

Lessons from Nineveh Sermon Transcript

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Malcolm: *Dear Heavenly Father, we thank thee so much for being able to be here today. We recognize you as the only one and true and faithful God in the universe. And I ask Lord that your Spirit will be here and work through Adrian, as he brings the message to your people. We thank Thee for your love, for the sacrifice of your Son. And in that very thing, Lord, we know that all of our redemption is as wrapped up. We pray also for the coming meetings in this camp that you will be especially here with each individual, turn their hearts to you.*

And we pray Father, that those who have not totally given their hearts over to you, that, that will happen here. For all the special prayers that have been made, Lord, there's one person that I think of that is a very good friend of my wife's and mine. And his name is Jerry Eller and he is struggling right now, Lord, between life and death. And we pray that you would be very close to him.

Amen.

Malcolm: *And we pray for the families of those who have been traveling also that were left behind. We ask a special blessing upon them. These things we bring to you today, in His precious name. Amen.*

Amen.

Jim: *Father God, you are a wonderful being, the source of all life, and most importantly, the source of all love. Thank you so much for the blessing the Talking Rock is being to the world. And thank you for the call that you gave me to make sure that I was here and I've already received the blessing of the Spirit of fellowship and to watch how the Spirit of Christ is settled amongst this group and how willingly it is shared with the world and the undeserving. And Father, as your servant, Adrian, takes us down the path of Jonah to, again, reveal your magnanimous love to the errant. We thank you for the blessing and we pray that your Spirit will possess his lips, and his mind, and his soul. And that through him, there might be much living, loving water poured out upon your people on this day, your Holy day, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Adrian: One final comment. And that is, I also feel my need because without my wife being with me, I don't feel complete. I had to leave my wife back in Australia and that is a sacrifice. And so if my beloved is watching, I just thank you for your prayers. And I'll be home soon.

Let's turn to the book of Matthew chapter 12. And Jesus, speaking here, gives us some very important words. Matthew 12:41, speaking of the men of Nineveh. The men of Nineveh, a pagan nation, not followers of Yahweh, idolaters.

"The men of Nineveh shall rise in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it." Why? "Because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here." Now Jesus is speaking in the time when He came the first time, but are the words still living? Are the words still applicable? Did the men of Nineveh rise up with this generation and condemn it? Is there a repentance among God's people or the like, that we saw in the time of Nineveh? Has that ever happened amongst God's people? We'll look at that. And here today, through the Spirit of Christ, is one here greater than Jonah today? The men of Nineveh.

When we speak about the spirit of Cain, as brother Gary was mentioning in the Sabbath School lesson, sin is transgression of the law. It is the outworking of a principle at war with the government of God. It is a spirit that takes what God says and pretends to do, but it turns it around and it makes it the opposite of what God asks. Like Saul, "I did what I was commanded to do. What is the sound of the bleating in my ears?" The spirit of resistance, the refusal, the desire to hang on to the one last piece to ensure that it is my will and not God's will. This spirit has been with the human race from the very beginning. "What have you done, Adam?" What did our forefather do, our first father? Did he get down on his knees? Did he weep? Did he take hold of the Son of the living God and say, "I've sinned, Father, forgive me." No, "The woman whom you gave to me, she gave to me, and I did eat." It's not my fault. Don't blame me. And there was set in the cornerstone of the first Adam of human experience, the resistance of what really is going on and what really needed to take place. And unfortunately, when it's not the Word, just that's the way it is. That you and I, every one of us have that cornerstone built-in, it's in the system. It's not my fault. I didn't do it. Don't blame me. It's as natural as breathing.

We looked at the story. I've got it here as well. The appeal of Abel, when Abel is appealing to his brother, "Cain, you know what the Lord has said, this is not the way." Cain, inheriting from his own father. He doesn't fall on his knees and say, Abel, you're right, I've sinned, let's go to the Lord together. Pray with me, help me in prayer." Wouldn't it be wonderful to read that in the book of Genesis? It's not there. He rose up against his brother and he slew him. He, to silence the voice that is calling and the voice that was in the voice of Abel, is the voice of Christ and is the voice of our heavenly Father, "Cain, repent, turn from your wicked ways."

We come to the preaching of Noah. Preached a long time. How many were saved? His own household. And out of them that came out of the ark, there's some pretty dubious characters that came off the ark. They rejected the call to repentance. "God is going to destroy the world by water, repent of your sins, turn from your wicked ways and turn and plead to God for mercy, through the promised Messiah, the blood of the slain lamb." And as I mentioned recently, in an article, if you get a chance to read it, The Divine Pattern of the Cross, our Messiah was slain from the foundation of the world, that spirit, that spirit of Adam that says, "Not your will, but my will." That spirit, in order for Adam to continue to breathe, Christ had to catch that spirit and He had to hold it within Himself. In order for man to continue to live, He had to hold the spirit of the transgression of desolation, the continual resistance of the Heavenly Father. He had to hold it from the foundation of the world.

And in the slaying of the Lamb, the slaying of the Lamb was not simply pointing forward to an event far off in the future. It was pointing to a present reality that was existing in heaven. And that was Christ, slain from the foundation of the world. He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, not He was a man of sorrows. He is, in the days of Adam. He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was bruised for our iniquities. Today, He is a man of sorrows. We'll talk more about this later in the week. The cross is here. It is not 2,000 years ago. That was a manifestation of the continual resistance of man towards God. Certainly that event manifested then, but it continues today. The heart of man, I will not repent. Or what do I need to repent of? What? I've confessed everything. I've done everything. What is there?

The preaching of Moses, God brings the children of Israel out. They see great wonders. They see the sea open. And as soon they see all of the Egyptians washing up onto the shore of the Red Sea, and they know that finally their oppressors are dead. They are set free. Within a few days, what do we hear out of the mouths of God's people? Praise? Murmuring and complaining, resistance. And I'd like to say at this point, brethren, lest we forget. I know as a younger man reading these stories, the statement that would often come into my mind was, "How could these people be so bad? I thank you, God. I'm not like those

Israelites." Look in the mirror. And by God's grace, He's showing me that after all that He has done in my life, I still, when I'm put into a straight place for a short period of time, the words begin to tumble out of my mouth, words that I regret. But I'm reminded that I'm a son of the first Adam, that's my natural birth right, but by faith, I'm a son of the second Adam.

And he, the faith of Christ, it was the faith of Christ that said to me, "Adrian, do your duty, get up, walk." I couldn't do it. He did it. He stood up in me and my body was moving. The preaching of Elijah. Ahab in illicit union with Jezebel, the symbol of Rome, the church joined to Rome, engaged in full scale apostasy against Jehovah, the God of Heaven. And Elijah comes and says, "How long hold you between two opinions? If the Lord be God, then serve Him. But if Baal be God, then serve him." And what do we see? Do we see a prayer meeting on Mount Carmel? Do we see Israel falling down before Elijah and before the God of Heaven and saying, "We have sinned.?" "They answered him not a word." That is intense resistance, passive resistance. "They answered him not a word."

And when John the Baptist came, what do we find? John came, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, saying, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus came after John the Baptist, saying the same thing, "Repent." The message has always been repentance. That's the message. And yet, what do we find amongst God's people? God's people? "Away with this man, give us Barabbas." Bar abbas, son of the father, give us the false one. Or we believe him to be the real one. He's not asking us to repent. He's putting a sword in our hand and he's going to rescue us from the Romans. We're going to throw off their yolk and we're going to do it by the works of our hands.

