

Full Sermon Transcript:

1 Timothy

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Let's turn to the book of Timothy. That must be our mentality on our own Robert and any time that I step outside that mentality I want you to correct me.

I ain't got no help coming. Don't even think about it Pastor Tim. Come on Tim. Don't even think about it. You know better than that. Help me keep my mind straight Robert.

Okay. If you want to ask for help anyway just to curse people who don't.

Yes. That's a good thing to do isn't that what prophets do? They could help but they don't. And if I say maybe somebody will call today.

Set me straight right then and there. Because ain't nobody gonna call us. I'll get you a list of people to call in this fellowship when I don't answer and don't answer in the day and don't call you back, don't respond to your message.

Exactly. Keep my head straight Robert. I don't want no false hope. Today we're going to read from the book of Timothy right there at the start of 1st Timothy chapter 1 and we're just going to read and just teach as we go and we'll see how far we go in this book of Timothy. We'll see just see how far that we go.

In verse 1 Paul is apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior and our Christ Jesus who is our hope. Amen.

Praise God. Immediately now this is the Apostle Paul writing to Timothy. Timothy did not write the book of Timothy. Paul is writing to Timothy. He's writing to Timothy because traditionally we have been taught and it's probably true that Timothy was one of the people that came into the church because of the teachings of the Apostle Paul.

So Timothy was a fruit of the Apostle Paul of his preaching and Timothy was a local pastor that had been established by the Apostle Paul.

So the Apostle Paul had planted churches in different regions and cities and established a man for each congregation.

So this is how that Paul was an apostle is that he was an overseer of multiple churches and each church had a pastor and each pastor in each church would look up to the administration of the higher administration of the church coming from the Apostle Paul.

And Paul establishes in the very beginning of this letter to Timothy I am the apostle and it's not out of pride that he says it and it's not because that he's trying to exhort some kind of over ego of over authority or anything like that.

But just simply that God has called him which he acknowledges also right there that God has called him into this office and I'm writing to you as your administrator.

And says that Christ is our hope. Verse 2 to Timothy to Timothy is my true son meaning my fruit in the faith.

Grace mercy and peace from Theos the father and Christ our Lord. Verse 3 as I urged you upon my departure from Macedonia remain on at Ephesus be the pastor there at Ephesus the Bishop of Ephesus which is the same as the book of Ephesians and is also one of the seven churches in the book of Revelation 2 and 3.

So that you may instruct or teach certain men not to teach strange doctrines. There's many strange doctrines such as a three-headed God and many other strange doctrines multiple many many many strange doctrines.

So as a pastor there I want you to instruct basically the deacons that are under the pastor to not be teaching strange doctrines.

Verse 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies which give rise to mere speculation rather than the administration of God which is by faith.

So strange doctrines there are just endless pointless and vain and are really just distractions to the true gospel things that don't really a matter of a heal of beans and we're still filled with those type of doctrines as well and they do get in way of the true gospel they do interfere with the true gospel such as trying to figure out what year it is in the calendar.

I don't think any man any person can figure out what year it is in the calendar I really don't think that you can and I think it's a total waste of time and it's total bullcrap and flat earth and nebula planet X different things like that in the book of Enoch.

All of these go under the category of strange doctrines that interfere and hinder the true gospel and they hinder the church and they are a sore upon the church and they are a cancer upon the church and they must be rebuked sharply. Verse 5 but the goal of our instruction or our teaching is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith that doesn't mean that that's all you teach but rather this is our goal is that each of us can have a real faith a strong faith a sincere faith and a good conscious and a clean conscience a pure heart but there's even much more than that you can't put all of our purpose in one sentence but he wanted to put a little bit of emphasis on that at that moment.

Verse 6 for some men straying from these have turned aside to fruitless discussion wanting to be teachers of the law even though they do not understand neither what they are saying or matters about which they make confidence assertions but we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully realizing the fact that the law is not made for a righteous person but for those who are lawless and rebellious for the ungodly sinners for the unholy and profane for those who murder their fathers or mothers for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching. Amen.

Now he's not saying that you shouldn't obey the Sabbath and the Holy Days and that you shouldn't pay your tithes and all that no because that would make you lawless and wicked just like all the other people that he is listing among with wicked people amen.

But what he's saying is that the law is really for the people that are out of control that needed rules. Amen.

If you think of a class in high school you've got some people that behave well by nature it is their nature to be behave well to listen to pay attention to obey and to respect and they and they respect the teacher and they and they're there to learn even though it's against their will but they respect their elders and everything goes much more smoothly and life is much more pleasant but then you got other people in the class that are unruly and disrespectful and disobedient and they make life chaos.

Chaos for the school, for the teacher, for the principal, for the other students so forth.

So the rules are really there to control the uncontrollable. To control the rebellious, the wicked, those that are by nature of themselves of their own choosing rebellious and wicked and lawless people. Amen.

