## Be an Overcomer! Be a Winner!

**REVELATION 21:7** 

He that overcometh shall inherit all things;

and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

**REVELATION 3:21** 

To **him** that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as **I** also **overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

**ROMANS 8:37** 

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

# He that overcomes will go in the Rapture

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
174 "But <u>he that overcometh</u>," he that overcomes all those worldly things of this age, what will they do? All will set with Him in His throne; <u>will go in the Rapture when He comes</u>.

## They overcame by the blood of the Lamb

#### **REVELATION 12:11**

11 And <u>they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb</u>, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

#### **JOHN 16:33**

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

#### 1JOHN 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

#### **ROMANS 12:21**

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

### How to overcome and What

360-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9

Now <u>what are we to **overcome**?</u> That is the normal question to ask here. But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much **WHAT** we are to **overcome** but <u>**HOW**</u> we are to **overcome**. Now this is logical, for does it matter much **WHAT** we are to **overcome** as long as we know **HOW** we can **overcome**?

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Jesus overcame by the Word. And right now, let me say that this is the only way to be an overcomer, also it is the only way that you can know if you are overcoming, because that Word CAN'T fail.

# The Price of Victory

57-0421S THE.GREAT.AND.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Before any victory can be won, there must be great prices paid. Oh, what prices. And sometimes they are very deep, and they make great scars, tearing down. But in order to have the mountain, we've got to have the valley. Before we can have the sunshine, we've got to get the rain. Before we can have the light, we've got to get the night. Before we can have right, they had to have wrong, or you'd have never knowed what wrong was.

## No Battle — No Victory

### 53-0601 WHATEVER.HE.SAYS.TO.YOU.DO.IT\_ CONNERSVILLE.IN

E-2 And I'm praying to God, that through the **battles** that I know that you've had a coming along this way; it's rugged, but it's the blessed way, isn't it?...?... I just... If you--<u>if there's **no battle**</u>, then there's **no victory**. But you've got to have a **battle** to have **victory**. If it was just given to you, it wouldn't be--wouldn't be no--wouldn't be a victory. But he that overcometh is the one who has the victory. So Jesus came to the earth; He had a **battle**; He won the victory. And tonight we have a **battle**, and with Christ, we can have the **victory**.

# Opportunities to have victories

55-0109E BEGINNING.AND.ENDING.OF.THE.GENTILE.DISPENSATION\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- E-12 Search the Scripture. **The Word of God** is a Lamp unto our feet. That we should, if we should be guided then, it's **the Light** that follows the pathway that leads us **from victory unto victory**.
- E-13 Now, before you can have a **victory**, there has to be a **battle**. And if there's no **battles**, there's no **victories**. So we ought to be thankful for **the battles and the tryings**. It's **God giving us the opportunity to have victories**. Oh, my, don't that make it a little bit better now? See, the **battle** come along, somebody saying something bad about you, sickness come on to you, maybe God give you those light afflictions that He might heal you and show His favor to you, let you see what He means by it. He loves you.

## You got to do something, too

### 62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB\_ PHOENIX.AZ

- So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him."
- But that's up to you. See, <u>you got to do something, too</u>. <u>"They that overcome shall inherit all things."</u> They that **overcome**. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? "She has made Herself ready." I like that Word.
- You see, <u>God could not push us through a little pipe</u>, <u>pull us out on the other end</u>, <u>and then saying</u>, <u>"Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome</u>; He just pushed you through. But <u>you've got to make decisions for yourself</u>. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

# Life is a fight, Life is a course, a race

#### II TIMOTHY 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

#### **HEBREWS 12:1-2**

- 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and <u>let us run</u> with patience <u>the race</u> that is set before us,
- 2 **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith;

# Don't try to compete with someone else

### 57-0126B INDIA.TRIP.REPORT\_ LIMA.OH

E-33 But I got better hopes of you brethren here this morning, that you'll be men of God who stay with the Word of God. And let everything else fall right to left, but stay right with that Word. Don't move. No matter if you're a doormat out there, be a good doormat. **Don't try to compete with someone else** or do this. Just get right in the Word, and stay right there, and God will positionally place you into His Kingdom, where you can be the best.

### 54-0228A EXPECTATION\_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-14 So we're not here to be competitors with one another. We're here to be God's servants to the people.

### 63-1124E THREE.KINDS.OF.BELIEVERS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

107 <u>Nobody can take your place, no matter how little</u>. You say, "I'm just a housewife." Nobody can take your place. <u>God, in His great economy, has so set so, the Body of Christ, in order, till there is no one can take your place</u>.

# God is getting His soldiers ready

150 The greatest battle ever fought, she is going on right in here now, yes, sir, between life and death, between sickness and health, between faith and doubt, oh, my, between liberty and bondage. The battle is on! Shine your spears, soldiers. Polish up the armor. God is getting His soldiers ready. Amen. God anoints His army.

#### II TIMOTHY 2:3

3 Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier** of Jesus Christ.

### 1. Faith

#### MARK 11:22-24

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, <u>Have faith in God!</u>

### [Lit. Have God's faith!]

- For verily I say unto you, That <u>whosoever shall say</u> unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith**.
- 24 Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire**, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

# Faith cometh by hearing

#### **ROMANS 10:17**

17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.

#### **HEBREWS 11:6**

But <u>without faith it is impossible to please him</u>: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder** of them that diligently seek him.

# Faith is our victory

### 1JOHN 5:4

4 For <u>whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world</u>: and this is <u>the victory</u> that <u>overcometh</u> the world, even <u>our faith</u>.

### What is Faith?

65-0725M THE.ANOINTED.ONES.AT.THE.END.TIME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Mhat is faith? Faith is something that's revealed to you; that is not yet, but you believe it will be. Faith is a revelation of the will of God.

55-0109M MELCHISEDEC.THE.GREAT.PRINCE.AND.KING\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

E-16 And I'm positive that many times in people's thinking, that they try to make Divine healing and so forth, some great outreaching something, way away, "If I could only reach it." Could you imagine Jesus saying, "Now, let Me **check My faith**, and see if I've got enough faith to do this, see if I'll have to fast awhile to see if I'll have enough faith to do this." He was perfectly **unconscious** of the faith that He had. He just spoke it and knew that it would be so.

E-17 Just like you're come from your homes today, you probably want to return to your home, told your wife or your loved ones, "I'll be back sometime right after noon." How do you know you are? You don't try to wonder, "Have I got faith enough to go home? Have I got faith enough to drive my car? You just <a href="unconsciously">unconsciously</a> turn your key on, drive on away and go home. See? It's a <a href="unconscious faith">unconscious faith</a> that does it. That's the way it is: in Christ we just <a href="unconsciously">unconsciously</a> just say, "That's His word; that just settles it; there's no more to it." and go on. That's how they get well.

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# Your faith is unconscious. Just relax yourself!

64-0306 A.GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE.NOW\_ DALLAS.TX

199 Your faith is unconscious. Don't press now, or jump. You jump away from it. It's right with you. Just relax yourself and believe. Just believe now, have faith.

And be reverent, just have faith, just believe. Sometimes your faith is unconscious, you have it and you don't know it.

### 2. Mental strength — Self will — Determination

#### **MATTHEW 16:24**

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, <u>If any man will come after me</u>, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

#### **REVELATION 22:17**

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

### You have to will to do God's Will

### 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

How did it? <u>Self-will</u>. Why will you call that 'self-will,' Brother Branham?" Because it puts a man and woman back again just like Adam and Eve at the garden of Eden. On what? The two trees! Self-will, this one is death. This one is Life, self-will. Immoral... Free moral agency! God placed the first man, Adam and Eve, right here on free moral agency. He places you the same place. And the only way that you can get this thing fixed in here is your own self-will. Hallelujah! Your self-will! You have to will to do God's Will. You have to get rid of your own will to let God's Will come in, for this is the only channel that leads to the heart.