No repentance. That's why Jesus, in Matthew, chapter 12, is saying that Nineveh will rise up with this generation and will condemn it because their whole community repented. As individuals, they all together felt the same thing. They were impressed with the same thing. And so, the entire community of the Ninevites fell down before God and asked him to forgive them. And that's why Nineveh will rise up against Israel of old. Is Nineveh rising up with new Israel?

We see during the period of the seven trumpets, from the time of Christ, down through to the time of the end, we see in Revelation, what does it say? "God, in his efforts," sometimes in his efforts to reach man, He allows pain and suffering to come to people in order that they might awake something. But it says after all these trumpets at the end of chapter nine, "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet," what? "Repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither see, nor hear, nor walk: neither repented they of their murders, nor their sorceries, nor their fornication, nor their thefts." They wouldn't repent. They worshiped the three in one God. And they wouldn't repent.

What do we come, when we come to the Millerite movement? Inspiration tells us that Christ was crucified in the third Angel's message. The Protestant churches fell because they refused to repent and they refused to believe in the nearness of the coming of Christ. Derided, and we see this spirit of derision in what happened to the Millerites, when they had misunderstood the event that would occur on October 22nd, 1844. They misunderstood the event and we see the world deriding them and mocking them. And then all the... Out of 50,000 people that believed, 50 left, approximately. Doesn't that make you shudder? Makes me shudder.

And we see all through history, we see this refusal to repent. There's individual repentance. As Christians, we understand the principle of repentance. And we look at that in Revelation. There's a deeper facet to this repentance. And at this point, I really would like to mention to you, this book called, *The Knocking at the Door* by Robert Wieland. We have some copies up the back there. I'm happy to go

on record to say that this is a message sent from God to God's people. This message is powerful, and I believe it's present truth. And so, I'd encourage you to get hold of this and to prayerfully read it.

It says in Revelation, chapter 3, and we know in the seven churches, that the seven churches refer to the complete history of the Christian Church. And that the seventh church is the last church, period. And it says, verse 15, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would, thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.' I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see."

And we come to this point, and this is the point where I would insert the question, "Lord, what shall we do?" You want an answer to that question? It's in the next verse. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." The theme has not changed. Through 6,000 years of history, the theme has not changed. There is one theme, and that is repentance. Every year within the Jewish system, the theme of Tabernacles, which represents the second coming of Christ is preceded immediately by the Day of Atonement, which is the rendering of the heart. That's all, when the heart is rent and not the garments, then Christ can come.

It doesn't matter how bad the government gets. It doesn't matter how much surveillance is going to be put around your house. It doesn't matter how much pestilence and disease and whatever, we can work ourselves up into a frenzy that we're all going down the pothole, none of that is going to bring the end. Earthquakes, famines, fires, destruction, peril. None of this will bring about the end. Only one thing will bring about the end. "Be zealous therefore and repent." But Lord, I've repented of my sins, haven't I? What do I need to repent of?

Desire of Ages, I want you to think about this statement, Desire of Ages, page 745. I hope that... I don't know about you, but many times when I read statements in inspiration, the first time I read them, it just bounces. The implication isn't there for me. It's not grabbing me, but this one. I've read Desire of Ages a few times. And it's only recently that this statement jumped out at me. "That prayer of Christ for his enemies embraced the world. It took in every sinner that had lived or should live from the beginning of the world to the end of time. Upon all, rests the guilt of crucifying the Son of God." Now we understand that, but have you really thought about...? And let me word it this way, in the book of record in heaven, against your name, do you see written there, "Murderer of the Son of God?" When I thought about it like that, I start to get uncomfortable and it's like, "It's written against my name."

It says in Fire Bible commentary, 1,085, "Heaven records the sins that we would have committed, had we been given the opportunity." Just think about that for a moment. "Heaven records," heaven doesn't just say, "Yeah, well, they would have done it, too." Heaven records... Writes down against your name, the sins that you and I would have committed, had we had the opportunity to do it. You look it up. I found that in this little book by Robert Wieland, Corporate Repentance, I thank the Lord for his ministry. "Heaven records the sins that we would have committed, had we been given the opportunity."

And if you and I were present in Minneapolis in 1888, what are the odds? There's elders, Smith and Butler, leaders of the General Conference, Ellis, R.M. Kilgore, many of the brethren, brethren Jones, Dan Jones, and others. Vehemently opposing the message. "Stand by the landmarks. Stand by the pillars, brethren. Now is not the time to entertain you and fanciful ideas, ripping up our understanding of the law of God."

I want to read you something, Review and Herald, I'm missing the exact date. It was Review and Herald in 1994, but Ellen White pens, "The disappointment of Christ was beyond description." Can you picture your Saviour, heartbroken? He wanted to come into the hearts of His people, for His people to repent. Our fathers, our spiritual forefathers have sinned against God. We are the spiritual descendants. I'm going to own that. I am a spiritual descendant. That's for you to decide, whether you're a spiritual descendant of those who rejected a most precious message.

In my own life, in the early part of my life, I personally rejected that most precious message. It was in ignorance, but it was still rejected because I did not desire the righteousness that comes without the works of the law. I didn't desire it, even though my mouth expressed a belief that it desired it.

I want to read you something, Jeremiah. We know in Ezekiel, it says that, "A son does not bear the iniquity of his father." We know that, don't we? But I want to read you something in Jeremiah. Jeremiah 14:20, interestingly enough, 20 years ago, I put this verse to music, in my ignorance. "We acknowledge our Lord, our wickedness," and what? The inequity of who? Our fathers? "We acknowledge our Lord, our wickedness and the inequity of our fathers, for we have sinned against thee. Do not abhor us for thy namesake. Do not disgrace the throne of thy glory. Remember, break not thy covenant with us." Heaven records the sins we would have committed had we been given the opportunity.

I'm not willing to say that I would have stood with elders Jones and Wagner. I think that would be a little bit arrogant on my part. I'd like to think I would, but... As it stands, we have a disappointed Saviour, bitterly disappointed, that He couldn't come. And what is the Council of Laodicea? How are we to resolve this? Remember the statement was to the angel of the church of Laodicea. And who is the angel of the church of Laodicea? The leadership, and that leadership involves all who teach Sabbath school lessons, who are local elders in churches or whatever. Anyone who speaks the Word of God in a group of people is part of that angel. It goes to the angel because it's the leaders in groups that need to initiate this kind of repentance, that we have offended our Father in spurning His Son.

And I would like to stress this point, that what we witness in brethren around us is only a manifestation of what is still hidden within our own hearts. We are all, "As by one man, sin entered the world and death by sin, wherefore death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." We are by nature, the children of wrath. What does it say? What does Paul say in Romans, chapter three? Let's just remind ourselves, in Romans 3:10, "As it is written, There is none righteous." None. None means none. "There is none righteous. No, not one: There is none that understandeth."

Six or seven years ago, I thought I understood. I was a minister of the third angel's message within God's remnant church. Then I find myself to be one of the perpetrators of one of the worst apostasies in God's church, in the history of the world. That's a shock. That shook me to the very foundations. It made me question everything. It made me question myself in a way I'd never done before. Then I began to see the righteous, the truth of these words. There is none who understand. There is none that seeketh after God, hang on. None that seeketh after God, that's a bit harsh. Isn't it?

