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## Title: There Is No Reason

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Good morning. If I have not met you, I am Grant Hill, the associate pastor here at the Garden Gathering Church.

The Lord has been working in our midst for a long time. He has been specific about this year of 2023, about bringing a renewal in you. That looks like feeding a fire. The fire the Lord put in you when He saved you and breathed in you. Those who call upon the name of the Lord are saved. Those who confess, repent and turn from their ways and realize the Lord is calling them to His family. He causes you to be born again. He said that to a spiritual leader who was daily in the house of God in Israel, "You must be born again." This leader said, "How can I go back in my mother's womb?" Jesus rebuked Him, saying if you being a spiritual leader in the House cannot understand spiritual things, how can I tell you physical things?

Jesus is saying that the Holy Spirit has been separated from you since the day you were born, because you were born in sin. Sin is a willful choice in every man's heart that hates God. We were born in enmity against Him. We cannot stand to be in His presence. Yet, we were born to, because our spirit man wants this presence of God. He is the Father of all spirits. Yet, our flesh is separated from Him. *Scripture* says the wages of our being separated from God is death, because you cannot live without Him. So eventually you will be separated from Him forever.

But, God gives grace and He gives us a lifetime to figure out we must have Him back. The whole point of this life is to know the love that God has for you, to receive that love, and then to go love others. One of the first questions the Lord will ask you is, "Did you learn how to love? Did you learn how to love?" You cannot learn how to love unless you have received His love. You cannot learn how to love others, unless you realize how much the Lord is giving up for you daily. That allows you to take up your cross and follow Him daily. This is the gospel of good news.

Because of His loving kindness and steadfast mercy, there is nothing you have done or place you have been that He cannot save you from it. That includes the future sin you will do. God will not deny you, reject you, or throw you out. He will always be faithful to save you. But, why should I try to cheat grace and say, "Well then I will just keep on sinning." Do you not know what He did? He went to a cross, and He paid a debt that you owed. He paid it with His own blood. He said, "Instead of your hands, I will write it with my hands. I will write the check for your debt with my handwriting, by them nailing My hands to a wooden cross." A torment and execution we have not seen in the history of time. He took it for us, but, it did not stop Him. He *rose from the dead* three days later, and He is still alive to this day. He is not just a spirit up in Heaven. He is in the bone and flesh. He is the firstborn of the dead, and actually in the flesh in Heaven right now. He is sitting in Heaven now, not by His spirit, but His actual bones and His actual flesh.

This man, the Son of God and the Son of Man, will come back again. He will show us who He really is. But, those who already know Him, know who He is, and look forward to that day. Those that mock Him, are in fear that He will actually show up and judge the wicked and the dead. I am on the side that is excited about that. If you are on the side that's afraid, He is here. He wants to save you from that fear. Amen!

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The Lord has been telling us that we are building a House here. It can be a slow build, but we are not afraid, because He is the Gardener of the Garden. He is the Vinedresser of this House. He is the One pruning. He is the one planting. He is uprooting and replanting, and He has been doing that for over a decade in this House, the Garden Gathering Church of San Angelo, Texas. Our mandate and call is what He has given our head, Brandy Helton. Apostles have a sending, and she has been sent to this region and spiritual place with the mission of the Bride of Christ and the marketplace, by the Lord Jesus. So, we have come under that headship. We have come under that authority. We have come under that mandate and that mission is ours. That is the soil we have been planted in.

The Lord has asked us to tend the flame, feed the fire. We are talking about spiritual disciplines. God might ask you to do something different than you have ever done before. Tend the flame. It might mean doing something different. Sometimes it means going back to the beginning and doing those things with the *passion* of first love. Sometimes it means doing something you have never even thought of. It is the Lord's discipleship. He is the Discipliner. Those who follow Jesus will hear His voice and do what He says.

Last week we talked about turning. The first step in this process is you have to hear the Lord. The first step to hearing the Lord is you have to "turn" your eyes upon Jesus and see Him. Holy Spirit asks, "When was the last time that you actually turned to look upon the Lord's face intentionally, seeking the face of God?" Saying, "I want to see you, because I know that if I see you, I will be made like you." It says in First John, "This is the hope of those who purify themselves," which is what we are called to do. This is a season of renewal and purifying. So, we have this hope of being purified. But, you cannot be purified unless you look upon the face of Jesus.

