

Transcript – My Walk of Faith

Alrighty, Shabbat shalom. And for quite a time now I've gotten a lot of mail with people asking me if I would give my testimony, so to speak. So, this message is called *My Walk of Faith*. And I figured I would tie it in, some of the testimony, with the faith we need in these end times.

Because I think in the times we're living in ... You look at **Hebrews 11**, *faith is the evidence of things not seen*. And when you talk to a lot of people, especially Christians, and you ask them something, "Well, how can you believe this when there's no proof to it?" They'll say, "I believe it in faith." And they think that faith is blind; that faith is just believing, which isn't there. And yet faith is the opposite. **Faith is evidence. It's proof.** It's just proof that we don't necessarily have to see, but that's there ... [clears throat] A little water.

So, my background, which I didn't know as a young boy ... I come from a family that is primarily from Italy on both my parents' side, my mother and my father. On my mother's side I also have a small line that goes through Great Britain. We were talking about that yesterday a little bit ... And when I was coming to the truth, and I was researching my background, I came to information that primarily my background comes from the tribe of Dan. I can prove that pretty conclusively. Even my grandmother's maiden name is Danjo, keeping the name of Dan. And also, a lineage through Judah. I do believe that I have some Jewish in my background.

Even where my family is from in Italy, it's a place called Latina, which is all the Sephardic Jews are from there. If you go to our hometown, you'll see as you walk down the street a store, and it says "Elohim" on top. They don't know why. And there's still a lot of traditions that come from there that date back to the heritage. Unfortunately, in the 1800s, late 1800s and 1900s, there was a lot of conversions to Catholicism, some forced, some because of the anti-Semitism that was coming up, and the rest is history. But definitely, I was not brought up as a Jew. I was not brought up as an Israelite. I was brought up in Catholicism, which my family was from.

So, again, as a young boy growing up, my thinking was that every true Christian, which I thought was at that time, was a Catholic. And when I used to see some of these tele-evangelists on TV, I used to laugh and say, "How on earth can anyone believe them?" You know, people like Jimmy Swaggart, [imitates crying] and crying on TV. To me it was entertainment, and yet so many people believed in that. But I just thought it was a joke.

But one time, I guess I was about 15 years old, and I call it my Mount Sinai experience. That an uncle of mine, who was a really, really good uncle, had some land upstate New York, and he used to take the boys on weekends. We would go up there. We would go camping. And it was really nice because there was no electricity. There was nothing. Just a little cabin that we built. And we got running water from the stream, like Swiss Robinson family tree house we made, and it was nice. So, one time we were sitting there. Because we'd get up there Friday evening around 9:00-10:00 at night. First thing we'd do is get the fire going and bring out the hot dogs.

And as we were sitting around the fire, one of my cousins started to talk about eternal life. And 15 years old, what do you know about eternal life? So, I said, "Well, what is eternal life?" And he said to me that if you had this mountain that was like 2,000 or 3,000 feet high, which isn't a gigantic mountain, but a good-sized mountain. And a bird came once a year, and put his beak on that mountain, just pecked his beak once on that mountain. So, think about this, 2,000 or 3,000 foot mountain, and just once a year a bird pecks his beak once. He said, "From the time that mountain would go from 3,000 feet down to land level," ... It's like, wow! You're talking about zillions of years! ... He said, "That's one second of eternity."

So, before I'm just talking about time, right? Man's life, 60, 70, 80 years, how fast it goes. But that would, like zillions of years, that would be one second of eternity. As soon as he said that, I never forgot it, I'm in! Why live for 60 or 70 years when you have **eternity**? It's like, wow! I had a younger cousin there that was like eight years old, and he's like, "Yeah, my mother always said life begins at 40." He didn't really understand the concept. But I understood the concept.

So, afterwards I started talking to him, and I said, "Hey, where are you getting this information from?" He said, "Well, there's this guy on TV, Herbert Armstrong." Like, "TV? You have to be kidding!" I saw all these guys. They're a joke. I

wouldn't look at any of these TV evangelists. And yet when I watched *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, it really made sense for me.