None that seeketh after God. By nature, we do not seek after God. How do we find ourselves here? Maybe He's seeking after us. Maybe we're being drawn by the Spirit of Christ to listen. We are here, not because we desired it of ourselves, we are here because we are responding to the Spirit of Yahweh. They are all gone out of the way. They are together become unprofitable. There is none to do with good, no, not one. For the natural man, this is tedious reading. Come on, Adrian, cut us a bit of slack. It's not that bad. Their throat is an open sepulcher. With their tongues, they have used deceit. The poison of asps is under their lips, whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. The only path to healing is through

the path of correct diagnosis. Isn't that right? You can't get healing without diagnosis. This is the diagnosis. It's pretty terminal.

Their feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and misery are in their ways and the way of peace, they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes. This is describing the human condition and all of us have experienced, whichever communion we work within, the poison of asps, whether in our own lips or on the lips of others, the rumour mill going round. Did you hear? Did you know? Do you understand? we've all experienced this. I can't believe that they would say this. I can't believe that they would engage in such foolish heretical teaching. I can't believe that these people are doing this stupid nonsense. We've all experienced it. We know the truth of these words.

All we like sheep have gone astray. Notice again in Isaiah 53, it doesn't "all we all" or "they like sheep had gone astray". Present tense. All we like sheep have, do go astray.

For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son. Why did He give that only begotten Son? First and foremost, if you read the story in Desire of Ages, when Jesus comes up out of the water after the baptism, do you remember what happens next? And He falls on his knees and He's crying and He's pleading with God for acceptance and asking forgiveness.

Have you read the passage where it's, this is general conference bullet 1901 page 36, after Christ had taken the necessary steps in repentance? What? Christ is repenting, but He was sinless, wasn't he? He did for us the work that we could never do. He manifested in the flesh. I'm so thankful that He is indeed the seed of Abraham. He took upon Him, our nature. He did the work of repentance in order that that repentance, that repentance that needed no repenting of, that repentance could be manifest in my life and in your life. His perfect repentance is available to us right now, right here.

We never, ever as the sons of Adam, we never, ever would have... We would never, ever get to that point. The fact that when we study biblical history, Christian history, Adventist history, there is no record of a community of believers ever repenting. There's only one example of a group of pagans who repented.

1844. I stand corrected as is often the case.

The Millerites, what happened in the Millerites movement? An intense preaching of the coming of Christ. The time is at hand, they wanted to enter into Tabernacles at the coming of the Messiah. They engaged in a process of atonement. Have you read the stories of the Millerites? Where the husband would go to his wife at the end of the day and said, "Honey, did I say anything today? Anything, if I offended you in any way," and go these children, "Was I harsh today? Please forgive me." Every soul wanted to be right with God. There was a repentance. Saloon houses were turned into prayer houses.

There was a movement amongst God's people. Ellen White says that nothing in her experience ever compared to that time, not even 1888 compared to that time. Okay? We're seeing glimmers of hope. True.

The disciples came together, different men with different backgrounds and different understanding. Some were more eloquent than others, and this is the point. How do we get to the place where we truly believe that all men are created equal? How do we get to that point? Through repentance. When we all through the light of the cross, when we all realize we're all made of the same stuff, and we all have the capability to manifest an evil spirit, then we're all equal. We're all equally sinners before God that all the world may be guilty before God.

The experience of the disciples after the death of Christ, where they came together, and again, don't we all yearn to be in one accord in one place? How did they get to be in one accord in one place? Confess their faults, one to another. They repented of their sin. They wished they could have done what Mary Magdalene had done, but they condemned her. They condemned her.

In what my brother Craig just pointed out, there is a blessing for God's people in the realization that the iniquities of the fathers are visited under the third and fourth generation. We are experiencing that in many ways today, but His mercy has shown unto thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. Because in the history of God's advent people, there is a recorded story of repentance. We can repeat the history of our fathers. It is my conviction through the study of the Scripture, that when you understand the giving of the third angel's message and you read the way our pioneers talk about it, the giving of the third angel's message and the third angel's message is the first, second and third angel's messages that this was a story that was happening in real time from 1840 to 1844 or 1833 up to 1844. It was a story with a sequence of events. From my reading, that sequence is going to be repeated only this time it will be the second coming. Does that make sense?

The repentance that occurred within the Millerite movement will come again to God's people. When that repentance, and I'll talk about this in my presentation on the fall of Babylon, when the repentance amongst God's people is manifested Babylon falls because day and night... The repentance that God has longed for manifested amongst God's people no longer righteous by works and they are totally dependent on God. They're confessing their sins before Him. Babylon is exposed and its system of falsehood is exposed, not by the pointed finger, but by the fragrance of a heart that is confessing its sins before God.

As I'll point out later on, Mary Magdalene is the most powerful presenter of the second angel's message that we have. Her brokenness before her Messiah exposed the hypocrisy of Judas, who was called the son of perdition. Who else is called the son of perdition? Rome. It is the experience of Mary Magdalene that exposes the hypocrisy of Roman thinking. Roman thinking is not confined within Rome. Roman thinking is universal.

I want to read to you from Zachariah chapter 12. Again, I know that some of you are very familiar with these passages, but Zachariah chapter 12, we have an interesting event take place. In Zachariah chapter 14, it's talking about the feast of Tabernacles, but in Zachariah chapter 12 in verse 10, well verse 9. "And it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. " Now when's that? When all the nations are going to be destroyed that come against Jerusalem. I understand that has an end time application. "And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication. And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son. And they shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his first born. "

This is the light that will lighten the earth with its glory, a recognition of what we've done to the son of the living God. What happens in that day? There shall be great mourning in Jerusalem as the morning of Hadad Rimmon and the Valley of Megiddo and the land shall mourn every family apart. This is not something that is whipped up and manufactured by a small group of men. This is something that provides all of God's flock, scattered abroad throughout the world. It says, "The house of David apart and their wives apart, the family of the house of Nathan, the prophet apart and their wives apart, the family of the house of Levi apart, " this is the priesthood, "and their wives part and the family of Shimei apart and their wives apart. All the families that remain, every family apart and their wives apart. " An individual work that is corporate, not manufactured, but a revelation of the human experience in its

continued resistance against the Son of the living God that brings about a bitterness of soul and a repentance that need not need to be repented of.

This hasn't happened yet. Has it? This is a promise. I believe that God is going to do this. I want to read you something in closing from 8T page 104, "One day at noon, I was writing of the work that might've been done at the last general conference." Could we say one day I was writing or what might've have been accomplished at the last feast of Tabernacles? "If the men in positions of trust had followed the will and way of God, those who had great light and had not walked in that light, the meeting was closed and the break was not made. Men did not humble themselves before the Lord as they should have done and the Spirit was not imparted. I have written thus far. I had written thus far when I lost consciousness and I seem to be witnessing a scene in Battle Creek. We were assembled in the auditorium of the Tabernacle. Prayer was offered to Him, a hymn was sung and prayer was again offered. Most earnest supplication was made to God. The meeting was marked by the presence of the Holy spirit. The work went deep and some present were weeping aloud." Just to remind you, you can't manufacture this. This is not something that you can work out. Only the Spirit of God, Spirit of grace is poured out. It is not manufactured.

It says, "One arose from his bowed position and said that in the past, he had not been in union with certain ones and had felt no love for them, but now he saw himself as he was with great solemnity he repeated the message to the Laodicean church because they sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing. In my self-sufficiency this is just the way I felt, he said. And now it's not that they are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I now see this is my condition." and brethren, I can freely confess to you that in this milieu of being disconnected from what I was connected to before in the church and looking and surveying out and looking at different ministries and looking where different people are at, there's been a part of me that says I'm not getting involved in this. I don't want to be connected to this. I am above this.

