

## Transcript – Faith and Healing

I can't remember a time when brethren have had more trials and particularly health trials than in the last 6 months to a year. I mean, there are times in life when you go through so many people who are going through these trials. And you could look at it two ways; you could say it's the persecution of the saints, which it very well may be, or you could say it's the purification of the saints, which it very well may be.

And I want to talk about, today, faith and healing in maybe a perspective that you haven't looked at before, maybe you have. But to kind of give you an overall perspective of the reason why sicknesses are allowed in our midst because sometimes I think we lose sight sometime in the flesh of what the Father is doing in the Spirit. Sometimes we have the wrong concept of why people are sick.

There was a time when I was in a church organization and they used to kind of infer that if anybody was sick, they were doing something wrong. And I remember, I was a landscaper, I was a young man, I fell off a ladder and basically broke my ankle. And I am laying in my bed, the brethren are coming over to encourage me and one of the men says, "Well, I just want you to know this is only the beginning. You're going to go through a lot more!" And I am thinking, *Wow, thanks for the encouragement.* And I am wondering how am I going to do all my work and all these things? I want to show you today, sickness, number 1, it can be ... and we will talk a little bit about this ... it can be a curse from a lifestyle, that is coming, but in most cases it's not a curse, it's a test as we are going to see. Let's go to Deuteronomy.

**Deu 8:1-6** *You shall be watchful to do every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may live and may multiply and may go in and possess the land which YAHWEH has sworn to your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which YAHWEH your Elohim has caused you to go these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to try you, to know that which is in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not. And He has humbled you, and caused you to hunger, and caused you to eat the manna, which you had not known, and your fathers had not known, in order to cause you to know that man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of YAHWEH. Your clothing did not wear out on you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years. And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, YAHWEH your Elohim disciplines you. And you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.*

And I have said this in many messages before, that this whole life is nothing more than a test, it's a test of faithfulness. But because of the daily cares of life and the things that overweigh us, sometimes we forget that. There is nothing in this life that you are going through that is not simply just a test. The Father is offering us eternal life and none of us have ever had eternal life. Matter of fact, not only eternal life, we have only had these few short years in the flesh that we have lived in these fleshly bodies. So the concept of eternal life is something very difficult for us to grasp but if we are going to get this eternal life; to live world without end where there will be no sickness, where there will be no sorrow ... like we went over the other day ... in the kingdom, then He has got to test our faithfulness. And that is all these things are about. He has to see if we will rely on Him for absolutely everything.

**Jas 1:2** *My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your faith works patience ...* How many of us when we hit this type of trial, do we count it joy? You know somebody was just telling me before this meeting that when they heard about 911 they said, "Praise Yahweh!" Someone said, "Praise Yahweh? Why would you say Praise Yahweh?" He said, "Praise Yahweh, it wasn't a nuclear bomb and 2 ½ million people are dead." Does our mind work that way? Are we thinking 'Praise Yahweh' in every situation? Praise Him for this opportunity that He has given me so that I could learn more about Him.

**Jas 1:4-8** But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from Elohim, who gives to all freely and with grace, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, being driven by wind and being tossed; for do not let that man suppose that he will receive **anything** from the Almighty; he is a **double-souled** man, **not dependable** in all his ways.

Very clearly here, how many times do we come to the elders for anointing? You pray for healing and 5 minutes later you're just talking about it; do you understand? Do you believe you were just healed? Are grasping the healing? Are you believing, in faith, the power Yahweh has? If you don't believe, no miracle can happen. And I am telling you, if Yahshua was standing here ... because it says in the Bible in Nazareth, His own town, He was able to do no great work because of their unbelief. That's Yahshua Himself, except healing a few sick ones, because of unbelief even Yahshua in the flesh was not able to do any great work in His home town ... something to think about.

**Jas 1:12** Blessed is the man who **endures** temptation, because having been approved he will receive the crown of life which YAHWEH promised to the ones loving Him.

The first thing I want to say as we are starting here, every sickness you have, every trial you have is an opportunity from Yahweh and that's the way you have to look at it. I'm not saying it's going to be easy to get through it. Some sicknesses are for life, in the flesh at least anyway. Some are for years; some are for days and weeks. But every single sickness or trial is an opportunity to build your faith closer to Him and we should be thanking Him for that, blessing Him for that and for those opportunities.

Hebrews 12, because people sometimes say, "Well, look at these people; they are ungodly, they are not believers and they have got all these things and they have a lot of money but why are they being so blessed?" I was saying yesterday, money and blessings don't always equal together. That's the Western way of looking at it that money is always a blessing. Many times money and position and raise could be a curse because there is always give and take. Where you are grabbing here, you are going to lose here. But look here.

**Heb 12:1-4** So therefore, we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses lying around us, having laid aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, through **patience** let us also run the race set before us, looking to the Author and perfecter of our faith, Yahshua, who for the joy set before Him endured the torture stake, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of YAHWEH. Consider, therefore, how much He suffered from those sinners, for they were adversaries to their own soul, so that you **do not become weary**, fainting in your souls ... And I know it ain't easy. I have had a problem with my arm for over 2 years and sometimes I am starting to grow weary but I read this and I get encouraged ... *do not become weary, fainting in your souls. You did not yet resist unto blood, striving against sin.*

I don't know everyone in this room and every trial you have gone through but I would guess none of us have gone that far. Have any of you actually shed blood to the overcoming of your trial? This is what it is, it's life and death, it's a battle here. And some of us for the littlest things are "Why is me? Why is me?" I look around the world, me and Petra always say this, "No matter how bad things get, my life will never be as bad as ¼ of the world." ... People that are starving to death, children that you see are basically ... their stomachs are out to here from not eating. The sicknesses, the diseases, AIDS and all these other things; it's unbelievable. There is always somebody who is worse off than you are.

**Heb 12:5-7** And you have forgotten the exhortation which He speaks with you, as with sons, "My sons, do **not despise** the chastening of YAHWEH, nor faint while being corrected by Him. For whom YAHWEH loves, **He chastens, and disciplines every son whom He is pleased.**" If you endure discipline, YAHWEH is dealing with you as with sons; for who is the son whom a father does not discipline? ... So don't think you are being punished by this, you are being blessed.

