never sleep, we never do anything without being in that Spirit of prayer.

I was sharing with them down in South America. I think we all got to jogging before we got back. The Scripture says, "Bodily exercise profiteth little." As the other fellows were exercising and jogging, I said, "Well, I need it." So I began to jog and exercise. But, remembering that Scripture, I did not want to waste my time just jogging. So I decided it was a good time to pray. Why not? Why not pray while you are jogging? Why not pray while you are working? Why not pray while you are walking? Why not pray while you are eating? Or whatever you are doing, pray.

I could see that God is raising up a people that is going to be the prayingest working people, the prayingest jogging ministry, the prayingest people upon the face of the earth. This is what we must come to if we are going to enter in: it is going to be a people who are constantly giving themselves to prayer.

I noticed this about Paul's prayer life in Col. 1:3b (and he says this over and over and over): "Praying always for you." Paul was always praying. He says this to the Colossians; he says it to the Ephesians; he says it to the Philippians, the Thessalonians, the Corinthians, saying, "I am always praying for you." And I could see that here was a mighty man of prayer.

How could he be praying for all of them all the time? As the Lord spoke to me, "Whenever you think of somebody, pray for him, right then." If someone asks you to pray for him, pray for him, right then; and then remember him as the Holy Spirit brings him to your remembrance. Pray for him.

He says in verse 9: "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you." I did not

realize the outreach of our prayer life until the Lord began dealing with me concerning my prayer life. According to the words in Ephesians 6:18b, he says that we are to pray for all saints. God not only wants us to pray for those about us, but to pray for ALL SAINTS.

Now this seems beyond reason, because if I ever thought to pray for all the saints, I would have very easily been discouraged, thinking that if it was according to my prayer power and my faith, then I would be stretching my prayer life too thin to pray for all saints.

But I was limiting God. God is the one who is doing the praying. God is not limited by space or time. God reaches to the ends of the earth. In prayer, you are any place where God is. I began seeing how I had limited God just because I was not able to believe that God was able to quicken every saint upon the earth through my prayer. Do you believe He can through yours? It sounds a little fantastic, does it not? But, whenever it does, you are limiting God, because God can as effectively move upon every saint of God in all the earth through your prayer as He can anyone else's.

In fact, just recently, as I was praying, I began to pray for all saints of God as though I were praying for one man, because we are one man. I asked God about this and about how much effectiveness my "one man" prayer had upon all the saints of the earth. He said, "Well, you are a part of that Body. It is just as the effect of every vessel in your body has upon you, your physical being, so does your life and the life-My Life-move through you to effect the whole Body of Christ."

We can see, and I am hearing, and I know you are, because God is moving upon His entire Body. There is a drawing, even now, by the power of prayer, that is going to draw His people into one. This is by faith. This is the way God works. He is doing it by His mighty power, and not by your mighty faith. But He has to have channels

through which He can work-conductors and transmitters, the transmitters of His power and of His life in the earth.

Now you may question the outreach of your prayer life. I want to share with you a tract that was given me after I ministered this word at Canton. I have ministered this word over and over and over, but I have no apologies for it, because the burden of the Spirit of the LORD is upon me to minister it to His people that we might become those conductors, that we might realize that we are opening the gates of heaven, we are opening the gates of God to flow forth into all the earth. It is His Life. It is by His quickening power that it is going to be done, and it is being done. Do not close the doors. Do not shut the gates. Open them up, and let God flow. Do not limit Him in your own imagination about how fruitless and how ineffective your prayer life is, because it is going to be Him. All He has to do is have a door open, and the gate open, so He can flow. And then He can clean you out as He goes through, and purify the place, and flow more freely as He does.

I want to share with you here so you will have, by this natural experimentation, greater faith even in the outreach of your prayer life. This story is told by a confirmed atheist who was a scientist. He tells about an experience he had in a large pathological hospital laboratory, where they were attempting to find the wavelength of the human brain. They were especially interested in discovering, what took place in the brain at the moment of the transition from life to death.