#### I John 3:1-3

You can see the face of Jesus today daily. We constantly talk about "Heaven is for here." God did not tell Jesus this is how you pray. "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Holy is Your name." *Bring Earth to Heaven as quickly as you can. Bring me up there as fast as you can, because I want to go up there.* Jesus did not pray that, but that is how we often pray. *"Get me out of here as quickly as you can! Take me out of the Earth and into Heaven fast! I am so ready to go up there."* That is not what Jesus prayed. He said, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on the Earth, as it is in Heaven."

Which way is it going? Heaven is coming down here. You are going to rule and reign with Christ here on Earth. When does that happen? As soon as you want to believe it! Do you want to believe it? Did Jesus bring Heaven to Earth or did He bring Earth to Heaven? Everywhere He went, He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Change the way you are thinking. Repent. This is what we have been doing. We are turning our face to the Lord Jesus. Turning to seek Him, to hear Him, and to be healed by Him. In an intimate moment of saying, "I am looking upon you, and I am turning my face and my ears to you."

Holy Spirit is always looking into the Spirit of God to reveal something new to His children. He who knows the thoughts of God. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth that leads us into all truth. He is wanting you to earnestly seek the thoughts and heart of God. What does that look like? What does that feel like? What does it taste like? There is a turning here *where* I am looking upon the face of Jesus. This is the renewal of the Holy Spirit. This is how things become new to you. Not something old that, "I just do." This is the fresh breath of the Holy Spirit. This is the daily bread. This is the daily life.

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This is the river of life that you drink from daily. It is the face of Jesus. It is how He wakes up. We sing about it. "How I love you. I want to wake up next to you every morning. I want to see your face, my beloved." How many men have been singing that *to their wife* after they are just married? That is how you started. "I want to wake up next to your face. I want to see it every morning." Well, Jesus has the same heartbeat. He has a "Beloved" that wants to see Him every morning. That wants to see His face and know Him. It is more than just seeing the actual face. It is seeing the Spirit of God. It is knowing His spirit. It is hearing His voice. It is having a communion and abiding in Him. That is the heart. Not just, "Oh, I saw your face, so *I can check that off.*" Right?

#### Isaiah 1:18-20

You can believe this, or you can turn away. Sometimes we do. Sometimes, the hardest thing for a Christian to believe is that God loves them. It breaks my heart. The Lord says, "Come now, let us reason together. If you are willing to hear my voice, I will tell you what you are. If you are willing to receive my love, I will love you. If you want to reason with me, we will reason. But, I have justified you by my Son's blood. Legally, there is nothing against you, because the sin that I put on my Son was yours. I punished Him with my wrath, so I would not have to punish you. Let us reason. You are white as snow. If you want to be obedient, you will have everlasting life daily.

If you do not, then this is what it feels like. It is like you are being eaten up from the inside out. A sword is constantly against you. Guilt is constantly eating at you. Condemnation is constantly eating at you. It is the opposite of "zeal for your house is eating me up." It is guilt for myself that is destroying me. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken and His word does not return to Him void."

#### Exodus 3:1-6 ESV

We are highlighting what the Lord is saying to us in this House. "Moses said, I will turn aside to see and look upon, to put my face to this great sight."

#### Hebrews 4:14-16

It says in Hebrews that we should not be afraid anymore, but "we should come boldly to the throne of grace." But, this is before Jesus has made the way and torn the veil that we have been talking about. This is before the "holiness of God is now in you, and you shall come boldly to the throne of grace with your petitions and to look upon the Lord and cry out in the temple of God."

#### Exodus 3:4-6

Moses turned to see, but because of shame, he hid his face in fear, saying, "I am an unholy man. How can I look upon God?" There is a righteous fear here. There is a little bit of shame here. You have to *understand* the healthy, respectful fear of the Lord, and the terror of the Lord that is here. You yield to that and submit to that. You do not come brashly. But you also have to recognize that we have "boldness in the Holy Spirit," right now if you believe in Christ Jesus.