**Heb 12:9-11** Furthermore, indeed we have had fathers of our flesh as correctors, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits, and we shall live? For they truly disciplined us for a few days according to the thing seeming good to them; but He for our profit, in order for us to partake of His holiness. And all discipline for the present indeed does not seem to be joyous, but grievous; but afterward it gives back peaceable fruit of righteousness to the ones having been exercised by it.

So very clearly, we should take joy ... because you know what, the harder the trial, what is it telling you? The greater the child of Yahweh you are. The ones that seem to be getting all these things in the flesh, what does it say if they are not being corrected? They are not children. So perspective is a great part of sickness, perspective is a great part of healing, perspective is a great part of trial; you have got to keep your perspective and never, never, never lose faith.

We have to realize that sometimes Yahweh is trying to teach us something through this sickness or trial. Like he says, is it patience, do we need to learn patience? Do we need to learn faith? Do we need to learn to stop relying on ourself and our own strength? Does He make us weak? I know with me, He does this a lot with me. I know these last couple of days, it took every last ounce of my strength to come up here, I started preaching and I felt like I was floating on air. The minute I was done, I had to sit in a chair ... I would have fell over. Teaches me something, it's not my strength, not my strength. One time that happened to me. I pray every time before I speak, I pray to Yahweh I say to Him, "Father if there is anything that will hold me back from this message, forgive me for the sake of the people that I can share your words with them. Please have mercy on my soul for their sake because I know I need to teach." But one time I came up on my own but I am telling you, it was the worst experience of my life. I couldn't get words out of my mouth. I just kept fluttering over my words, I couldn't think, I couldn't come out. Then I realized, I never want to come up to a podium again without Yahweh with me.

Sometimes He is trying to teach us, "*Not by might and not by power but by My Spirit*" says Yahweh. It is only by His strength that anything can be overcome and I know sometimes people, their heart might be right, but sometimes in sickness people will be so fervent, "And I know I'm going to get better!" By the grace of Yahweh, I'll get better. By the grace of Yahweh, I can do this. And sometimes that's the lesson He is trying to teach us, that is only by Him. We have to realize we should love His correction, we should be happy at His correction, we should be joyful at His correction because every correction, every trial is what? It's bringing you one step closer to salvation, one step closer to the kingdom. Let's go to Proverbs and read a little Proverbs about this. Because one thing I will say now as far as healing goes, there has to be an obedient spirit to get healing. Faith and obedience has to be present there if we are going to get healed.

**Pro 1:7-9** The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear your father's instruction, and do not forsake the Torah of your mother; for they shall be an ornament of grace to your head, and necklaces for your neck ... Fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of knowledge, we have a whole message on 'The Fear of Yahweh' and I am telling you that is something missing in the world today and even in the congregations. There is no fear to disobey Yahweh.

And again I say it's **Ecclesiastes 8:11** Because a sentence is not executed speedily on an unrighteous deed, on account of this the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil continuously ... And people will sit there and think, even our young, our youth, *Oh I don't care*. I'll tell you something, when the Lake of Fire comes and people are burning, then they will care. There will be weeping and nashing of teeth. And people can be proud now and say, "I don't care what happens" but they are only saying that because they are not being punished. That proud attitude can be wiped away very very quickly by Yahweh and it's not something we want to have. We want to make sure that we are yielding to His

correction because, remember the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge. If you don't have the fear of Yahweh, there is nowhere to go from here.

**Pro 3:1-8** *My son, do not forget my Torah, but let your heart guard and keep my commandments, for they shall add length of days and long life and peace to you. Mercy and truth will not forsake you, tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man. Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear YAHWEH and depart from evil. Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones ...* So we see the connection, obedience and healing, very much connected.

**Pro 3:9-10** *Honor YAHWEH with your substance, and with the first-fruits of all your increase ...* Are we stealing from Him? Are we holding back our tithe? Are we giving Yahweh the 10%? As we said before, the earth is Yahweh's, the fullness thereof, the people and those who dwell of it. He has a great deal with us. While we work, He allows us to keep 90% but only if we give Him His 1/10<sup>th</sup>. If we are holding back His 10, then actually all His 100% is being stolen. The 90% only becomes ours when we give Him His 10%. So He says ... *Honor YAHWEH with your substance, and with the first-fruits of all your increase, and your barns shall be filled with **plenty**, and your wine vats shall **burst** with new wine*

I hear people say, "I can't afford to tithe, we can't afford it." And I'll tell you, you can't afford not to tithe. Do you trust Him? He says it. And the reason why many of the people are in such financial problems is they are not tithing. Put Him to the test and tell Father, "I am giving this 10%, even though it makes no sense, even though I can't pay the rent, I am giving you what is yours." And you will see how quick your financial situation will turn around. I could sit here all day and give you stories of miracles of people that that has happened to. But remember, if you are sinning or doing something against His judicial order, how are you going to get healing? You can't be doing something against His judicial order and expect Him to heal you.

**Pro 3:11-12** *My son, do not reject the chastening of YAHWEH, and do not hate His correction; for whom YAHWEH loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son with whom he is pleased ...* One of the first things we teach at the Bible School, a wise man loves correction, the fool doesn't want to hear it. The fool is the one who justifies himself before everyone, "I don't need to learn anything." It's the wise one that loves it, "Ah, I want correction, give me more! Let me change, I want to be more like Yahweh." We have to decide, do we want to be wise or do we want to be fools. But clearly, obedience is tied in with healing. It's connected together.

**Pro 4:1-6** *Sons, hear the instruction of a father, pay attention to know understanding, for I give you good teaching; do not forsake my Torah. For I was my father's son, tender and an only one in the sight of my mother. And he taught me and said to me, Let your heart cling to my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forsake and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you ...* So very important, we have got to cherish, we have got to love the Father's words, His correction and His commandments. We will go through a few more things in Proverbs and then move on. I want to ask you to ask yourself a question, can we be corrected?