# A man fully surrendered to God is omnipotent

### 60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Man is omnipotent. You don't believe that, but he is. <u>A man fully surrendered to God is omnipotent</u>. Did not He say, in Mark 11:22, "Whatsoever things you say, and don't doubt in your heart, it'll come to pass. You can have what you've said"?

What happens when two omnipotents meet? When God and man comes together through omnipotence, something's got to shake. Some-... Whatsoever you'd say with that creative power of omnipotence of God, knowing that He's promised it, and He said it in His Word, it creates a power that goes out yonder and brings things to pass, things that is not, it makes, them as though they are, because two omnipotents have met.

# As he thinketh in his heart, so is he

#### PROVERBS 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are <u>true</u>, whatsoever things are <u>hones</u>t, whatsoever things are <u>just</u>, whatsoever things are <u>pure</u>, whatsoever things are <u>lovely</u>, whatsoever things are of <u>good report</u>; if there be any <u>virtue</u>, and if there be any <u>praise</u>, <u>think on these things</u>.

#### **ROMANS 12:2**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but <u>be ye transformed by the renewing of</u> **your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

# The size of the fight in the dog

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52-0900 GOD'S.WAY.THAT'S.BEEN.MADE.FOR.US_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

« 208 † You say, "Brother Branham, I hardly got very much education.

I'm too small. The preachers will turn me down."

Let's just go back to the story. "It ain't the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog." That's what it is today. Stand up there.
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# Don't look at your inabilities

53-0508 GOD.COMMISSIONING.MOSES\_ JONESBORO.AR

E-14 Oh, my. Here... And he did. Certainly he did. He went down and took over because God was with him. Said, "What's you go in your hand?"

He said, "A stick." Wasn't very much, but it was a stick. Well, you might not have very much in your hand tonight.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I can't even whistle, let alone testify."

Well, brother, you can do something. Whatever is in your hand, get going. We're at the end of the road, brother. Let's get out here tomorrow. Let's testify to somebody. Let's do something about something. Don't stand still.

You say, "Well, I've been a timid person." Moses said the same thing. Just reminds me, one time over a football stadium, I was preaching in. I walked in. It said, a little sign up over there, said, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." So that's a good idea. You may not be so very big, but get a lot of fight about you. You got to get into it.

« E-15 Anything I hate to see is <u>a spineless person</u> call themselves a Christian. My, God wants somebody with grit and backbone.

## The right mental attitude

### 50-0405 EXPECTATION\_ NEW.YORK.NY

E-13 I want to speak for a moment or two on the word of "Expectation." We always get what we expect. When people expect anything, well then they usually get what you look for. It's **the mental attitude** that you have. Remember this, and never forget it. **The right mental attitude towards any promise of God will bring it to pass**, the right mental attitude towards any promise of God.

It doesn't take gifts of healing to heal sick people, any person in here has a right to meet Satan anywhere, if you're a Christian, and defeat him on any grounds that he could stand on.

# 3. Humility

#### **REVELATION 5:5-6**

- And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, <u>the Lion</u> of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, <u>hath prevailed</u> to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- And <u>I beheld</u>, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood <u>a Lamb as it had been slain</u>, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

#### **REVELATION 17:14**

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

#### **ZECHARIAH 9:9**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: <u>behold, thy King</u> cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; <u>lowly, and riding upon an ass</u>, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

#### **MATTHEW 11:29**

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for <u>I am meek and lowly in heart</u>: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

# Humble yourself

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, <u>he humbled himself</u>, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name:

#### **JAMES 4:10**

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

#### **PROVERBS 18:12**

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

#### **LUKE 22:27**

27 For <u>whether is greater</u>, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but <u>I am among you as he that serveth</u>.

# See how humble you can get

### 63-0714E HUMBLE.THYSELF\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- You know, people want power, and really they don't know what power is. See, they-they don't really know what--what--what goes with it. The--the way up is down, always. If you want power, see how humble you can get. Just get away from all your worldly thinking, and humble yourself before God, and then you've got more power than the man that runs all over the building and makes a big lot of noise; see, because you have been able to conquer yourself, and commit yourself to Christ, you see, to humble yourself before Him. That's really power.
- You show me a church that's humble, real humble, not a--a arrogancy; a church, just a sweet, humble church, I'll show you a church that has the favor and power of God in it. That's right. That's the thing it takes, humility, humbling ourselves before God, letting God just work through us. Don't have to make a lot of noise.

# Almighty God humbled Himself

### 57-0421S THE.GREAT.AND.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- But <u>in order to conquer and to win the greatest battle that was every won</u>, One stepped out of glory many years ago. And He did not take upon Himself the form of an Angel. He did not come as some great person. But He was going to prove that it don't take muskets, and bullets, and atomic bombs to win a war. <u>He clothed Hisself in humility</u> like a little baby, and was born in a manger.
- Dwelling in Him, holding back, veiled with human flesh, as a man, but inside of there dwelt none other but <u>Almighty God</u>, the great and mighty One. He could recreate. He could create new things. He could speak, and what He asked for would be given at that second. But <u>He humbled Himself; He kept low. He wanted to give an example. He wanted to be the right kind of a Conqueror</u>.

# God's people want to be humble The way up is down

60-1207 THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

See, that's the difference. Somebody wants their name in some big something, but <u>God's people</u> wants to shun that kind of stuff. They don't want great big things, and great big something; they <u>want to be humble</u>, that humility. The way--the way up is down. "He that humbles himself shall be exalted; he that exalts himself shall be abased." Humbled himself. Don't try to be a big something; <u>try to be a little</u> <u>something</u>, <u>but be what you are</u>. See? Be little in the sight of God, be little in your own sight, everybody else is above you. "Lets him's the greatest among you be minister to all."

Who could be greater than <u>Jesus Christ</u> who girded Himself and washed the disciples' feet? A foot-washing flunky, He become.

# Jesus conquered by the Word and humility

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

And in the presence of death, <u>He defeated it</u>. He overcome death. In the presence of hell, He defeated hell and overcome hell. Yes. In the presence of the grave, <u>He overcome the grave</u>. Why? <u>All by the Word, and humility</u>. Oh, my! <u>There's the real Man</u>. There's the One to make your example.

# Humbling ourself to conquer

### 61-0611 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.1\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

There you are, brothers. Through meekness, through sweetness, through the Holy Spirit that we conquer. Not some great mighty intellectual giant, but <a href="heetnest">he that can</a> <a href="heetnest">humble himself is the man who conquers</a>. The man who can be kicked around and still be a servant of Christ, that's the conqueror.

### 59-0628E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, that'll stay humble, and meek, and stay in the place until God calls him to do something (you believe that? See?), a man that God can bless and he'll still keep hisself a man, not be an angel or a god. As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god; he wants to become a--a angel. He wants to become some great person. "What I do, what... Me and me and mine..." all that. That's the wrong attitude. God's hunting for somebody who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and--and more He blessed, the littler the man will become.

And you'll never get more of God until you become nothing. You've got to belittle yourself. He that will exalt himself, God will bring abase. He that will humble himself, God will exalt. You've got to get little before you can get big. And you'll never be big in your own self; you'll only be as big as God will be big in you.

### 4. Regular training — Ready to suffer and get hurt

#### I CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

- 24 Know ye not that they which <u>run in a race</u> run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
- And every man that **striveth for the mastery** is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
- I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
- 27 But <u>I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection</u>: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

#### **HEBREWS 5:14**

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even **those who by reason** of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

It's better to suffer now and overcome, thank to suffer later because we have failed!