#### Exodus 3:10-13

This is what God told Him to do.

#### Exodus 3:14

That is actually the name that should never be named, it is "Yahweh." There is so much fear on that name, that the Jews to this day will not say it.

Zechariah 13:9

They are going to call on “Yahweh.” When they finally break down and say it. “We are going to call out to Him, because He is the only one that can save us.” This is that name. They will not say it till the end of time, “Yahweh.”

Exodus 3:14

There is a lot of fear that should be on that name even in the house of Lord today, and as Christians. This is a fearful name.

Exodus 3:10-11

Moses is in the presence of God. He has turned to see His face. God tells Him what He wants to tell Him. Now Moses is going to bring a bunch of reasons not to.

The first reason, Verse 11, who am I? God says that is not a good reason, “For I am with you.” The second reason Moses said, “What if I come to the people and they say, what is the name of that God? Not a good reason, God says, “I Am, that I Am. That is My name.” That is all you have to say. Moses replies, “The Hebrews will say, I have never heard of that God.”

But, there was such a power and fear in it. It was a brand new revelation of God. Before this, He was just the “God of Abraham,” the “God of Isaac,” or the “God of Jacob.” The ones that “they knew, we know.” Now God is going to give them a whole new revelation, “I am.” They feared that God, and the name of that God, for all time. That is not a reason.

Exodus 4:1-9

“They will not believe me.” The Lord says, that is not a reason and gives Moses signs to show them so that they would believe.

Exodus 4:10-12

“But Lord, I am not eloquent.” The Lord said, “I will be with your mouth and teach you what you should speak.” That is not a reason either. You cannot even give your physical handicap as a reason against me, because I can heal you.

What reason can you bring before God? Moses tries a lot. What is He bucking? Moses is bucking the truth that God has said to Him. This is who you are Moses. This is who you are. We do the same thing. We will turn to the Lord, and He will ask you to do something. He will tell you who you are. He will say, “this is where you are going, and this is what I want you to do.” We have a lot of reasons of why we can do just a little bit, but not quite all the way.” I am here to tell you, “There is no reason why,” in the presence of God, “There are no reasons.” He can trump them all.

“Well, I am not smart enough.” I will just give you wisdom. “Well, I do not speak very well.” Doesn't matter, I can make you talk. “Well, I do not have any education.” Well, here is all my knowledge. “Well, I have never gotten a passport.” Here you go. “Well, I do not know how to dance.” David did. “There is no reason,” in the presence of God. Why not? “There is no reason,” when you look upon the Lord and He asks you to fast this month, or says “I need you to be silent for 30 minutes every day.”

We are doing spiritual disciplines as outlined in the K3 class by that title listed on the website. The Lord is asking us to turn, feed the flame, and feed the fire. How do you do that? It takes discipline. Feed the flame by *exercising* spiritual disciplines. It is going to list things to do you might not have ever done before. Why? Because, you are going to be strengthening your spirit man. You have to be strengthening your spirit man. Why? Because we are soldiers in the house of God. Why? Because the Bride is carrying a sword. It is pretty weighty. You must use it, and

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you must to know how to defend with it. You also need to strike with it. You must to work out those muscles a little bit. It is a pretty big, deep and hefty sword. It is not to be flung around *carelessly*.

#### James 1, 2:14-18

Work out how to discipline your soul. Discipline your spirit man by faith and works as it says in the book of James. "There is no reason," in the house of God. "I will show you my faith by my works."

My children are looking to see someone who will do it. "Hey, why don't you go jump? Why don't you go jump youth? I do not see anybody jumping. Oh, why don't you go dance youth? I do not see anyone dancing. Who are they looking at?"

#### Exodus 4:13

Moses said, "Oh my Lord, please just send someone else." That is the heart. There is the crux of the matter. He should have just started there. If you laugh, it is because you identify with this. I identify with this. The heart of the matter is my flesh is lazy. I just do not want to do it. Please just send someone else. I have tried to be kind with all of my reasons and all of my excuses. I am trying to give you a way out God, but you are not giving me a way out. Please just send someone else. We do not hear any anger in the Holy Spirit at all. He is gracious. He is like, "Well, that is not a problem. It is not a problem."