They chose a woman whose family had sent her to a mental institution but who had been discharged by the doctors because they could find nothing wrong with her other than that she had a cancer in the brain which caused her to be imbalanced, making it impossible for her to walk. But, as to the alertness of her mind, she was exceptionally brilliant.

They knew that she was coming to her time of death, and they told her so. They had arranged a pick -up in her room to ascertain what would take place in the transition of her brain from life to death. He said, "We also put a very tiny microphone in her room so that we could hear what she might have to say. Five of us scientists-and perhaps I was the most atheistic of the group-were in the adjoining room with our instruments prepared to register and record what transpired.

"Our device had a needle pointing to the zero in the center of the scale. To the right of the scale there were 500 points and to the left there were 500 points. We had previously registered on this instrument the power used by a 50,000 watt broadcasting station in sending out a message around the world. The needle registered 9 points on the positive (+9) to send a message around the world.

"As the last moments of the woman arrived, she began to pray and praise the Lord. She asked God to be merciful to those who had despitefully used her. She reaffirmed her faith in God. She thanked Him for her knowledge of His reality. She told Him how much she loved Him.

"We scientists had become so engrossed with this woman's prayer that we had forgotten our equipment. We looked at each other and saw tears flowing down scientists faces. I had not shed tears since I was a child.

Suddenly we heard a clicking sound in our equipment and we looked and the needle was registering 500, desperately trying to get higher (I am convinced it would have gone to 700) only to bounce against the 500 in the attempt. By actual instrumentation we had recorded that the brain of a woman, alone and dying, in prayer and in communication with God, had registered more than 55 times the power of the 50,000 watt broadcasting station in sending a message around the world."

More than 55 times around the world! My son observed that if it had gone over to 700 and you divide that by the 9

that it took to send a message around the world, the answer to that would have been 7,777,777 . . . No end! Hallelujah!

I want you to see what God can do through your prayer life as you turn Him loose: More than 55 times around the world. Do not limit God! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

When it comes to my prayer life and praying for all saints, I realize that it is not me and it is not just my faith; but I believe that I am a channel of God and that I am a conductor of His power, and of His faith, and of His love, and of His quickening Spirit that is reaching out into the furthest parts of the earth. If every one of you, every one of us, begins to pray this way, can you imagine the effect that it is going to have upon the earth? When God has only had a few, one here, one over there, that have been praying faithfully-you know, it just takes one. God just needs one, really, through whom He can move to do His work. If only one yields, then He will use that one to hold things in order until He can get some more.

God is bringing forth some Simeons and some Annas that are going to pray day and night. They are going to be watchmen on the wall. As it says in Isaiah 62:6-12, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength. Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have wrought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed

unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion,
Behold, thy salvation
cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work
before him. And they shall call them, The holy people,
The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called,
'Sought out. A city not forsaken.' "

Now I want you to turn back again to Colossians 1 because in praying, the Lord has been teaching us how to pray. It says that only the Spirit knows how to pray, so it is only the Spirit that will be able to teach you how to pray. I am discovering things about prayer that I did not know before. They are all here in the Word, but without the Spirit guiding as I pray, I will never discover them. I have read them many times, and you have, also. But here in verse 9, it is telling us how to pray for one another; because Paul says, first of all, "I never cease to pray for you." This is the way we ought to be towards one another, to never cease to pray for one another. When I pray, I can say to anybody, "I have been praying for you," because in the first place, I am praying for all the saints in all the earth. I pray this way daily. God will open unto me more and more what He is doing. I do not understand what He is doing, but He is going to show us what He is doing. He will not do it if you do not pray, because it is opened to us by faith. As I pray for all saints in all the earth, I can say to any saint at any time, "I am praying for you, always."

He also says to pray for all men. Well, at first I did not see that. But He said it, and so I-well, I had better pray for all men. Then it says that, if you do pray for all men (1 Tim. 2:1-2), then you will have peace and quietness.