It comes by nature, holding aloof. I can agree with this gentleman here. I would want to say to anyone here, if you've ever felt from me a spirit of distance or if I've ever manifested anything like that, I'd ask your forgiveness. "I see now that this is my condition. My eyes are open. My spirit has been hard and unjust. I thought myself righteous, but my heart is broken and I see my need of the precious counsel of the one who searched me through and through. Oh, how gracious and compassionate and loving are the words. I counselled you to buy from me gold, tried in the fire that there must be rich and white garments, that there must be clothed and the shame of their nakedness do not appear and anoint thine eyes with eye salve that they may see."

The speaker turned to those who had been praying and said, We have something to do. We must confess our sins and humble our hearts before God. "He made heartbroken confessions and then stepped up to several of the brethren one after another, and extended his hand, asking forgiveness. Those to whom he spoke sprang to their feet, making confession and asking forgiveness. And they fell upon one another's neck, weeping, the spirit of confession spread through the entire congregation. It was a Pentecostal season. God's praises were sung and far into the night until nearly early morning. The work was carried on and I repeat, this cannot be manufactured. Since 1844 this work has alluded us. The words were often repeated with clear distinctness. As many as I love, I rebuke and chase and be zealous, therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man, hear my voice and open the door. I will come into him and will sup with him and he with me. No one seemed too proud to make heartfelt confession. And those who led in this work were the ones who had influence, but had not had the courage before to confess their sins." A little bit more. "There was rejoicing such as never before had been heard in the Tabernacle.

"Then I awoke from my own consciousness, and for a while, I could not think where I was. My pen was still in my hand, the words were spoken to me. This might have been. All this the Lord was waiting to do for his people. All heaven was waiting to be gracious." Are we in that position right now? Is heaven waiting to be gracious? Brethren, these thoughts have been in my heart for some time, but it's not something that... I can't tell you. You need to repent. I just hope that the spirit is speaking to you like he's speaking to me and that he's telling you the same things that he's telling me.

I'm not here to tell you're a sinner. I'm a sinner. That's for you, but it's between you and the Lord. I believe that from my reading of Scripture, that there is a work for us to do as I read these things, and that's what I want to share. "I thought of where we might have been, had a thorough work being done at the last general conference, and agony of disappointment came over me. I realized that what I'd witnessed was not a reality. "

I believe that one of the reasons that God has brought us here is to somehow connect to this experience. I'm just praying that the Spirit of God will speak to us in a way that again, and I have to reiterate this, we all understand the human heart's ability to manufacture things. It can't be done that way, but let me back it up and I can say this, that as someone that has been a minister, an ordained minister of the Seventh Day Adventist church, I ask all of your forgiveness for engaging in false worship. I lead people astray. I did it ignorantly, but I did it. And I'm deeply ashamed of that.

I am a spiritual descendant of Le Roy Froom. In the past, Le Roy was over there and I was having nothing to do with that evil man, but he's one of my forefathers. He's a man that I owe respect to honour your father and your mother. And it says in the testimonies that that includes ministers. I'm a spiritual descendant of that man. I'm asking the Lord when it says we have sinned, we and our fathers. At some point, somebody has to say if everybody who comes to the truth just says, Well, now we have the truth, and they walk away from repentance. Who's going to do the repenting? Who does the repenting? If the truth just keeps whisking people away from that responsibility, we're never going home. I pray that as we think on these things, and maybe as we go into the after service or the Spirit may speak, or maybe someone at this point would like to say something, I don't know. If the Spirit... Brother George.

George: *There it is. I'd like you to hold that pamphlet up. Corporate Repentance, please. Elder Wieland came to Lincoln, Nebraska in 19, it was '87 or '88. The church doors were closed to his ministry at that time. The ministerial association at the college there had invited him, but the local pastor closed the doors of the church. The meetings had to be held in a college amphitheater. That message that he brought to us then, and the message that you're bringing to us today is still a call for us. I, with you say, yes, I am a descendant of Le Roy Froom and Butler and the man that have gone before us, Uriah Smith and we encompass or I encompass that.*

Audience member 1: *I'm thankful brother, that you were impressed asked for testimonies because I felt really impressed that the Holy Spirit will be poured out here in a special way as we are allowed to speak, perhaps after the speaker speaks and not be really concerned about chop, chop time, but really allow the sweet Spirit of our Father to be here. In this light, I say, I too have sinned and come short of the glory of Elisha, of our Elohim and I repent in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach. I want to be right before him and the judgment. I can hardly wait to get home to make things right with people that I have had this attitude of disunity, of distance with.*

You're right. The truth is progressive. There's been many people down through time, Martin Luther and others that have had a certain amount of truth, but it progresses. We need to have this mind of a child to say, Abba, Father, please direct me in the way of righteousness for Thy namesake. It's a straight and

narrow path and we need to have Him guiding us every moment and to be ready to say, Father, forgive me and forgive them for they know not what they do. I just pray that we'll enter into that experience with Him and His name. Amen.

Audience member 2: *It's a new thought to me to be a spiritual descendant of Le Roy Froom.*

Me too, brother.

Audience member 2: *I've kind of held him in a different level somehow, but I can see that. I know that. I'm a sinner. That I'm capable of even doing what he did. No, you give him the given the right. Yeah. Direct whatever. Right. I repent. Amen.*

I'd just like to speak on it on a point that I know for many of us that Satan is trying to create a wall of division and it has to do with the lure of God and the conviction of some in regard to the appointed times and the fear that some of us have of where this could lead. I want to say that in my approach to this subject, that I initially approached this subject with a spirit of arrogance. Where is my brother Frank? I'm just so thankful for my brother Frank, as it was because I didn't want to lose my friendship with him that I held on. It showed me that.

I must say, I still don't understand everything. There are still questions that I have in my mind that aren't resolved. There are still concerns that I have about some things, but because I wanted to stay connected to my brother Frank, I said, I have to understand what he's thinking. I have to understand him. I have to walk in his shoes. I have to know. I can't just judge him and condemn him, because he doesn't believe what I believe. I have to walk in his shoes, and I have to understand him, because I don't want to lose him as a friend. If I just say, Well, I don't believe that, brother, and that's it. Well, then the friendship, well, we can be nice to each other. How many of us have experienced that distance as we just get this tyranny and we just get torn apart, because someone makes a decision. Well, that's it. And I don't want to be a part of that.

I came here as an expression of a desire to be open to whatever God would want to tell me. As I said, I'm still looking for answers. I'm still looking. There are things I don't understand, but I'm here and I'm not going to let go of any of my brethren, no matter where they stand on this question, because I have realized we need each other. I need all of you. Your experience is my experience and my experience is your experience.

The fact that many of us have experienced so much repulsion and being eliminated and cut down, and then to maintain that spirit amongst ourselves, it's an abomination. We've got to stop. The only way I know how to stop is to say, Lord, I can't stop. My heart just keeps finding ways of manufacturing walls, a middle wall of partition between us. I keep doing it. It's just part of my DNA. I feel the need of Jesus who broke down the middle wall of petition. If we truly enter into a love relationship with the Son of the living God, that middle wall of partition will come down.

We will know that we know the beloved Son, when those walls come down and we're able to listen to each other and we're able to wait before we speak and be less confident. There's one thing I've learned, as I said, six or seven years ago, I was so confident of my theological foundation. Then in one swoop, the whole thing blew up in my face. God says, "Are you so sure now?" I don't want to keep making those same mistakes by simply moving on to another piece of truth and then relaying a rock-solid foundation that no one can penetrate that I have the truth and you're going to come to where I am. That's just so arrogant. I have in my heart, a desire to come close to all the ministries that believe... We have to have a foundation. We believe in one God, the Father of whom are all things and one Lord Jesus Christ by

whom are all things. We have to have a foundation, but once we have that foundation, we should be able to embrace one another. If we worship the one God and the one Lord, we...