So, what I did was ... Of course, they have booklets you could get. Everything was free. Like the Bible says, *freely you've received, freely you give* ... And I started ordering booklets on the Sabbath and different things. Really didn't have much of an interest in it, but it was interesting to me. But nothing I read didn't make sense. I used to leave the booklets in the toilet, when you're in there and reading on the throne, so to speak. So sometimes a booklet would take me a week, a month, two months to go through. It would just depend. But there was no sense of urgency. I wasn't looking to join anything. I wasn't looking to change.

But after doing this for about a year, all of a sudden, I started getting convicted that, wow, if this is true, I have to make some kind of commitment to it. So, I think at the time I might have been around 18 years old. I had just purchased my own house, had my own business, had everything I needed, really wasn't looking for religion. I didn't even know that it was a religion or a church or anything else. All I knew is in one of the things I read said, if you have questions, then you can call up and somebody will come, a representative. So, decided to call up and had questions.

So, I had about 80 questions that were written down, from the simplest to the most complicated. And I was waiting. I said, okay, as soon as this guy tells me it's a mystery and we can't know these things, that's it. I know that these people are just like everybody else. And one by one, he went through all my questions and gave me answers—real answers. And like it says, *the truth will set you free*.

Now at the same time, the Jehovah's Witnesses start coming to the door. So now, my mind is starting to be opened. And they're starting to tell me things, that you don't have to keep the Sabbath and this and that. So, I decided that, okay, I don't know enough about it. I'm brand new. But I'm going to invite this Church of God minister over. I'm going to invite the Jehovah's Witness. Let them duke it out. Whoever comes out ahead at the end, it has to be the right church.

So, I lived on the second floor of the house there. And all of a sudden, the guy from the Church of God calls me up the day before, and he says, "Ooh, I can't make it. We're going to have to reschedule." Ah, this isn't going to work! So, I'm working all day. I forgot about the Jehovah's Witness. All of a sudden, it was 7:00 in the evening. I hear a knock at the door and, oh no, it's the Jehovah's Witness. He's out there. Now again, I'm in my unconverted state. I'm a young 18-year-old man. The man was persistent. He kept knocking on the door. He wouldn't leave. So, I came and I dropped a water balloon on his head. That got rid of the Jehovah's Witness. That was the end of that story.

But at least, it really, it set me on the path, because the Church of God minister kept coming back. He kept answering the questions. And eventually I knew I had to make a commitment, that I had to be committed to something. And I joined the congregation. I was immersed into baptism, into covenant relationship. And immediately I found out, though, that life doesn't get easier when you enter the covenant. It gets harder.

And I had, I guess you could say, my near-death experience. At the time, I was working. Me and my dad had a company of driving a van like Federal Express, of taking packages. And I was driving on the New Jersey turnpike. And on the turnpike, there are no side roads. You only have a divider there. So, if you have a trouble or your car breaks down, you can't pull to the side of the road. And I was driving on the turnpike about 60-65 miles an hour. I was behind an 18-wheeler truck. His doors were open. And all of a sudden, a big pipe, about 30 pounds, maybe 3 feet long, came flying out of that pipe and straight through my windshield, straight through my dashboard. And it was like that [shows about an inch] from going right through me. And I still have the picture of it today. Didn't even break the windshield. It put a hole in it, but it didn't smash it because it came straight through like a dart. And I know a cherub had to guide that thing. Because if that was sideways, I'd be dead. I would have never survived.

But I realized that night two things. Number one, I realized that, wow, you go into covenant relationship with Yahweh, there's a mark on your life. You've moved up hundreds of spots on Satan's hit list. Because if you're just in the world and you're doing his bidding, he really doesn't care. But once you make a commitment to Yahweh, then you moved up on his hit list. And I also realized that I should have been dead that night. That if I didn't make this commitment to Yahweh and

that would have happened, I probably would have been dead. So, I realized that my life now belonged to Him; that I was no longer going to live for myself, but I wanted to live for Him.

In the congregation, I really never ... It was a big congregation. We had more than 1,000 people in our congregation. We had an AM and a PM. They made a satellite church from Jersey City, which was about a half an hour from where we were meeting ... So, I really never had delusions of grandeur of moving up in the congregation or anything like that. I had my own business. I helped. I served wherever I could. I loved it from all my being. I could say in 14-15 years that I was in the congregation, I never missed a Sabbath service. I never missed a Bible study. I never missed Spokesman's Club, Graduate Club. Every day I just, I loved it. I couldn't get enough of it; that I wanted every time going there, learning the Word of Yahweh, being around His people.