When I was down in Barranquilla, we started out down the street and, of course, you see everything in the streets. There come all kinds of turmoil and all kinds of attacks of spirits upon you as you walk down the streets. Then there begins to become a struggle. You begin to try to fight those spirits. I remembered that Scripture, where

He says for us to pray for all men. I began to pray for them. And the instant that I began to pray, there was no struggling. There was no more fighting. But there began to become a peace and a quietness, and a spirit of godliness began to reign in my heart. I saw the value of that which I had never seen before. That is what He says to do (if you have not read it).

1 Tim. 2:1,2: "I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

When you begin praying for all men, you are not going to be struggling within, fighting a spirit from within, trying to struggle against what you are seeing, and wishing that they would straighten up and do right. There is not going to be a struggling within, battling any kind of spirits, all kinds of spirits-covetous spirits, lust spirits that come upon you. When you begin to pray for them, then there comes a quietness and a peace within.

We are manifestations of the Spirit of God in the earth, are we not? "God so loved the world"-and it is going to be love that wins the world. It is love that broke your heart and brought you to Jesus. It was not the wrath of God, but it was the love of God that brought you to Him. I can see-God is beginning to reveal unto me more and more how this must reign in us towards each other, because whenever I love you enough, you will be at peace in my presence. When I love you enough, then you can trust me; but it is not that when you get to where you can trust me then you can love me. No, it is when I love you enough.

I had someone sharing with me just recently that, as they had shared with another elder-it was a footwashing situation-he did not receive it, and it became a barrier between them. Of course, there was no desire to have this barrier there, so this one went back to the elder and

apologized to him and said, "I'm sorry that I didn't love you enough that you could trust me." And this is the secret of our relationship together. Do not ever put the responsibility on the other one; it is yours. It is as we love one another. He says, "If you keep my commandments." Well' what are His commandments? That you love one another. If I love you enough, then this is going to break down the barriers. I cannot hold you responsible for what you do. I can only be held responsible for what I do, and my love for Him.

We see in Col. 1:9 that He said, "I pray for you and desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." This is what I am going to be praying for you. This is what I hope you pray for me, and that you pray for all saints that there might be a desire within you that all might be filled with the knowledge of His will. Now that is something good to pray for: in ALL wisdom and spiritual understanding; that we might come into the fullness of His wisdom.

Now we notice in Ephesians 3:10,19: "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. . . . And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

So God wants us to have all His fullness! And that means all of His knowledge, all of His wisdom, all of His understanding! And we can have them. They are for every one of us, every one of you, every child that is born again and prays. God wants to open unto us the fullness of His knowledge and of His wisdom and of His spiritual understanding. There is only one reason we will not have it, and that will be unbelief which will keep us from praying. It will keep you doing a lot of other things, but it will keep you from praying.

Col. 1:10, 11: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all -might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness,-"

Eph. 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" or even imagine or can dream of, "according to the power that worketh in us." Here again, it is not according to our great faith or our great power, but it is that mighty power of God. It is the Almighty God that is reaching out, that is wanting to reach out and stir every saint upon the earth. Hallelujah!

And even as we pray for all men, you see, when you are praying for a man, you are made to be at peace with him. He may not be at peace with you, but you are at peace with him, until God can bring about the other peace.

Now, he said, "praying in all supplication I want us to turn to Acts 12:5-19, because it is the earnest, sincere Prayer that is going to avail much. And one translation of James 5:16, where it says, "confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"-in *its working*. Prayer in its working. You see, the work of God is going to be through believing prayer, as you pray believing that He is doing the work; just as Jesus said to the two blind men that came to Him to be healed (Mt. 9:28), He says, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" Do you believe? And they said, "Yea, Lord," And He said then, "According to your faith be it unto you." If you believe that He is able to do it ... Do you believe that God is without limit, even through your

prayer life? You see, He will do more than you can even imagine, even than you can dream. And you can dream up a lot of things! But you cannot even dream or imagine what God is going to do and is doing in the earth right now.