**Pro 13:1** *A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.*

**Pro 23:12-14** *Bring your heart in for instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge. Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you strike him with the rod, he will not die. You shall strike him with the rod, and you shall deliver his soul from Sheol ...* So we see that there comes correction and this sermon isn't on this subject but sometimes people don't want to correct their children. It's showing love for your child. If you love your child, you will correct him. The same

way Yahweh corrects us because He loves us. It's not that He is correcting us to punish us, He is correcting us to draw us closer to Him.

I say, if you look at the word for 'sacrifice', in English what is 'sacrifice'? It means 'giving something up'. But in Hebrew, the word 'corban', the word 'sacrifice' means 'to draw closer through relationship', a whole different meaning. And that's the key; the key is He is correcting us to draw us closer to Him not to draw us away.

Let's go back to Deuteronomy and let's see what the Father says because, you know something? Sometimes to be poor and not real poor, I don't mean begging like David said, "Don't make too poor that beg or too rich that I forget you." But sometimes to be what you would call 'middle class' or to have a little bit of sickness sometimes is a real blessing. Because we are going to see, Yahweh doesn't caution the Israelites not to forsake Him when they are sick. He doesn't caution them not to forsake Him when they are poor but we are going to see, He is cautioning them when everything is good; it's the caution not to forget Him.

**Deu 8:7-10** *For YAHWEH your Elohim brings you into a good land, a land of streams of water ... You're getting to see all these things in the next few days. You will see a lot more ... of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey ... And we went over that the other day, a lot of these things ... a land in which you shall eat bread without want; you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron; and you shall dig copper out of its mountains ... Some years we go down all the way to the south, to the copper mines of Solomon that are all the down to Elat and that area ... And you shall eat and be satisfied; and you shall bless YAHWEH your Elohim in the good land which He has given you ...* Now comes the warning ...

**Deu 8:11-17** *Take heed to yourself, lest you forget YAHWEH your Elohim so as not to keep His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I am commanding you today; that when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built goodly houses, and have lived in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold have multiplied, and **all that you have is multiplied**, then it rises up into your heart, and **you forget YAHWEH your Elohim** who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves; who led you through the great and dreadful wilderness, with burning serpent, and scorpion, and thirsty ground where no water is; who brought you **water** out of the flinty rock; who made you eat **manna** in the wilderness, which your fathers did not know; that He might humble you and that He might **prove you** ... Everything is a test ... to do you good at your latter end; that you not say in your heart, my power and the might of my hand have made for me this wealth ...* That's the Laodicean. Not only is he rich and increased with goods, but he has made himself rich.

**Deu 8:18-20** *But you shall remember YAHWEH your Elohim, for it is He who gives to you **power** to make wealth; that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if you shall forget YAHWEH your Elohim, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you today that you shall utterly perish; as the nations that YAHWEH makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you did not listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim ...* 911, perfect example. After 911, that very next week there were more people in churches they say than ever before. Within one month, there were less people in church than before 911. Face it, during the good times, that's what it is. When panic comes, then everyone is worried what's going to happen. And as soon as the panic leaves, what happens? Back to the good times, let the good times roll.

It is a blessing that the Father brings trials in our life so this doesn't happen to us. We don't want this to happen to us, we don't want to forget Him, we don't want to get to thinking we are doing things in our own might. And trials and sicknesses sometimes are there to keep us humble. And I thank Him for that because every now and then I know I need that smack on the back. You need that little wake-up call, you need that reminder. And I thank Him, I thank Him that He

loves me enough that if I'm off a little bit, He's giving me these little reminders as a way to build my faith in Him and a way to caution me not to forget Him. Sometimes sickness is a blessing to keep us humble.

Some of the brethren here were watching a movie yesterday, The Robe. Has anybody here ever see the movie, The Robe? We've shown it before. It's a really interesting movie because ... it's a movie from over 50 years ago with Richard Burton and Victor Mature ... and it's interesting because it is about the Roman Centurion who put the sword into Yahshua when the blood and the water gushed out. And it's an interesting movie because he was the one who they cast lots and he got the robe and he felt like the robe was bewitching him because he was going out of his mind. And he didn't realize he was going out of his mind because his conscience was guilty because he was being convicted. So they sent him over to this area of Israel and he was acting like an undercover person, like a merchant, and he was trying to get the names of believers to send back to Rome so they can arrest all these people and have them crucified. And as he is going through the village of believers, he is getting more and more convicted and he is getting angrier, then eventually he becomes a believer.

But the interesting part was, they are telling stories about Yahshua and there was one boy ... one of the heads of the community, he had a grandchild and he said he was born with a crippled leg. Then the man sees this kid playing ball and running around and he says, "I thought you said he was born with a crippled leg?" And he said, "That was before Yahshua came." And he couldn't understand it and other people telling the miracles of what happened ... it was actually supposed to be Cana where the wine miracle happened. So he goes up to this woman then because he is really getting frustrated and there was a woman in the community who was crippled and she is sitting there. And she played the harp beautiful, just beautiful music from the harp and now he is getting mad and saying, "Curse Him, curse Yahshua. Why didn't He heal you? Why are you still crippled then if He is really the Messiah?" And she says, "You don't understand, the day He came into our community, I was bitter and I was angry that I was crippled." She said, "The fact that my legs don't work, it doesn't mean I wasn't healed. Since that time, I play my music to His glorification every day of my life."

And I say this for a reason. Are we glorifying Yahweh through our infirmities? Because to the world it doesn't make sense but think about it ... to the crippled woman who plays the harp; to the person who is blind and maybe doesn't see; to the person who is having a sickness whatever it is, a cancer; if we can glorify Yahweh through our infirmities, what a witness we are to others.

And I will tell you, another reason why He allows sickness is because there is always somebody out there who's unconverted that has the same thing and it's a way that we can witness to somebody else. And I could go up to somebody that is crippled and I could have sympathy with them and I could share with them that in the kingdom they are not going to be crippled and in the kingdom they are going to be able to walk for eternity, but you know what? They could be encouraging words but somebody else who is crippled can give them empathy. Somebody else who is crippled can give them what I can't give. It's the same way, sometimes as a man there is things that only a woman can share with another woman or a man can share with another man. And the point is we go through some of these things to share with people.