John 17, is there anyone else that... I just felt impressed to stop? Is there anyone else who wants to say anything before we close? I don't want to shut this down if... I don't want to force anyone. You got the mic? Brother Mack.

Malcolm: *My heart's with you. I felt this way for a long time. I've seen just little things come in and separate people. They become friends and you'd let it separate you? It breaks your heart. We have people at our home church that we don't agree on things, but we don't want to see separation there. We need to be drawing together instead of separating.*

As you say, if a brother is wrong, how do you bring them out of that wrongness? You embrace them. If you say, you're going to harden them in their wrongness, if you push them away, but if you push them away, maybe I'm the one that's wrong. I just long for that to stop. I know that if people are still watching the streaming, all of us here, we want to come together.

Our disunity is displeasing to our Saviour. It hurts him. We all know that, but I think like myself, what am I going to do? I'm only one person. I can't tell anybody else what to do, but I can just appeal to all of you. I have the sense that you all feel the same way. I just pray that out of these meetings that this Spirit will go with us to the farthest ends of the world. That is, we serve one God and one Lord and we won't allow anything to come between us to the best of our ability, that we won't isolate people, we won't stop listening to them and we'll keep praying for one another and pleading that God would bring us together. Are you going to say something, brother?

Frank: *I just really appreciate what you shared. In answer to my prayer that you're here because the enemy wanted to divide us. I had a meeting where the ministry here was sitting around a table, speaking to you on Skype. You were asking questions that to me were hard. I got home and the questions continued. I said, "How dare he do that to me?" You know what time does? It was just a few days. It's like, this is my brother. I replied to his questions as best I could, but I chastised him at the same time asking him, "how dare you?" When I was sitting there one evening, the little sound that Skype makes when someone is calling you. It was my brother, Adrian...*

Come down the front. Yes, it was.

Frank: *Yeah, it was. I can truly only say that the conversation that took place at that point had to be directed by the spirit because I have no clue what was said, except that the tone was calm and sweet. Some words came out of my brother's mouth that ... What is going on here? He actually said that he understood what I was saying. It wasn't me saying ... I don't know what I said.*

I just want to interject at this point and say that in the words that I was speaking to Frank and challenging him about his beliefs, the Lord was speaking to me saying, "What are you afraid of, Adrian? Why are you speaking like this to a brother? Can you feel the hardness in your voice? Can you feel the harshness with which you're speaking? Regardless of whether he's right or wrong, you know you're wrong in spirit. My Spirit doesn't do this to people, so you're partaking of another spirit." I had to talk to Frank. I had to tell him, "Look, I'm sorry. I'm wrong in spirit."

Frank: *To hear everything that he has gone through to even be here, and I look at myself sometimes and say, how am I so blessed and others have such a struggle? We all have a struggle in our own way. Some*

are affected physically and some are affected in other ways. My prayer that each of us that are here for as long as they can be here physically in this time together, that we all look to Jesus.

Elizabeth: *Pray for me. I just wanted to say that I stand with brother Adrian and everything that he has said. It's just... How would you say it? It resonates in my soul. I was brought up in the Seventh Day Adventist church, but everything was all works, legalism. It's hard to... Like Frank was saying, everybody has a struggle. That's a struggle. I see myself being so fearful of giving up certain ideas that are almost ingrained in my mind and in my heart that I know I need to let go of and receive the Spirit of Christ. I ask you to pray for me as I stand with brother Adrian.*

Can I just pray? Father, I just pray for my sister Elizabeth. Let your Spirit be upon her. For both of us, let us be free of setting our own boundaries and open ourselves to your Spirit. We are not abandoning a conviction that the Bible alone is the word of God, but that you can bring us together in harmony and love in the unity of the Spirit of Christ. That you can break down the middle wall of partition between us and the fears of letting go of things that we thought were solid, that aren't solid and reaffirming those things that we do know to be correct and true. I believe that you will help my sister as you will help me. I continue to pray for your spirit to fall upon us now, in Jesus name.

Gary: *I'm going to stand right up here. How many have heard the idle tale that we were going to meet in a new building for this inaugural tabernacle.*

I heard it.

Gary: *You heard about that? The only reason it had any initial validity was because of my driving force to make it happen. That can get on people's nerves and I know several that it got on to. They were trying to be patient with me and bring me to reality. That's the word you used, wasn't it, Jason?*

Hallelujah.

Gary: *We're all in this together. I am so sorry. Pushing you guys... It's not fair to you to make my plans. What did we talk about in Sabbath school? My plans... It wasn't my plan. We've got something better and I've seen the light. Thank you so much for making this happen. We have an opportunity. What an opportunity to not stay sequestered up here on this little mountain time, but to go right downtown in two venues and make our presence known.*

Hallelujah.

Gary: *I'm looking forward to that. We'll have another time in which the real blessing will come, but this is a better one. This is better. I can see how it's better. I ask your forgiveness in being such a... I sent you an email, but that's not enough. You got to just say it. I am out of here.*

Doug: *I said I wouldn't do anything, but I'm going to. I owe Gary an apology also. I've harboured some pretty awful feelings towards you in the last few weeks. I've disappeared on my bike and I've gone away because I didn't want to see anybody. No, you didn't deserve it. It's just I didn't want to say something that I'd regret because I love Gary and Carol. They're my second family. Everybody's deserted me in the past because of what we believe. Instead of saying something that I'd regret, I called Adrian and I put that burden on you. I'm very sorry.*

To make a long story short, you got to understand something. Three years, I haven't spoken to this man because I did harbour resentment towards him. We worked that out before you came. We have had Tuesday night sessions. What we tried to do here... This is a family and what we're trying to do is bring a

message together that no one has. That's this Bible, biblically principles. If we have feelings amongst each other, like Adrian said earlier and like Gary was sharing and the other brothers and sisters that were sharing today, we can't go to heaven. This hatred has to be dropped. Adrian knew there was something, but he couldn't put his finger on it. I don't rush into things. I have to really think about it because I've been known in the past to say some pretty harsh things to people. I wanted in three years. I needed three to talk to you.

1,260 days, brother. Then it's the end of time.

Doug: *I kept rationalizing in my mind how it was his fault and not mine. I preached to Christie about it. I was like, "What an arrogant man. I don't want him as my authority." Then as we got into this message and we were removed from the local church... I don't blame them because you know what, that's what had to be done. They have a foundation that they believe in right now. Whether I agree with that or not, I respect it. Could it have been handled better? You bet it could've. Instead, we should set the example for them and pray for them and that we can still all come together as one family.*

Gary made a comment a while back or someone did. We were all laughing about it at the table. I think it was Tuesday night board meeting, in fact. He made a comment, well, there's a lady at his business that says it's an opportunity. What an opportunity. Something goes wrong, this is an opportunity for something positive. Then it even went a step further. We have the table in heaven and we're all sitting there. I want white people over there, the blacks there, the Jews here, you guys are over there. I thought about that and I started laughing. Then I got home and really thought about it. That's how we act here. We're scared of other people, why? We have this to share with them and we're not even doing amongst each other. How can we go out in the world and do it when our homes aren't even intact? Thank you for coming. I love you. Thank everybody for coming.

