

Don't Get Stuck in One Chapter of Your Life

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[0 : 00] People believe a lie and be damned. They're really believing a lie. Because if you'll notice in the Bible when the disciples were saying, what will be the sign of your coming? What's the very first thing he said?

As in the days of Noah, hallelujah. It's going to be so, so, so. He said, he said one of the first things that he said for people to watch for is he said let no man deceive you.

That's right. Oh yeah, amen. Let no man deceive you. That's the first thing that he tells when the disciples are asking, what's going to be the sign of your coming? Take a look at the preachers that's out there preaching, Sister Payne.

They preach a whole lot of truth but they add some mixed in phrases to warp it in with that and make you, and you're believing a lie and being damned and not ever realize it.

Because as Brother Van and him always preached, this has got to be in him. Amen. You can't just take the preacher's word for it.

[0 : 58] You can't say, okay, they said it, that settles it. No. You've got to read this thing, sell it for yourself, get it inside and out. Let that river be flowing of the word of God because there's going to come a time when we ain't even going to have this word.

Yes, yes, amen. If you lost your Bible today and could not have it back, how much word do you have to stand on? Preach it. Amen. Amen. It's a hard thing to listen to, but this is what the Lord's been dealing with me, Sister Connie.

How much of this do I have inside of me that I can live and make it? Oh, Jesus, yes. How much do we have inside of this? It don't matter what a preacher says, and I'm not saying don't listen to the preacher because that's why God gave it to us so we can understand more of what this word is saying.

Amen. But we've got to get this word in ourselves. Amen. We've got to get so, and I've used this as an example, that I was going back and forth to work and that on my way to work, there's these two trees that's right side by side, and it's enough, you could probably walk in between them, Sister Anna, but these two trees are growing up, but when they get up to about middle ways, these trees start growing together, and they're so intertwined that you can't tell, Tish, which tree is which tree. That's exactly how we have to get with God. Amen. I've got to be in Him. He's got to be in me, and when you see me walking down the road, people's going to wonder, oh no, is that Pat Neal, or is that Jesus?

[2 : 23] And sometimes Brother Matt preached that time, we're going to belittle Jesus. Yes, I'm Jesus, and I'm fine. Yes, I am, because He's in me, and we've got to go to this long, sick, mind world and preach the gospel.

We are all preachers. We can all go preach the word to somebody and get a man. We don't have to be in the house of God. The Bible says to be ready, be instant in season and out of season.

You don't know who you're going to meet when you walk through that Walmart door. You don't know who you're going to meet when you walk into that doctor's office. Wouldn't you love to have enough Jesus in you that when you walk in there, and that woman's sitting there in that wheelchair saying, in the name of Jesus, rise up and go on.

We can do it, but we've got to get this down in here to get us. And the devil's deceiving. The devil is moving. The devil talks. He just talks. He wears our mind down because he knows what's really inside of us, Sister Connie.

That's why he's taught you all these years, Sister Connie. Because he knows that anointing that's coming inside there. And he don't want you to see who you really are. That's why he tells us all, all the time, you ain't nothing.

[3 : 31] You ain't worth nothing. You're worthless. You're no good. You're nobody. Why do you even try? But anything negative that you hear, it's a devil. People say, well, how do I know?

How do I know if God's talking to me? How do I know if anything negative is the devil? So we just got to start going through our house. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

If you wake up hurting, Lord, I thank you that I got a good body. God, I thank you that I got good knees. God, I thank you that I got a good mind. Because most people are losing their mind. Most people are really losing their mind.

And we got to get up and plead the blood every day. Every day. This ain't just a Tuesday and Sunday or a Wednesday and Sunday. This ain't just a, this is a every day leaning the blood over your mind and getting that word down inside of you.

I thank God that I was growing up when I did because kids nowadays are missing so much. Kids nowadays, I can remember Brother Jay, kids are not going to ever know. These little ones are not going to know because us adults have fell by the wayside.

[4 : 34] And I know you said that y'all do that. But most churches around home have about quit that. But have you remember when you'd come in that the lights would be down? You'd hear them in here.

Intercession coming forth. Intercession, travail praying, groaning in the spirit, not to make it seem because nobody can see nothing because the lights was out, but because that anointing that was down inside Brother Jake was rolling up and our babies are not going to see that anointing because it don't happen no more.

We've learned better. As some of them say down at home, they've learned better. New way. New way. My Lord, give me the old way. God, give me the old path. God, I know what that is.

New way. Because Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the light. He that liveth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

We can live. So I prophesied to every one of these bones, just like the lead of Ezekiel. He said, can't these bones live? He said, prophesy to the bones.