And sometime people say, "How could Yahweh have allowed ... this abuse that happened here or he allowed this wife to be beaten by her husband?" There is a lot of people out there in the world that are getting beaten by their husbands and that believer now, not to make light, but that believer that was strong enough that Yahweh allowed that to happen, she has a ministry now to battered women. Every single thing that you are going through now in your infirmity is a ministry to people who are out there that need to come to the truth. And many of these people that have the infirmities, they are not coming to the truth because they are bitter. They are bitter because of what they are going through in life and you can take that bitterness away.

So I say you have 2 choices; you can sit there and you can sulk, "Woe is me! Look at my leg, look at my head, look at my cancer" Or look at little Edna here. She refused to accept it. You've got scoliosis, you can walk and she refuses to accept it. She comes here and she waves the flags and she dances and she has been an encouragement to every one of us in this room. Do we agree? (applause) To the glory of Yahweh! To the glory of Yahweh! Each one of us should be that way. Each one of us, whatever we are going through, it's only temporary and it's only to help somebody else. That's the key.

Are we glorifying Yahweh through our infirmity? The Bible says through all things *Yahweh is my shepherd, I shall not want*. It's not only in the good times.

You know when we were driving here people were saying the one day ... I think we were going to Hebron ... how barren this is. And I said it is not always this way. Come here in December, January, February, March; you'll see all this land is as green as anything. But we go through hills and valleys, we go through highs and lows, we go through barren and green. But in all, *Yahweh is my shepherd, I shall not want*. He's there, He's in the green pasture and He's there in the so called yellow pasture. But yellow pasture could be good grain. Horses and animals they'd love that good yellow grain. So don't think just because it's a yellow pasture, that it's barren land. It could be some of the best grain possible. But we have to glorify Yahweh in everything.

You know, when you really think about it, every one of us is handicapped. In the kingdom we are going to be spirit beings. You could think and you could be in China. You will walk through walls. You are not going to be bound by this flesh. So every one of us as it is now, we are handicapped; we are handicapped by fleshly bodies. There are things that every one of us would like to do that our body holds us back from and the older we get, the more handicapped. I can't do what I could do 10 years ago, 10 years from now I won't be able to do what I am doing today.

So every one of us in one way or another are handicapped in our body so we are not praying to Yahweh to become a spirit today. Did anybody ask for anointing to become a spirit this afternoon? So why should it bother us to have a little infirmity in the flesh? That doesn't mean we don't ask for anointing and for healing because, face it, the better our bodies are, the more we can serve Him. But the point is, if He has chosen to leave that infirmity with us today, we have got to say, "Yahweh is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

If I have to hop along here for the next 6 months, I'm going to hop, hop, hop to the glory of Yahweh! If my shoulder ... I was saying this, I have been having problems with my shoulder 2 years. The Father hasn't completely healed me but I will tell you something. When it first happened, if I so much as winked, I was in pain like you wouldn't believe. I went 4 months without sleeping ... maybe an hour a night. And the day when I was able to lift my hand like this, I cried because now I can praise Him again, that I can lift my hands. And if I never get 100% movement with it, so be it. So be it, because I know in the kingdom I'm not going to have a bum shoulder. I know I am healed already. He's already healed me, whether my arm knows it or not that's up to my arm. I know I'm healed and I know it's not going to restrict me in my service to Yahweh.

Let's go to John 9 because, like I said, sometimes people think that a sickness is coming because of disobedience or something you are doing wrong, but sometimes Yahweh is allowing you the sickness so you can glorify Him. Sometimes He is allowing you the sickness because you are strong enough to go through that sickness.

**Joh 9:1-3** *And passing by, He saw a man blind from his mother's womb. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Our Master, who sinned, this one, or his parents, that he was born blind? Yahshua answered, Neither this one nor his parents sinned, but that the works of YAHWEH might be revealed in him ...* Sometimes there is not a reason why it would happen to you. You know we always want to figure it out, "If only I had done this a little different, if only I wasn't at there." Sometimes so the works of Yahweh can be manifested. So don't hold this overriding guilt, even if it is a situation you did something

you hurt another person that's deadly and you think *Oh, if only we can take it back*. No, everything has a reason why it happens. And sometimes the only reason why you might have had this illness is so the works of Yahweh can be manifested.

I say sometimes in congregations, if everybody was rich, like I said yesterday, everyone might be so self-focused a sickness can bring everyone toward a common goal. I pray every day in my life that Yahweh's people would be united in spirit and united in prayer. Well when somebody is sick, nobody is arguing with that. Everyone at once is praying in the rooms together for the exact me thing to Yahweh. How beautiful is that? But it is not always like that. A lot of times where there are divisions and fightings we are all praying differently, so sickness sometimes or trial can unite us as a people and sometimes it's the strongest that He allows to go through it. Because a weak brother or sister, He says, "I'll never give you more than you can handle." And some days I think *Wow, I've got to be right on the top of that mountain because I don't think I can take more than this*. But it is a promise, I will never give you more than you can handle. And sometimes the one going through it is the strongest brother or sister.

Look at Helen Keller; deaf, blind and dumb. Amazing what that women did in her life for other people. To actually not only **learn** to read and to do these things but to open up a **school** to teach people around the world to do it. So never think your infirmity can stop you from serving Yahweh. It can actually enhance your service to Him because sometimes when we have in here a real handicapped person, you know somebody who is different, a lot of people magnify toward it if you see someone in a wheel chair, someone like this. And that person has a choice, they can either grab pity or they can give glory. And really, it lifts me up when I see somebody that's like that who is going against the odds and glorifying Yahweh and doing the things in his life and being a productive servant of Yahweh even though they have infirmities in their life.

**Our trial gives others opportunity to intercede on our behalf.** So it's a blessing sometime; it's a blessing we are giving others an opportunity to intercede for us.

***Gal 6:1-2** Brothers, if any man among you goes before you in error, you who are in the Spirit **restore** him by the spirit of gentleness and beware, lest temptation also comes upon you. And you carry the excess load of one another, and thus complete yourself in the instruction of Messiah.*

So we are commanded to bear one another's burdens and it's hard in the world we are living because all of us have so many of our own burdens. It's like you've got to throw another one on your back though **it's a command to keep our mind on each other and on Yahweh and the work, the work that we have to bear one another's burdens**. So by being able to go through this trial and to be positive in the trial, you're going to actually give the brethren the opportunity to intercede on your behalf.