But everybody has to follow the rules everybody in the class even though that the law was established for the unruly everyone in the class both the righteous and the unruly have to keep the same rules and the rules were tightened and increased and more rules were added because the unruly continued to be unruly and out of control and everyone in the class had to continue to obey even more rules. Amen.

But through Christ Jesus if we become truly saved then we don't have to keep the extra rules we still got to keep the basic rules and in the spirit of the law in which they're set.

We're not to become a lawless chaotic and wicked people breaking the Sabbath and putting God last but we don't have to keep the extra rules. Amen.

We can have more images than other people because we have discernment and we know what type of images are acceptable and what's not and so forth. We have more liberty through Christ. Amen.

Then verse 11 here. According to the glorious gospel of the blessed Theos with which we have been entrusted amen praise God.

Verse 12. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me because he considered me faithful putting me into service.

Who does God choose to put into service as pastors, deacons, apostles, prophets, evangelists? Is those that he knows would be faithful with the work that would carry the work forward, that would actually work, that would actually do something, that would actually pick up the phone, that would actually put his money where his mouth is and his time and his energy and more, that will go beyond the call and that will more be more than a robot but rather be a real human being. Amen.

So God chooses and picks there's a reason he picked Daniel there's a reason he picks Jeremiah. Amen. There's a reason he picked Moses and Noah and Paul. Amen.

He doesn't just put anybody and everybody into the service of the church. And that's a major problem with today's society, is people get saved and immediately they think they're preachers. And that I see that constantly — every day, every day, every day, every day — people think they are preachers and teachers. Every every Christian on Facebook thinks they are a teacher — every, every, every, every so-called Christian on Facebook thinks that they are experts and teachers. Amen.

Verse 13. Even though I was formerly a blasphemer, thank you Father for that confirmation, and a persecutor and a

violent aggressor, yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. Amen.

And the grace of our Lord was more than abundant with the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners among whom I am, it doesn't say was, but am foremost of all.

He continued to have sin in his life as a human does. As Romans 7, which we need to add a reference there, brother Robert, and I don't have it.

Verse 13. Yeah, no, at the end of verse 15, at the end of verse 15, add a reference to Romans 7.

And I don't have anything to write on today, so I want to trust you to also send me that in email with any other edits from today's service.

So, you will never find a perfect pastor. You will not find a perfect pastor. Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever. Amen.

We have all fallen short of the glory of God. We have all sinned. And if we say that we still, that we don't have any sin in our lives, then we deceive ourselves at this point.

But in the great tribulation, we do need to get to the point to become sinless. In verse 16, yet for this reason I found mercy so that in me as the foremost, Jesus the Christ might demonstrate his perfect patience as an example for those who would commit to him for eternal life.

Now, to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only theist, be honor and glory forever and ever.

This is the truth. Amen. This command I entrust to you, Timothy, as my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight.

And it is a fight. Amen. It is a fight to the death. It is a fight to be a Christian, but it's even a greater fight to be a pastor, to be a leader, because a pastor is a warrior.

Must be a warrior. Must be. And if a pastor is not a warrior, then he's not a pastor at all. Amen.

It is a fight, but not only for the pastors, but even for true brothers and true sisters, if there were any.

It would be a fight. A fight. Amen. People are not fighting their couch potato, lazy, complacent Christians.

Verse 19, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they would be taught not to bless me.

Now, previously Paul said that he had been a blasphemer. He had previously in his previous life, before he surrendered to Christ, been guilty of the same sin, but he had repented of those sins. Amen.

So now that he had gotten, even though he still had sin in his life, he had repented of the worst sins.

He had cleaned up his life tremendously. He had gotten to a point to where that he could now point out the same sins in other people.

And the Bible says that after you have accomplished, maybe you're in the second, how it says it, to revenge disobedience once obedience is fulfilled.

To revenge disobedience once obedience is fulfilled. So if God has delivered us from blasphemy, then we are empowered to defeat blasphemy, to preach against it, to teach against it, because we've been there and done it.

We know what we're talking about. We're not talking ignorantly, but we're talking having done that, that we know what we're talking about.

So he's revenging his own previous disobedience by fighting against it now in the church. Amen.

He's not a hypocrite, because he still has sin in his life. He's just human, but he has cleaned up his life tremendously over time. Amen.

But he also mentions two men by name. He doesn't say to himself, as he's writing this letter, he doesn't say to himself, I'm not going to mention these two men by name, because I don't want to talk about them behind their face or behind their back.

No, he doesn't say that or think that, but rather he does go ahead, or even if it did come through his mind, he decided to definitely put these names down on record to warn the pastor Timothy against these men, because that pastor needs to know who to watch, who to be careful of.

Who to kick the hell out at. Yeah, who to avoid, who to disfellowship from, who to not allow in the church, who to not allow to creep into the church, to destroy and hurt, and so forth.