It was just something that I regret today, that there's not enough local congregations around the world. I know that nurturing is needed. That when people are brand new, ... And we're living in a different age because of Internet, that people **think** they don't need the nurturing of a congregation, but you do ... **you need the leadership, without a shadow of a doubt. You need to be nurtured. You need to be learned. It's something that takes time. It takes time to grow into it.**

In early 1995, I was ordained. Didn't plan on it, had no intentions on it, although I did go through in Church of God some ministerial training. But the man who ordained me was a minister from Church of God Seventh Day, and there was actually three different Church of God organizations that were there, or actually that ordained him, three different organizations. This man was one man that ordained me, and he was ordained directly by someone called Brother Bartholomew, who was ordained by Andrew Dugger.

So, I know in my walk I say that because we have some congregations that are with us that actually in Africa were set up by Dugger. And the whole thing of ordination always comes in, and are you qualified as your ordination. But like I say, my ordination came directly through a man who was ordained by a man that Dugger ordained himself.

But like I said, I really wasn't thinking about ordination. I wasn't thinking about ministry. I had my own business. I had other things I was doing. But I took it serious. Because one thing is **when Yahweh gives you a job, you better take it serious.** I already knew ... I was 30 years old at the time, but I knew if I don't take this serious, He's going to take it away from me. So, I prayed to Him what He wants from my ministry. And as clear as day, I heard a voice in my mind say, "Unite My people."

So, I immediately put together a conference. It was at the time that the Church of God was falling apart. They were splitting in all different directions. People didn't know what to do. And I called some elders, Church of God elders that I had known, and we put a conference together in Pennsylvania at that time. And we had hundreds of people that came to the conference. But that was always what I knew in my mind that Yahweh wanted me to work on uniting His people.

Also, I always felt that my ministry was more toward the remnant. Not to say ... I've been on radio. I've done a lot of different ministry and had the blessing of baptizing. Just in the last decade, I probably baptized personally more than 1,000 people. But I know my ministry primarily was to the remnant people. It wasn't for starting congregations. It wasn't for whatever. But like I said, **in ministry you may go over different barriers, but you have to know where you're really directed toward, where is Yahweh directing you toward in your ministry.** So, I continued in that. And like I said in Pennsylvania, we had a local congregation. We had two, one in New Jersey, one in Pennsylvania. I was also once a month going down to a Church of God International group that I was giving messages to once a month down in South Jersey because they didn't have a pastor down there.

And in 1997, we decided that we were going to keep the Feast in Mount Pocono. So, it was a beautiful place up there. It was called Lake Paradise. Had a beautiful lake there with canoeing and all kinds of things. And what they do is they use it as a camp in the summer for underprivileged children they allow to come there for free, from New York and all over the place. And then the rest of the year they rent it out to groups to make the money so that they can pay for the free people to come.

So, we had a wonderful feast there in '97, and I was showing a video that somebody had given to me from Ron Wyatt, Ron Wyatt discoveries of finding Noah's Ark up in Turkey, and also finding the Red Sea Crossing site in Nuweiba. And at the Feast there, I had prayed because I was reading in Deuteronomy where it says, if you keep My Feast faithfully, you can ask for a special blessing and I'll give it to you.

And I was thinking, "Wow, I'm somewhat in over my head in this. I'm ordained. I'm not really sure exactly what I should be doing here. But Father, I know that if You would bless me, if I had a help mate, I know that would help." I see it in the Bible, that it's important. So, I prayed for if that was the Father's will; and if it wasn't His will, that was fine.

So, when the Feast was over, I just had this burning compulsion to get in touch with Ron Wyatt. Now I didn't know him, didn't know too much about him. All I knew is that he had this video. So, every time I would pick up the phone, I didn't know what to say. I'd hang it up. And this went out for at least a week, maybe two weeks. And I kept thinking, because it's something that my mind kept saying, "Tell Ron Wyatt to take you to Israel." Never came to Israel before. Remember, coming from a Church of God background, they had a false theology that America was the new Israel. And really, they never, in all the years I was in there, they never talked much about Israel, the real Israel. So, I never really thought of visiting Israel or coming here. It just wasn't in my mind whatsoever.