Acts 12:5-19: Here we see that Peter has been put in prison, and Herod is getting ready to cut his head off, because just before this he had beheaded James. And now he has Peter, and he intends to do the same thing. You know, if we can only think of how this would affect us if one of our brothers-Brother John Hinson-we just heard that he [Herod] had his head cut off last night-and we are in prayer because we know that he has brother John Jones, ready to cut his head off!

Now, how would you pray? Would you sort of lackadaisically say, "Well, Lord , if it be Thy will." No, I think we would be in earnest, fervent, sincere prayer: "God, deliver!"

As these people here-we see, "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him," and these words "without ceasing" mean "stretched-out-ed-ly" an earnest, fervent prayer, in agony. Because we see in Luke 22:44 the same word used here as Jesus is praying. "Being in an agony he prayed more earnestly, " stretched-out-ed-ly, being in an agony. And, I tell you, God brought a conviction in my heart when I read this, because I knew that I was not praying with this agony, with this compassion, with this "stretched-out-ed-ly" spirit. And it caused the cry within me, "God! That I might pray in such a manner."

And because these people prayed that way, then the angel of the Lord came and delivered Peter out of the midst of the dungeon, the prison, and from the bonds that he was in. Someone has said that he had at least 24 guards over him. This did not mean a thing to the angel of the Lord. But it was because a people prayed without ceasing.

Now, I am sure that, if they had prayed that way before James' head was cut off, he would have been delivered, too.

And so, I can see that God is calling us into this prayer, this earnest, fervent, sincere prayer, meaning what we are saying, "stretched-out-ed-ly" for God to be able to do His work and fulfill His purpose in it all.

Now I would like for you to turn to Ezekiel 37, because, as I was being directed by the Spirit in reaching out to all saints in all the earth in my prayer life, the Lord kept directing me, kept speaking to me to go to Ezekiel 37. And I did not know how this was going to apply, but I finally turned to Ezekiel 37 to see what the Lord was wanting to show me there.

And as I did, then as I read it, I began to see that prayer is even prophecy; because you are speaking forth by the breath of God the things that are being said. It is God who is speaking forth what *He* is saying. And, therefore, He is going to bring to pass the things that he is speaking forth, just as there is the forth-speaking from the ministry.

We believe it is God who is speaking. We are not just preaching; but it is God who is speaking. And so these things that are being said are being spoken into existence by God. We are beginning to believe it, after we hear it about a hundred times! After a while, we say, "Well, I-maybe that's right!"

I tell you, the Lord began giving me a word (that I thought I was going to minister here at the convention, but I am not going to have time) when I was in South America. And the thought of it was that we have come to the time when we are going to have to fight for life. A fight for life. And, of course, in Isaiah 28, where we have made a contract or a covenant with death. And I did not realize that, back when I first came into this move, as always even before I came in the move, but then I committed myself to the Lord, and said, "God, if you

want me to go to the jungles of South America," which was the wilderness at that time-Canada had not come into existence yet, in the wilderness picture-but I said, "Lord, I am willing to go down there and die for You." And so, when Brother Sam came along and said he was not going to die, it did not exactly fit with what I had said. And so I could not receive it right off. But, you know, the Lord showed me that I did not know it, but I had made a religious contract with death. And that was not God. And so Satan would like to get me down there in the jungle and kill me, fulfilling what I said to God that I was willing to do. But I saw, and I shared with Brother Sam. I said, "Why, I found out to die is the easiest way out." Praise God, just turn loose and die. But, brother, if you are going to live, you are going to have to fight-fight this spirit of death. And, brother, we are going to fight. We are going to win.

Now, in this 37th chapter it says, "The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry." Now, if you do not think those bones out there are dry, you go out there and talk to some of them. But I do not want to just point my finger. You know, we have got a lot of dry bones right here. And if there is any question in your mind as to who these dry bones are, let us read verse 11: "Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel." Hallelujah!

These are those saints, the saints in all the earth-dry bones. And, I tell you, I am beginning to see them move. By faith I am beginning to see those dry bones move, and to begin to shake because I tell you, it is not me, but it is the power of God that is beginning to move in all the earth, through a people who pray. It is going to be done!