Audience member 3: *There's a message of exaltation that I believe father wants to give. It's in relation to what Gary said, about not being able to come into the new building. The truth is Father's bringing us into a new building, a building not made with hands. He's bringing us into Christ and he's giving His lively stones that it may be a glory to His name. Amen.*

Melanie: *I've been convicted today. George and I have four sons and there's a seven-year break between the two sets. I think in the older set, they've seen a lot of things in their mom, which was righteousness by works. I've always excused them a little bit. It's been our joy and goal to preach the ministry of reconciliation. When I see one of my sons in the lower set not walking in the ways of Elohim, it's just like anger and frustration and sadness has boiled up in me. I guess I'm seeing in myself that I'm almost approaching one in my son in the way that I have with some of my older boys. I repent of trying to reach my sons in the wrong way and that may I not be a stumbling block in their coming back to their heavenly father.*

Thank you for sharing that.

Audience member 4: *I just wanted to join her in saying that we share in that. The self-righteousness is such a cancer to our souls and Father forgive us. We look forward to that day of your fulfilled promise that they will return, but only to your honour and your glory, not any of ours.*

You really. Melanie, you really touch a hard point for those of us who are parents. As I look at the way that I've parented my boys, there's a sorrow in my soul. I can put my hands up and say, I didn't know, but trying to conform my children to my will and when they rebel against my will, how I've dealt with that in such subtle ways to manipulate them because I'm bigger than them and my voice is deeper than

theirs and threatening them in subtle ways. You don't have to be physically violent with someone to abuse them. I know a lot of us are just asking that God would forgive us for the way we've parented. I'm just praying that my children will forgive me for the way I've done the things I've done. Craig.

Craig: *Yeah. I'll come up the front, Adrian.*

Yeah, please.

Craig: *Adrian's been my mentor. We've walked a pretty tough road, it feels at times, but Adrian's, his journey... He's got a passion as you know, and he's already apologized to me. Also to you. At times, he puts on you his work, his walk, his journey. I want to apologize for Adrian for being passive because at times I haven't always fed back to Adrian some of the things I've felt. That's equally as important. Just like Doug and Jason, you have also a responsibility to feed back, someone who's strong. These characteristics, we need these leaders. We need men like this to stand up and lead, but we also have a responsibility to feed back to them, not to be ashamed, not to be fearful that we'll be rejected and put aside. Stand up. Say what you feel. We can do that to each other. We don't have to be ashamed. I just really thank you, Gary. I thank Adrian for your leadership. I praise God that you're willing to humble yourselves. I really appreciate that.*

I just want to thank Craig. Craig was one of the first men that I shared my return of Elijah manuscript with. There are some things that prevent men from speaking their mind. That is that if the people close to them don't believe in it, you start to doubt it yourself. I'm deeply indebted to my wife who believed in me and didn't turn her back on me and didn't threaten to cause me pain for believing in the only begotten Son of God. I'm so thankful for Craig as well because he read the manuscript and he said to me, "This is the truth."

Men should believe in the Bible only because of what the Bible says, but I tell you what it sure helps when people close to you, when they witness to the truth. When they witness to the truth, it gives you courage to keep going. For in those nights, when all the other people that you have loved have turned away from you, and you're saying to yourself, "You're crazy. You're just trying to make a statement. You're an extroverted person. You're always putting yourself out there. These people are sick of you, Adrian. You just doing it again." Then I think of Craig and then I think of Gary and others. No, there are other people seeing this as well. Thank you, Lord. Thank you for these brethren.

Audience member 5: *First of all, I just wanted to confess my Father and His Son. They're saving every one of us. It's their power. It's their desire to be with us, to truly be with us, not just in some distant way, but, but right now. They're the one. It's their Spirit that is touching our hearts. That's moving us to confess them, for me to confess them.*

Then I wanted to just raise a couple of challenges. One is I've been truly blessed by what they have inspired through you, Adrian, and especially the challenge to look at leadership in a totally different way than I ever have, that God put them in those positions. Even though I see problems, even apostasy there, that one great thing that I have been wrong, and I confess this humbly... My criticism and negative attitude have only aided that apostasy not been in any way to resist the work of Satan in their lives, in their ministry.

I think that's what I'm seeing here. We do not want to continue that spirit of Satan because that's where it really comes from. Even when Jesus was here on this earth and even though he spoke words of rebuke to the scribes and the Pharisees, I believe strongly that he was praying for them. He realized that in their apostasy, they were going to bring down maybe thousands... I don't know the number, but large

numbers of people would not be able to be saved because of their apostasy. Ellen White bears this out very strongly in her writing about them and that's going to happen again.

The only way that I can have any difference in that is to truly hold them in prayer and that God's Spirit will have His way in their lives, not mine or any of us as human beings is really going to be able to get through and make a difference in really what's happening in the leadership in the church as a whole, unless we allow His spirit to change us so that we aren't resistive to them, at least in the way we have been. Maybe resistive, but it's going to be resistive in love. Why are we doing this against our Father, our Saviour? Why are we going down this road again that they took in 1888 and many other times that really have really, really hurt us and prevented us from moving forward the way He wants us to do?

Amen, I just want to pick up on that point if I may. It's in these situations that you feel a measure of you can be vulnerable. There's a lot of things you hold in your heart that you would like to say, but you don't dare say because you fear that people will think badly of you or would never talk to you again. I can say, in regard to the leadership, having served on conference in union committees and participated with men in camp meetings and watched the rock music and the lights and the abominations that were being practiced within our church... The anger that I was harbouring in my heart at these terrible things... I was trying to be as respectful as possible and reach out to my brother and say, "Brothers, we've got to stop this." I was desperate to stop this tide of evil that was just taking all of our young people out the door. I felt absolutely powerless.

Every week I thought about writing a letter of resignation. Nearly every week of my ministry, I just felt completely isolated. The Lord then showed me this. "There's no doubt, Adrian, that I led you to write what you wrote in Return of Elijah, but your initial reason for doing it was because you were angry. It wasn't because you were loving. It was because you were angry." He said, "But I made all that work together for good. You just need to understand you are not good. The very thoughts and intents of your heart are still an abomination to me, but I love you and I chose you. That's the only reason. To lay the glory of man in the dust."

That's continually what the Lord is trying to say. Adrian, if you allow me to penetrate, as it says in Zachariah to search the heart with candles. You begin to test every motive in your heart, there is nothing there that is good, but the Spirit of Jesus is continually coming in to take and to bring us forward. At that point, I just ... The Lord be praised. It's all of Him and none of me. Lest I should think that I have done some great deed. I've written something. I have stood up to the church. I have put it to them, did the Martin Luther. No, none of it was any good, but God makes it work together for good. I know that he's doing the same in all of your lives as well.

The same in all of your lives as well. For many of us that have just felt this frustration of watching the churches slide into apostasy and just the frustration that we feel and we feel utterly powerless to do anything about it. And it just fuels that anger. And I don't want to have that spirit of anger in my heart anymore. And that's why I continue to hold onto my brethren in the church. That's why I continue determined to love them because if I let go, the bitterness just takes over. The anger just takes over my soul and I slide away. So that's why I need my brethren to keep my heart soft. Because if I say (*holds up hands to show resistance*), then I get harsh. So, just wanted to share that.

Audience member 6: *I just want to say, I came expecting a blessing. We've been praying, I have a prayer partner, praying for a spiritual blessing this time. And with that, I owe Talking Rock an apology (silence). At the meeting I went there expecting to hear from the Lord, but yet my attitude was, don't ask me any*

questions. I left there feeling like a cold fish because my appearance for others was high, but don't ask me anything.