And I kept thinking, if I tell Ron Wyatt to take me to Israel, that "The Holy Spirit said, Ron, for you to take me to Israel," he's going to take me to the funny farm instead. But then one day it was just so strong. You have to call him today ... you have to call him today. So, I went and I called him up. I said, "Hi Ron. My name is Don Esposito. I'm a pastor in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We watched your videos, and we appreciate the stuff you're doing." I'm talking to him for about two minutes, and all of a sudden, out of the blue, he says, "You know, Don. I'm going to Israel in three weeks. Would you like to come?" So, I'm trying to think how can I ask him to take me, and he's inviting me without even knowing who I am! So, it was like wow! So, "Yeah, I want to come."

So, I forget how many of us were on the trip. But the other people that were with him, they were asking me, "So, what are you doing here?" And I said, "I don't know yet." And actually, in my mind, I was thinking that I was going to get to see the Ten Commandment plaques. I just thought that's why ... Because Yahweh was putting in my heart, "You have to start preaching repentance." And I'm thinking, "Who am I? Who am I to preach repentance? Who's going to listen to me? But then, wow, if I actually saw those Ten Commandment plaques, then that's going to give me some kind of authority that people would listen to me."

So, I'm waiting the whole trip for what the reason is that Yahweh brought me there. And I'm starting to see on the trip that there's some inconsistencies with Ron and some of the things he's saying. So, now I'm really praying, "Father, what am I doing here? What is the reason I'm doing here?" And I had set it up, we had one free day at the end of this trip, that I was going to go to Jordan. I wanted to go to Petra, the City of Rock.

Because coming from Church of God background, the theology they were teaching us is that that was going to be something called "the place of safety." That when the hard times broke out, you were going to get a call in the middle of the night. It was going to be your minister saying, "Get to the airport. We have all these planes there. We're taking all the brethren to Petra." So, I didn't believe that at the time. I knew it wasn't true. But I still wanted to see it. It was an interesting place.

So, we had set it all up. And then all of a sudden, the night before, Ron comes in and he says, "Don, it's not going to work." He says, "By the time you get over there to Jordan and you go through everything and come back, I'm afraid you're going to miss the flight. We're not going to have enough time." I said, "Ron, you have no idea how disappointed I am that I didn't get to see Petra."

So, now I'm wondering, what am I going to do? Have a free day. I'm out of money. I'm a little discouraged. I decide I'll go to the Garden Tomb. Only place in all of Jerusalem that doesn't charge to get in there. So, I go there, and they're filming that day. They have a camera out. There's hundreds of people. I don't really like crowds. I'm thinking, "Oh, what do I do?" Something just inspired me, go. Go inside the tomb. I was already in there before that, but I wanted to go in again. So, I

walk inside the tomb. Usually there's a line. You wait. Someone comes out; you go in. And there's all these people. Like I said, hundreds of people. They're filming something. But I walk in the tomb, and there's nobody there but one person. So, I start talking to her. And who is it? My wife Petra.

And people always say, "Is that your real name?" And it's like, "Yeah, that's her real name." So, I joke and I say, be very specific about what you pray for. Because I said to the Father, "I'm so disappointed I didn't get to see Petra," and I got to see Petra. So, Yahweh has a sense of humor. They did a big article on us from the Garden Tomb. They said, "Many things have happened in this tomb, but we don't know about that." People were coming up to me for years after that, asking me, "Will you take me to Israel to the Garden Tomb? Maybe I'll meet a wife," thinking it's becoming something like that.

But really, Petra actually was volunteering in Israel for about six months. And that was her last day in the Land—her last day in the Land; my last day in the Land. And we always say how Yahweh is the Master at odds and probability. How many people did He have to stop at a red light? How many things did He have to change for that one second for us to just meet inside that tomb? So, we talked some when we were in the tomb. We exchanged addresses. Went back home. And after that, we were corresponding with each other. And about three months later she came out to New Jersey. And three months from there we were married. So, it went pretty quick.

But at the same rate, when Yahweh picks your mate, you don't have to worry about it much. And I will say ... I mean, I was 33 or 34 years old at the time ... that, really, I think that was the first time in my life that I ever prayed to Yahweh to pick my mate. And I tell that to people that are looking for a mate, "Don't pick it on yourself." If I would have picked my own mate, I would have been in trouble a lot. But really, you have to leave it up to Yahweh.

