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[0 : 0 0] Unless he had it in abundance. How can we give somebody something if we don't have enough for ourselves? Acts 19, when Paul came upon these disciples of John and they said, Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believe in it?

He said, I have not heard that there be any Holy Ghost. He said, Then why were you baptized? They said, Then to John's baptism and to repentance. And then Paul preached Jesus to them. And he baptized them.

In the name of Jesus Christ. And he laid hands on them and imparted the Holy Ghost to them. Because he had more than enough. He added in abundance. He added in the depths and the heights.

We can't get enough to make it from Sunday to Saturday. We know just enough to be dangerous to ourselves. And to other people that think that we know it all.

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[1:58] Honey, this is what you call travailing in birth. Paul said, my little children of whom I travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in you.

They had a little and they thought they had it all. But Paul said, I've got to travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in you. Woo! Woo!

Remember this, God's got a law.

That you will never go any higher in him than what you're willing to go in the depths of him.
Woo! Oh Oh What you get on the mountain won't help you to stand in the valley.

But what you get in the valley will help you to be able to stand on the mountain. Praise the Lord.

[4 : 00] While the Spirit's high, let's pray for Sister Flo. Her sugar's just been running out. Off the charts. That is the cloud.

The ocean is dry. There's no stars in the sky.

And the sparrow can fly. If that isn't love.

In heaven's love. And there's no feeling like this.

If that isn't love. He left the splendor of heaven.

[5 : 27] Knowing his destiny. He was a lonely log on us.

Where he laid down his life for you. Oh, if that isn't love.

The ocean is dry. The ocean is dry. There's no stars in the sky.

And the sparrow can fly. If that isn't love.

If that isn't love. If that isn't love. If that isn't love. In heaven's a mirror.

[6 : 38] In heaven's a mirror. In heaven's a mirror.

Death he never O'er the thief hanging by his side As he spoke with love and compassion
Then he took him to paradise If that is beyond The ocean is bright There's no stars in the sky

And the sparrow can't fly If that is the love In him, on the mead There's no feeling like this
If that is the love The ocean is dry There's no stars in the sky And the sparrow can't fly If that is the love Come on, brother

Let me tell you the last time The Holy Spirit was in this place Like it is today It's been years ago
On a Saturday night We were all in here At about 12 o'clock And somebody burst through the back door
And said, Sister Flo's house is on fire Honey, the devil don't like it When you get this kind of Holy Spirit
In a house, amen Because something's going to catch you on fire I'm praying it's going to be us
Amen Come on Oh, yeah Woo Oh, yeah Oh, yeah I love you.

I love you.

[10 : 57] I love you.

I love you.

I love you.

I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you.

We're on our way up. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you.

[12 : 55] I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. We're cleansing the whole church for a move.

I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you. I love you.

I love you. I love you. That if we didn't, we'd be right back where we was.

And that he loves every one of y'all. He's sitting right beside of you. He's got his arm around you.

And he's holding you. And he's catching every tear. Oh my god.

[14 : 36] Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my god.

Oh Oh Oh, my God.

Oh, he loves you so much. I wish you could feel it. Feel what I feel.

You take in tears and you wash his feet. You tell him you love him. Oh, there's nothing we can't do to him.

Oh, there's nothing we can't do to him. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh.

[16 : 53] Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh. Oh.

Oh, no.

There shouldn't be a day go by, we shouldn't be happy for what we got, for what we go through the hardest times.

When something so bad happens you don't think you can go on. And he's right there going through with you.

And if you just look up, look toward him, he's going to pull you out of it every time.