It is like going to your employer, who has said, "You have to go to the North Pole." You say, "I know, but *I am not prepared, etc.*" He says, "Do not worry, here is my credit card, and I will train you for winter exploration for three months before you go. I am going to let your family go with you. Also, I have a whole team that goes with you." Finally, you say, "I just do not want to go to the North Pole." That is the truth.

God will do the same thing with us. He has probably been *doing that* since the beginning of this year. "I need you to pray all night. I need you to pray for one person. I need you to do this. I need you to do that. I am doing a renewing work in you. I am starting something fresh in you. I am teaching you how to feed the fire. I gave my example of staying up late, because somebody has to put a log on the fire in the middle of the night when everybody else is sleeping or the fire will go out.

It is spiritual discipline, not physical discipline. People used to get in to that, "I fasted for 21 days ..., oh I fasted for 21.5..., oh great, who cares?" The point is spiritual discipline. You have to put the flesh into submission, so the spirit man can "work out." That is what fasting is about. The K3 class on Spiritual Disciplines on the website does an excellent job of explaining that.

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There is the grieving of the Holy Spirit. There is the grieving when you just do not want to say "yes." Praise God, this did not stop the destiny of Moses. The destiny of Moses was still fulfilled, even though he was in this place. So do not feel condemnation if you have been here, because God will not relent with what is written of you to do. He might have to make an addendum because of your yes, or your unwillingness, and saying, "I do not really want to."

God made an addendum for Moses, because then *Aaron* came along to speak for him in the fulfillment of the destiny of Moses. He is still one of the greatest servants that we have ever seen in the Bible. But, this is where it starts. Sometimes, it is where it starts with you. You

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might look at the face of the Lord and find you are the next Billy Graham, the next Ezra, the next Billy Sunday, or the next Reinhardt Bonke. Whatever model you want to go after or whoever you are trying to imitate. First you have to say, "I believe that." Then you have to go through the reasons of why, and come to the conclusion that, "there is no reason," in the presence of God. "There is no reason." God says, "Come let us reason together, you and I." That is the reason. You will find out there is nothing that can come before God that He will not trump.

The crux of the matter is I do not want to. Unbelief in the heart and soul is the only thing that can stop the work of God in your life. Faith versus unbelief in God. "I do not know if I believe it for me. I believe God can do this for you. I am not sure if He can do that for me." It is a constant battle in the House of God. "I have enough faith for you, but I am a different case."

Luke 9:57-58

So, "comfort" is out the window, is what He is saying. "You see that rock, that was a good rock *pillow* last night." Lord I will follow you wherever you go. "Okay, get up at three in the morning." In the morning, you say, "Oooh, this is really good bed."

Luke 9:59-60

"But, as for you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." He said that to Moses. "Go and proclaim the kingdom of God. You cannot give me a reason to stop."

Luke 9:61-62

"First, let me say farewell to those at my home." That is a good answer. That is a good thing. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:29-31

We want all those things, but it comes with the addendum, "with persecutions." There is the cost. When we turn to the Lord, there is always this battle. You are feeling that flesh versus spirit. Your spirit has faith, but your flesh has always been an unbelieving wimp. It is that war that you hate. My spirit man is saying, "I know I was born for this." But, when that alarm clock goes off, my wimpy, unbelieving flesh just says, "waaahh." That is the truth.

It is why we have admiration for those men and women of God who have submitted themselves to the cross of Jesus daily enough to crucify the flesh and allowed the Holy Spirit to move so powerfully in their life that the world was changed. That is the call of God for this house. Because a Bride of Christ and a glorious Church is going to change the world.