So, after we were married, we both had a great desire for Israel. And we had no idea we were going to be coming back here. But we really, it was something that we both loved. And we set up the next year for a tour to come to Israel, and actually to also see Petra. That was on there. Kim was blessed to be part of that trip and many, many more that we would take throughout the years.

But right before that trip something very, very amazing happened to me. Only time in my life that this has ever happened. But my wife is a very, very light sleeper. And I say, **almost jokingly**, I can blink and she'll be up. I say almost jokingly because actually a couple times I tried it. But she is, I mean, really, really light sleeper. She could hear anything. She hears everything going on.

One night we were sleeping in the bed when we were still living in Pennsylvania. And all of a sudden, I was woken up out of my sleep. And I looked up, and at the foot of my bed was a malach. And I looked over, and there's Petra curled up just with a smile on her face. And when I saw this malach, I could just see it was just brightness. And I saw a silhouette of like a gown almost. You could see the silhouette of a person. You could see a silhouette of a head. It was like a white gown that the being was wearing. And all of a sudden, then, I saw a hand come up from the side. There was a sword in the hand, and then a grinding stone appeared. And he put the sword on the grinding stone. And the being said "I am the messenger of Yahweh. Let me show you the things which must shortly come to pass." And then he disappeared. So, I wondered, wow, what is this?

About a month later I'm reading in the book of Ezekiel, the 21st chapter. I'd like to go there. And exactly what I saw that night, I found in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 21.

Ezekiel 21:1-3 *And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem and drop a word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel. And say to the land of Israel, So says YAHWEH: Behold, I am against you and **My sword goes out from its sheath**, and I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.*

Comment: Exactly what I saw: Hand come up; a sword in the hand.

Ezekiel 21:4-9 *Because I will cut off the righteous and the wicked from you, therefore, My sword shall go out from its sheath against all flesh, from the Negev to the north. And all flesh shall know that I, YAHWEH, have brought out My sword from*

its sheath; it shall not return any more. And you, son of man, groan with the breaking of your loins, and groan with bitterness before their eyes. And it will be, when they say to you, For what do you groan? Then you shall say, Because of the news that is coming. And every heart will melt, and all hands will become feeble. And every spirit will faint and all knees will go down as water. Behold, it comes, and it shall be, declares Adonai YAHWEH. And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, Aha! So says Adonai: Say, A sword! A sword is sharpened and also it is polished!

Comment: And when the sword came up ... And like I said, you could see the shining from it ... And when he touched the grinding stone, sparks were coming out of it, almost like when you're grinding a metal blade or something like that.

Ezekiel 21:10-13 *It is sharpened in order to slaughter a slaughter. It is polished so that there may be a flash to it. Or shall we rejoice? You are despising the rod of My Son, as if it were every tree. And He has given it to the polished, to be taken by the hand. The sword, it is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. Cry out and howl, son of man. For it shall be on My people. It shall be on all the rulers of Israel; they are thrown to the sword with My people, so slap your thigh, because it is a test. And what if even the despising rod shall [not] be? Declares Adonai YAHWEH.*

Comment: And we're seeing this today. We're seeing this day, very, very shortly, this prophecy is getting ready to come to pass because Israel is not fulfilling the Torah. Because Israel is rejecting Yahweh and His ways.

Ezekiel 21:14 *And you, son of man, prophesy and strike hand to hand. And let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain. It is the sword of the slain, the great one that surrounds them,*

Comment: He says double it the third time. We know that Jerusalem has been destroyed twice. Once by the Babylonians, once by the Romans, and now the third time it's going to get attacked again, we know, in the end time.

Ezekiel 21:15-19 *so that their heart may melt and many stumble at their gates. I have given the slaughter by the sword. Ah! It is made like lightning, it is wrapped for a slaughter. Sharpen yourself on the right! Set yourself on the left, wherever your face is appointed. And also, I will strike My hand to My hand, and I will cause My fury to rest. I, YAHWEH, have spoken. And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, And you, son of man, set for yourself two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come ... Now it's connected with Babylon ... Both of them shall come from one land. And create a hand at the head of the way to the city, create it.*

Ezekiel 21:20-21 *You shall set a way for the sword may enter into Rabbah ... That's modern-day Amman in Jordan ... of the sons of Ammon, and into Judah, into fortified Jerusalem. For the king of Babylon shall stand at the mother of the way, at the head of the two ways to practice divination. He shall strike arrows, he shall ask household items; he shall look at the liver.*

One of our notes says: "Nebuchadnezzar was at a crossroad to either go to Rabbah in trans-Jordan or to Jerusalem. He used divination to decide by making arrows and placing them in a shaker and choosing one. The king used the occult by the marks and color of a sheep's liver to decide."