- [18 : 43] Maybe not the way you want it. And maybe not as fast as you want it, but in his time and the way he wants it. I don't know why he chose me.
- I don't know why he... Tears just started running down my face as far as I could.
- I couldn't stop him. He was loving me so much. And I just sat there and I said, I didn't want to get down on the floor.
- I kept saying no. And he kept pushing me and I kept saying no. Until I couldn't stand it no more.
- Y'all got to realize what we got.
- [20 : 02] You've got to realize what you got here. Not just today, but every day. In this church. With all the kids.
- We're all family. Don't forget what you got.
- Don't forget where you can go when everything's going wrong. Don't forget where you can go when everything's going wrong. Don't forget. Oh. Instead, I'd rather sit home and watch a fishing show or something.
- Just because I'm too lazy. But he walked a mile. He got beat.
- And he got nailed to a cross just so I could lay in bed. Because I'm too lazy, you know. Or I got something better to do besides come to church and praise him. It sounds funny, but he did.
- [21 : 49] Because he knew that I would do it. And he knew every other excuse everybody else would have when they decided not to come. He knew it before it ever happened, but he'd done it anyway.
- He knew it. Oh. love. It's His grace. It's His mercy.
- It's Him just walking through the room. Oh, it feels so good. So peaceful.
- So, so peaceful. Oh, we pray.
- We thank You. I'm so relaxed.
- [23 : 31] The best counseling you'll ever have. The best counselor you'll ever have. I wasn't I wasn't worthy of what I got today.
- Oh, God, I wasn't worthy. Oh, God. But Daddy chose me anyway. I love all y'all.
- And if there's anything I've ever done, I'm sorry. Because it wasn't God. It was my flesh.
- And you got to forgive my flesh. Because that's something we can't control all the time. As hard as we try. I told Kim I was sorry last night.
- And I told Chuckie Paul that I was sorry last night. I know everybody knows. And me and Chuckie ain't had no good times. And I called him last week.
- [25 : 07] And I was so grateful. So, so grateful. But I love him.
- And I'm sorry I've done it. So sorry. Oh, God.
- I don't...
- I couldn't even remember the words, honey. Thank you, though. Got an idea, though. No, we can't handle his love.
- This is what his love is. When it gets in, you can't take it. So it's got to run out. It's way too much. Oh, that's why they say if you'd even seen him, you'd die.
- [26 : 59] Because he's so powerful. So much love that we couldn't even handle it. If we had this much love in the world, there wouldn't be nothing wrong. Everybody that would, if the other man don't mind, just come up front and have a big hug.

Just everybody a big bear hug. If you don't mind, I don't mind.

Just everybody pile in a big pile and hug each other. If I look and see my brother fail.

And I run to a friend and tell. And I run to a friend and tell. There's no difference between him and me.

Oh, it's so beautiful.

[28 : 15] Set my spirit free Lord, change me I want to be just like Him Lord, change me Crucify my mind Change me But I still have the time When I look and see my brother fail And I run to a friend and tell There's no difference between Him and me

Lord, I'll be on my knees Lord, change me Set my spirit free Lord, change me I want to be just like Him Lord, change me Make my spirit free Lord, change me I want to be just like Him Lord, change me

You crucified my mind Change me Change me While I still have the time The first place When I look and see my brother fail And I run to a friend and tell There's no difference between Him and me I shall have been to see With all my needs Lord, change me Set my spirit free Lord, change me Lord, change me

Lord, change me I want to be just like Him Lord, change me I want to be just like Him Lord, change me Lord, change me You Gonzalez Change me, it pure than my mind.

Change me, while I still have to. Change me, while I'm in the river.

[32 : 02] With the battle, this longing heart. With my worlds being torn apart.

I blame everyone, my name. Lord, open my eyes, so that I might see.

Lord, change me, make my spirit new.

Lord, change me. I wanna be just like you.

Lord, change me. If you are fine, my mind.

[33 : 09] Change me, while I still have the time.

One more second, Lord. One more second, Lord. One more second, Lord. One more second, Lord. One more second, Lord. When the battle, this longing heart. And my heart, with torn apart.

I blame everyone, but me. Lord, open my eyes, so that I might see.

Lord, change me. Make my spirit new. Lord, change me.

I wanna be just like you. Lord, change me.

[34 : 23] Change me, Jesus. Oh, Lord. Oh, Lord. Oh, Lord. Oh, Lord. Lord, change me I want to be just like you Lord, change me If you would have had my time

Change me While I still have the time When the battle is long and hard Had my world been torn apart I blame everyone but me Open my eyes So that I might see Lord, change me Make my spirit new

Lord, change me Change me, Jesus I want to be just like you Lord, change me Purified by my mind Change me, Jesus Change me, Jesus I want to still have the time The battle is long and hard And my world is torn apart

I blame everyone but me Lord, open my eyes That I might see Lord, change me Take my spirit new Lord, change me I want to be just like you Lord, change me Lord, change me You're upon my mind Change me

And I still have the time And I still have the time And when I look And see my brother fail And I run to a dream And sail And I run to a dream And there's no different between Him and me.

- [39 : 05] I should have interceded on my knees. Lord, change me and break my spirit through.
Lord, change me I want to be just like You.
Lord, change me and purify my mind.
Lord, change me while I still have time.
How many's in the battle and know that it's long and hard?
- [40 : 18] It seems like your world's just getting all torn apart. What do we do? Blame everybody but me.
Lord, open my eyes so that I might see. Lord, change me and make my spirit through.
Lord, change me I want to be just like You.
Lord, change me If you're by, my, my Change me While I still have time.
Lord, change me Oh God, I don't know if you know it or not.
- [41 : 50] Let me take a gift. You might not ever You might not ever get this close to God again as we have today. Say that again. Say that again. That's the truth. You spoke more truth there than you know about it.