Isaiah 57, on the other side, when people are terminally ill, when it's something like a cancer or something and I've seen ... I've seen people that are terminally ill but face it, nobody had more faith than Peter and Paul and John and they are all laying in the grave waiting for the resurrection. *It's accounted for all men once to die and then the judgement*. If it's the point in our lives where we lived the good life and we've fought the good fight and it's ready for us to sleep and wait for the resurrection, we have to accept that. We have to accept that as human beings in the flesh we are not going to live forever and it shouldn't worry us. It shouldn't fear us.

***Isa 57:1-2** The righteous one perishes, and no one lays it to heart; yea, merciful men are gathered, with no one discerning that **the righteous is gathered from the face of evil. He shall enter peace; they shall rest on their couches, walking in his uprightness** ... And I wonder sometimes why would brethren want to survive the worst time the world will ever know? It says the days that are coming, it's the worst time the world will ever know and ever will be.*



Wouldn't it be a blessing, and again I'm not saying go out and commit hari-kari, but I am saying, wouldn't it be a blessing if you lived your life and it's the Father's time to take you and you could put a smile on your face and rest in that grave for the resurrection, in the twinkling of an eye. See Thessalonians says we don't mourn like the world mourns. We mourn ... it doesn't say we don't mourn. We don't mourn like the world mourns because we know the power of the resurrection; we know the power of eternal life. And **if it's the Father's time**, if we lived a life of righteousness and it's the time for us to rest, so be it.

I look at my grandmother. She was 93 years old when she passed away and basically what we say is, "She did everything and she just ran out of time." She was the matriarch of our family and everybody loved her, from the time we were kids. She had 80 grandchildren, 130 great-grandchildren, 15 children ... we have a big family picnic every year and she really was almost like the queen of the Esposito family. That's how it came and it was sad when she died but her memory goes on. Her memory goes on forever and that's the thing.

It's not so much at what point we go but what did we do while we were living. We are going to talk about this in the leadership in the Bible School quite a bit. **What is your legacy?** That's what matters. The apostle Paul, he didn't have such a great life, especially as a believer. At least 2/3rds of it was in prison, lonely, afraid. But look now, the letters he wrote; they are a testimony to every one of us for the last 2,000 years .

So if that's the case, if there is something where Yahweh is saying, "Look I am blessing you to allow you to rest until the resurrection" don't fight it. If it's our relatives, don't fight it. Talk to them, tell them how much you love them, hold their hand, let them die in dignity. It's not something we have to fear. We mourn but we don't mourn as the world does.

And I believe what most are calling faith is nothing more than a hope and in some cases it is pride; faith in themselves, faith in their own existence. I have heard people say, "Oh, I know I am going to be healed. I have no doubt, I know I am going to be healed." And some of them, I have attended their funeral not far after that. And I say, **faith is not knowing that we will be healed now, it's knowing we can be healed.**

So I hurt my shoulder, I pray to Yahweh every day for I don't know how many weeks and then when I realized it wasn't His will to heal me at this moment, I stopped praying for it. And then I started to pray, "Father, teach me what you are trying to teach me through this and please give me the strength to get through it." But if there is a reason why, He could heal me immediately and if there is a reason why He wasn't, the next thing is let me find out why I am going through it. See as human beings, right away the first thing we want is the pain to get away but that is not always what His will is. So like I say, faith is not knowing you will be healed this second but faith is knowing you can be healed. **And it takes a lot more faith to go through a trial for a long time where the healing hasn't come** than if you are just healed in a second. Like it says in the Bible, hope that is already fulfilled is not hope anymore, you already have it.

We don't know what Yahweh's will is. We don't know why Yahweh gives us something. We don't know at what point He is going to heal us and that's why everything we say, what do we say? "Yahweh willing", **we say, "Yahweh willing."** And we know it is His will to heal us and I am going to read here in little bit, it's His promise to heal us. So I'll leave that with you in the end but you can actually bring Him to that promise **but when He does that healing is up to Him.** When He takes the physical pain away is up to Him and who are we as His creation to demand, "You heal this leg" or "You heal this arm" or "You heal this head, now"? You know the saying, "Father, give me patience, **now!**" That's not the way it works with Yahweh. If He is blessing us and He is giving the blessing of an opportunity to glorify Him through an infirmity, that's what we want to find out. We want to find out, **how can I glorify Him through this that I am going through.**

Exodus 34, because I want to show another reason sometimes why we are not healed. Sometimes we are not healed because there are generational curses that are coming upon us.

**Exo 34:7** *keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and not leaving entirely unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on sons, and on sons of sons, to the third and to the fourth generation.*

So sometimes, unbeknownst unto us is sickness, cancers, alcoholism, divorce; all these things are generational curses that will go from generation to generation **unless we break them**. Now again we have said this before, as believers ... Galatians 3 Yahshua became a curse so that we don't have to be that curse. **You can break the generational curse** but you have to be aware of it.

**Gal 3:13** *Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us; for it has been written, "Cursed is everyone having been hung on a tree;"...So Yahshua became a curse so that we can break that curse and there are 3 things you have to do if you want to break this curse.*

Number 1, you have to repent. **You have to repent from whatever was causing this curse** and whether it is repentance for the fathers before you and the repentance of you, you have to repent for whatever was causing this generation curse to come down. The second thing you have to do is **you have to replace what was happening**. Let's take something simple like smoking. You wind up getting cancer and it's from smoking cigarettes. So what is the first thing you have to do? You repent to Yahweh for bringing something into your temple that is destroying it, the cigarettes and now you have to replace, right? Smoking isn't that easy to break a habit and people will tell you that and I have never smoked but I know people that do. So what you have to do is take the bad habit and replace it with a good habit. Whatever time you thought to have a smoke maybe you chew sugarless gum or you recite scripture every time you feel like smoking; whatever it is. You have to replace the bad habit with the good habit and you have to restore what was lost. **You have to restore what was lost**. In situations where robbery or stealing was the cause of the curse, you repent of what you did. You replace the good with the bad and you restore, you retribute what was gone. So three things; you have to replace, you have to repent, you have to restore. And **then you can ask for the healing**. And you can say, "Father ..." It doesn't mean like I said, that you are going to live to 999 years old but **the forgiveness is what is important**.

