

It's Spiritual

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[0:00] We're going to be in 1 Timothy 3, verse 16. And then we're going to read the next verse, which is going to be chapter 4, verse 1.

So the Bible wasn't originally written with chapters and verse. That was added later to help us be able to find and quickly find different passages of Scripture. And in this context, the Scriptures go together.

It's not a complete thought where chapter 3 ends. But it continues right away in the first verse of chapter 4. So we're going to read 1 Timothy 3, verse 16 and chapter 4, verse 1.

1 Timothy 3, verse 16 says, And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. Okay, so there's a mystery of godliness, and it's a great mystery.

But then it's revealed to us what that mystery is. The mystery of godliness is this. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory.

[1:06] Okay, so God is a spirit. We know that. And we know that he was manifest in the flesh. We know that that was Jesus. He was justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up into glory following his resurrection.

Okay, the next verse in verse 4, verse 1. Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

And for just the next little bit, I want to preach on this thought. It's spiritual. Lord Jesus, we thank you, God, for every opportunity we get to hear your word.

We don't take it lightly, God. This word that's been put together into this book we call the Bible. It's your word. Your words are truth. Your words are spirit. And, God, we pray, Lord, that that spirit of the word come alive in us today.

Let it stand before us. God, that we would see it clearly. God, help us understand it. Bring reasoning and understanding of it to our minds today.

[2:20] God, let it penetrate our hearts and souls. Let us grow from it. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen. You may be seated. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. spiritual realm that is far greater in size and greater in depth and greater in complexity than anything that we can see or understand in the natural, but it is mostly obscure to us. It's so vast, it's so large, this spiritual realm, but it is mostly obscure to us. We see, we are born of the flesh and we know that we have to be born again and everyone here has experienced that and I thank God for that. Jesus said that which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of spirit is spirit and so we understand natural birth, but what about spiritual birth? And so maybe you have been born again of the spirit, but the spiritual, even though we've been born again of the spirit, the spiritual realm still remains mostly obscure to us. It's hard to recognize, it's hard to understand, it's hard to sense and to have those things like we do in the flesh is so easy because of our senses are so strong there, but we are far more familiar in the natural. We most definitely have a far greater perspective in the physical than we do the spiritual and it will always be my goal as a pastor or spiritual leader to not only become more aware and more sensitive to the things of the spirit myself, but also to teach this church, the disciples of Jesus Christ to learn of the spirit. Amen. To see with your spiritual eyes, to hear with your spiritual ears, to seek after the spirit and to walk in the spirit, to live in the spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to flourish and live inside of you. Amen.

There is a spiritual realm and it is referred to in scripture sometimes as heavenly places and with many scriptures. The Bible provides us glimpses into the heavenlies, the heavenly places and the

realm of the spiritual and Colossians 1 chapter 16. I'm sorry, Colossians 1 verse 16 for by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or dominions or dominions or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created by him and for him. And so this speaks to us about the creation of spiritual entities. It says all things were created that are in heaven and earth visible and invisible. This indicates that there's a realm of invisible powers and authorities. And in Ephesians 6 and 12 for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness and high places. Again, this is another verse that reveals there is invisible powers and authorities at different levels. They seem to be organized and responsible for different territories and responsibilities. It's why sometimes you see it's hard to have revival and see souls saved in a certain area, but right across into the next town over, a church can be having great revival and seeing lots of souls come. And the reason why is because in the spiritual realm, there are territories that are controlled by different spiritual implications and different spiritual powers and a church that's having revival and having growth. And they have conquered spiritually that area and that territory that was once ruled and controlled by a demonic spirit. Amen. But a church that's struggling is a sign that there's some spiritual battles that need to take place and some spiritual demons that need to be conquered. And so the fact of that is that the scripture plainly says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against these invisible divisions of spiritual powers. It shows us that the struggles and the issues we face in our lives, not just in church planting, but in our personal lives and how we live, are not just they're not just physical issues, but it involves spiritual entities in heavenly places.

The prophet Elisha, if you read in second Kings chapter six, you can read a story of a time when king of the king of Syria was coming against God's people.