So, really interesting here is even today we see that America is right here in these areas training troops. They're ready to go into Syria. And a lot of these prophecies are coming to pass. So again, once this happened, I really wasn't sure ... I did write it down because I didn't want to forget exactly how it happened ... but I wasn't sure what to make of it. Because he said "Let me show you the things which must shortly come to pass," and then he disappeared. I never saw anything.

About a year later we left America because of studying that America was end-time Babylon. And after studying the issue, it was February of 1999, I was praying and I just really, really felt Yahweh and the Holy Spirit telling me "You have to get out of here. It's time to leave." So, we made our plans. It took us about six months. We planned on getting rid of all our things and leaving the land. I really knew nothing about it, if you're even allowed to leave your land, but we decided to go down to Honduras. Because we knew that some other man who was preaching America was Babylon had went to Honduras, so we figured I guess you can go to Honduras if somebody else went to Honduras.

But like I said, knew very, very little about anything with it. We did bring things with us there, going down there we went by ship, because we thought we were going to be there a long time. We figured we might be there 10-15 years until the trouble breaks out, and then we would try to make our way to Jerusalem. But we had absolutely no plans on coming to Israel, no plans whatsoever.

Interesting enough, when we got down there, the first week that we were there we were staying in a boathouse out near the water that somebody let us stay in. It had no electricity. So, we had to be in bed about 6:00 because it was pitch dark. There was no lights anywhere from there. And three nights in a row I had something that was a vision. Now, what is the difference between a vision and a dream? Everybody's had dreams. We know a dream is when you're sleeping. And even though dreams sometimes seem real, and they could. I've had them myself. A vision, actually, although it's not real, you're awake. You're not sleeping. You're really seeing what's happening. We see it in the Bible. Ezekiel had quite a few visions, and I had the same thing happen.

The first night ... Now, again, this is 1999 remember ... I'm laying in my bed. I woke up, just popped up from nowhere. I looked out the window, and then, all of a sudden, I wasn't in Honduras anymore. I was actually in Carteret, New Jersey, where I was born, and I was in the Holiday Inn. And there was some kind of party going on with my family. I don't know if it was a wedding or something else. And all of a sudden, I looked up at the ceiling. They had chandelier there. And the chandelier started shaking, and everybody went running for the door. I went running downstairs. It was like a spiral staircase. I went outside, and although it was about 3:00 in the afternoon, there was darkness out there. And I looked over, from Carteret you can see the New York skyline, and I saw the Twin Towers. And both of them were shaking, and both of them fell down. This happened in 1999. Documented it. Made messages. Told many people about it. And that was the first vision.

The next night, laying in my bed, the same thing. Popped up, woke up, and, all of a sudden, I was in Kansas City. And people were going wild. And they had the worst tornadoes that they ever had there. People were looking for children. They were running wild. And again, it was like midday, but it was just darkness and screaming and everybody going. In 2003 this happened, where there were 178 tornadoes in one week—they said the worst that ever happened—starting there. Another thing that's interesting is, what I found out is, the very area that was in my vision was where the false tongue's movement had started also.

Next night, third night, same thing. I'm laying in my bed. I wake up. I look out. And all of a sudden, I'm in Florida. And as I'm there, I'm behind like a palm tree. And I'm on a beach, and I can see the water. And I remember a ... from the police, the thing going around ... the red siren like turning. And I'm seeing the turning of it. And I'm smelling like sulfur. So, here it is, in the vision I could smell the sulfur. And I hear the police talking, and they said that Florida just had the worst hurricanes that they ever had in their history. 2005, exactly as it happened, they had I forget how many of them, but it was horrible.

The interesting part about it was that after that happened down in Florida in 2005, we were at my brother's house who lives in Florida. And all of a sudden, in the afternoon we came outside ... I think they were watering their lawn or something ... and it was a really, really bad smell of sulfur. And we said, "Pat, what is that smell?" And he said, "You know, it's really strange. Ever since the hurricanes came here," they said, "every time now when the water comes to water the lawns, it smells like sulfur."