The forgiveness is what is important because remember what happened when they asked Yahshua, that there was a cripple man there and what happens? He says, "Your sins be forgiven you." And they are thinking to themselves, *Who is this man? Only Yahweh can forgive sins*. He says, *"What is easier to say; your sins are forgiven you or get up and walk? But you may know that the Son of Man is able to forgive sins. I say to you, Take up your mat and walk."* So it is showing us all sickness does come from sin. It can be Adam and Eve's sin, or great-great grandfather's sin, or our own sin, or even just the world around us. Second-hand smoke, people get cancer and die from second-hand smoke. So **ultimately all sickness does come from sin, not necessarily ours**. So what we want to do is, we want to replace whatever it was that was causing that to happen. And this is the 'biggy', the big one that comes with getting your healing.

**Heb 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please YAHWEH. For it is right that the one drawing near to YAHWEH should believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him.*

**You have to have faith in Yahweh**. And I say, when I read this scripture, every time I think about it ... anybody that believes this and really has faith in Yahweh and that you believe He is going to reward you for everything you do for the kingdom ... There is no way you will work 40, 50, 60 hours in the world for green papers with dead dignitaries and one hour a week for Him. If you do, you can't believe this because there are two things; the majority of your time and effort towards Satan's system just for money and very little toward Yahweh, either you don't believe this scripture or we have got to be the stupidest people in the world. How many people, if I have a gold coin up here worth \$10,000 and I asked

you for \$5 to trade you for it, or your pencil, you give me your pencil, I'll give you this \$10,000 for it, how many are not going to make that trade? Of course you are. And here is Yahweh saying to you, what He's offering you; eternal life, in the land with Yahshua as a king of the universe, co-owner of the universe and we say, "Yeah that sounds really good but I need to go make my widgets for my \$9.67 an hour. What is it?"

That is why I say, what a lot of people are calling faith is more of a hope. We hope there is a kingdom, we hope there is this but if you really believe, **if you really believe with all your heart; you will serve him with all your mind and all your strength.** You have to believe. You have to believe it takes a lot more belief after you have been prayed for and you know you're healed but the legs still ain't moving; you know you're healed but the eyes still don't see; you know you are healed and you still feel that cancer inside. That's where the faith comes in. **It takes more faith to believe you can be healed than you will be healed.**

But I can guarantee you this, if our faith is in that kingdom which is just an inch away ... Here we are at the top of the mountain looking over the top ... if our faith is there, I can guarantee you 110% not one of us will enter that kingdom lame, not one of us will enter that kingdom blind, not one of us would enter that kingdom crippled. **You will enter whole.** You know when the children of Israel when they left the wilderness, it tells us in the Bible that Yahweh strengthened their legs, none of their legs were feeble ... and you look, it means strengthened ... the old, the children, **everyone's legs were strengthened.** They walked day and night without getting tired. Is it the same One we serve? We're coming down to crunch time. When you are in the wilderness, three days we haven't eaten, my throat's getting scratchy. Do you believe water can come out of that rock?

That's the one thing I got out of those films we were watching on the miracles of Israel when the man said, "If He parted the Red Sea and did all these things in the ancient time, couldn't He do it today?" Isn't He the same yesterday, today and forever? **And that's why we can praise Him in our infirmity and that's why we can praise Him in our sickness because we know we are not walking into the kingdom with it.**

And sometimes He will take it away immediately, sometimes in a day, in a week, but sometimes you might have to have the scar of your sickness ... I call them scars because you are already healed. **If you have been prayed for, you have been healed. So whatever you're feeling, it is just a scar.** Have you ever cut your arm, you see a scar? The healing is there but you see the scar and sometimes He leaves those scars for what? Remembrance, **He leaves the scars so we don't forget.** So my arm is healed, Praise Yahweh, and if I have got a little scar, I've still got to remember something. And when the day comes when I don't need to remember it anymore, I'll be lifting up chairs again. Same with you, whatever it is, you are healed. You have to believe it.

***Psa 103:1-4 Bless YAHWEH, O my soul, and all within me, bless His holy name. Bless YAHWEH, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards; He who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with kindness and tender mercies ... who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases ... It's a promise, He can't lie.***

When you go to judicial order and you go to the elders of the church and you ask for forgiveness and you are anointed with oil, **you are healed.** And like I said, if the scar is there, don't worry about it because scars sometimes do last for life but sometimes scars do leave. That scar can leave immediately. I have seen everything from people that were dead that were resurrected back to life even here in the land of Israel. I told you I prayed one time for a man that had cancer, they told him 30 days to live, and immediately when I prayed the man was healed. And I have seen it, a lot of miracles but not at the time, I have prayed for thousands and thousands of people in my time in ministry and none of them was immediately healed but that is up to Yahweh.

The healing is there but the scar doesn't always get taken away. That's what we have got to put the promise in. "Hey, how are you doing?" "I'm doing great. Yahweh is my Shepherd, I shall not want. I'm doing great, I'm healed. I've still got a little scar but it's going. It's leaving because I trust in Yahweh. I trust in Him." And like I said, you are not going to enter the kingdom with anything like that.

Let's go to Mark 10 and I'm going to show you how you have to have this faith. I want to give a little Hebraic Roots of Mark 10.