[8:03] But he struggled because there was a man of God in an Israeli camp named Elisha that could foresee everything that the Syrian king would try to do.

Elisha prophet knew and understood that the fight may seem to be in the natural. He's the this king of Syria is coming against them physically, but it can.

But if if he could fight, he he knew this, if he could fight in the spiritual, he could have an advantage. And that's what he was doing. Elisha would through the spirit gain knowledge and then relay that knowledge to the king of Israel.

And the king of Syria found out that there was a man of God that was foreseeing his every move and tipping off the king of Israel. And so he decided to kill Elisha so that he could have a better chance of success against Israel.

But ultimately, this the Syrian army was able to come by night and surround the city that Elisha was in. And when one of Elisha's servants came out of his place that morning, he looked around and saw that the whole city was surrounded with a Syrian horseman and chariot, a whole army.

[9:17] And so in a panic, Elisha's servant asked Elisha, how are we going to make it out of this? We're outnumbered. We're surrounded. What what is going to happen to us?

How are we going to get out of this situation? And Elisha told him not to fear because there's more with us than that are with them. And then Elisha prayed in the spirit and asked God to open his servants spiritual eyes so he could see in the spirit and God opened the spiritual eyes of his servant.

And all of a sudden, the young man could see that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. And so what the king of Syria didn't know or understanding and what that young servant of Elisha didn't know or understand and and what a lot of us don't seem to fully know or understand is that there is a spiritual reality that's coexisting with the physical one.

Even now, as I speak, there is a physical one that's very prevalent. It's in our face. We we see it. We're very sensitive to it.

But right now in the spiritual, if you could see in the spiritual, it's just as vast and and great as is in the physical. And it's my prayer for us today that God would open our spiritual eyes, that God would open our spiritual ears and allow us that to see and to hear and understand that what you may have thought was a hopeless situation.

[10:51] In the natural is actually going to be a great victory through the spirit. Amen. It's spiritual. I'm telling you, the attack that seems to come in the natural, its origin is actually in the spirit.

It is actually the results of what is happening in the spiritual realm around us. And we need to learn how to fight spiritually. If you can't figure out how to see and fight in the spirit, it's going to seem

hopeless.

But I'm trying to tell you, fear not, for there is more with us than with them. If you could see in the spirit. Amen. Amen. And the prophet Daniel and Daniel chapter 10, you can read the story in which Daniel was praying and then started fasting, asking God to show up in this situation.

We don't have time to go into the situation, what Daniel is trying to accomplish. But Daniel, a great prophet that wrote, God used him to write a great book of our Bible.

Amen. During a very challenging time. And it was 21 days later that an angel appeared to Daniel and strengthened him at his request. And during his time of weakness and in prayer and in fasting, the angel told Daniel that since the first day that he began to pray and fast, God heard him and sent that angel to him.

[12:11] But it took that angel 21 days to get to Daniel because the angel said that he was being blocked in a battle with an evil spirit that ruled all of Persia for those 21 days.

That that angel battled that evil spirit trying to get to Daniel until Michael, the archangel of the Lord, came and helped that angel defeat the evil spirit.

And so God heard and responded on day one of his prayer and fasting. But the answer didn't come for 21 days because of the spiritual warfare and the spiritual battle taking place in the heavenly places.

Amen. That was going on in that spiritual realm on Daniel's behalf. Amen. God has dispatched angels. God has dispatched the needs that we to the answers of the needs that we have.

Amen. It may be taking a little longer than we like to see it. Amen. But we can't lose hope or lose faith because there is a battle raging in the spiritual. Amen. You may have been praying and fasting and it seems like has been in vain, but just hold on.

[13:16] Keep your spiritual disciplines. Keep praying. Keep fasting. Amen. Help is on the way.

Amen. There's a spiritual warfare taking place on your behalf in the heavenlies right now. Amen. If you've got a prayer need, if you've been praying for something for a while and it doesn't seem like you've been getting an answer, amen, you can trust and know that God has heard it since day one.

Amen. And resources are being dispatched. But because of the spiritual realm and the spiritual forces that we have to contend against. Amen. We don't fight against flesh and blood. We fight against spiritual things and wickedness in high places, darkness in high places.