So it is a duty and responsibility to blow the trumpet when the wolf is attacking or could attack or is approaching or could approach or is a danger to the flock. Amen.

And those names were not erased later on by Timothy as he reads the letter, as he would have later read this letter to the

entire church, even though it was written to him as the pastor.

We believe that these letters were then preached and read verbally aloud to the entire congregation and they did not leave the names out.

And notice also that these men were delivered over to Satan. Amen. The pastor and the apostle both delivered these two men over to Satan. Here Satan, you can have them.

You, I mean, they did not, they did not declare, are we just going to be, we're just going to continue forever without end to be patient and long suffering.

We're just going to love them to death. We're just going to baby them. We're just going to pacify them. We want to keep them as members.

We don't want to push away members. We want a large church. We want a mega church. We don't want to push away members.

We don't want to offend. No, that was not Paul and Timothy's mentality, but rather their mentality was to protect the flock from wicked people, even if that meant to deliver over to Satan prisoners of war.

Here, you can have these men. We don't want them. You take them. Amen. Because they're worthy to be over to, on the other side of the army, the army of Goliath, the army of Iran, Russia, Putin, Assad.

That's what side they're on. Why should we continue to allow them to be part of us and deceive ourselves and deceive the church to think, let's just love on these men and let's just be kind and loving and patient and ever, ever, long-suffering forever and continue to let them destroy within and teach false doctrines and lead discord and disunity in the church. Amen.

Then we get into the second chapter here, and originally there was no chapter division and the same letter continued on. And in verse one, first of all, then I urge that intercessions and prayers, petitions and thanksgiving be made on behalf of all people for teens and all who are in authority so that we may lead a tranquil, a peaceful, a quiet life and all godliness and dignity. Amen.

So in verse two, brother Robert, tranquil, we're probably going to change that to peaceful question mark.

Okay. So at that time, the timing, and we must, we do must realize that it is an apostle, a man right into another man.

In the context of the timeframe that they were dealing with, with what kings that existed at that time, with what rulers, with what kingdoms, with what events that was going on in the world at that time.

And in that context, Paul says, I want us to pray for all these kings, for all these kingdoms, pray for everyone so that we may lead a peaceful life.

Now that's good, even in modern society, modern context, modern times, to pray that we, the church, statistically be granted victories within the government, that we'll win battles, that the government be kind to us, that the government not be cool to us, things like that.

But if we're thinking that we're going to pray that World War III will not occur, then we're deceiving ourselves.

Because prophecy is written, the Bible is written, the book of Revelation is written, Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, these prophecies have been written, they are written in stone.

And those prophecies will absolutely be fulfilled. We can't stop the New World Order.

We can't stop the Great Tribulation. We can't stop World War III. The reality is that the Great Tribulation, World War III, the Antichrist, all these things are pre-designed, pre-planned, pre-surveyed, they're going to happen, and if we think we're going to hinder those things or save the world, or if we think we're going to defeat the New World Order, we're stupid.

We're foolish, we're ignorant, we don't know what we're talking about, we're being deceived by Alex Jones and other wolves, and so forth.

And we're putting our hope on things where there is no hope. Amen. We've got to face realities of the harshness of life. And when there is no hope, we must face that reality.

When help is not on the way, we must face that reality. When nobody else is going to do the work, we do it ourselves.

We must face that reality. Amen. We can't pray things into existence as if God is some magical genie. Amen.

But yes, we can pray that the government, the leaders, the mayor, the president, the king, that these people will have mercy upon us, be good to us, give us favor, that we would win battles in the House of Representatives, so forth, things like that, that we should do specific prayers, really, for certain events and laws and so forth.

So, we have to have the proper balance in this. Amen. And if we look at verse four, God desires all mankind to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

And in the context of praying for leaders, we also must accept the reality that the president of Russia, China, Iran,

Syria, and Biden, that they're not going to get saved.

And any prayers for them to get saved is very childlike, like a two-year-old, a three-year-old, praying in ignorance. We should pray as a mature adult. We should pray with reality in our hearts and minds. Amen.

Verse five, for there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, which is the human Christ, Jesus, when he was in the flesh. Amen.

And even in heaven, he continues to be an intercession mediator between the greater measure of the Father and us.

Verse six, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

For this, I was appointed a preacher, a apostle. I am telling the truth. I'm not lying as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Therefore, I want me in and every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without wrath, without strife, without schism, without division in the church.

Likewise, I want women to garnish themselves with orderly attire, humility, and self-restraint, not with braided hair and gold and pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, which is proper for women making a claim to godlessness.

Now, again, as I've said many times before, this is not a straight out forbidding of a woman or even a man braiding their hair, wearing gold, or wearing pearls, or having some nice dress clothes.

It's not a total forbidding of that, even though in black and white, it may seem like it by the letter of the law.

But rather, it is saying that these women in that day, in that context of the problem in the church at Ephesus, at that day and time, was some women, as even as we face today, as you see all across Facebook, these Christian women, so-called Christian women on Facebook, that look like whores. Let's just say it the way it is.