That's all of us.

Audience member 6: So, with that, I ask Talking Rock and anyone else that was there to forgive me please and I thank the Father for still working on hearts, that He doesn't give up on us.

Amen.

Audience member 6: Thank you.

Adrian ([01:35:13](#)): Josh.

Josh: I have a testimony to share of me and a brother that I have come to love. And Satan has been trying to get me to hold that back because I don't really know any of you except for two or three. And I'd like to take this opportunity to overcome him through the power of Christ by giving this testimony. I met a brother three years ago that we started on the wrong foot and we had a lot in common, but we had an experience together that caused us to have bitterness toward each other. And we spent a long time being at odds. And every time I thought about him, even though in my mind and my heart, I wanted reconciliation, all I could think of is what he said to hurt me. And I couldn't focus on anything else.

And I realized one day, because I was praying about it, that if I didn't put myself in his life and he in mine, we would never come to an agreement, we would never come to the place of overcoming this together. And we have been working on our relationship. We have come to each other in forgiveness and he is coming to this feast and afterward, we will spend some time perfecting that forgiveness and that relationship. And having met a lot of you or most of you for the first time, I promise that I will never let anything come between us at all, and I will always be open to speak no matter what happens. And I appreciate the spirit here that's been shown from the moment I got here. And I'm very glad that I'm here.

Congregation: Amen.

Josh: Very thankful I've come.

Thank you. I was just thinking and searching my heart and I remember a discussion that you and I, Igor, had at the Russell's place. And we had a slightly different understanding of something. And I just want to confess to you that my heart was a little bit hardened towards you for a period of time, so I just want to ask you to forgive me.

Igor: I love you brother.

Love you too.

Igor: Thank you.

It's so easy to allow these things to... And the other brother may not even know, be completely oblivious, and you're harbouring it, and like Craig's saying about feeding back and keeping each other's hearts. It's hard work but these things can just fester and then there's walls of separation. And I don't want any of that. Was there someone? Jim.

Jim: I came here for a blessing and I've gotten it. I was not going to come. When my ministry leader asked me, "Do you want to go to this camp meeting?" I said, "No." It's not because of the people but it's

because of my weariness of the amount of travel I've done over the past few months. And I said, "No, I'm back home, I'm sitting in my favourite study chair, and I just want to stay here for a couple of weeks." I've lost three deadlines on articles and I'll never recover. And I just want some time to finish these three drafts.

We're hearing you brother.

Jim: But honestly, though I didn't want to come, and I told him I wasn't coming, I felt deeply impressed that I must be here in order to put my money where my mouth is, so to speak, because I have told people across the country to watch Talking Rock. And my reason is because of the harmony of spirit between a disharmony of doctrine. And I must tell you that I fear feast keeping. I am not a mamby pamby kind of mushy lover. Some people think I'm arrogant and some people think I'm aloof. I tell you truthfully, if you want an excuse, I was raised in a family that made me afraid of the word "love." And therefore, in order to save my psychic and move forward, I distance myself from interacting intimate, emotional relationships. And I'm talking about between brother and brother, I'm not talking about any form of erotic stuff at all. But the people, the hearts, at Talking Rock have wooed me.

Congregation: Amen.

Jim: Now, I've got a couple of others, the man that just amen. I feel very close to these two people and close enough to be myself in front of them. But when I came to the first Talking Rock meeting, I was impressed with the humility of the people at all levels, our gracious hosts and both of them. I watched Gary and his gentleness with people. I watched his wonderful wife in her gentleness to that little dog. And knowing that if she has an affection for a little wounded dog, she will have affection for wounded people.

Amen.

Jim: And to watch the way they work together and bounce off each other.

Amen.

Jim: And the exuberance that I find in Robyn and her eyes and her mild voice and the talents that I look around that I see in her husband, this amazing building, amazing. And Uriah or whoever it was, I forgot, that was filled with the Holy Ghost, therefore, he made the Ark and he made the candelabra, the menorah, etc. It just shows. And with the calm, I don't know how else to describe this, but with the calm intelligence and calm, intelligent compassion that I see in the heart of Christie and the energy that is expended for our benefit of Jason.

Amen.

Jim: And I can truly look around and for every name that I know, I could say something positive about it. I am so glad. Every camp meeting I go to, I pray, "Lord, let the Holy Spirit fall on us like an electric shock, let it fall so hard that we either totally reject it because it's got to be wrong, or we let it encompass us." And I've had so much pain since leading camp meetings and the like in Florida and gathering people into my home and seeing them walk off. And men and women that came in to teach me the truth about the Father, then going into the feasts, and becoming no longer worth... My house was no longer worthy for them. And walking away and then seeing them later and they get on the other side of the sidewalk and walk past me. And I'm thinking, "This is painful."

It is.

Jim: "I think I need to retire from ministry, not from my job." Which was painful only in one side. And I was probably the first one to talk with a young man that was in the ministry. In our first meeting, I said, "You look like you're moving and studying the feast. Go slowly." And he said, "Well, I'm definitely looking. You've nailed me. I'm definitely looking." I haven't seen him. I'm nervous that maybe we've lost another. And now I want to say something about a face of Talking Rock that I cannot escape. And that drew me. And I believe in, if I have a compliment, I've got to give it to you because I don't want to die with it in my breast.

Hallelujah.

Jim: And I've had people die on me with an apology for them in my breast. I don't want that to happen again. But when, I believe, God told me you are to be there and you are to be there at the start. And so, when Lynn couldn't make it, thank you for Tim who said, "I'll go a day earlier than I planned to take you there." And when we got into some situations that caused us to be late last night, he said, "Jim, I'm not disappointed. I'm going to be there earlier than I planned to be even if we are late for supper." And I thought, "What a positive spirit that this man has been to our fellowship." But the face that I saw when you are to be there was Franklin.

Amen.

Jim: This is a face that I know only about some of his beliefs, but Jesus shines through that face and that kindness. And you watch him. He's walking to have this book to get it into the right hands, and this one. And that kindness is testimony to the kind of heart there is at Talking Rock. I have high hopes for you, as I know that Jesus Christ has for you. And I could burn you for a year in my need for repentance, but I give you a testimony of joy to be at Talking Rock and a praise to the Father. He inhabits our praises. To be amongst people that are willing to be themselves with Christ dwelling in.

They are nothing, as you say, the dust of the earth. What does that mean? It means we need to be totally recreated. God wants to start over and make us out of dirt so that we can honour Him and be the only legal graven images to represent our Father. And we don't do that by our looks. Any old bush would have done. We do that by the burning of the Spirit coming out of us and into others. And for that, I thank you for having me and I praise this Father that has inspired the group at Talking Rock. And I just want all of you hard workers to know that it is deeply appreciated. And I got to give this thing up before I start crying.

Doug: All right Malcolm, I'm going to go before you do. I just want to say thank you for that. And that at Talking Rock Sabbath Chapel, it is truly not about us. When this ministry started with a few families, there was a vision and Gary had probably the largest vision of all. And I was trying to knock that down a little bit because I didn't want too much expectation put on us, but because of Gary and Carolyn, this has happened. We didn't have a choice. We kind of wanted to allow this to take place within the Adventist conference. And that's what we wanted. We didn't get that. But what a blessing it's been that we can share this ministry with you guys because the Father has blessed Gary and Carol enough and are gracious enough to provide these facilities for us-

Amen.