Amen. There's a battle raging all around us on our behalf. Amen. Thank God for that. Amen. Amen. Thank you, Jesus. Amen. Spiritual warfare in the heavenly realm.

It affects earthly events. There are dramatic. If we could see in the spiritual right now, we would see and understand that there are dramatic interactions between angels and demons.

And there are influences of those battles manifested on things we experience in the natural. How can a man be willing to kill millions of people?

[14:32] Demonic force is behind that. When you think of people like Mussolini and Hitler and all these in the past, these dictators that we've been reading in our history books about all the evil things that they can do and just kill millions of people.

Where is that? That's something that's being experienced in the natural. But where is that coming from? It's coming from these demonic things, these influences that are happening in the spiritual and being manifested in the natural.

And we can find situations that unfold all the time in the natural that it's because of something that's happening in the spiritual. In Revelation chapter 12, verse 7 through 9, there's another situation that is yet to unfold.

It's a future spiritual battle that's coming. In Revelation chapter 12, verse 7 through 9, and there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not.

Neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out. That old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world. He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

[15:49] This is a glimpse into a future battle that's going to take place in the heavens in which God will quite literally thrust the devil and his demonic angels out of the heavenly places.

Out of that spiritual realm. However, we don't fully understand how it all works, but they're going to be expelled to the earth.

And man, that's going to be the beginning of a great tribulation upon the earth. There's coming a day in the near future when the devil and all of his demons are going to finally be cast out of heavenly places for the last time and expelled to the earth.

And it's not going to be good for the earth. And there's going to be great tribulation on the earth as a result. It's going to affect everything. Everything we know, everything we understand, everything how we live.

It's going to be greatly affected in the natural because of something that's taking place in the spiritual. And if you just look at the headlines today, we know that there's fallout of spiritual battles felt in the natural.

[16:52] Just look at the headlines. The things you see in the world that's going on is ripple effects from the battles that take place in the spirit. But not just on the grand stage of the world, but on the stage of your life and what you are going through and what you deal with on a day in and day out basis.

Amen. It's not just a physical thing. It's spiritual. There's spirituality behind it. And I'm tired of hearing, you know, don't over spiritualize it. You know, we don't spiritualize it enough.

We need to understand the spiritual realm a lot more. It is vitally important that we become more aware and more sensitive to the spirit. Amen. Seven times in the gospel from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Seven times Jesus said, he who has ears to hear, let him hear. And in seven times in the book of Revelation, John said, he who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit has to say to the churches. We need to understand that even right now in 2026, the spirit is speaking expressly to us, to the church. Amen. But the opening scripture we read, it also warns us that in the latter times, there will be those that leave the faith because they listen to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils and seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

[18:17] You got to know that there's there's spirits that try to seduce us unbeknownst to us. It's it's I believe the biggest platform used to be television.

And that's why a lot of our apostolic forefathers, our apostolic, the generations before preached against TV. I grew up in a house.

I didn't have a TV. Yeah, I grew up in a house. I didn't have a TV. That's changed. And with the advent of the Internet. Now, I believe that new thing to be concerned about and to be careful about where there's constantly seducing spirits and doctrines of devils taking place.

Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week is on social media. And then be very warned about your use on social media. But they're seducing spirits and Bible says that demons can come as angels of light.

And so although it may seem fine and it may seem good and it may seem even to be godly and from God. No, it's seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

[19:21] And we have to know that there's contention in the spiritual realm over our salvation. It's the it's the devil's desire that you quit and don't come back to this church. It's the devil's desire that you don't ever pick up your Bible every day that goes by that you don't think on the Lord.

That's a win for the devil. Every day that goes by that you don't pick up your Bible and learn a little bit more about God. That's a win for the devil. I'm not going to let the devil win. Amen. I'm not looking to give the devil any victories.

Amen. In my life. And so there I need to understand and you need to understand that there's a contention in the spiritual realm for your soul. Amen. There's a there's a battle raging for your soul. And so we have to understand that it's spiritual and spiritual warfare is real. Amen. We have to know that there's contention for our for our salvation.

Departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. See, we aren't just talking about false teachings, you know, from a Trinitarian or something.

[20:22] We're talking about doctrines of of of seducing spirits, seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. This is a spiritual, supernatural thing. It's a spiritual and supernatural warfare.

And it's real and it's dangerous. It's a dangerous thing if you're in a battle and you don't even know you're in a battle. Just just unaware of walking. That's how we are in life.

Just unaware of walking through a spiritual battlefield. And we don't think twice about what's going on. And I mean, walk through blind put on a blindfold and walk through the middle of Ukraine.

Right on the border of Russia and Ukraine and see how that goes for you. That's might as well be what you're doing in a spiritual if you're not considering these things. And so you have to know that you're in a battle.

You know, just just, you know, don't be unaware of it. It's a dangerous thing to be blind and deaf in a fight. I mean, I would want my I need to be able to see in here in a fight if I want to win.

[21 : 27] Right. And so we're talking about natural things. But in the spiritual, it's the same more than we know, more than we understand and more than we can comprehend what goes on in the natural as a result.

What's going on in the spiritual? Don't be spiritually blind to the fight that's going on. There's battles being waged all the time over your soul, seducing spirits that are attached to worldly things.

I'm telling you, there's so many things in the world that are propagated and put into place by seducing spirits. And it doesn't matter how good it may seem.

Like I said, social media, the devil's seduces 24 hours a day on social media and false religions, entertainment, popular culture stuff, everything worldly.

They're conceived by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils with the intent of taking ownership of your soul. Amen. But my soul belongs to the Lord.

[22 : 26] Amen. I don't know about you, but I've I've committed my soul to the Lord and I want to be spiritually aware and sharp and understanding and make sure that I don't lose the battle over my soul.

And so our soul is our life. We are a living soul. Genesis two and seven says in the Lord God for man of the dust of the ground and breathe into his nostrils the breath of life. And man became a living soul.

So when God made Adam and Eve, he blew into their nostrils the spirit and they animated and got up and became living souls. And there were the first two humans.

And we all come from there. Job 33 and four. The spirit of God hath made me and the breath of the almighty hath given me life. Amen. And the breath of God, the spirit of God gave us our life and caused us to become a living soul.

And when we die and our physical, natural bodies are going to remain and deteriorate back into the dust that it was formed out of. But the breath of God, that spirit that began to animate that dust, it's going to return to God who gave it.

[23 : 32] Ecclesiastes 12 and seven says, then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. See, as a living soul, we have a physical body and a spiritual body.

First Corinthians 15, 44 says there is a natural body and there is a spiritual body, a physical body that houses our soul in the natural realm right now, as we're perceiving and a spiritual body that houses our soul for the spiritual realm.

And when we are born, we are born with a mortal physical body that can and will experience a physical death. But we are also a soul with a spirit that is eternal.

The spirit of God that God blew into that dust of the ground where man became a living soul is eternal. It's an eternal breath. It's eternal. It's in the Bible.

It's pneuma. It's a spirit. It's the spirit. It's wind. It's breath. It's all the same word, but it's eternal. And that part of us is eternal. And when we experience salvation and we are water baptized in the name of Jesus, it's our natural body that's being baptized in the water.

[24 : 40] Amen. I don't know. I don't know about you, but the water was cold. And when we received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it is our spiritual body that's receiving a spiritual baptism.

And that's why we have to be born again of the water and of the spirit. It's two baptisms. There is a physical baptism for the physical body and a spiritual baptism for the spiritual body. Hebrews 9 and 27, and it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the judgment.

Your natural life ends when your natural body dies. And when it does, your spiritual body will ultimately return to God and you will face judgment. And so no wonder. Jesus warned us all in Matthew 10, 28.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body and hell. And so the apostle Paul prayed for the Thessalonian church.

And first left Thessalonians 5 and 23 in the very God of peace sanctify you holy. And I pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

[25 : 51] Amen. We have to understand this church that we have physical bodies and we get so focused on spending our time.

99% of our time is focused on the natural things of life. I mean, day in and day out, all your efforts, 99% of your efforts is all to advance your natural life.