And spend way, way, way too much money on jewelry and looking sexy and looking fancy and looking rich, looking glamorous, and they have to go to the beauty salon literally every week, which is ridiculous and an incredible waste of money, and they have to go to get their fingernails and toenails, pedicure and manicure every week, every two weeks, another waste of money and painting them up and putting so much money, time, energy, and attention on your toes. It's ridiculous.

And 100 pairs of shoes. I understand multiple pairs of shoes for the summer, for the winter, for the beach, for the restaurant, for around the house.

I understand a need for multiple pairs shoes for everyone, but when we're talking about literally 20 pairs and 30 pairs and 40 and 50, and some of these shoes are \$100 and \$200, this is what we're really talking about, that he's warning against pricey gold, pricey garments that are beyond necessary, just for the point of vanity and looks and stuff like that.

Now, of course, don't get me wrong, I'm not against having a good haircut. Some of you need it. Amen.

Some of you men need it. Amen. We need a grub. Stop looking like a three-year-old little boy. Amen. Some of you need to go to the barbershop and get a brand new hairdo. Absolutely. Amen.

Stop looking like a space alien. Amen. But we're talking about two different things here.

We're talking about basic grooming, basic looking human, looking grown up, looking decent, and compared to being glamorous and flamboyant and those things.

These women who spend thousands of dollars on makeup and whatnot, they either look like clowns or robots too.

It's ridiculous. It's amazing to me how some of these women think they look good. When they look like they got a black eye. They look like robots. They all look the same. Okay.

So that's what he's really talking about here.

Then we go to verse 11. A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness, but I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain silent.

So how come then in the seven-day Adventist church we have literally hundreds of female pastors and ministers and preachers scattered across the world?

Hundreds, perhaps thousands. And tens of thousands. Verse 13, for it was Adam who was first created and then Eve, and it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived fell into transgression.

That women will be preserved through the bearing of children as they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

A woman must exercise self-restraint. Doesn't exist in this world. Doesn't in the female population. Doesn't exist.

That just blew out the window 2,000 years ago. We don't have that today. Chapter three, verse one. It is a trustworthy statement.

If someone aspires to the office of an overseer, and this is really, even though I got in the footnotes here, apostle,

prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher, it's really more talking about deacon in the context than anything else. But we can apply it to all of the offices. But if anyone aspires to the office of the overseer of the church, verse two, overseer then must be above reproach, and that would apply to all the offices. The husband of his first wife, temperate, wise, respectable, hospitable, able to teach. Amen. Let's break those down a little bit. First wife. All the translations say one wife. But the Greek word can mean one, but it can also mean first, and it is translated as first in many places throughout scripture. It's translated as first in Matthew 28, verse one, Luke 14, verse 18, and other places. In the context, it must be translated as first wife rather than one wife in the context. Because the context is about a man being in control of his life and of his family. Being temperate. Being, in other words, not unruly. Not being one of those wicked that we talked about earlier in the class that you got some people that by nature are ruly and other people that are not ruly. People that are controllable and uncontrollable. The righteous and the wicked. So he's saying that an overseer of the church should be one of those righteous people rather than a wicked person. That's the context. So in that context, he's talking about that he should be if he is married, which the apostle Paul was not married during his ministry. Now, of course, we know that he would have had sex at some point of his life, of course. So he had a wife at some point of his life and probably multiple wives. But at this time, this junction of his life, when he is ministering for the Lord, he is single. So all these people that try to use this verse, and there's a lot of people that try to use this verse to say that a pastor must be married. The apostle Paul was not married himself at this junction of his life as he is a preacher and a teacher and an apostle and a pastor himself. So it's ridiculous to try to claim that he's teaching that a man must be married in order to be a preacher. It's ridiculous. Was Jesus married when he was a preacher? No. Neither Jesus nor the apostle Paul was married as they were preaching. So that's ridiculous. But yeah, there's tons and tons and tons of Christians and pastors teaching that this claims that he must be married. No, no, absolutely not. And we need to add that into this note, brother, that it's not teaching. We need to add into it this. Write it as I do this and we can reword it later, but both the apostle Paul and Jesus was not married. And we're going to fit that in to 1 Timothy 3, verse 2. Now, getting back again to the wording of first wife compared to one wife. If we were to believe that the apostle Paul wrote it or meant it to mean one wife only and not two wives, then we would also need verification of that. We would need verification because you can't just pull it out of a hat, out of thin air, just because you want it to say one wife. You can't just pull it out of thin air or you can't just pull it out of your own theology and what you want it to believe, what you want to believe, what you want it to teach. You have to have verification. So you would have to look anywhere else where Paul talked about that a man must have only one wife and not two and that it can't be polygamy. And you simply won't be able to find any such Bible verse anywhere, not only the apostle Paul, but Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the words of Jesus, of Peter, so forth. It's simply not anywhere in the Bible. So to try to say one wife doesn't fit the context and doesn't fit any law of God anywhere by any of the apostles, prophets, any of the authors of any of the books of the Bible. You just simply cannot find any restriction against polygamy other than to exercise it appropriately in wisdom, but not a straight out forbidding of polygamy.