**Mar 10:46-52** *And they came into Jericho. And He and His disciples and a large crowd having gone out from Jericho, a son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus the blind sat beside the highway begging. And hearing that it was Yahshua the Nazarene, he began to cry out and to say, Son of David, Yahshua, have mercy on me! And many warned him that he be quiet. But he much more cried out, Son of David, have mercy on me! And standing still, Yahshua said for him to be called. And they called the blind one, saying to him, have courage, rise up, He calls you. And the blind man, **throwing away his garment**, rising up, he came to Yahshua. And answering, Yahshua said to him, What do you desire I should do to you? And the blind one said to Him, My Rabboni that I may see again. And Yahshua said to him, Go, your faith has healed you. And instantly he saw again, and followed Yahshua in the highway.*

Now the interesting part of this story when you put the Hebraic mindset on, I don't know if you knew this or not, but in the days of Yahshua it wasn't legal for just anyone to go into the street and beg. Literally you had to get sanctioned by the government to legally go out and beg. And do you know what they gave the person that was sanctioned? It was called a **'beggar's coat'**. It was a coat they gave him that legally, allowed him to go out with that and go out and beg. And what's interesting, when it says when he was called forth, what does it say the first thing he did? He took his coat and threw it away. Shows you the faith, right? Because if he wasn't healed, what would have happened? He was blind, he wouldn't have found his coat again, it was gone. **He had to throw away the crutch before Yahweh would heal him.**

And sometimes, sometimes not always, there is a crutch we are holding on to may be holding back our healing. There's a time for doctors, there's a time for medicines, there's a time for herbs, there's a time for oils; but there's a time sometimes to throw those crutches away and say, "Yahweh, heal me. Heal me." Like I said, I'm not against any of them. There's a time for all of them. But there's a time when some of these things can be a crutch to us that's holding back our healing.

And there comes a point where ... I'll give a little testimony that Clifford told me before he came here that he went to the doctor before he came here and he said, "I'm not doing this anymore. I'm not taking this medicine." And the doctor was really angry, Clifford said. And Clifford said, "Either Yahweh's going to heal me or He's going to take me but I'm not doing this anymore." And I say praise Yahweh, praise Yahweh. **There comes a point sometimes in our life where that's what it comes down to.** And I went through the same thing with my arm because they told me that if I don't take steroids ... he said, "You don't understand how serious this is. If you don't take immediately steroids in your arm, you will never have movement in that arm again and that it could go into gangrene and you could lose your arm." And I went home and I looked at that box and there was something that happened that the Father showed me. And I said to Petra and I threw that thing in the garbage. And I said if I lose my arm, it will be the will of Yahweh and if I move my arm, it will be the will of Yahweh and I am not taking this poison. And also I am not going to take this poison that I know is going to destroy me. Like I said, there's a time for some of these things. Cortisone and steroids is poison, it will mess you up.

There comes a point where we have to think, are we using some of these things for crutches? **There comes a point where you have to throw away that coat and trust in Him before that healing is going to come and that's the faith.** Because when you get this faith issue, it's not just the healing. It's eternal life. It's impossible to please Him without faith

and without faith you are not going to enter the kingdom. What did I read in James? The person who doubts is double-minded and unstable in all his ways and **nothing** will be given to him.

There's two generations that totally lose out on salvation and Sodom and Gomorrah is not one of them. He said, "*Woe to you Chorazim, it will be better for Sodom and Gomorrah in the judgement day than for you.*" So we know something, some in Sodom and Gomorrah are even going to make it into the kingdom. There are two generations where most people will lose salvation. Do you know what they are? The children of Israel in the wilderness, *I swore in My wrath they will not enter My rest*, and our generation. Whoever takes the mark of the Beast goes to the Lake of Fire and all the earth took the mark of the Beast. Two generations in scripture and we happen to live in one of them. Why is that? Because they are the only two generations that physically saw the manifestations of Yahweh and rejected it.

**The children of Israel saw with their eyes**, they say the darkness over here to the Egyptians and the light over here. They say the frogs over here and nothing over here. They say the parting of the Red Sea **and still they did not believe**. We are living in the time of the same thing. We are seeing Yahweh's manifestation with our eyes. There is a time very shortly when we will see Elijah come, we will see the two witnesses, we will see fire come from them. We have seen these things, we know about them and still we don't believe. What will it take? And I look at that scripture in Luke 18 *When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth? ... Scary because we are the generation He is saying that to. He will come to a faithless generation that shall perish but it doesn't have to be you and it doesn't have to be me.* But we have got to believe.

We have to start believing Him. And the time to believe ... it's the time to believe, when you need Him, when you are calling Him; you've got to believe His promises. And when He says, "I will heal you" believe He will heal you and whether that means He will resurrect you and heal you or whether that means you're going to throw away your beggar's coat, seek it. You have got to have faith, either we sleep or we live to that day, we are both going to be there together. We have got to believe this.

The other point about judicial order in healing, James 5:15, 16, we will go through that quickly. And it ties into all of this.

**Jas 5:13-16** *Does anyone suffer ill among you? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him praise in song. Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the Congregation, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Yahweh. And the prayer of faith will save those being sick, and Yahweh will raise him up. And if he may have committed sins, it will be forgiven him. Confess any offenses from the Torah to one to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful.*

So we see again, like I said, essential oils, herbs ... wonderful things, we take them. My wife is very knowledgeable in these things ... but never forget, spiritually speaking; judicial order. We want to go to His elders of the church; we want to ask Yahweh for His healing. And then whatever we have to do on our part, we want to do of course. But we never want to leave this part out of it; **we never want to just seek the physical and leave out the spiritual**. We want to make sure we are doing both.

You know, the issue of healing and the issue of faith go hand in hand and it's important that we understand that without the faith, the healing will never come. And it's easy to say before-hand; the hard part is when you are in that situation. You know, you are in the hospital. Do you do the operation or don't you? And there's a time when the operations are fine, I'm not any operation. I'm just saying, there comes a point when you are in that situation that you have got to make a quick decision where it could be your life or death and that's really where faith comes in. That's not while we are sitting in the room and talking about 'what happens if'. It comes down, when you have to make that decision and you are making the decision through faith, that's important.