It is the truth that when our country was founded, only 33% of the population believed that we should become independent. Another 33% did not care. They would go with the winner. The other 33% were loyal to England. The *ones that wrote and signed those documents declaring our independence from England*, Jefferson, Madison, Hancock, Washington, and Franklin, were the richest people at the time in our society. It was the only revolution in history that was actually led by the top 1% of the people. Other revolutions were started by the poor, disparaged and the downtrodden who would rightfully or wrongfully overthrow those above them. America was different. It was actually the ones that had the most to lose, who gave it all a way.

They wrote that in the declaration. "We will give our lives, honor, and all of our wealth for the good that we know, 'all men are created equal.'" We have been pursuing that destiny ever since, sometimes wrongfully, and sometimes righteously. But, that is our call and destiny. We have made a lot of mistakes. We have also learned as a country and need to be honoring those

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who have gone before us. Probably about 5% of the 33% actually engaged is all it took to create this nation. So, 95% of the colonists were not engaged in the creation of this nation. If 5% was all it took to create this nation, how many believers will it actually take to change it again? We might be discouraged, because we have small numbers, but "Do not despise small beginnings."

It only takes a fraction of people to see that the Bride of Christ can be real. That the glorious Church can be real. That there is a purity that does not have to be compromised. It does not have to be this underlying catch to the Church. It can be pure, spotless, blameless, and full of integrity. What you see is what you get. Tenderness, love, and fierceness, and all of the things we have been talking about since the beginning of the year. It can happen here. He has been giving that ministry to you. He has been giving that ministry to me. It is a greater ministry than what He gave to Moses. "Something greater is here." Jesus said, "because now I do not have to just come upon you like I came upon Moses. I can be in you all the time. My river can be on tap all day long. But, there are those who have reasons not to turn it on.

For those that can learn to just turn on the river of life and let it go, the seven fold Spirit of God blows through them. That is what Jesus said. That is the ministry of reconciliation, that I am giving to you, to be ambassadors of Heaven. Heaven is coming to Earth. That is what we are here for. It really only takes a small fraction of the Body of Christ, to have it impact the rest. Jesus said that. He said, "I just have to wash your feet and the whole body is clean." I just have to wash your feet. If it is just a fraction of the Bride who understands the purity. If I look upon the face of Jesus, then I purify myself. I become the Bride of Christ. I become that Bride of Christ prepared and ready. If I can understand that "washing of the water of the word," I can understand the abiding of the glorious Church, and they can understand the power they are in. I can understand this submission they are in. Then the whole Church will be cleansed. The whole church will walk in it. Peter says, "wash all of me." But Jesus tells him I just have to wash your feet." That is a spiritual principle.

#### Luke 1

There is no cost greater than following Jesus. There is no reason not to follow Jesus. That is what these verses should have been showing you. There is no reason not to follow Jesus. You cannot make up a reason not to. You cannot even bury your Father. You cannot. That is not a reason in the House of God. There is no excuse. There is no reason too great or too good to not follow Him. There is no cost greater than following Jesus. It said you can give up your homeland, even Texas. Your pride of Texas, you can give that up, and you will gain something back. You can even give up your children to the Lord and let them go. You will gain children in this life and in the age to come. That is a hard price to pay. It is. I am not saying this is an easy price. But, there is no cost greater than following Jesus. There is no reason why you should not, because nothing will ever keep us away from turning to Him. "Nothing is impossible for God."

#### Luke 1:37

We hear this way too much, but the reality of what Mary is saying, "yes," to should always hit us. "For with God, nothing is impossible." We say that all the time. Mary, is saying, "Yes, I believe that it is possible for me to be pregnant without being married or having known a man at all." She did not give any excuses like Moses did, or say, "Can you just find someone else?" She did not go through that. She did not do what Moses did. She wondered, "How can this be?" But, then said, "Nothing is impossible with God, and I believe." God said to Moses, "I will go with you. I will be with you." That is the sign that you need. "I am right here with you." Moses had another reason but, Mary did not. There is faith here.