Even in Matthew 25, we know that Jesus used the parable of the 10 virgins that he himself was engaged, would be engaged to marry the 10 virgins. And every time I bring this up, people are like, to me, their response to me is, it's a parable. It's not real. It's not true. He's not literally marrying these women. He's not literally engaged to these women. And my response is, duh. Do you really think I believe that it's literal? Do you really think that I believe that Jesus is

coming back to literally marry five to ten?

Of course, five fall away. So he's literally coming back and on the marriage supper would be literally five women upon this earth.

Bullshit. Of course, I don't believe in that. I'm not crazy. But nevertheless, it is a parable that Jesus uses of himself, even if it is a parable, even if it is symbolic.

It is still Jesus himself describing himself as a man engaged to marry 10 virgins and actually going through with marrying five of those.

And why would he use such a symbolism of himself if that was a sin? I mean, isn't that a good question?

Isn't that a logical question? I mean, if we're going to study the Bible, then let's study the Bible and let's ask the questions and even the hard questions.

But this is not a hard question. Amen. Why would Jesus use a sinful symbolism of himself? He wouldn't.

Of course, Jesus, you look throughout the Bible, you look at all of his parables, all of them, every one of them, look at all of his parables.

He never, ever, ever describes himself in a sinful nature, a sinful behavior, a sinful activity.

Never. But people have been programmed and brainwashed from our birth without realizing what was the human laws and human events that shaped our world.

And the reality is, even as recently as the 1500s, 1600s, 1700s, and even today in some of those civilizations that are locked in time, like Iran and Syria and Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, those civilizations are locked in time that the modern Western corruption has not yet destroyed.

They're still marrying the virgins, multiple virgins. They're still doing this.

And the Western world and fake Christians look upon them for the activity and say that that's sinful, that that's sinful, that's sinful, everything is sinful.

Even though the Bible never, ever, ever says that. Why do you declare something as sinful when the Bible doesn't?

You're just pulling things out of thin air.

They want to point the finger at those things as if they were sinful without any such Bible verse declaring that it's sinful.

And yet while, brother Robert said, while ignoring and turning a blind eye to Halloween and all kinds of other crap.

So we've been brainwashed into an upside down world and a lot of the things that we're taught from childhood and in the churches and from our parents and from our modern Western society, a lot of things that we have been taught, a lot of things is totally wrong, totally.

And a lot of this was passed down from the Catholic Church. And a lot of it was passed down from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, a lot of it.

A lot of it was passed down from women in the 1910s and 1920s that wanted everything in society to be declared illegal.

And it was all about the ultra-feminist movement, women in government, women influencing law, women dominating law, women dominating government, women dominating the church.

And this is not my opinion. You can go back in history and you can see women movements in that time of the 1910s and 1920s banding together, forming large organizations, working to influence and change society.

And having been successful at banning all the alcohol in America for a long time there, the Prohibition years, and changing rules about nudity and clothes and bringing new laws into existence about the age of consent and changing those rules drastically and dramatically against scripture.

And so then under this context where these ultra-feminist women corruptors evil bitches, having corrupted our society and decades have passed and their strength in government and church has continued to increase in every decade, every decade.

And then being raised at the end of the movie, not having known the beginning of the movie or even the middle of the movie, but having been born within the end of the movie, the end of society and being brainwashed into all this of which they have established the books that they have written, books written by women, TV shows written by women, directed by women, churches, sermons preached by women, women governors, women vice presidents, so forth, women prime ministers, different things like this.

Even though Margaret Thatcher was a great exception, Margaret Thatcher was a wonderful, great hero to the entire world.

So there's exceptions. But Queen Elizabeth destroyed her empire. But it had to be, that was part of God's plan. But let's

keep going here and see what verse we're in.

Okay, that was the end of that chapter. Amen. I'm going to pause here and ask if there's any questions thus far. And we may just, I think we're just in it right there, actually.

I'm exhausted. We're out.

And so the chat room is open. Is there any questions about anything that we have talked today, mentioned today that we talked about in passing that you want more information about?

Questions, also testimonies as well. Not just questions, but also if anybody has any testimonies for the Lord, anything that you want to say for God, to glorify God.

For example, ancient prayers from last year and the year before, and times that God has healed you, and times that God has shown you mercy.

I think anyone and everyone should be able to pull something out of the hat of a time when God did do something for them and give Him glory for that, for new listeners that need that encouragement.

New listeners need to know that God still saves, that God still heals. Amen. Yes, Brother Jared? I could share one such testimony.