# 5. A good coach – A good trainer

#### **PSALM 144:1**

1 A Psalm of David. Blessed be <u>the LORD</u> my strength, <u>which teacheth my hands to war,</u> and my fingers to fight:

#### **GALATIANS 4:1-2**

- 1 Now I say, That **the heir**, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
- 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

#### JOHN 14:16

- And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you <u>another [allos: of the same sort]</u>
  Comforter [parakletos: he that is called to one's side to help], that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for <u>he</u> dwelleth with you, and <u>shall be in you</u>.
- 18 I will not leave you comfortless [orphanos: orphan, fatherless]: I will come to you.

### What does a coach?

The coach helps the person to have self-confidence and to believe in his/her potential.

He helps the person to develop and externalize all his/her abilities for self-fulfilment.

He is a talent booster.

He accompanies the person to make his/her projects come true, but does not control him/her.

He tries to make the person become self-sufficient, not dependant.

### God trained men

### 58-1005E GOD.CALLED.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

And God has made a promise: "If the people that are called by My Name shall assemble themselves together and pray, then I'll hear from heaven."

And so, we tonight, want to think on that, and remember that in the midst of all this cry, God cannot send a revival until He's got man in shape to take it. We cannot have a revival until we get men--God-called men, God-trained men, that's not trained up in the schools of theology and of education, but rugged men of faith that God has brought up in the school of His rugged training, men who are not afraid to face the fire, men who has come in the Presence of God and knows His power, and knows His omnipotence, and knows His healing power, some men that's trained to know the living God. It's all right to train them by the Word, but the letter killeth; the Spirit giveth Life.

And before we can have this revival, God has to call out and train men (God-trained men) to carry this Message. And they don't care what the opposition is. They are willing to go to the fiery furnace in defeat, or to the lions' den, or wherever it may be; they're ready to go, because they've been in the Presence of God and know that He is. Whether it's to victory or defeat, they still stand the same.

That's the kind of training God does to man. And it's very strange to think that God would do that-that God trains His men like that, but He does.

### God trains men

63-0601 COME.FOLLOW.ME\_ TUCSON.AZ

Lord Jesus! Youth, men and women for tomorrow, if there is a tomorrow. We must train them, Lord. We feel that burden, to train them like there will be a tomorrow. If there is not, then today is the day.

63-1118 I.AM.THE.RESURRECTION.AND.LIFE\_ CAMPBELLSVILLE.KY

But <u>God sometimes train men for years, to get a few days of service</u> <u>out of him</u>. John the Baptist was thirty years, by himself, in the wilderness, for six months of service. Jesus Christ was thirty years old, for three years of service, for the crucifixion. <u>God trains men, brings them up. It's His purpose</u>. Time is with man. Eternity is with God.

### Rigorous training

59-1004E WHY.CRY.SPEAK\_ CLARKSVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_

E-12 Now, Moses, being called for this purpose... But he was a man; God trained him eighty years before He ever was able to use him: forty years in the palace and forty years in the wilderness. God can train a man, take Him a hundred years for thirty minutes work. God knows how to train. What the schools had put in Moses forty years, it taken forty years to get it out. But one time in the presence of the anointing, one time in the presence of the burning bush, he knowed more about God than he'd learnt in books in the eighty years of his life. God trains His men then anoints them, gives them experience, takes them through the rigored [rigorous] training, down through the sands of burning punishment, trying, testing. Not only does He do that to His prophets, but He does it to His children. Every son that cometh to God must be chastened and tried, tested by His Word.

### Our Trainer is the Holy Spirit

### 56-0923 SPIRITUAL.ADOPTION\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

E-32 And many a time <u>our Trainer the Holy Spirit</u>, we try to do it the wrong way, but sometimes it hurts us. Sometimes we may lay on a bed of affliction; sometimes the doctor may say that all hopes is gone; but it's the Holy Spirit teaching us to use the right hand. He knows what's best. He knows how the Father wants it done. He is the trainer.

And I thought... Little Joseph, he wouldn't use the hand, so the mother reaches up and gets her frailing stick, about so long. And she tapped it on the side, and he looked over to me. But yet I loved him with all my heart, would die freely for him, but I knew the mother knowed best. I said, "She's training the child."

We can't look for sympathy and be sympathized with too much. We must listen to the child-training of our Father. He knows what's best. Sometimes we say, when the Gospel's being preached, "Oh, I'll just go to my church. They don't tr... I'll just believe it this a way." See? But remember the Holy Spirit knows best. It knows how to train you. Sometimes It taps the stick, corrects you. And you must remember God made Him the--the child-trainer for the Church. And He loves the Father, and He will always point to the Father.

### Six-second Smith

- 62-0311 THE.GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-11
- And you know what? You know why I'm doing this? I'll tell you. The other day I had a dream. I wasn't going to tell it, but it's just on my mind. I might as well do it, after the Lord has give me interpretations.
- 301 I dreamed that I was fixing to cross a great river, for mission work. And now, first, I was up there with my wife...
- And how many ever knowed <u>George Smith</u>, six-second Smith, here in town? George Smith, his boy is on the police force here. He, poor George, is an alcoholic now. But he was <u>one of the best fighters. He was the one give me my training</u>, 'fore even went to the Y.M.C.A. and anywhere. He used to train us. And he was fast, real fast. He was only a welterweight, for hundred-forty-five pound. And he trained me. And used to stand up there, and he could take his fist, like that, and hit me right in the stomach, raise me up against the wall, see, but, and it wouldn't bother me. He just had me trained, there wasn't nothing but just training.
- And I seen six-second Smith, a young fellows coming against him, in wrestling. And he, that old man, about, oh, I guess... I'm fifty-two. He's about fifty-eight, sixty. There wasn't any of them young guys could touch him, in any way. He just tie them in a knot, like that, just lay them on the floor and hold them with his hand.
- I thought, "That's strange." I thought my wife was with me, and I said, "That's strange." I said, "You know what, Meda? He used to be my trainer."
- She said, "I--I remember that, you telling me about it."
- 305 I said, "Yes, sir. With his good training, I won fifteen professional fights, and quit the--the business; preach the Gospel.

### 62-0408 PRESUMING\_ CLEVELAND.TN

E-36 When I first started training for boxing, before I got in professional fighting, there used to be <u>a trainer</u> called him "Six-second Smith." The first professional fight he had, he whipped the man in six seconds. And when I started training, that man liked to killed me. He'd knock me plumb out of the ring and everything else. And I was skipping ropes, and running seven, eight miles every day, and taking all the training.

And I said, "Six, why do you have to do me that way?" See? I said, "You just knock the breath out of me. Man, I went plumb over four ropes, come right out of there in--in amongst them chairs, and liked to broke my back on them."

He laughed, said, "That'll do you good."

I said, "Do me good? How can it do me good? You're about to kill me."

And he said, "Look, Billy. I don't care how physically fit you are; your body's got to be able to stand that, come back right quick. If you take a hard punch." said, "if your body's not used to coming back, you'll lay there and take the count." He said, "But if your--your body's used to taking it, then coming back..." Every time you hit it, that shocks the blood, runs it back to the heart.

Said, "If you do that." said, "then your body's used to coming back quick. When you get knocked down [Brother Branham snaps his fingers--Ed.] on your feet again." See? And said, "That don't mean a thing when you get knocked down--up on your feet again, quick." Said, "You hate me now. But you'll appreciate me when you get out there in the ring." That was right.

« E-37 † Brother, sometime I'd have to knock to who wouldn't have it. But I found something. Don't baby them; pour it on. You'll appreciate me when you come to Calvary. See? When you come to the end of the road, you'll say, "Praise God. I'm glad I took that old rugged way. Here I stand washed in the Blood of the Lamb."

### 6. Right diet (dietician)

#### MATTHEW 4:4

4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by** every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

#### **MATTHEW 24:45**

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them **meat in due season**?