And 99% of your focus is on your natural life. And your natural life is only the half of you. And it's not even the half of you that's going to take you to heaven.

Amen. You have a spiritual body that you have to begin to focus on. We have to realize it's spiritual.

Amen. It's spiritual. John 3, verse 6 says, That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

It's not hard for us to understand what it is to be born of the flesh. We all know how that works.

We've all experienced it to be born.

[26 : 56] And seen it up close if you've been married and have kids. And so we understand how the birth process works in the natural. Jesus is trying to teach us by looking at that process.

It's the same in the spiritual realms. He's emphasizing the spiritual birth through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. And so we're already born of flesh, in our flesh.

But there had to come a day when we're born again, and the new birth is a spiritual birth. And just like when we were born in the natural, our spiritual body has to be taken care of.

We don't just have kids and then put them in a room somewhere and check on them for two hours every Sunday. That's not how you take care of a natural body, right?

We wouldn't do that to our kids. When we're born spiritually, we can't just depend only on Sunday church for a couple hours. Because, you know, if even that, we're maybe going to be out of here within an hour and ten minutes of our service start time.

[28 : 04] So that's not enough to nourish our spiritual body. And Jesus is trying to teach us that. And so we have to provide it nourishment so that it grows healthy.

And we need to strengthen our spiritual disciplines, right? Praying, fasting, reading the Word. And Jesus said, the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life. I mean, this whole book is the Word of God.

It is spirit and life. And it gives us our spirit life. It gives our spirit nourishment when we partake of it.

And we know it because the Word of God, without the Word of God, nothing would exist.

He spoke it all into existence in Genesis chapter 1. So when you, you know, I'm going to close with this. When you look at the tabernacle of Moses, you notice that it's the pattern of a cross, right?

And so if you go in at the bottom of the cross, so like the tabernacle of Moses was literally laid out as a cross.

[29 : 02] And this is thousands of years before there were crosses being used by the Romans to execute. This is pretty interesting. But you go in at the bottom, it's laid out like this, the floor plan.

And if you go in at the bottom there of the cross, what you're doing is you're approaching the altar of repentance. There's a brazen altar there. And that's where we have to, that's where the, in the tabernacle of Moses, where they would sacrifice and spill blood on a brazen altar.

And then you go up from there, go a little further, and then there's a laver of washing. Notice on the cross, it's a little further into the, to the next spot.

In the beginning, you would have the brazen altar. In the next, you would have a laver of washing.

And then once you get past the laver of washing, which, by the way, is a symbol of our baptism of washing away our sins, then you get into the next room.

Okay, so this is on the outer court here. So you got your brazen altar, your laver of washing, and then you get into the outer court. To the right, you have a table of showbread, which is, represents the word of God.

[30 : 15] And it was supposed to be made fresh every day. And there was supposed to be one loaf for every tribe of the children of Israel. And then directly to the left of that, inside this room, this next room, which is called the Holy Place, was the golden candlestick.

It wasn't really a candlestick, so it was a golden lampstand. It had seven lamps on it that was filled with oil continually, never to go out. And that represents the Holy Spirit burning.

And that oil is supposed to never go out. And then as you approach the next room, the door to the next room, which is the Holy of Holies, where God, the purest presence of God was there inside the Holy of Holies, you would get to the altar of incense, and that's spiritual, praying in the Spirit. And so, and to the left was the golden menorah, to the right was the table of showbread, and it's on the same plane. So the Spirit, the word of God, and the Spirit is on the same thing, right? The same plane, I just think is interesting. And that's literally the layout of the tabernacle of Moses. But everything in the outer court had to do with the natural. Leading up to the cross, out here was all in the natural.

[31 : 35] But once you got past that, it was the Holy Place. And then you start talking about spiritual things. The word of God, the Spirit of God, the altar of incense. And then you get into the Holy of Holies, and that is where the pure presence of God is.

Let's all stand. And so what can we take from that? What can we get from that, out of that? We need to exercise and strengthen this to be more spiritually aware.

We can draw on the key elements out of the tabernacle plan. The raising altar, we need to be quick to repent. It's spiritually healthy to repent.