But one thing I want to say about faith, because sometimes I see people who claim they have faith and yet, what you see is a lot of self-righteousness. Because faith isn't ... you know we have had a lot of people come to Israel and they had no money whatsoever and say, "I'm coming here on faith" and all they do is pawn off of everybody else. And that's not faith. See Romans 14:22, what does it say? *Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before Yahweh. Blessed is the one not condemning himself from what he approves.*

So I just want to make the point, what faith is. **Faith is not at the expense of others.** If you have faith, have it between you and Yahweh. If I have faith to be healed and I don't go to a doctor, **let it be between me and Yahweh, don't let it me condemn another brother of sister who may go to a doctor because that is self-righteousness.** It's self-righteousness for me to say, "If you go to a doctor you are this or that." How do I know? Luke was a physician. Everything has a purpose, everything has a time so if you have faith, have it between yourself and Yahweh. **Don't use your faith as a road to let Satan build self-righteousness in you against another brother or sister.**

For people that are calling it faith and continuously going around to the congregations and just pouring it on people, that's not faith. The Bible says there is a time to give and a time to receive and every one of us, if you have never received from somebody, then you are self-righteous. If you, "No, no, no. I can't take a gift." Because every time someone is giving a gift, someone is receiving a gift and if someone is giving then they are going to get a blessing. If somebody gives me a dress, I can't wear a dress but I wouldn't turn that blessing down. What we do is take the dress and see if someone needs it. So never take away somebody's opportunity to be blessed but at the same rate you always don't want to be the giver and you always don't want to be the receiver.

With faith, sometimes you are giving and sometimes you are receiving; it depends. There is a time for everything; a time to receive, a time to give. So make sure that your faith is not inconveniencing somebody else and whether that's through healing or not, we want our faith to be between us and Yahweh. We don't want our faith to be self-righteousness to other brethren because **if someone doesn't have the faith to throw away their medicine, then why would you want them to. Do you want them to die?** You want them to throw that medicine in the garbage when they haven't built the faith yet? Who are we to make decisions in other people's life? Let each be approved by Yahweh and let each person decide. Let each person by his own faith be between him and Yahweh.

And let's not use healing and faith as a way to start condemning and judging each other. That's what happened in many organizations before. What we want to do is, we want to lift up the brother who may not have the faith yet to do that. What happened to the man who came to Yahshua when He said if you only have faith and he said, "Master, I have faith. Help me in my unbelief." See he had some faith but he didn't have enough faith. He had enough faith to ask Yahshua and he said, "Where I lack, Master, help me in my unbelief." And every one of us is there because **faith is something none of us has 24/7. Faith is something the Holy Spirit inspires you when you need it.** And it is something we can share with others but each one of us, where we lack we say, "Master, help me with my unbelief." So we don't want to use it for a way to condemn our brothers and sisters.

Let's go to Hebrews 11, our last scripture here.

**Heb 11:1** *Now faith is substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*

If my arm ... they are going to take an x-ray of my arm and they see a tear, and I tell the doctor, "No, I went to the elders. I've been prayed for. I'm healed. I'm healed." Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not being seen. What is the evidence? The doctor will say, "What is the evidence that you are healed? I see the tear." You know what the evidence is? *Psalm 103 He forgives all our iniquity, He heals all our diseases.* I'm healed. Praise Yahweh! Say it loud. Rejoice, dance, clap. **You've got to claim that healing if you want to feel that healing and you can't**

**let that scar destroy your life.** And that's what I would say to the doctor, "You might be seeing a little scar there where I was sick before, but I'm healed." ... "How do you know you are healed?" ... "Well, I went to the elder and the elder prayed for me and Yahweh ... Let me show you in Yahweh's word where it says it. And you know something? Until this scar disappears, you're going to see the happiest person who ever had it. You're going to see the happiest patient here."  
**Let us be a witness.**

**Every situation, whether it be a trial or a sickness, every situation is to be a witness for Yahweh and how we could be joyful in our trials and sicknesses.** I'm telling you, it can be contagious. Start smiling. You ever go into stores and the people are always nasty and they always give you the change begrudgingly? Try going into the store and just smiling at somebody, even if they are always nasty, keep smiling until they smile and they will do it. They have to. They will do it. Just try smiling at everybody you meet in the street. It's amazing what can happen.

*Heb 11:13* *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth ...*The greatest men that ever lived; Noah, Abraham, Moses, Isaac, Jacob, Peter, Paul; all of them died without receiving the promises.

*Heb 11:39-40* *And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, Yahweh having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect ...* Isn't that awesome? Whether it was the blind man from John 9 or whether it was the crippled man from Jericho, whether it is people we know that are laying in the ground now that have died of different illnesses or whether it is us sitting in the chairs; **all of us will be perfected together on the day of resurrection.**

And that is why we sit here today. We sit here today because our faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not being seen. I am not sitting here telling you fairy tales, I'm not sitting here telling you that this man saw Adam or that this one is this like in the Koran. I'm not sitting here telling you fairy tales, I'm sitting here telling you substance, I'm sitting here showing you evidence.

I say for someone to be an atheist is the stupidest thing in the world. It is the most idiotic stupidest thing in the world. It's impossible scientifically. You could prove that there is a creator from a thousand different circumstances. I met this girl one time in Tel Aviv with a group over there and this girl was an atheist. She claimed she was a mathematician and I said, "Well, let me just show you logically." Then I said ... I was showing her about DNA and how DNA works, and the fact of 100,000 points to a cell and there's 100,000 cells; that there is something like a hundred trillion billion zillion to one that all that all that can come together without a creator and she said, "Well I'll take the one." I said, "You'll take the one? You mean a hundred trillion zillion to one and you'll take the one?" I said, "That is the stupidest thing I have ever heard in my life and you are telling me you have a doctorate. How stupid you are." And it shook her up a bit and she said, "Well, I ... I... I..." I said, "You take it all ?'s way. I don't even want to talk to you if you are that stupid." And she said, "No, no, no. To be honest with you, I'll go back and read what you said." It really shook her up because it's stupid thinking like that.

But when you think about it, really, we want to be logical. **Our faith is built on evidence.** We can show people from this word, from the Torah, that our belief is real and our belief is living. **We can show them from the miracles in our life. We can show them from our example, from our attitude that this is something real.** We have something to give that nobody else has. So everyone of us is handicapped to one degree or another by being in these bodies at this time but I will guarantee you 100% by the Word of Yahweh, that when the kingdom comes, there will be no blind, there will be no crippled, there will be no lame, that every one of us will be whole for eternity.