#### HEBREWS 5:14

14 But <u>strong meat</u> belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

#### **REVELATION 2:17**

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

### Eat the open Book

#### **REVELATION 10:8-9**

- And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the <u>little book</u> which is <u>open</u> in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
- 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

65-1127B TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL\_ SHREVEPORT.LA 319 Notice, God told the prophet, said, "Eat the scroll," in the Old Testament. The prophet of the New Testament, He said, "Eat the little book." Why? That the prophet and the Word would be one!

### White dog – black dog

64-0830E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.4\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY\_

Somebody told me he had one, one time was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, "How you getting along?"

He said, "Pretty good and pretty bad."

He said, "Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?"

He said, "Well, since me receive the Holy Ghost," he said, "there's been <u>two dogs in me</u>, and one of them a black dog and one of them a white dog." And said, "They argue all the time." Said, "They growl and fight at one another." And said, "The white dog wants me do good; the black dog wants me do bad."

Said, "Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?"

Said, "That depends on which one Chief feeds the most." So I think that's a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that's in you; it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God. That does it.

### A full seven course Menu

65-0218 THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

128 But now He promised us a full square Meal, the <u>full seven course Menu</u>, for <u>all the Seven Seals are opened</u>, and everything is ready for the Word of God, to those who can receive!

The Church needs some vitamins. It's become anemia. Its nerve system's run down. Now, I tell you; God's got a whole storehouse full of vitamin here. Yes, sir. It'll beat all they got in the drugstore. Just accept them spiritual vitamins, and it'll build you up, a peculiar people, a holy nation. Amen. Certainly.

64-0418E JESUS.KEEPS.ALL.HIS.APPOINTMENTS\_ TAMPA.FL

Any shepherd is interested in getting his sheep with <u>vitamins</u>. And these are <u>spiritual</u> <u>vitamins</u>, as it was, that--that helps the sheep to <u>grow into strong faith</u> in our God.

### 7. Rest

#### **GENESIS 2:1-3**

- 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
- 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

### **LEVITICUS 23:31-32**

- 31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
- 32 <u>It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest</u>, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

### **ISAIAH 28:12**

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may <u>cause the weary</u> to <u>rest</u>; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

# I will give you rest

#### **MATTHEW 11:28**

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

#### MARK 6:31

And he said unto them, **Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while**: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

#### HEBREWS 4:9

- 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

### The Christian is at rest

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
410 "'Remember the sabbath day; keep it holy," one day in the week; now He
magnified it, the "rest" comes from keeping the Spirit of God. "Precept upon precept,
and line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Hold fast that what's good. For with
stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. And that is the rest. That's
the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord."

56-0101 WHY.ARE.PEOPLE.SO.TOSSED.ABOUT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
10-2 A Christian is not tossed about. A Christian doesn't run from place to place. A
Christian doesn't fuss, and fume, and worry about things. A Christian rests. It's all over. It's
all finished for the believer at Calvary. That's right. Oh, sickness may comes and
disappointments; but the Christian's at rest knowing this, that God's able to keep that
which He has performed, knowing that no matter what the thing is, or how it looks, there's
neither sickness, sorrow, death; there's neither starvation or anything that can separate us
from the love of God that's in Jesus Christ. We're at rest. Just let the old ship toss any way
she wants to; the anchor holds.

### These human bodies need rest

#### MATTHEW 8:23-24

- 23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.
- And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but **he was asleep**.

### 59-0301E WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.

E-29 And He sent an Angel. And the Angel touched him and he went to sleep. And when he woke up, there was some corn cakes, or some kind of cakes baked, laying by the side of him. And He said, "Elijah, rise up and eat." There's the grace of God to His servant. See, He's resting him.

You know, Jesus said, "Come aside into the wilderness, and let's rest a little while." Some of these guys that think you don't have to rest, we find out they burn out pretty quick too. If they don't take a rest, they find themselves wrecked up somewhere. I think that's where our brother Billy Graham is tonight, trying to overshoot the mark.

These human bodies are strong, but they need rest.

### A period of inactivity, relaxation, or sleep

Rest: A period of inactivity, relaxation, or sleep, so as to regain energy

A break, respite, pause
Shabaath

### **PSALM 3:3-5**

- But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
- 4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

### Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

# The true Church is just resting

### 61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- Now, when finally she found favor with Boaz, what happened? Then Naomi told her, "You wait here while Boaz does the work of a kinsman redeemer, 'cause he is the only one that can do it. He is our next kinsman redeemer, and you just wait here. Don't go in the fields no more. Don't do this, that, or the other. You just wait until the kinsman redeemership has been fulfilled." And she rested. Amen!
- 115 That's exactly what the Church has come to in this last stage of Pentecost. See? In the beginning of Pentecost they all worked up and they "had to do this," and they shook them and everything else. Now what is the Church doing? The true Church is just resting. What is Rest? Here it is, Rest is the "Holy Spirit," the sabbath day.
- And when Ruth was resting, it was a type of the Church resting in the promises of God! We have the earnest now of our salvation. We're not worried whether we're going over there or not, we're going! That's right. God said so! God promised it and we've got the earnest (Amen.), done been received, Christ has accepted us. No way to get away from It now, we're there!

# The Seventh Seal, a relaxing time

63-0324E THE.SEVENTH.SEAL\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

230 We must remember that this Seventh Seal is the end of time of all things. That's right. The things written in the Seven Seal Book (sealed up of the plan of redemption from before the foundation of the world), it every bit ends. It is the end; it is the end of the struggling world. It's the end of struggling nature. It's the end of everything. In there is the end of the trumpets. It's the end of the vials. It's the end of the earth. It's the...It's even the end of time. Time runs out; the Bible said so.

- 244 All the host of heaven was silent for this half hour, when this Seventh Seal mystery in the Book of Redemption was broke open. Think of it; but it's broke. The Lamb breaks it.
- 252 <u>Seven thunders in a row, uttered</u> not... making just--just one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, straight. Then heavens couldn't write that. Heavens can't know about it, nothing else, because <u>there's nothing to go on.</u> <u>It's a relaxing time.</u>

### 8. A good equipment

#### **EPHESIANS 6:11-17**

- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 14 Stand therefore, having your <u>loins</u> girt about with <u>truth</u>, and having on the <u>breastplate</u> of <u>righteousness</u>;
- 15 And your **feet shod** with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**;
- Above all, taking the **shield** of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17 And take the **helmet** of **salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**:

#### **I SAMUEL 17:50**

50 So <u>David prevailed</u> over the Philistine <u>with a sling and with a stone</u>, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

# God always completely equips His man

### 59-0712 A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Now, Moses, when he was called by God, he was a total, complete prophet. When God sends a man to do anything, He completely equips him with everything that he has need of. If God calls a man to be a preacher, He puts something in him to preach with. If He calls him to be a teacher, He puts something in him to teach with. If He calls for him to be a prophet, He puts something in him to see visions and to be a prophet. God always completely equips His man.

### The best equipment

### 62-0607 PUTTING.ON.THE.WHOLE.ARMOR.OF.GOD ABERDEEN.NC

E-23 So we find out that these secret agents of the enemy that sits around... Each nation now, will equips its men with the latest equipment, the very latest. And they study, and they do everything. They're trying to counteract the other fellow's weapons, and to get a little more modern weapon, a little--something with a little more punch to it. From the bow and arrow to a musket, and from a musket to a modern rifle, and from that to an atomic; they just keep building. And it keeps them busy all the time. And it's the nation's business. If they want to survive, they want to equip their soldiers with the best equipment that there is.