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Romans 8:31-39

This is why you also know nothing is impossible for God. Because I know this. But, at least you should know this, or we are learning this, right? We say it. We know it. Now, He is asking you to turn your face, look at Jesus, and know it for yourself. All of the reasons why you believe you cannot receive the love of the Father. "There are no reasons." You have to go through that wrestling as Moses did. You have to go through those, and God gives you the answer. You say, "Well, I have this." God says, "Here is my trump card for that." When you finally get to the crux of it, "I just do not want to receive your love." That is the breaking point. "I just do not want to receive the love you have for me." Then He can actually begin to love you. That is when you break, and when you actually melt and realize He is for you. He is for you. He is for you." That is what we need, because the Bride of Christ knows the love of the Bridegroom. He is for her. He is for you."

Repentance is truly changing the way you think. That is what Brandy was saying, "Changing the way you think, and when you turn to God, you are changing how you think about yourself." You say, "I do not dance." God says, "You can dance with me." He told Gideon, "You are a warrior." "I am not a warrior," Gideon responds. God had to change the way Gideon thought of himself. God had to change the way Moses thought of himself. "I am not a servant of the Lord." But God says, "I am with you, and you are to serve me all your days." "Well, I am not an eloquent man." Yet, we read Moses' words in the Scriptures all the time.

God changes the way you think about yourself first. That is repentance. He took these fishermen and made them fishers of men. It starts with you, and that is repentance, when you turn your face to the Lord. He turns your way of thinking, to "Oh, I can do this. I can dance before the Lord. I can take up that tambourine. I can fast before Him. I can be silent before Him. Why? Because, "It is not me who lives, but it is Christ who lives in me, and what He says I am, I am." I am who You say I am, not who I believe I am, or not who I want to be. But, I believe it is what you want me to be. There is the working of repentance.

Miriam took up the timbrel and danced in front of the waves of the Red Sea. "We have never seen her dance before." I am who you say I am. That is a statement of faith. But, when that working is turning your face, to the face of the Lord, that is the work of repentance. There is no reason. There is no excuse. There is no shame. There is no sin greater than, the face in the presence of God. Repentance. It is truly changing the way you think about how God sees you, and how you see yourself in a situation. All of a sudden, in the presence of God, in the face of God, in the hands of God, "There is no reason," why God cannot do something in your life. But, there is one place of impossibility with pleasing God.

Hebrews 11:6

What are we called to do? We have been talking about being urgent. We have been talking about being earnest. We have been talking about being diligent. We have been talking about turning away and seeking the face of God. So, if you are going to turn your face and seek the face of God, you must first believe that He exists to be looked at. He is there to be greeted. He wants to be seen by me. He wants to reveal His face to me. He wants to reveal His heart to me.

I must believe that He is, Rapha. I have to believe that He is the Healer. I have to believe that He is the provider. I have to believe that He exists in this capacity for me. He is eager to provide for me pressed down, shaken together, running over into my lap. I have to believe that He is the gracious one. I have to believe that He is the Rebuker who will rebuke me to my face. I have to believe that He is the Disciplinarian who will spank. But, I have to look and receive it.

He is not just one to look upon. But, He is a rewarder of those who are diligently, earnestly seeking His face. But, the impossibility is, *without faith*, He cannot do a single thing. He has



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actually stopped. He has actually halted, and reversed it. Without faith, it is impossible to please Him. It is actually an impossibility for God to move in your life, if you turn away and *refuse* to believe Him. He cannot touch you. Why is that? Because, He has the power, but He has willfully restrained Himself from touching your heart by force. He wants to touch your heart, because you say "Touch me. Show me. Abba. Love me. Forgive me." There it is.

But, before then it is impossible. Because He has restrained Himself. He says, "I do not want you to love me because I forced you. I do not want you to believe in me because I forced you. Therefore, it is impossible for me to cross this line unless you raise the gate and you open that door. Unless as I am knocking, knocking, and knocking, you open the door, let me come in, and eat with you." Without faith, it is impossible to please God. There is an impossibility with God in your heart.

"I believe, I believe, I believe. I believe," but then He says, 'I want to heal you.' Do you really want to heal me?" There is the doubt and unbelief. There is that which brings an impossibility for God to touch. "I believe, I believe, I believe." Okay, 'Give up your paycheck this month.' That moment right there. That moment right there. "I believe, I believe, I believe. 'Well, get up and tell them this.' Are you really speaking to me?" That brings the impossibility for God to move, because He will not force it.