"And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live?" Do you believe those bones can live? Do you believe those bones out there can live? Do not limit God! Hallelujah. And they are going to live through your prayer life because through your prayer life you are going to send forth the quickening power of Almighty God into all the earth!

And so you can see when many of the people of God begin to move in prayer, with God's power flowing through them to bring forth life-you have heard of the air being electrically charged-well the air is going to be filled and charged with the breath of His life in all the earth. This is the thing that is going to drive back the powers of hell and of darkness. And He says, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against us." Because you and I speak forth the breath of life and the breath of power and the breath of His love, light and love and life, that the air, the atmosphere, is going to be filled with Him, His life.

"And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord."

Pray for these dry bones. Prophesy unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." God is sending forth His word into the earth and our prayer should be, "Hear the Word of the Lord," to every dry bone out there: "Hear what God is saying in this hour. Hear the word of the Lord!" .

I shared with Brother Sam up in Alaska, I said that I could see what God is doing, how He is going to do it. He is sending forth the ministries throughout the earth to plant the seeds of life. And every place the gospel is ministered, there comes forth that torch of light. But these torches must have oil, the anointing of God, the strength and the power to send forth. Where are they going to get it? They are going to get it from you as you pray. You and I cannot go to all those places-and yet we

can. You can be to every one of those places every day, ministering life, the anointing of God, the strength of God, (empowering) strengthening, healing, encouraging, lifting up, restoring, redeeming. You can be in every one of these every day, lifting them up, as you let the power of God and His life, and His love, and His light, flow through you to the ends of the earth.

I noticed in that story told in 2 Kings 4 about the widow whose husband was dead; and she only had two sons and the bondman had come to claim her sons. She wanted to know what to do. And Elisha said, "Well, what do you have in your house?" She said, "I don't have anything but a little oil." And he said, "Well, send your sons out to gather vessels. Vessels are those dry bones out there. "Begin to gather vessels, and begin to pour oil into them. As long as you keep pouring there will be oil there." I noticed that she kept pouring, and they kept filling up the vessels until finally she said to her two sons, who represent the witness within, "Are there any more vessels?" They said, "No." So I saw then that she had covered the whole earth. She had prayed for all of them. She had poured out oil to all of them. There were no more vessels-all men, and all saints upon the earth. As long as you pray there will be oil. As long as God gives you vessels, you keep praying all day and night. You will not have to worry about not thinking of anything to pray for because you will be praying day and night, once you get into this spirit of prayer-whatever you are doing you are going to be praying. And you are going to be praying for those around the world. You are going to be praying for those that you know, and this of course, will spark the interest in that particular nation. And you will not only pray for the Bodies there, but you are going to be praying for every saint in Colombia-not just those on the Caqueta, not just those down there on the farms, not just the ministries here or there, but you are going to be praying for all saints.

And this is the love of God. This is the compassion of God. This is the interest of God. Ours is limited, but let us not limit God because it is He who wants to pray. Would He just pray for the folks on the Caqueta? No. He would mention them, as they are brought to our minds, because He wants to flow through us, and He wants us to keep a personal interest and a personal feeling of compassion in need, but He is going to reach to every saint down there.

And not only that-for all men! So now you are entering into the prayer of God. You are not just praying on a little individual basis, but you are beginning to open your life and your heart and your mind unto Him. It is God who is praying through you to bring about His will in the earth.

Ezekiel 37:5 says: "Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you and ye shall live . . ." You see the breath, the breath of God, as you pray is going to begin to stir these dry bones.

"And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord." As this thing begins to come to pass we will know that it is God.

"So I prophesied as I was commanded, (or prayed as I was commanded); and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." "Prophesy" equals "pray." I noticed that there are four winds mentioned in the seventh chapter of Revelation--the angel that had authority over the wind there, that could hurt the land and the sea and the trees,

but he said to hold back-hold back until we have sealed these in their foreheads.