### God's atomic bomb

62-0311 THE.GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
123 There's the battle, the very first, front line. Let's not use a twenty-two rifle; let's get a--an atomic bomb. Let's do the job right. Let's get **God's atomic bomb**. "What is it, Brother Branham?" F-a-i-t-h in His Word. That's God's atomic bomb. It blows sickness and devils, right and left. It--it annihilates them. Discriminates... Oh, it's... It just destroys. It disintegrates everything that's ungodly. When that bomb of faith drops in there, with the Word of God behind it, it blows every devil, every sickness, every disease.

# Equipped with the baptism of the Holy Ghost

62-0701 TO.TAKE.ON.THE.WHOLE.ARMOR.OF.GOD\_ SANTA.MARIA.CA
E-95 You stay there till <u>God equips you with the baptism of the Spirit</u>.
Then everything you've got need of in this world or the world to come, lives right in you. The all wise God knowed how to equip His army. He equipped it with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's exactly what He sent for these last days.

### 9. A good team

#### **GENESIS 14:14-16**

- And when **Abram** heard that his brother was taken captive, he **armed his trained servants**, born in his own house, **three hundred and eighteen**, and pursued them unto Dan.
- 15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.
- And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

#### **II SAMUEL 23:8-9**

- 8 These be the names of the <u>mighty men whom David had</u>: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.
- 39 Uriah the Hittite: **thirty and seven in all**.

### Two are better that one

#### **LUKE 10:1**

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them **two** and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

#### **ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12**

- 9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.
- 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.
- 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?
- 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and <u>a threefold cord is</u> <u>not quickly broken</u>.

# Cooperation in the Body

#### **I CORINTHIANS 12:20-21**

- 20 But now are they **many members, yet but one body**.
- 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

#### **EPHESIANS 4:16**

16 From whom the <u>whole body fitly joined together</u> and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

### Protect our team members

62-1013 THE.INFLUENCE.OF.ANOTHER\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-11 SATURDAY\_ When you're playing a ball game, as it's football season, the thing we want to do, is not everybody try to take the ball away from the man that's got it. He is trying to guard that man, protect him, let him get through. We're trying to make a goal. See? But could you imagine a **team** so untrained as to find one man, their own man, with the ball running to the field goal, and then instead of trying to knock the enemy away from him, the opposing team, to let your own man that's got the ball take off with it, every man trying to take the ball out of his hand? Why, you're bound to lose. And today we have the same thing. When we see God come on the scene and going to bless a certain thing, let's keep all the enemies away from it. Let's use our influences as tackles, not runners, tackles that protects the runner, lets him pack the ball through; because there's no opposition, all he has to do is just keep running. And we should be tackles.

### We need one another so bad

### 62-0117 PRESUMING\_ PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY\_

- I happened to think, kind of put a little spiritual interpretation to that. When I was a young minister, every man that made a mistake, he was out of the picture. He couldn't even run in the race. That's all. If he wasn't a Baptist, he just was out of the picture, that's all. See? He just had to see the things I saw, or the man was altogether wrong.
- And then after I got a little bit older, I begin to realize that, you know, the blanket kind of stretched a little. I seen where he had to, what he had to go through with; a lot of toils, a pastor of a church, and the heartaches that goes with it. I realized that this blanket spreads a little over him, too, you know, to kind of keep him from getting cold. And now as we come on down to about where I am now, I--I--I tell you; we need one another so bad, we just can't hardly do without one another. That's all there is to it.
- 21 And as we see the days getting evil, and things the way they are, why, I think it's good that we come together and fellowship together.

# Backing one another up

E-81 In His army... He presents His army in the form of five offices, first, <u>apostles</u>, <u>prophets</u>, <u>teachers</u>, <u>pastors</u>, <u>evangelists</u>. That's His army; that's His soldiers; that's His commanding officers, all with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, waiting out there to meet the enemy on any grounds he comes upon; to meet the enemy with the Word of God (Amen.), <u>each one backing one another up</u>, with Him the Chief Captain, not out there in front, up here, above, back behind; but in them. That's the army. Vindicating, vindicating what? His resurrection, by the proof of His works.

### 10. Supporters

#### LUKE 22:31-32

- And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:
- 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

#### **JOHN 17:9**

9 <u>I pray for them</u>: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

#### JOHN 17:20-21

- 20 Neither **pray I** for these alone, but **for them also which shall believe on me through their word**;
- 21 <u>That they all may be one</u>; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

### Christ, our advocate, intercedes for us

#### **ROMANS 8:31-34**

- 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
- He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
- Who is he that condemneth? It is **Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession for us**.

#### 1 JOHN 2:1-2

- 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And <u>if any man sin, we have</u> <u>an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous</u>:
- 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

# The Lord is our helper

#### **HEBREWS 9:24**

24 For <u>Christ</u> is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to <u>appear in the presence of God for us</u>:

#### **HEBREWS 13:5-6**

- 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, <u>I will never leave thee</u>, nor forsake thee.
- 6 So that we may boldly say, <u>The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear</u> what man shall do unto me.

# Aaron and Hur supporting Moses' hands

#### **EXODUS 17:8-13**

- 8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.
- 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
- 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- 13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

### Supporters behind the curtain

60-0609 BE.NOT.AFRAID\_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH

E-14 Someone said to me (I believe it was last evening) said, "Brother Branham, where does this come from? How are you able to go meeting after meeting, staying under the anointing, and... Even one sign made Jesus weak when the woman touched His garment." Said, "I see you stand for a hour under that."

I said, "I'd like to tell you. Here's where it lays: he don't want me to say this, but my brother setting here, Gene Goad, that boy don't touch bread or water for days, fasting and praying. Here sets Pat Tyler, this other brother setting here by him. Them men lay on their faces without food and water when I'm in a meeting, praying for me. That's where it comes from. If there wasn't something like that, I'd go down."

<u>That's the men behind the curtain</u>. The man who prays for strength for a message, that they lay down everything. Maybe they haven't got the gifts to do those things, but <u>they're putting every</u> <u>effort they can to support it</u>. And the only way they can do it they know, is prayer before God and fasting. <u>There's where power lays: let someone pray for you</u>.

### Supporting financially and with prayer and fasting

### 54-0307E DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE\_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-8 Now, to the laity, that... We can't have a church, 'less we got the laity. You know, the pastor can't do it all. It's got to take some members in the church.

Each one of you has helped support this meeting with your finance. You have support it with prayer. And tonight, if schedule worked out regularly... Two little women that's been hid away in these eight days in the meeting, has been fasting and praying for this meeting. That's one of the reasons that it was a success. That's right. And may... I trust that they're here tonight. That was told to me by pretty good authority, which I believe is authentic. So I appreciate you sisters, and I appreciate you, not only them, but others who've been fasting and praying too, and backing me up with your wonderful faith in Jesus Christ.

### We need to be encouraged

### 56-1125M A.SECONDHANDED.ROBE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

E-18 Many are becoming discouraged. What we need brother is take courage. What we need is to be encouraged. And it's right. Trials may come; we never was promised to be immune from them; but He will give grace to go through them. If the mountain's too high to go over, too deep to go under it, too wide to go around it, He will give grace to go through it. That's right. Just don't worry, but keep your eyes on Christ, for He's the only one that can take us through.

# Stand by your officers

### 59-0712 A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

27 Now, there is a group of offices of our church, <u>deacons, trustees, Sunday school</u> <u>superintendent, pastor</u>, as our church is set in order. And you the people elected these officers and this pastor. I'm just general overseer to see it goes on right, and to give advice and so forth. You are the one who elects your pastor; you elect your trustees; you elect your deacons; you elect every office there is in this church, you the people. And <u>it's your duty to stand by those men</u> (See?) for they'll make mistakes. They're mortals; they're just men, and they'll make mistakes. But if the President of United States makes a mistake, do we throw him out as President? We forget about it and move on. That's the way we want to do our church now.