So, I had found out after literally going insane twice over the last two years, one of which so bad and I was in jail for months because I didn't want to go to the mental hospital, after which I found out that I was a schizophrenic.

And incidentally, having learned some of the remedies from schizophrenia from Pastor Tim, who did the research as a good friend and a man of God, that that also happened to be information that was another answer, prayer for curing a specific condition, which I had prayed about too.

Praise God. You don't always get it the way you expect. Amen. Praise God.

And I praise God for having already given me that information in advance. And I had preserved it and kept it right up on my desktop, right there.

I didn't have to look for it. I knew where it was. And I never would have imagined that we would have needed that information for schizophrenia for Brother Robert and for our close family unit, as he is and so forth.

But it occurred and the information was already there on my laptop and I could just grab onto it to give to him.

And I praise God that it worked for him, that it's been a long time now, many months since that occurred.

He's doing very well. And I praise God for that because I really, you know, I was really upset when he went into his schizophrenia and disappeared out of our life.

It was very traumatic for me. And I didn't know if I would ever see him. I thought I would see him again eventually, but I thought it may have been years before I would see him again.

So I praise God that God kept him alive and preserved him and brought him back into reality, brought him back into his right mind, brought him back to us, to the church, to me.

Because the church needs him so desperately. The church needs our brother. You know what? I praise God also.

Yeah. God must have a sense of humor because schizophrenics are typically chained to a floor in a public place and don't interact with anyone.

And here I am planning on doing whatever will be fruitful in evangelism to a great degree.

Literally, schizophrenics, they don't have relationships and they typically just stay locked in their own minds for a long, long, long, long time.

Yeah. So praise God. I haven't made any friends in years. A few people I had talked to for more than a day. Like half of them tried to murder me. So half didn't, I'd say I got a good track record. I look forward to doing better in the future.

Amen.

And brother, Robert, while you're standing here, it has just come onto my mind and heart that there's not a person on this earth more deserving than you for office in the church.

And so on Pentecost Day, we're going to have as part of our Pentecost ceremony, I'm going to officially anoint you and ordain you as a deacon in the church.

And as far as I'm concerned, you're the only deacon in this church worldwide as an established, anointed, official deacon.

And there's no one more deserving. Amen. Robert is a tremendous treasure to the church and has been just, I cannot put it in words how much that he's helped in the church, the ministry, even though he's been slacking for a long time, he's still been a great help.

Even when he's slacking, he's still a great help. And he's going to do a whole lot better now. He has confessed that he was slacking and he's going to do better. And I believe that he's going to do better. And if I have any help at all, it is Robert. And I can't do without him. So we look forward to Pentecost Day. We'll have that as part of the ceremony.

And we'll catch up and see what's going on in the chat room here. So Calm Adam asks, did Timothy have prophecies about him?

Not specifically in the Bible as far as prophecies written in the Bible, but rather what Paul was saying is that in Timothy's lifetime, that we don't have any information about, we don't have any record of, it's not written down for us today, but either Paul himself or somebody else in the church had prophesied over Timothy.

So such as, for example, that when Timothy first got saved or at some point of time that Paul or somebody else, or maybe even a prophecies within the church would have said, Timothy, God is going to use you in a great way. God is going to promote you something to that extent. We don't know the statistics.

We don't know the person who proclaimed to the prophecy. We don't know the exact words of the prophecy. None of that is written for us today, but it would have been something like that, that Paul or somebody else in the church prophesying over Timothy, telling Timothy that he was going to be a pastor or that God was going to use him or something to that degree.

So that's what Paul was talking about in verse 18 about prophecies over Timothy.

Calm Adam also says, I have never broken a bone, even though I have had accidents that could have been bad. Amen. Praise God. That's good to be thankful that you've never had a broken bone. We should not take things for granted. Many, many times I have praised God and thanked God that I'm not blind, that I'm not deaf, that I'm not mute, that I'm not confined to a wheelchair. Amen.

We need to not take things for granted. We must, must, must exercise thankfulness to God for the little things and the big things and take time sometimes to pray without asking for anything, but just giving thanks. Amen.

So thank you for that. And Decipher in Korea says, I think Jesus invited me for the first resurrection. Praise God for that. Amen.

And John says, praise Jesus for brother Robert.

And Monica says, thank you Robert. And Monica says, could 1 Timothy 3 verse 2, first life also mean having the character of a one woman man?

No, because if that's what it meant, then it would be one wife rather than first wife.

His first wife in the context, because it's saying that the overseer should not be a man that's going to be out of control in his life.

And a man that has multiple women as wife is not a man out of control. No, he's just a man.

But so it's in the context of what it's really saying is that the overseer should not be a man that has been repeatedly divorced.

That's what it's really saying. He should be a man that has not divorced, gotten remarried, divorced again, remarried, divorced again, remarried, because that man, that's a man that can't make right decisions.