[5 : 44] So I prophesied that you're going to live and not die. You're going to live and not die. And I'm talking about in the spirit. Because some people learn a little bit and think, well, I've arrived and I don't have to know anything else.

Oh my Jesus. There's deeper depths and higher heights and there's so much in this word. And we got to read the word for what it is. And we got to take it for what it is. If it's an ouch and an oh me, you got to take it.

Because I was reading in Psalms 23, it said, the Lord is my shepherd. How many of y'all really have the Lord as your shepherd?

Now you know what the shepherd does? He said, thy rod and thy staff. Yeah. They comfort me. If you go to the left and he was wanting you to go to the right, he'd throw that rod up there.

Yeah. Move you over. A lot of times when things are happening in our life, it's God just moving us back over and he's on that straight path and he's wanting us to go on. He's trying to show us.

[6 : 54] He's trying to help us, but we get the flash of, I know better. I know what I'm supposed to do. I know I need to do this. I know I need to go there. And so we kick against the cracks.

We kick against it and we go our way instead of going his way. And that's why my life has ended up the way it ended up because I didn't walk according to the way he wanted me to walk.

When we go the way he wants to walk, then we're going to, I give this example because I know God gave it to me when I was young, Sister Anna. I used to live with, I know all y'all know Brother Mann's sister, Sister Judy Frizzell.

I used to live with her. And her son was probably about seven or eight years old. I thank God for her. I thank God for her and all she saw me, her brother man. God, I wouldn't, I wouldn't grow up under nothing else than hearing the words that I've heard and the preaching that I've heard.

And not only did they preach it, but they lived it. You know, you got a lot of them that's preaching it today telling you don't do it and they don't do it. That ain't who you listen to. They're going to practice what they preach and they're going to walk what they preach and forgive it.

[8 : 03] And so, we had, I was probably, I don't know, 15, 14, 15, and we would go to Walmart and anybody that knows me, I hate to shop. I'm not normal.

I hate to shop. I hate to go in. I do. So, I went with them to Walmart several times and I knew enough that Randy would go to the toy section and Judy would go walk around and do her

shopping.

So, when she got ready to go, Sister Rowan, she had this whistle that she would do to let Randy know I'm ready to go. And she'd give out those shh, I can't even do it like she didn't.

So, I thought, well, I don't want to torment her and be up underneath her feet. So, I'm going to go walk around and act like I'm shopping. But the whole time that I was walking around, Sister Anna, I'm going to get to it, woman.

The whole time I was walking around looking at all this stuff and acting like I was interested when I was really ready to go sit in the car. And we'd get up there and, but the whole time that I'm walking around in Walmart, and y'all know how crazy it is and how loud and how busy, I tuned everything out that was in that store and I was listening for the whistle.

[9 : 19] Yeah, oh Jesus. Amen. Because I didn't want her to leave me. Yeah. Now, I know she wouldn't really leave me, but this was my mindset at age 14. You see, I was praying, I gotta listen, I can't, all the cash registers going and people arguing and them over there in the sports section and doing all their things and all of that was going on.

but I had my ear tuned to listen to that whistle. Now, I could hear a lot of other whistles, but I knew that wasn't the right whistle.

Yeah. Amen. And see, he says that if his sheep know his voice, if his sheep know his voice, another, they're not gonna follow. Amen.

So we gotta get, and the only way you're gonna know the voice is to get in the word and to get in prayer. Amen. Yes. The word and get in prayer because, and Sister Jude always says, praying through, that hardly ever is preached anymore, praying through.

And they'll say, well, how do you know you've prayed through? And she'll say, well, you prayed through when you don't wanna quit. Amen. Because you know, you know as well as I do, you're gonna fill down the brain and everything in the world can happen.

[10 : 29] Everything will happen to get you up to get you to quit praying. Amen. But when you get down there, you get praying and you let that world go out and you don't listen to that. So I had my ear tuning to listen to that whistle.

And when I heard her whistle, then I would go in front. And several years later, the Lord told me, this is exactly how in tune I want you to be with me. Amen. So that when you hear my voice, Yes. It don't matter what's going on in this world, Brother Bruce, when he speaks, it don't matter what everything else is happening, Brother Jeremy, but when he speaks and we hear that voice, Amen. Then we're gonna do what God told us to do. Amen. We're gonna go where God told us because God's got great things laid up for us. Amen. He would that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospered.

Come on. My God, how much is my soul prospering? There it goes. That's it right there. How much is your soul prospering? Amen. And it's my fault.