I was listening to him pray a few minutes ago for those deacons, and to hear back there a testimony at the door from the trustees, how that with one accord you all are. Now, stay that way. Now, you members stand by these trustees, deacons, and pastor. And remember, when you get this together, remember that it's the devil's business to see that that's broke up. Now, it's always has been and it always will be. But you stand by your officers, and that was the talk that I was going to make.

# Good supporters

60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

All right, now, "... was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Now remember, the first thing you have to do is what? **Get in the Spirit**. How's these revelations going to ever come to you? Get in the Spirit. How you ever going to get the Holy Ghost? Get in the Spirit. Get in the Spirit! When you was a sinner and you went to a dance, you got in that spirit. Oh, my, you started clapping your hands and patting your feet, and shindiggin' [a noisy party, often with dancing], and throwing your hat on the floor, and going around and around, acting silly. You was in the spirit of it. Could you imagine a fellow, was a dance fiend, going to a dance, say, "Well, and you all having pretty good time, I suppose."

"Oh!" they'd say. "You wallflower, get out of here!" See?

Go at the ball game, somebody knock a homerun [a hit that allows the batter to get around all four bases in one turn], or something another, set and look, and say, "Well, guess that's pretty good." Nah, you wouldn't be a baseball fiend [fan], you wouldn't be a real... you wouldn't be in the spirit of baseball. When somebody knocks a homerun, you raise up and holler, "Whew! My! Win!" Knock somebody's hat off his head like that, nobody says a word about it.

Then in the church when you get in the Spirit, raise up and holler, "Glory! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"

# It's your support: your love, "amens", fellowship, kind words, tithe and offerings

### 63-0901M TOKEN JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Look, I realize that. You know what? <a href="It's your tithe and offerings that I live by. It's your support">It's your love, and your support</a>, here at the church, that I have somebody to preach to. <a href="It's your love">It's your love</a>, and your support and your fellowship. And your kind words amongst out in the world there where you go to, to different states across the nation, it's your words that helps take the Message. It's you. <a href="Web are partners in this, with Christ">We are partners in this, with Christ</a>.

## 11. Following the rules of the game

#### **II TIMOTHY 2:4-5**

- 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
- 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is **he not crowned, except he strive lawfully**.

#### 58-0110 THE.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR\_ CHICAGO.IL

E-7 But you see, it didn't last, because if a man is a conqueror, his objectives must be right and his motives must be right. And if you don't play the game fair, you're bound to lose no matter how much conqueror you are. You have to follow the rules of the game to be a winner. And if you cheat, you're put out of the game, no matter how good a player you are. So Hitler never followed the rules. He wanted all the power to himself, and all the glory to himself. Therefore, his objectives was wrong. And any man that has those motives or objectives will end up just like Hitler did.

# 12. Resilience (Ability to bounce back)

PROVERBS 24:16

16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:

The Oak and the Reed, By Jean de La Fontaine (1621-1695)



### We need to be flexible

#### LUKE 5:37-38

- And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
- 38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

#### 57-0127A THE.IMPERSONATION.OF.CHRISTIANITY\_ LIMA.OH

E-22 And I see what Jesus meant then; if you put new wine, unfermented wine, into a bottle like that, and that new wine had life in it, and it went to working and fermenting, it would burst the bottle. And that's the way you take the baptism of the Holy Ghost and put it in an old, dry, formal cowhide; it'll blow up as sure as the world. You just can't have it like that.

You try to take the baptism of the Holy Ghost with an old experience of some long drawed out church experience, it'll blow up sure as the world. "But new wine," said Jesus, "goes in new bottles." The new bottles has still the animal oil in the skins, and it's flexible. That's the way God's church must be for a revival: flexible.

### Let me rise and try again

#### **Resilience or resiliency**

- 1. (physics) the power or ability to return to the original form, position, etc., after being bent, compressed, or stretched; elasticity.
- 2. ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like;

57-0610 FAITH.ONCE.DELIVERED.TO.THE.SAINTS\_ INDIANAPOLIS.

E-2 I got lots of respects for a man, when he does <u>make a mistake</u>, he's got courage enough to rise and try again. We're all going to make mistakes. The best makes mistakes.

But <u>a soldier is not one who will lay down when he's knocked down but will raise up again</u>. We used to sing a little song, "<u>Let Me Rise And Try Again</u>." And I like that. For I have made many mistakes in my life, as we all have. But I've always been thankful to God for grace to let me rise and try again.

### Any good soldier of the Cross will rise and try again

#### 60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Used to be, coming to the church here years ago, and they may be here this morning, a little man and his wife. They used to sing a song that thrilled me, goes something like this:

Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time,

I'll be Yours if You'll be mine; 

!!!

If I fall or if I fail, let me rise and try again,

Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time.

I like that, for <u>any good soldier's apt to get wounded or hurt. But if he's still a soldier,</u> and got a purpose, and something to fight for, he'll rise and try again. <u>Any good soldier of the Cross will do the same thing.</u>

### Moses failed, was rejected and fled, but...

#### **EXODUS 2:11-15**

- 11 And it came to pass in those days, when <u>Moses</u> was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.
- And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he <u>slew the</u> <u>Egyptian, and hid him in the sand</u>.
- And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the <u>Hebrew</u>s strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?
- And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.
- Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But <u>Moses fled from the face</u> <u>of Pharaoh</u>, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

### Samson failed, was bound, lost his sight, but...

#### JUDGES 16:20-21

- » 20 † And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, <u>Samson</u>. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that <u>the LORD was departed from him</u>.
- » 21 † But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

### David failed, was rejected and fled, but...

#### **II SAMUEL 15:30**

And <u>David</u> went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and <u>wept</u> as he went up, and had <u>his head covered</u>, and he went <u>barefoot</u>: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

### Jesus was rejected, was crucified, died, but...

#### **JOHN 1:11**

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

#### **MATTHEW 27:23**

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified!

#### MATTHEW 27:39-40

- 39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,
- And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

#### **MATTHEW 27:50**

50 **Jesus**, when he had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost**.

# Paul, forsaken by all, but...

#### **II TIMOTHY 4:16**

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but <u>all men forsook me</u>: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

Brother Branham, rejected, but...

### 13. Perseverance, persistance, endurance

#### HEBREWS 10:35-36

- 35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
- For **ye have need of patience [perseverance, endurance]**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

#### **DANIEL 6:16**

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto **Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually**, he will deliver thee.

#### **MATTHEW 10:22**

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but <u>he that endureth to the end shall be saved</u>.

#### **II TIMOTHY 2:12**

12 <u>If we suffer [endure], we shall also reign with him</u>: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

### A winner never quits – a quitter never wins

#### 63-0113E PERSEVERANCE\_ PHOENIX.AZ

- We just got many things we could say about different ones that was perseverant, persistent, holding on, to achieve.
- 1've got a little slogan, that I say it quite a bit. It might be good for you to take it. "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins." Just think of it. "A winner never quits, and a quitter can't win." You must hold on. And before you even start, be dead sure you're right. And then be persistent, let nothing move you. Go on.

### Not he that starts; he that finishes!

63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

86 "Not he that starts; he that finishes." Many start the race, but there's One finishing it. There'll be many churches start, many groups of people. There'll be one Group finish. That's the overcomers.

### Running with patience, perseverance, endurance

#### **HEBREWS 6:15**

15 And so, after he [Abraham] had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

#### **HEBREWS 12:1**

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and <u>let us run</u> with patience [perseverance, endurance] the race that is set before us,

#### **REVELATION 14:12**

Here is the patience [perseverance, endurance] of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

### Be perseverant!

#### 62-0520 PERSEVERANCE CHICAGO.IL

E-11 "Perseverance," according to Webster's dictionary, I was--I was just looking, it means to be "persistent, to--in making a goal." You must be fully persuaded and be persistent. Then you're perseverant. And--and now, it's--it's a good word. I like it. I'm very fond of that fine word: perseverant. And I think that's the attitude that all Christians should be in at all times. Be perseverant!