I would say every day, we have to repent. We have to ask God to forgive us. It's not a bad thing to do before you go to bed at night.

As the lights go out, just think and pray. God, forgive me for anything I've done today that I did that displeased you. And I failed you, and God, I want you to know I'm sorry, and I don't mean it.

[32 : 46] I'm just human. And I have this natural flesh that I'm dealing with that I can't escape it. It's just who we are as humans. And God, I need you to help me with that.

And God, forgive me. And I want to serve you. I want to be holy like you. And so just repent. Being quick to repent is a spiritual discipline.

And it starts at the brazen altar there. And, you know, asking God to wash us, the laver washing. Cleanse my heart, God.

Cleanse my mind. My mind's impure. My heart's impure. Make sure my motives that I have are pure. Cleanse my heart. Cleanse my intentions.

And the things that motivate me. And then the next room was the holy place. And that's everything to do with the spiritual, the table of showbread, the word of God, in which we know the spirit.

[33 : 46] And the golden candlesticks, the fire providing the light. That was the Holy Ghost. And the altar of incense, praying in the spirit. And then the next room, the holy of holies, the presence of God.

But the golden candlesticks, we need to have received the gift of the Holy Ghost. And I know we all have. But we have to keep that fire burning inside of us.

Don't let the oil burn out. Keep it renewed every day. The table of showbread made fresh daily. We need to consume a fresh word of God daily. The altar of incense, we need to pray through into the spirit more often.

Amen. Praying shouldn't be a struggle. We should be able to instantly get into a place of prayer that we can touch the throne room of God and present our needs to God.

Amen. And we don't want to be one of those children because we're God's children, right? We don't want to be one of those children that just the only time they go to a parent's house or ask dad is to ask dad for something.

[34 : 49] But show up sometimes, you know, just to hang out. Talk to God. You know, tap into the spiritual through your prayer on a consistent basis. Just do it through praise and worship.

Worship. Practice. It's okay to say this. Practice worshiping more. Put on some praise music at home and praise and worship.

And when you have the opportunity. I'm a crier, too. But it's so good to do that and to tap into the spirit in that regard.

And when you come to church, that's, you know, it's a great opportunity to do it as a corporate body, the body of Christ. And then the, if we do those things, if we repent, ask God to cleanse our hearts, make us holy like he is.

And to make sure we're consuming his word and applying it to our heart and praying through the spirit. Then we're going to grow spiritually and we become spiritually strengthened.

[35 : 55] Amen. And so, how are we going to be that, like I said, how are we going to be that church that's having revival and seemingly has conquered the powers of that city?

And now we have the doors open to us, to the doors of the people of this city, you know, and having access to those things.

There's spiritual warfare that still needs to take place. And then how are you going to get through the things that you're facing in your life? And Taylor stepped out, so now we're just, there's, well, besides Vincent and Carlos, there's just marriage in here.

How are we going to, how are we going to get through the things that are coming against our marriages and our relationships and things like that? Like, these are, it's not flesh and blood that we're fighting against.

Isabel and Mario, it's not, it's not each other. It's not the flesh and blood of each other. Trevin, it's not the flesh and blood of you and Haley. Babe, it's not me that, it's not me.

[37 : 00] It's not my fault, okay? It's a spiritual thing that's taking place. I mean, we don't wrestle against flesh and blood, right? Like the Bible says, it's against spiritual things. And so it comes as the face of Mario sometimes, Isabel, or it comes as the face of me, Deanna, sometimes.

But there's spiritual things behind it that, and a lot of times it's not them, it's us that we have to, and that goes for both sides of the marriage. Things that we have to accomplish or conquer, I should say, spiritually.

Amen. But it's not by might nor by power, but my spirit, saith the Lord. And so we have to gain spiritual strength. We have to have apostolic advancement.

We have, like I said before, how much have we grown spiritually since last week? We shouldn't be stagnant. We definitely shouldn't be going backwards. But week in and week out, with all the application of the preaching and teaching of the word, amen, we should be growing weekly, spiritually.

Amen. And so let's find a place to pray.