Doug: To worship here. And we have an opportunity to seize at TRSC. And we just want you to know that we don't want the praise for this, we want to glorify the Father, and I know that's exactly what she meant and what everybody's been saying because I know most of you pretty well. But I'm so gracious that you feel that way about this program that's taking place because it's important. We need to hear

this. We need to know that we're reaching the world right now and that you guys will leave here and do the same. And I know I speak for the board and I don't speak for them too often, but I know this is what they feel and I know this is what our journey is all about. We all want to see the kingdom and we all want to be there together at the same table.

Amen.

Doug: *And I do appreciate each and every one of you. I've met some new people, I just want to say thank you to Craig. This man is a wonderful individual, Adrian, thank you for bringing him. And as far as Mr Mahan, he was being talked about earlier. I met him in Terra Bella, California. And we had a blessed event out there. And because of a common thing we had in common of a motorcycle that he showed up, I seeked him out and we became dear friends. And he's already been over here, what, two times, three times, to see me. And I'm hoping to head that way soon to see him. And then Lynnford Beachy, getting to know him. I wish he were here, brother, now. We miss you. And I want to thank everybody that came before me into this message that are kind of like the Founding Fathers, at least in the last 25 years, because we've talked about the negative side of Le Roy Froom and how we're related to him. Why don't we look at the positive side of the people that have laid the foundation in a positive way?*

Amen.

Doug: *Ellen White in the group. We got Malcolm Akrilis that has been doing this a long time. Adrian, and the list just keeps going on of all these people that have set up for us these stones in this path that we can take because God's working through them.*

Congregation member 7: *John Vandenberg.*

Doug: *John Vandenberg is another one. I mean, I'm so gracious to everybody that has shown this message around the world so far. And I believe it's going to go further because of the attitude that we have today and the Spirit being here. But I do appreciate each and every one of you coming. We want you here. We enjoy having you. And I was like Adrian, I didn't want anything to do with the feast either. I'm still studying, I still have a lot of questions, but I support the direction that we've chosen to go. It's a beautiful thing. And I don't believe I was in Terra Bella by coincidence because I met a family and got reunited with Mr. Kerr over here. And it was such a blessing to see them again because I hadn't seen him since the 70s in North Dakota. And whoever knew that they would be in this message, my own parents aren't even in it. And the bigger this group gets; I start seeing people that I grew up with.*

Amen.

Doug: *And I'm so glad you're here, George, and your family is wonderful.*

Malcolm: *Well, this may be the last thing, I don't know, before anybody else speaks, but we've mentioned a lot of names in here today and it really isn't any of them, quite frankly.*

Congregation member 8: *Amen.*

Malcolm: *When we see these things happen and we know these people, we can see who's living in them and it's Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

Congregation member 8: *Amen.*

Malcolm: *And I learned this many years ago through listening to a fellow by the name of Morris Venden. And he taught me the truth upon righteousness by faith.*

Congregation member 8: *Amen.*

Malcolm: *And we have to see all of ourselves as sinners. When we do that, in reality, our relationship with those around us become a lot better. And I just like the way things are moving here.*

Amen.

Malcolm: *It just blesses my soul because I've seen so many people over the years that Sandy and I have been involved in this that they listen, but they just don't stick for some reason or other. We've probably had 500 or 600 people come through our little ministry up there. And I don't know where they are today. A lot of them moved away, but the thing that throws my soul is the way this thing is growing right now, it just blesses me.*

Amen. Now I just want to say, I don't know if anyone else, I don't want to wind this up too early when the spirit is moving, but I think when we understand that Christ is the source of every right impulse, that we can then be free to send gratitude up through the channel by which the blessing comes. And that as long as we recognize where the source of the blessing is coming from. And my wife and I, we don't realize... Well, we do realize how much we depend on Gary and Carolyn. They're such a support to us, their generosity.

And I know it's Jesus doing it, but I say over and over again, if it wasn't for them picking up and helping print Return of Elijah, we wouldn't be where we are today. And the publishing of the material for several ministries, it's a spirit of generosity that only Jesus can give. And so, I'm really, really, really thankful. And we were mentioning other people before and in 2004, I sat there as an Adventist minister and someone handed me this DVD from this Jamaican. And boy did that man irritate me. But he was speaking to me. And so, I have a deep affection for David Clayton.

Malcolm: *Amen.*

Some of the things he says, oh, and I plead with him and he probably feels the same way, but I refuse to let go. I feel a sense of loyalty to him because he helped me. And when I read Foundation of our Faith by Allen Stump, that book really helped me and I'm really indebted to Allen. And I don't know if people are going to be listening to this, but I just want him to know that I really appreciate these men who have borne the burden of the work from the early 90s. Many of us wouldn't be here if it wasn't for these men that have sacrificed for the truth's sake. And I have this hope and desire that all of us can come on to the one platform of one God and one Lord. And it's important for us to express these things.

I know that God needs men that are hardy. When we are pioneering a work, you need men that are courageous. And that's what these men are. Sometimes you may feel that they're a little bit singular but that's the type of personality that's required to do that kind of work, to stand alone when there's nobody else around. And I know that Brother Lynnford is also one of those. And I've been really blessed, he and I have discussed together, I find his spirit approachable, and I just love the brother so much. And I just can't wait for him to get here and I'm just so glad he's coming. I'm really, really glad, so.

Craig: *And also Blair Andrew.*

Amen. Blair Andrew. I don't know how many of you've read any of the material from Blair Andrew but two weeks after I was married back in 1993, this man bells me up and gives me a six-hour lecture on the

Trinity. I thought the man was psycho. And I just thought he was crazy. But the spirit, it took seven years because I'm a stubborn Dutchman. Took seven years, complete years, for the Spirit to work me down and say, "Adrian, you dishonoured your friend, you didn't take seriously, you didn't read the material he gave you, you dishonoured your friend." And because I wanted the friendship, I started reading the material. And it was really Blair and his wife Caroline, they were the ones that did the biggest work for me to really get me focused on this message. So, thank you, Craig, for reminding us and they're faithful.

Are we able to kneel? I think that's appropriate.

Father in heaven, it's such a privilege to be able to participate in this meeting. Thank you for sending your Spirit to us through Jesus, our Lord. Father, we thank you that you've heard our confessions, you've heard our expressions, and we believe that you forgive us. There may be other things that privately or for others back at home where we've come from that we need to make things right. Lord, let this Spirit go out. Let us go with a determination to make everything right. That there'll be a rending of the heart that is complete that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus.

Lord, you have rebuked us. Be zealous, therefore, and repent, send your spirit to convict us that we will not allow any wall of partition. Lord, that you will bring together the various ministries, that you will help us to work through the biblical issues that are still before us because they're still there. We can't just wish away differences. We have to listen to each other, talk to each other, and pray with each other. It will take effort to give up cherished opinion, to surrender things that we thought were the truth that are not truth, and to present faithfully to our brethren the things that are the truth that you have shown us to be the truth. Father, we want so much to be in unity and harmony that it can be said, amongst the believers, there is a balm in Gilead.

Congregation: Amen.

There is a physician there. There is healing for the children of Israel and that amongst us, it will be known, here are they that love the Lord Jesus. And they'll take note of us that we've spent time with you. And it will be not so much the cutting logic and argument, it won't be those things, but the fact that in our spirit, there is the meek and lowly Jesus revealed in our hearts to all those we come in contact with. That is what we wish. I pray for every head bowed here that they will take and drink of this spirit deeply. And we will drink it over the next number of days and that we will take it with us back to our homes and our churches and groups. And we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.