And men through all ages that has faith in what they are trying to achieve, has always been perseverant. All down through the history of time, men that's ever done anything has been men trying to achieve something. And they have to have faith in what they're trying to achieve, and when they do, then they are perseverant.

#### 62-0218 PERSEVERANCE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

Now, perseverance, to be persistent, to try to make a goal, trying to, <u>you've got</u> <u>your mind set on something</u>, and you're--<u>you're persistent in it because you believe</u> <u>it's the thing that you want, and you believe you can get it</u>.

### 14. Discipline and Self-discipline

#### **JOHN 5:19**

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

#### JOHN 8:28-29

- Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
- 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

#### JOHN 12:49-50

- 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.
- And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

### Jesus controlled His actions and His life

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#### JOHN 10:17-18

- 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.
- No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. <u>I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again</u>. This commandment have I received of my Father.

## Controlling our tongue

#### **JAMES 3:2**

2 For in many things we offend all. <u>If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man,</u> and able also to bridle the whole body.

#### **II PETER 1:6**

6 And [add] to knowledge temperance;

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

We're talking about <u>Holy Spirit temperance</u>. <u>That means, how to control your tongue</u>, not be a tattler; <u>how to control your temper</u>, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you.

223 How to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you.

# The soul controls the spirit the spirit controls the body

51-0509 TESTIMONY\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA

E-45 Make us true stewards. May we shape our lives by self control, that we'll know by the help of the Holy Spirit to have a full confidence that Jesus will say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant." at that day.

65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED\_ SHREVEPORT.LA
209 But when it's directed from the inside [the soul], it throws all the rest of it together. That's the guidepost. That's the control tower, the inside of the inside. The soul controls the spirit, the spirit controls the body.

## What is self-discipline?

It is the ability to control one's impulses, emotions, desires and behavior. It is being able to turn down immediate pleasure and instant gratification in favor of gaining the long-term satisfaction and fulfillment from achieving higher and more meaningful goals.

To possess self-discipline is to be able to make the decisions, take the actions, and execute your game plan regardless of the obstacles, discomfort, or difficulties, that may come your way.

Certainly, being disciplined does not mean living a limiting or a restrictive lifestyle. Nor, does not mean giving up everything you enjoy, or, to relinquish fun and relaxation.

It does mean learning how to focus your mind and energies on your goals and persevere until they are accomplished.

It also means cultivating a mindset whereby you are ruled by your deliberate choices rather than by your emotions, bad habits, or the sway of others. Self-discipline allows you to reach your goals in a reasonable time frame and to live a more orderly and satisfying life. Studies show that **people with self-discipline are happier**.

Self-discipline is the ability to make yourself to things that should be done.

# We've got to be disciplined first

#### 60-0712 HEAR.YE.HIM\_ KLAMATH.FALLS.OR

E-61 "If you say to this mountain (not if I say). If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart. What we need is adoption. Sons and daughters needs adoption.

E-62 But how can the church, the Pentecostal church, and the Methodist and Baptist churches be adopted until they come to discipline? We've got to be disciplined first. God could not trust this power with the church. It's hard to tell what you would do.

How could a father trust his--his business with a boy that might simply pollute his whole inheritance? He couldn't do it. The church has got to come to a place to where it's disciplined. God's on that work right now: discipline.

#### 63-0707M THE.INDICTMENT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

And we all claim to be the Bride of Christ, and yet so untrue. What would make the untrueness? By living contrary to the--the discipline that God has laid out for His Bride to live by. That's my own opinion, the Bible, and It is the infallible Word of God, I believe.

### Knowing how to discipline ourselves

#### 63-0717 A.PRISONER\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

- Bless our coming together. We--<u>we pray, Lord</u>, on this Wednesday night prayer meeting, that, as we have assembled, knowing that wherever two or more are assembled together, You'll be with us. And we ask You, Lord, to <u>give us Your Word</u> tonight. Speak to us, Lord, and warm our hearts, strangely, that we would <u>know how to discipline ourselves for the great time that lays ahead</u>, as we believe that we're nearing the Coming of the Lord.
- 5 Forgive us of our sin. Chasten us, Lord, with Thy Spirit and Thy Word, that we might discipline ourselves, obedient servants, obedient servants in the will of God.

### Discipline in the church

#### 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

And now you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. Don't stay home! If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't, don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.

# Bringing the members of our body into discipline to the Word

65-0217 A.MAN.RUNNING.FROM.THE.PRESENCE.OF.THE.LORD\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

40 Dear Jesus, help us tonight now, in these few words, as we wait upon Thee. And we pray that Your grace and mercy will be with us, Lord. And tender our hearts; move back all the shucks, the thorns, the thistles, let the blessed sunshine of God fall in upon the Word, Lord. And may we have such a great meeting till there'll not be an unsaved person among us, all the children will be in the Kingdom of God. Those without the baptism of the Spirit, may they receive It, Father. May all the great mysteries that we are supposed to know at this age, Lord, be unveiled to us; and we'll see the plainness of God, so that we'll know how to behave ourselves and act, correcting ourselves and bringing the members of our body into discipline to the Word, that we might know how to live in this present day at the approaching of the Lord Jesus.

## Refusing to discipline ourself

E-55 But now, remember, <u>if God has permitted sickness to come on you to bring you to discipline, and you refuse to discipline yourself before God</u>, then step out of the line.

<u>Don't come in there, because you... it might make you worse</u>. If you're sinful, and you've got unconfessed sin, make it right with God before you come to God for prayer.

# 15. Taking up the challenges

#### I SAMUEL 17:10-11

- And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
- 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
- And <u>David said to Saul</u>, Let no man's heart fail because of him; <u>thy servant will</u> go and fight with this <u>Philistine</u>.
- And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
- And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came <u>a</u> <u>lion, and a bear</u>, and took a lamb out of the flock:
- And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
- Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.
- David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

### Meeting the challenge of this hour

63-0628M O.LORD.JUST.ONCE.MORE HOT.SPRINGS.AR

We've got the members, but they're weak. They love things of the world better than they do the things... You say I'm all... Oh? Look upon the churches and find out. Don't try to deny it. Your actions speaks more than your words does, see. Oh, yeah, got more members, bigger muscles, but where is the strength of the Lord? Your big muscles won't meet the challenge of this hour, the rapturing faith to take the Church out of this thing before judgment strikes the earth.

See, <u>it'll be a secret catching away</u>. <u>If He took one here</u> in Hot Springs, and one somewhere else, and one down there, and one there, will make up literally millions of those that come up out of the ground. And there is at least five hundred people, every day, missed in the world, and we don't even know where they went to. See, <u>the</u>

<u>Rapture</u> is going to make up of all those who sleep in the dust of the earth, that's right with God.

They'll say, "Well, I thought a Rapture was to take place."

"It's already passed, and you knew it not. You are left."

### Take the Sword and say, "I challenge you, Satan!"

#### 57-0901E HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FOUR\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

184 I thought about that. And <u>a Voice come to me, said</u>, "Them men is all right if they're doing that, but I never called you to do that. <u>I called you to take the Sword and stand there like Joshua and challenge</u>, brother. Not fool around with some old society or some church organization, but <u>challenge the Devil. Stand in the forefront, make right right, and wrong wrong</u>. Preach the Word and find out who has got the faith to believe It. Lay her out there."