So again, I believe that they were signs. That that's what the messenger was saying, "Let me show you the things that will shortly come to pass," and then he disappeared. That those visions were the sign of what he wanted to see and what was of it. It's one of the reasons why I believe we're in the end time, besides the fact of the prophecies of Israel being a nation again, and so many other things. I've never made a prediction that Yahshua is returning this year, or this is the end time, because the Bible says no man knows the day or the hour, but I do watch. I watch, and I believe it, and I know that we're getting short with the time.

Short can mean a few years, five, six years. Short can mean 10 or 15 years. I don't know. I've always said that. But I think as we get closer to the end, it will become more evident because more things will be happening. We'll see the two

witnesses come. We'll see the beast power set up. Then we know there's 42 months. There'll be things that clearly are going to happen that we're going to be able to mark it.

But in my own personal life, see, and this is one of the things where I talk about my walk of faith, where I've seen a lot of people go wrong. I have met people that seem so zealous. They gave up everything. They started on this walk, and then because things didn't go their way—whether somebody died, or they didn't get this, or whatever it was, sometimes it was even just because they didn't get a permit to stay here in Israel—that they quit! They changed. They went back. Sometimes they get bitter. They want to blame somebody for mistakes that they made or decisions that they made.

But to me, I don't know all the answers. I'm not here to tell you all the answers. Yahweh knows all the answers. But what I can tell you is this, ... I can tell you from my life. I can tell you from what I walked. And I can tell you from what Yahweh has personally showed me ... that I know *He is*, and I know *He's a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*, **Hebrews 11:6**. I know that His Kingdom is coming. And I know that everything we see here, one day very shortly, will all be gone. That all this is the mirage. All this is not the normal.

And that's the problem. Our minds think that all we see out here is normal, and it is so unnormal. And that's what society is trying to do. And the fact that now, now that it's 15 years later from the time that I started on this walk and coming to Israel, and all the things that I talked about 15 years ago of the morality breaking down and homosexuality becoming legal, all these things now that are here. If we can't see the normal they're trying to shove down our throats, and that it's not Yahweh's normal. Because Yahweh's normal doesn't change.

And that's why, like I say, like me; don't like me; but I'm consistent. There's people that have come in the congregation, and they say, "Oh, you're Yahweh's servant, and we love you," and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And then all of a sudden, a year later they hate me for something that I always believed in. Divorce and remarriage. I believed in that for the last 30 years, that you should not leave your spouse and marry another. So, somebody will come in the congregation, either they don't do their due diligence or they think they are going to change me. And once I don't change, I become the bad guy. But all I tell you is I am not looking at the face of men. I walk the walk, and I talk the talk, and I'm going to follow what Yahweh says. It's that simple. And if people follow, great. I wish every person on this planet would follow.

But I've also been there when it's only been me. When we left America, it was a very, very lonely day when we were on that boat in Florida and going away. Three days, three nights, we were on the boat. No water, no nothing. I mean, well, water. No land, no nothing. And it was really, at those times not ever knowing if we'd see our family again, it was a tough time. It wasn't easy days. But Yahweh showed me it doesn't matter what you're giving up, because you're going to get a thousand more in this time and you have eternal life to come.

I'm not looking at the feel-good religion. I'm not doing things to feel good. I'm doing things because there's a right and a wrong, and I know what the right is. And I've seen Yahweh. I've seen Him. I know His will. I have no doubt in my life. Call it whatever you want to call it. Call it pride. Call it arrogance. Call it what you want to call it. It only matters what Yahweh calls it. I call it truth. That's what I call it, because I know ... **I know what I've seen. I know what He showed me in my life. And I know the walk I'm on. And each person has to find that in their life.**

But I know one thing. I know if your life is filled with doubt, you'll never make it. Because that's exactly where Satan wants to get you. He wants to find out where you're doubting, and then he's going to come and he's going to change you. And we know from **Jacob 1:6** [should be **1:8**], *the double minded man is unstable in all his ways*. So, if you're unstable here, you're going to be unstable here.