He says, "I do nothing without first revealing it to the prophets." I have to use people that will believe me. We talk about people like, Bobby Connor. God will speak to us of what He wants to do in our lives. He will speak to us of what He wants to see happen in our lives. He will speak to us and say you are the next.... I say, "I want to be this ... But, I do not really believe I can do that."

Finally we come to a point in our lives, where we just say, "I just believe it. You can do it however you want to do it." You finally come to that place where you are a woman and you are a man that "just believes God." Then you start fulfilling all those things that God has set in your heart to do. It has to start with the faith within yourself first. You believe what God is saying about you is true. It takes a broken place. One thing that stops God is your unbelief. When you think, "I do not actually think that is going to happen. I really do not want to. I wish God would deal with someone else." He is a Rewarder, but it is the reward of His glory, not your own.

#### James 4:3

It is not to satisfy your own pleasures, your own glory, or about vain wants and imaginations for God. He is a Rewarder of His glory for those who earnestly seek Him.

Trauma keeps a soul in shock. So, there is this one place in the heart. That when we have a trauma, when we have something that startles us that shocks us, your body can come from a trauma and start walking again. But, sometimes your heart is still laying down on the pavement. Sometimes your mind and your soul and your emotions are still laying down on that pavement where you were hit. Those are deep places, but the soul is not moving. The soul is not awakened. The soul cannot feel anything but that wound and that pain.

There is no life there. Everything is gray and drab there. That soul can feel disappointed, depressed and lonely. They know they should not feel this way. I am a Christian. I should not feel this way. I have life in me, but I cannot get out of that shock by my emotions and my flesh. My soul is in shock from that trauma. That is what a trauma does. That is why the enemy uses it. To stop the progress, to shock your mind, will, and emotions and keep them from receiving more from Holy Spirit and the faith of God.

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Jesus took that crown of thorns pressed into His mind, to have the power to heal our brains from that trauma and emotion coming out of that place of feeling something that was a painful shock to your eyes. Shocking your brain and stunting your emotions. That trauma of a deep place where you feel like, "I cannot get out." That is those deep wounds and trauma. That is the deep traumas that keeps us from growing. Sometimes you can turn to the Lord, but not feel anything because you are in that place of shock. You are in that stunting deep trauma.

The Lord has a way. He has His blood that goes into those deep places. He was bruised for those deep places. He took the crown of thorns deep into His skull for those things. There is healing there. When you say, "I cannot get out of this." You are right. But, that is not a reason before the Lord. He went to the depths of Hell. He made a way out. He went to the worst, darkest pit, the deepest dungeon, and He made a way out. He has been further than you are, if you are in that place. He has a way out. It is Light and Life through Christ Jesus. He does a greater work. You say, "He has not seen what I have seen." Yes, He has. He is telling you, He has. The Spirit hovers around the Earth, always searching to and fro seeing everything in every place. The seven spirits of God go out looking. He has seen it all.

We are in a time of turning, of renewal, of repentance and changing the way we think about ourselves and what God is asking us to do. You have to have faith and expectancy. There is no reason, in the face of God. If you need prayer or deliverance or healing, we are here, and we will pray for you. If you need to take the communion of the Lord Jesus Christ, again it is *available*. He is the one that paid the price, and the freedom of the Lord is in remembering what He did for us.

"Holy Spirit, we say, "yes," to your turning, to your return, and to your softening of our hearts. Lord, you get to the crux of the matter. I ask that you would do it in every heart. While you are asking us to be disciplining our flesh, to walk by the Spirit, that we would come to a place in our hearts and know, "there is no reason I have, to not believe you." I thank you for that place where we have to come to a place of believing or not believing. But, Lord, I know that we choose to believe, because you soften our hearts to believe you. Like you did with James and John, asking us if we are able to drink the cup that You drink or to receive the baptism that You have been baptized with? Then as they were able to come to a place of faith and said, "we are able." I ask that it would be in every heart here. In Jesus's mighty name, I pray. Amen.