#### 63-0825E PERFECT.FAITH\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

177 I'll see just how advanced my church is, on what we believe in; see just how advanced the people are; how they're ready to take the Sword and walk out in the front line, say, "I challenge you, Satan. See? I challenge you! You can't--you can't make me disbelieve anymore." What are these things done for? So that people will believe. It's the Word. It's where that shows that I am preaching to you the Truth, the Word. The Word made flesh, made flesh in you; made Word; made Life in you, made Life in me.

# Why challenges?

It allows us to step out of our comfort zone and see what we can do.

To succeed we have to believe in ourself, challenge ourself, and push ourself until the very end.

The only way to grow is to challenge ourself.

Life is a challenge!

New challenges keep us motivated.

In order to raise the bar we have to give ourself a challenge.

There is nothing like a challenge to bring out the best in us.

### 16. The reward and the joy of the overcomer

#### **REVELATION 22:12**

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Reward: Dues paid for work; wages, hire
What God bestows upon good deeds and endeavours
Used for rewards and punishment

#### MATTHEW 5:11-12

- 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for **great is your reward in heaven**: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

#### MATTHEW 5:46

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

### The Father will reward you

#### **MATTHEW 6:3-4**

- 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
- 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

#### MATTHEW 6:6

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, <u>pray</u> to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

#### MATTHEW 10:41-42

- He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
- And whosoever shall **give to drink unto one of these little ones** a cup of cold water only in the name of **a disciple**, verily I say unto you, **he shall in no wise lose his reward**.

### The time for the rewards

#### I CORINTHIANS 3:8

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and **every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour**.

#### I CORINTHIANS 3:12

- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- 13 <u>Every man's work shall be made manifest</u>: for the day shall declare it, because <u>it shall be</u> <u>revealed by fire</u>; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

#### **REVELATION 11:17-18**

- 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.
- And the nations were angry, and <u>thy wrath is come, and the time</u> of the dead, that they should be judged, and <u>that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.</u>

# Well done, thou good and faithful servant

#### **MATTHEW 25:21**

His lord said unto him, <u>Well done, thou good and faithful servant</u>: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: <u>enter thou into the joy of thy lord</u>.

#### II TIMOTHY 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

#### **II JOHN 1:8**

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that **we receive a full reward**.

#### **HEBREWS 10:35**

35 Cast not away therefore **your confidence, which hath great recompence of rew**ard.

#### **HEBREWS 11:6**

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that <u>he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him</u>.

### A huge portion of Heaven will await thee

#### 49-0718 I.WAS.NOT.DISOBEDIENT.TO.THE.HEAVENLY.VISION\_ ZION.IL

E-13 That's my--been my attitude all along, and I want to go out of this world with that same attitude, knowing that <u>someday, I shall receive a reward, if I can only be faithful until that time</u> when the rewards are given. I trust to meet every one of you in a better world someday where there is no sickness, sorrow, or heartache, no disappointments. I trust that when the big wedding supper is set in heaven, I trust that every one of you in this building tonight will be present there with your offsprings with you. I want to be there too.

#### 65-0221M MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

44 **Because thou hast chosen the narrow path**, the harder way; thou hast walked in your own choosing.

Thou hast picked the correct and precise decision, and it is My Way.

Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of Heaven will await thee.

What a glorious decision thou hast made!

This in itself is that which will give and make come to pass the tremendous victory in the love Divine.

# When the crowns are given out to the saints when the last Supper in set there in glory

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E-10 I pray on that day when the crowns are given out to the saints, that I will be standing back, when I see the Jonesboro group come up there, I will be awful noisy, I'm afraid, when I see Him place... I think of what it'll be when the last Supper the... is set there in glory. And we've all overcome, set across the table from one another. I will look across the table and see old battle-scarred saints setting there, tears of joy running down their cheeks. We'll just have to reach across the table and take one another by hand.

I will say, "Oh, brother, I'm so glad to see you." Just think of that long supper table. Then the King will come out in His beautiful garments and wipe all tears from our eyes, saying, "Don't cry no more; we're all here now. It's all over. Last prayer meeting is over now: no more fasting, no more praying. We're all Home. Now, enter into the joys of the Lord."

### Bro. Branham's dream of when the crowns were given out

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I--I dreamed about a month after that I was standing one day, and I was watching the great time that... Not the judgment now. I don't believe the church ever comes to the--I mean the Bride goes to a judgment. But I was there when the crowns was being given out. See? And the great--great big throne set up here, and Jesus and the recording Angel and all was standing there. And there was a stairsteps-like coming down this way of white ivory (run down in a circle and made a panoramic like this and went out), so that all this great host standing out there could see what was happening.

And I was standing back over to--way back to one side. And I was just standing there, <a href="never">never</a>
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I looked back where they was going, there was a new world and the joys. And said, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been--that's been for--yours since the foundation of the world." See?

### Bro. Branham and Bro. Neville's names called

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And oh, I thought, "They go through there and meet one another and just rejoicing and going over mountains and great big places." I thought, "Oh, isn't that wonderful. Glory. Hallelujah," just jumping up and down.

Then I'd hear another name called, I would say, "Oh, I know him. I know him. I--I... There--there he goes. There... Watch him right up..."

"Enter into the joys of the Lord, my good and..."

"Oh," I said, "praise God. Praise God."

Just think, just like they would say, "Orman Neville." See? And then," I'd say, "that's old Brother Neville; there he is," and here he come out of the crowd, goes up. I hear Him say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you since before the foundation of the world. Enter in." And old Brother Neville just changed and just start back in there just screaming and hollering. Boy, I'd just shout and say, "Glory to God." Standing over here by myself, having a wonderful time, watching my brethren go in.

#### And a recording Angel stood and said, "William Branham."

I never thought I'd have to walk that. So then I was scared. I thought, "Oh, my, will I have to do that?" So I went walking down there and just everybody patting me on the, like that, "Hi, Brother Branham." "God bless you, Brother Branham," patting me as I go along through a great big crowd of people. And all of them reaching over and patting me like that. "God bless you, brother." "God bless you, brother."

### Bro. Branham and Sis. Hope and Sis. Meda

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I was going; I said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you," like coming out of a meeting or something; you know, and I was going to have to walk these great big ivory steps.

I started walking up through there and just as I made the first step, I stopped, and I thought... <u>I looked at His</u> face, and I thought, "I want to get a good look at Him this way," and I stopped. I had my hands like this; I felt something slip in my arm here. It was somebody else's arm. I looked around, and <u>there stood Hope</u>, those big black eyes and that dark hair hanging down her back, white robe on, looking up at me like that.

I said, "Hope." I felt something hit this arm, looked around and <u>there was Meda</u>, that dark eyes looking up, and that black hair hanging down, a white robe on. And I said, "Meda." And they looked at one another, you know, like that. They... I got them in my arms and here we went...?... home.

I woke... Oh. <u>I woke up</u>, and I--I got up and set down in a chair and cried, you know. <u>I thought, "Oh, God, I hope that comes like that." Both associated with me in life and bringing children</u> and things like that, and here we are walking into the new world, oh, my, where perfection and everything. No nothing...

Why, it's going to be a wonderful thing. Don't miss it; don't miss it! By the grace of God, do all you can do, and then it'll be up to God to take care of the rest of it.

# It will be a wonderful thing! Don't miss it!

Be an overcomer! Be a winner!

#### Be an Overcomer! Be a Winner!

- 1. Faith
- 2. Mental strength Self-will Determination
  - 3. Humility
- 4. Regular training Ready to suffer and get hurt
  - 5. A good coach A good trainer
    - 6. Right diet
      - 7. Rest
    - 8. A good equipment
      - 9. A good team
      - 10.Supporters
  - 11. Following the rules of the game
  - 12. Resilience (Ability to bounce back)
  - 13. Perseverance, persistence, endurance
    - 14. Discipline and Self-discipline
      - 15. Taking up the challenges
  - 16. The reward and the joy of the overcomer