[11 : 30] The things that I get into is my fault. Yeah. The circumstances that I get into is my fault because I have this free will, this choice. Come on. And then we say, Oh, God, why did you let that happen?

Well, he's a perfect gentleman. He's waiting for me to choose. Yeah. He's waiting for me to decide because we have to overcome this flesh, die out to this thing daily.

We gotta die out to this thing daily. Yeah. That's right. And we're writing a story. I, well, okay, let me read this first. Okay, I'm gonna read, I had a bunch of scriptures and I messed over all of that.

But how many feel this way? In Job 23, verse 8 through 20, y'all listen to this and tell me if you ain't been there.

Behold, I go forward, but he is not there. And backward, but I cannot perceive him. On the left hand, where he does work, but I cannot behold him.

[12 : 38] He hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him. This is the one I want you to get. But he knoweth the way that I take.

Amen. And when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. When he hath tried me, Tisha, I shall come forth as gold.

And you may always use to say it, you're making things that you go for. And a lot of things that we go through, we really don't go through it for us. We go through it. Because see, how can you help somebody unless you've been where they've been?

See, I can talk to you all day about something that I've never been through, and my words just are a dead letter. It don't mean nothing. But if I've been right down there where you've been at, and I've been in that place and that situation, when I speak from my heart, my heart's going to touch your heart because it's been there.

And I can help pull you out of it because we've been there together. So we've got to go through things most of the time for somebody else, Sister Missy. We think that we're doing it because, oh, something's happened or whatever.

[13:51] But most of the time, we go through things because somewhere down the road, we've got to help somebody. We've got to help somebody. Amen. We've got to help somebody. And how are we going to help them if we ain't out looking for them?

Come on. Come on. How are we going to help them, Brother Bruce, if we ain't out there looking for them? Amen. We've got to go and find them, but we've got to get ourselves prepared. That's right. We've got to get our armor on.

We've got to get built up because the devil's going to fight. The devil's going to fight. He's slick. He's sly. Like I said, he brings anything and everything that comes against you. But we're all writing our own life stories.

Just like in here with Job. And Job wrote his story in every chapter. Every chapter, something was changing. Something was different. Don't judge somebody because they're in a different chapter than what you're in.

Don't judge somebody because they're in a different chapter than what you're in. Because one day, one chapter may be a good chapter and the next chapter may be a bad chapter.

[15:00] But it all depends on, we may fall down a hundred times, but it all depends on whether you give back up. Come on. You can either lay there and cry and cry, poor boopsie, or you can get up and go home.

Because there's another chapter coming. So when you flip to that next chapter, joy's coming in the morning. God's going to turn things around. Victory's coming. He's moving.

He's changing. But we can't get stuck in what chapter? Amen. We can't get stuck. We can't. We cannot. We cannot get into self-pity. And the devil will throw that on us.

He said it to me. Why am I here? Why is it like this? Why is it not? The devil will do that. He will throw that on you. But we've got to stand up and we've got to guard ourselves. We've got to get that whole armor of God on and we've got to go and fight the battle and say, Greater is He that's in me than He that's in this world.

He gave me this word to go fight. He gave me this word to go to battle and that's what we've got to do. So just flip that book and start writing that next chapter.

[16:06] Start writing that next chapter. Start calling things that are not as though they are. God, I thank you that I'm healed. God, I thank you that I see. God, I thank you that every one of my kids are coming in.

God, I thank you that every grand kid that I got is going to be saved. God, I thank you that my job is going to change. God, I thank you that my finances is going to change. God, I thank you that tomorrow I'm going to have money when I didn't have money yesterday.

God, I thank you that tomorrow my work situation is going to change from where it was yesterday. God, I thank you that tomorrow I'm going to wake up in my right mind and I'm going to be clothed in your glory.

See, that's what we've got to do. We've got to get clothed in Him. If we keep Him constantly up here, then we leave no room for the devil to get in and find. Because this is the devil's playground. He gets in there and wears you out. Over any, every little thing, anything and everything, He will wear us out. But we've got to get clothed in Him.

[17:08] We've got to get in Him and He's got to get in us. We've got to walk this thing. We've got to talk this thing. We've got to breathe it. We've got to go to bed at night saying, Jesus, I thank you. Jesus, I thank you. Lord, I thank you, Jesus.

God, I thank you, Jesus. Because if we don't, we're going to get caught off guard. Devil's going to slip in and things are going to change. I've got family members that I know I thought never would. And the devil slipped in and they think they're doing right and they're so far off from what they used to be that it's unreal. It's unreal. It's like, how have you not seen?

Thank you.