You might not ever You might not ever, ever in your whole lifetime Get as close to God as we got today. And He chose our church. Woo! I guarantee you can't go across the river To Christ's Gospel Down the street to this Baptist church And feel and get what we got today.

And He chose our little church. Woo! Pick things, come in small packages. We've been blessed so much in one morning Than most people get in their whole life.

Amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen. Oh. Oh, how I love Jesus.
Oh, how I love Jesus.
- [43 : 16] Oh, how I love Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus.

Oh, how I love Jesus. Because He first loved me. To me He is so wonderful. To me He is so wonderful.

Oh, to me He is so wonderful. Because He first loved me Oh, how I love Jesus.

How I love Jesus Oh, how I love Jesus Oh, how I love Jesus Because He first loved me He'll never forsake me He'll never forsake me He'll never forsake me Because He first loved me

Oh, He'll never forsake me Oh, He'll never forsake me Great farms.
- [45 : 42] They were getting old, so these two farmers, they called their sons together. And they said, Son, I'm old now and I'm going to turn everything that I have over to you.

I've given you money in the bank, I've given you all the cattle, all the land, it's yours. Now go forth, be fruitful and multiply.

And in the process of time, things began to go wrong for both sons. The money was gone out of the bank.

The cattle quit calving. There was a drought and the grass quit growing. And when they were at their despair, the first son came to his father and he says, Father, I've messed up.

Everything that you gave me, I have. If you don't come help me, I'm going to lose everything. And that father said, Son, I'm going to come help you.
- [46 : 54] The other son went to his father and he said, Father, I have messed up. I've lost just about everything. The bank's ready to come take the farm.

If you don't come help me, I'm going to lose it all. And that father said, Son, you're on your own. Which father? Tell me, tell me right now.

Which father had you rather have? The first father or the second father? Tell me. See, I've already told this story to some of you, so some of you already know the end of the story.

Most people would say, I want the one who's going to come help me. Because I'm at the end of my road. So we would say, I want the first father, the one that's going to help me out.

If you don't know the end of the story, that's the right decision to make. But if you know the end of the story. Because a second father wouldn't help his son. His son had to get down and do the things that he hadn't been willing to do before to make that farm a success.

[48 : 03] He had to sacrifice. In ways that he never thought he'd have to sacrifice. And he pulled himself through the first son that the father came back and helped.

Sure, the father got the farm going again. Turned it over to the son again and the father died. But the son didn't learn the lesson and he lost it all in the end anyway. But the first father who didn't help his son, the son learned the lesson that God you've already done everything that you're going to do for me.

You done died for me. You done forgive me of my sin. You done fill me with the Holy Ghost. And now Lord, it's not up to you anymore. It's up to me. The works that I do, you do also in greater works. So the second son went back and did those things.

He renewed his first works. And he learned out of adversity to persevere and come forth and be successful. There's an old saying, if you feed a man that's hungry a fish, you fed him for one day.

If you teach him the fish, you fed him for the rest of his life. If we minister a message to you, we fed you one day. If we can somehow teach you that you can go to the word of God and get it yourself, then we fed you for the rest of your life.

[49 : 18] But you got to have a desire for it. You got to want it. And there's no trick to it. There is a secret to it.

Laying on your face and staying in that word. Amen. Let me tell you what Jesse's interested in when the Wildcats and the Cardinals come on TV.

He couldn't care less about the Wildcats and the Cardinals. Amen. How many would like to have the anointing that Brother Jesse has? How many has been just a little bit jealous of the anointing?

All you liars can raise your hand because I know you are. I know your spirit. Amen. Amen. Amen. And you know why God has let Jesse do that?

To give us a hunger. God, if you can do it to no drug addict like Jesse that didn't know anything, then God, I've been serving you a long time. Now why can't I have it? You got two choices. You can be like the prodigal son and say, God, I'm so glad to be back home and I want to do everything I can to please you.

[50 : 18] Or you can be like the son that stayed home and get mad and get jealous. Because God is blessing Jesse. Amen. What did the father tell the son that stayed home?

Son, all mine is thine and you could have had a fatted calf anytime you wanted and you could have everything that I've got. God, I haven't held anything back from you. Church, God has not held anything back from us.