He should have never been with those women in the first place. Amen. So that's what it's saying. And that's the only thing that it's saying.

To try to make it being about a one woman man is taking it totally out of context without any verification from any other scripture.

And we have also a question from Decipher. I wonder about the likelihood that immature young man saved during the tribulation will survive through the tribulation in its entirety, must less propitiate in the first resurrection.

Wouldn't surviving be a mission in itself? An immature young man. So you're correct, decipher, that a young, a young, is dependent upon the age and it's also dependent upon the level of immaturity.

As I've said many times over the years that we can actually be truly saved but not make it into the first resurrection because that person is limited in their maturity.

Because once the harvest is done, it's done. So God does not want a person that comes up into the first resurrection that is half grown.

So you think of a person in the harvest as being a stalk of wheat and the stalk of wheat is supposed to be seven foot tall,

symbolically.

Symbolically, if we use the symbolism in this parable of the wheat, that the stalk of wheat is supposed to be seven foot tall.

Symbolically, that's what we must achieve spiritually in our mind or heart or so.

We must become complete in Christ. But if you take a young person, male or female, that is not only young in age but because they're young in age, they're naturally by nature also going to be immature, especially in this world, especially in America.

That is going to be very difficult for that person to enter the first resurrection.

So thank God that we do have the second resurrection. But it's not totally impossible for that young immature person with proper teaching, with harsh teaching, with boot camp teaching, with boot camp preachers and boot camp church and the trials and the fiery trials of life and the fiery trials of the great tribulation itself, all contributing to that young immature man becoming a fully grown seven foot tall stalk of wheat is not impossible.

But the younger they are, the more difficult that will be to achieve. So thank God for the second resurrection. Amen. A day of salvation rather than the day of salvation. Amen.

There's going to be a great number of people at the final year of the great tribulation, a tremendous uncountable amount of number because of that fiery trial of the tribulation getting everybody really serious, having proved that there is no pre-tribulation rapture, having proved who is the antichrist, having proved that I'm not crazy or wrong or deceived about who the antichrist is and the timing of the tribulation as far as starting on Purim and Passover, proving that I am a true man of God and a true prophet of God, that all of these things are going to be recorded for history. Amen.

The end of this ministry will be greater than its beginning. Amen. So it's going to be very fruitful.

You may have five people listening right now, but in that timeframe, you're going to have the literally millions of people that have heard these prophecies of this ministry, literally millions, and I won't be able to answer every email. Amen.

It would be impossible for me to answer every email once these prophecies began to be fulfilled.

And all the people that actually had emailed me and actually had communicated back and forth with me that rejected me and rejected God, because when they rejected me, they rejected God.

If you reject Paul, if you rejected Timothy in the book of Timothy, then you would have rejected God Himself. Amen. Amen.

So all those people are going to be put to great shame, but they can still be saved, even if I don't embrace them back in, because they'll continue to go into the tribulation.

They'll continue to cry. They'll continue to cry out to God. They'll continue to feel sorry that they had pushed us away, had pushed God away.

Repentance is possible, right? They're going to feel that. They're going to feel that. That's the reality.

That is the reality, that they're going to feel regret for having pushed away true prophecies and a true prophet of God.

They're going to feel regret for that, and that's going to lead to more and more repentance. Amen.

And so, even if I have pushed thousands of people away, they're going to return to God in repentance.

Every one of them. Every one of them. They're going to come back to God. I don't have to accept them back myself at that point of time, but they're still going to suffer for the reality that they had pushed God away.

They're still going to suffer for that. They're not going to get completely scot-free. Amen.

And Kiki in Australia, I thank God for my hands, feet, and brain. I can make a recipe, use my hands to prepare a meal, and my feet to walk to the pantry and to the fridge for everyday use. Amen.

And John quotes 1 Thessalonians 3, verse 14 and 15. If anyone does not obey your word through this epistle, signify them. Don't associate with him so that he will be ashamed.

Do not regard him as an enemy, yet warn him as a brother. Amen. So, right there, you have right there a Bible verse. Thank you very much, John.

Very impressive that he was able to pull that up. That if anyone does not obey your word through this epistle, signify them and do not associate with them.

Even though it says don't regard him as an enemy, it does say still yet do not associate with them.

And they will be put to shame. Amen. But the good thing about discipline and chastisement is that it can bring them eventually to repentance, especially when they see the prophecies fulfilled.

And prophecy is tremendously important, and we must do a much better job as a church in getting the dates article, dates.html, the calendar timeline for the prophetic holy day calendar, end time events.

We've got to get that out there and more. And so, one of the things that's in the heart, mind, and soul is to turn that into a flyer.

And we've got to get that accomplished. On one side, we'll have the whole timeline.

And on the other side, a brief explanation and so forth, and get that flyer out there to the people in large numbers, some way.

And John says, it was a good example of reading paperback. It was on the opposite side of where we were reading.

Yes. Amen. Praise God.