"And breathe, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

When we were in South America again, just before or after I had ministered this word, a prophet there came to me and said, "About two weeks before you came, the Lord gave me this dream." And she said, "I dreamed I got up early in the morning and went to the camp. But instead of seeing the houses, I saw a cemetery-filled with graves. Somebody told me my relatives were buried there in the cemetery. As I was looking for the names of my natural family, I noticed that two dogs of the farm were running and playing all over the cemetery. I could not find my natural relatives' graves, but of the people of the farm. Some of the people kept these graves well weeded, and flowers planted. Some were sitting on top of their graves reading the Bible. Some were very proud of their graves, but some let their graves grow up in weeds. I could not believe what I was seeing, so I kept looking for the houses of the farm. When I saw the dogs digging up the graves and scattering the bones all over the place, I knew that Brother Sam would arrive soon with the other ministry, and I was afraid he would see all the bones out of place, so I got a shovel and started covering them.

Before I could cover them I saw Brother Sam and the ministry coming. And he told me to stop covering them because every time he comes he sees all the nice graves. But he wants to see the bones, to prophesy over them. He started prophesying over the bones, as in the book of Ezekiel. And I closed my eyes. I could hear the noise of the bones being connected. And when I opened my eyes, I was surprised to see only one man formed from all the bones and thought there should be a whole army and that Brother Sam must have failed in his prophecy. I asked

Brother Sam why there was not a whole army, and he said, 'That is the Body of Christ-just one man, one many-membered man.' And I asked him to show me in which part my bones were, and he said, 'There is no individualism in this Body of Christ.' So I found out that many-membered Body is just one man." Hallelujah!

You know, you hear people who do not believe in the prophet ministry; but this is pretty good confirmation of how God is speaking through them.

And one more dream that she also had. I brought this word at the convention in Tingo Maria, Peru. And the night before I brought it-and she did not know what I was going to minister on-but she shared this dream that God gave her:

She said, "In my dream, I saw Brother Dee teaching a small boy how to pray. He was teaching him the Lord's Prayer. He told the boy that as he prayed, he must walk around a small tree, and that as he prayed in faith the tree would grow into a big tree, and its leaves would be for the healing of the nations. So the boy started praying and walking around the tree.

"When he came to the part that said, 'Thy Kingdom come,' and the part that says, 'Give us our daily bread,' he said these parts very loudly. When he came to the part that says, 'Forgive us our debts,' and the part that says, 'Thy will be done,' he did not say them at all, or very softly. I saw Brother Dee correcting him many times, saying, 'Not like that, my son, but you must pray in faith.' As I stood by, looking and listening, I saw that the boy was a Peruvian. But then he changed into boys of other nations, from all over the world. He kept-saying the Lord's Prayer and walking around the tree and making the same mistakes. Brother Dee kept correcting him. The boy did not believe in his heart that just praying would make the tree grow, so he dug a trench around the tree and put fertilizer in it. He also started pruning the branches and leaves from the tree with his hands. The

tree started to grow after he did this but it was not very healthy. Brother Dee corrected him again, telling him that he should not touch the tree but that he should pray instead. Finally the boy learned to pray and he and the tree started to grow up. Then the boy became a man, and the tree a big, strong tree. But this time, the words, 'Forgive us our debt 'and 'Thy will be done,' were written in his heart, and they were part of him. Then I saw sick people from all over the world eating the leaves of the tree and being healed. When I looked closely at the leaves I saw that they were Christians from all over the world." Hallelujah!

I believe these are very clear confirmations of the prophetic ministry, and of course, of this word. And we see that God says in the latter part of this chapter of Ezekiel 37:12-14: "Therefore prophesy and say unto them, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people and brought you up out of your graves. And shall put my spirit in you and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it and performed it, saith the Lord."

It is God who is going to do the work. But He must have us as His people, to pray that He might do the work through us. So do not feel that because you are not an elder, you are not an apostle, you are not a prophet, you are not one of the five ministries-remember that the ministry of prayer is the greatest that there is in the earth, because through prayer you can move heaven and earth. Hallelujah. Amen.