We just said this is all I want. A little knowledge is dangerous. I know about the blood and I know about the Holy Ghost and I know about water baptism and that's just all I need to know.

That's just enough to be dangerous to you. Because you don't know enough. I've been studying this word for 35 years. I don't know enough. And I won't know enough when I leave this world. And if I ever do know enough then I'll be finally old enough to die.

So if you all would really want it, only if you really want it, I feel almost certain that Brother Darrell would somehow work it in his busy schedule.

[51 : 29] To teach you how to formulate a message. So that you wouldn't always be depending on somebody else to chew your food up and put it in your mouth so that you can digest it.

And if you would want to do that, can you see Brother Darrell after service? And let him know.

Brother Darrell, I love you and I appreciate you. Can you teach me how to understand this Bible? Can you teach me how to study? Can you teach me how to dig into it?

Like, and it all goes back to what they was talking about this morning. Brother Jesse, you take one word. And the word that you think you know, you don't know. Because we don't know anything.

The word that you think you know, that's the words that we go to. We get out the Strong's Concordance. I even get out Webster's Dictionary for further help on it.

[52 : 33] Because those words can bring out so much more life in that one little word that we've lost the meaning of. That will change your life. Can you say amen? Amen.

Somebody give us some lights this morning. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Well, we're supposed to be fasting on Mondays.

Tuesdays. How many did not fast yesterday? All right. Did you see what a little fasting did?

Then what would happen if we all fasted? And I'm not doing this to give you a way out. But maybe you can't fast the whole day. Maybe you don't have enough willpower to push the plate back for a whole day. But if you just do what you can, it's better than nothing. It's better than saying, well, I just can't.

[53 : 38] Amen. Amen. Amen. can. It's better than nothing. It's better than saying, well, I just can't. Amen. What was that scripture we heard last week? Accept your righteousness exceed that of the Pharisees, you shall in no wise unto the kingdom of heaven. And then when you found out what the Pharisees did, they fast twice in the week. They did a lot of other things too, but they paid tithes on everything that they had. That was one of the things, wasn't it? Amen. Are we paying tithes on everything we have? Are we fasting? We fast when we see how fast we can eat it before it's gone. How many will say, not to me, but to the Lord, Lord, I'm going to fast one day this week. One day I'm going to fast, and if I can't fast all day, I'm going to fast all that I can. But I'm not going to plan to fail because I failed to plan. I'm going to do my best one day this week because I want some of what Brother Jesse's got. I want some of what Brother Kevin's got over here this morning that caused him to get down here and weep and cry and cry out to God. Amen. He said a mouthful when he said, we came so close to God this morning. He said, a broken and a contrite spirit, O God, thou would not despise that the Lord is near unto them that have a broken and a contrite heart. You think he's near unto us when we're up and shouting, but he's not. He's back and all saying, watch him go. But when you get down on your knees, you begin to cry out of your heart and tears flowing down of sincerity and everything else that it stands for. And that's when God moves right in there with you. Wraps his arms of love around you. Amen. I've always said, I want to be like John, to be loved. I want to lay my head on his breast till I can hear the beat of his heart. Can somebody say amen? Amen. Amen. Can you hear me?

Amen. This may be what brought this about. Kevin pasted the one-eyed devil all week. Oh, you will. How many have passed the one-eyed devil all week? That's not a lot of people.

Amen. Praise God. See, God knows what you're willing to do. You know what I've always found out? When you were willing to do it, then God don't require you to do it. But when you're not willing to do it, then he requires you to. When you get your heart to say, all right, I'll do it. But he says, no, that's all right. I just want you to get your heart where you would. Now that you will, you don't have to. Amen. You're wanting to testify, aren't you?

There's kind of like the same thing. Go up here and grab his microphone. Give the Lord a good hand for Sister Missy this morning. Amen. I just want to praise the Lord for being here and I want to praise him for my family. And I see him doing lots of things around the neighborhood, around my household, and my family.

And I talked to my grandmother the other day and she had some wonderful things to tell me about the other side of my family that I don't talk to very much. But I praise God for all of him. And I praise God that he gave me a family right here that is a spiritual family.

[57 : 59] And a lot of times when our natural family will turn away from us and they don't understand because those that are in darkness can't understand the light, I don't think. And I don't think there's a scripture back up there. But anyways, I want to thank God because he's my all in all. And I love him. I love him more than life.

Thank you. Well then my wife thinks you have something. You're the only one that knows for sure.

I don't know how to continue the schedule to do the training. If you can, I'll do it. Ladies and gentlemen, you're welcome.