You've got four columns in one volume now, so you get to see even more stuff from one page.

Robert? I'll add something. Okay. Yeah, about the tract reminds me. I've had the same idea for a tract, many tract, that too. That's so important because to examine it really is rock solid, which is for something that is really astronomically complicated to come out of his mouth and be mathematically and astronomically correct really is a work of God.

Amen.

Praise God. That should be pronounced today. Yes. Yeah. We do need a small mini tract about it as well. Like one of those that tie the floating gospel tract of the, of course, we're not going to be able to fit the timeline itself on that, but a summary of it of some type, some way.

So we need a flyer and a gospel tract for the dates.html.

And another thing I'm going to do is I'm going to get a list of names and addresses from the internet, from Facebook, to send a lot of stuff too.

I got it. You got some of those too? Yeah. Okay.

And I've also been meaning to share for a while. I'll probably have to save this post the gown later, but some various evangelism, tract making techniques that are very effective as far as being easy to do.

And you'll get, you'll get someone to see it sooner or later. Okay. We also, we need to, I want you to write this down.

We need to teach the entire church how to make those pennies.

Okay. Because what Brother Robert's done, we've been doing this for a long time, is we take a penny, which in the United States is the smallest currency, just one cent.

And he takes a little tiny piece of paper and writes the Bible verse on it and tape it or glue it.

What is the glue it? It's actually a, it's actually a label paper and tape and your tape waterproofing on the other side, but just peel it like a sticker.

Well, he somehow makes it into a sticker on the coin. And then what we do is as we're driving down the road, drive slowly and throw a penny with the Bible verse attached to it in the person's driveway, just one penny to every driveway and even in business parking lots.

And a lot of times if we're going through fast food, we'll drop two or three pennies.

Or if we, if we park at the store, anywhere that we park at, I'll put two or three pennies, even three or four pennies on the ground because sometimes people won't pick up a penny if it's just one.

But if they say three or four pennies or five pennies, then they'll pick them up.

And money is one gospel tract people will not throw away. People won't throw money away.

So that's a gospel tract that people will not throw away. Amen. It says in God we trust, by all means. It does. In the United States, currency says "In God we trust."

So we want to teach you how to do that as well.

That's one of my favorite gospel tracts.

And also, Kiki reminded me also about writing Bible verses on the paper currency.

And we've been doing that for years. You don't get nearly as many paper bills as pennies. You get 50 on a roll here.

So again, money is a gospel tract that people won't throw away.

So on the paper currency, you can write Bible verses and even have extra room to write the topic of the Bible verse.

Like you can say, Antichrist, 2 Thessalonians 2. Or Antichrist comes before Jesus, 2 Thessalonians 2.

Or you can write Christmas, Jeremiah 10. And stuff like that on your paper currency.

And I would like for everyone in the church to get in the habit of doing that, writing on your money every, every, every piece of paper currency that you have.

You can even put on the paper currency, I saw the light ministries. Or I saw the light ministries.com.

And another thing is a lot of people have Wi-Fi. And you can actually, most people have the ability to actually name your Wi-Fi connection.

And you can name your Wi-Fi connection a Bible verse. Or even the ministry. Or something else like that. So that your neighbors or other people in the region around you, wherever you're at on your phone or wherever you're at on your Wi-Fi internet connection, when they are turning on their phone or their internet, they could see a Bible verse or something come up on their list of Wi-Fi connections.

When they're looking for a Wi-Fi connection, you can do that at your local library.

If you go into your local library to read the newspaper, as some people do, so that you don't have to spend that money for the newspaper subscription, I go to the local library and read the newspaper.

And while I'm there, I could turn on my phone, my Wi-Fi and broadcast that signal and anybody else in the library trying to connect to the internet on their phone, they could see the Bible verse or whatever.

So we must be creative and we must be active and do these things on a regular basis, get in a habit of doing these things.

So that anywhere we are, everywhere we go, we're planting seeds, as the Bible says, to plant seeds along the highway, in the bushes and along there and along the rock side and wherever we are at all times to be spread in the seed ever worse. Amen.

And you have people even in the bank and the cashiers, you're handing that money to, when you got a Bible verse or something on it, or the ministry website on it, you hand that money to the cashier and then the next person and the next person and then eventually the people at the bank, that gospel tract is being passed on, not just to one person, but to the next person and the next person and the next person that is going to read that gospel tract.

So your paper currency is really, but it needs to be eye-catching, it needs to be like, huh, what is this about? I'm actually going to read that Bible verse. I'm actually going to go to that website.

So it needs to be as catchy as possible so that they don't just read it and ignore it. Amen.

Okay, that's it. Let's put on a song to close it down with.

And then next weekend is Pentecost. Two days in a row, Saturday and Sunday, we'll be having services.

And on that Sunday on Pentecost, we'll be ordaining Brother Robert as deacon as well.

Let's put on a song. Page 17, I saw the light. Page 17.

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