Don't go next. No, you're not really embarrassed. A little nervous. Okay, just a little. A little nervous. Okay, let's go.

Good, good. Good, good. Good. Let's go. One, two, three.

[59 : 25] Turn around this way so they can't see you. Now do that. Now, one, two, three. Just me and me. We have a brother, Lau, want to be here.

He's got to have music on. He's got to have music on. Oh, thanks.

I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, hun, I'm gonna let it shine, hun, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, hun, hun, hun, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you. I love you all.

[62 : 20] You're part of my family. Big old family. But I do love you. God has a way of working, and God don't work on your problem when you're praying about it.

God works on your problem when you're praying about somebody else's problem. As silly as that sounds, that's the way God works. Now, how many really appreciate Brother Darrell and Sister Belinda? Yeah. How many really appreciate Brother Darrell and Sister Belinda?

Then how many would help us to send them down to Pigeon Forge for this Thursday and Friday and Saturday thing?

They'll be back here on Saturday night for church. How many will help send them down there? This church is going to walk.

But it's going to take money. Let it walk. Let it walk. This church is going to run. Let it run. Let it run. This church is going to fly. Let it fly. Let it fly. But it's going to take money. Let it walk.

[63 : 29] It's going to take money to send them down there. Well, that's not counting taxes. So you can figure about \$150. Huh?

How about \$149.95? How about \$200? Give them that much. They can take me out to eat when they're down there. If they get that much, I can go.

All right. This thing happens. 27th, 28th, and 29th of March. That's the end of this month. Now, how are we going to go about getting this money?

Somebody tell me. How about 20 people with \$10? How about 40 people with \$5?

How about 200 people with \$1 apiece? That's what I'm standing up here waiting on. We ain't going nowhere. We holding.

[64 : 50] We holding. We holding. What you got? Look like the Lord wants us to start with \$10. How many got \$10?

Oh, give me \$10. Uh-oh, I got 20 there. Now I got 30.

Give me 30. Give me 35, 45. You can tell I wasn't called to be an auctioneer. Oh. Aha. There's five more. There's 10 more.

Don't you want to go with me to that new city? Don't you want to hear that heavenly choir sing, sing, sing. Don't you want to touch the Nescair hand? Don't let the sacred ig Gonzalez play.

Catch it with the stirring in your soul. All right. There's another 20 for Brother Kevin. Now, clap your hands, please. So that's 20.

[65 : 53] And that's 10 is 30. And that 20 makes 50. And that's 60. One, two, three, four. We got \$65. We're almost halfway there.

Here it comes. Keep them tithing offerings. Come in here. Now we got \$75. Now we got \$80. 27th, 28th, and 29th of this month.

March. This is March. March. We're up to \$85. And I'll make it up to \$100.

Now we got \$105. And there's \$125. \$125. That makes \$175.

That's \$185. There's that 15 I was going to make up. I was going to make it up from \$85. Now we're up to \$185. So...

[67 : 16] We'll get there. I got friends in high places.

We know the cracks. Where the spirit moves and God graces his people. Don't you know? Let me count again. Let me count again. 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, and 5.

And then she had 10, makes it 15. She made it 15. And that makes it 65. And... Let me count again.

Now we got... Was it 50 from you? What was it? Oh, 20. I was just checking. We got 120.

And then he's got 20 coming. Yeah. Yes. Anybody want to go? The rooms are only \$39.95.

[68 : 38] If we can still get them at that price. Now that is plus tax. So it would probably be about \$45 total. If you get four people in a room, that's \$10 a day.

A lot of rooms. A lot of rooms. All right, we got 170, and with Kevin's 90 makes 190.

With Kevin's 90, all 20. And I got the other 10. Now, we're going down there with Becky and Ronnie, but...

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We got... Thank you, thank you, thank you.

All right. Now, y'all got any excuse why you can't go? If you do, just give me the money. Come on, what kind of excuse you got, Sister Belinda? You don't have any excuse?

[70 : 06] Well, I imagine. We can't let y'all down there get lost down there all by itself and not know what to do.

Now, how many wants to go down there with Brother Darrell and Sister Belinda and stay in the same room with them?

I'm not going.

I'm not going. Unless I change my mind sometimes. I'm not going to have a bullpen. It's not so much that it's a spiritual retreat.

Just sometimes you need to get away. Jesus told his disciples, he said, come apart before you fall apart. Or worse to that effect. It means the same thing. Amen. Amen. All right.

[71 : 04] Now we're going to receive an offering this morning. Brother? Get the offering pan out there.

We got thousands of dollars out there.