So, that's what you know from the school. I say if there is any doubt in your life, you have to deal with it. You have to get rid of it. You have to come to some conclusion. **It doesn't mean you'll know everything, but choose not to focus on the things you don't know.** There's many things in my life that I had to shelve because I didn't understand it. But I chose to shelve it and not focus on what I don't know. **What I choose to focus on is what I do know.**

I do know Yahweh exists. I do know that Yahshua is the Son of Yahweh. I do know They are two eternal beings. I know that Yahweh loved the world so much that He sent Yahshua to come down and die for our sins that all those that believe in that will have everlasting life. I know it. So, I know no matter what else happens between now and then; I know whether I sleep or whether I'm awake when Yahshua returns to this earth; I know belief in that unwavering is going to put me in His Kingdom with Him. And that's what's important.

We also had when we were in America, we had missions in the spectator sport of what's called Christianity. And again, I was in that spectator sport for many years, where the old pay and pray philosophy. But when I came out of that, one thing that Yahweh showed me very clearly is that there is no such thing in His congregation as spectator sport. **Every single one of us has been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit**, we know that from **Corinthians 12**, and that we have to use that for ministry ... **we have to use that for ministry.**

So, that ministry could be opening up an orphanage, which we're starting to do in our congregations around the world. That ministry could be having a place for battered women. It could be working in a crisis pregnancy center saving the life of unborn children. It could be wherever you're inspired for it to be. But you have to have a ministry. It could be an encouragement. It could be in writing letters. Nobody can tell you what your ministry is. The Holy Spirit tells you your ministry. But **the key is you have to have a ministry.** Everybody has to have a ministry.

So, when I first found this out, I didn't know what my ministry was. So, I said, "Okay, do it by process of elimination." You throw everything against the wall, and you see what sticks. So, we started doing everything. I did radio. Like I said, went to soup kitchens, homeless centers. You name it, we did it. And then we saw where the needs really were. But one thing that Yahweh really blessed us with was our homeless ministry.

And I used to really, really enjoy it. I'd love it. Because people would think that homeless people are just people that don't want to work, who just don't want to live, and it really isn't that way. And to hear people's testimony on how they became homeless. And the bottom line is, praise Yahweh I came from a good family. That when I fell, and there's times in my life where I fell, they were there to pick me up. Homeless people simply didn't have anybody to do that. And we had so many miracles happen.

What we would do is we would load our car before going out. We'd bring coffee. We would bring nice sandwiches. We'd buy fresh Kaiser rolls. Because again, when you're getting food for the ... "Hey, we're collecting food for the poor." What do people want to do? They want to go in the back of the cupboard and take that old can of Brussels sprouts that's been there for nine years, that nobody wants to eat. And then they want to feel good that they're giving. But no, we said we want to give good stuff. We want to get fresh cold cuts and hot rolls and good coffee.

And again, when we would go out, we would realize ... We'd always have Bibles with us ... that you have to fill the physical before you could fill the spiritual. So, we couldn't be bringing the Good News to somebody who hasn't eaten in a week, because they were hungry. So, we would always share with them ... First, we would give them food and clothing and whatever they would need; and then, if they were interested, we would share the Good News with them.

But a couple of stories that were really amazing that happened was ... Usually Petra would come with me, sometimes some of the people in the congregation. But one day, I had to go by myself. Nobody was available. And we always pray before we leave. We would pray, ask the Father to lead us to the right people. And of course, I prayed before going there. And I was walking around for like an hour and a half, two hours. I couldn't find a homeless person.

Most of the time we'd go to Philadelphia. We used to go to New York sometimes. But when we lived in Pennsylvania, we would go there. And it was very odd because there were many, many homeless in Philadelphia. And I had my backpack. I had one pair of shoes in that backpack. I had a few other things. I had a couple of Bibles. But I couldn't find a homeless person.

So, after about two hours, I was getting a little discouraged. And I said, "Okay, let me go back to the car." And I was walking to the car. As clear as day, I heard a voice in my ear say, "Turn here." I turned and went in the street, cars are coming. And

all of a sudden there, as I'm looking, I see a man kneeling on the ground praying. And I looked down. He has no shoes on. So, I waited until he was done praying. And I said, "Brother, what do you need?" He said, "I have no shoes." Went in my bag, pulled them out, brand new shoes. Fit him exactly. He told me that he was homeless. His wife was having a baby within about a week. They had nowhere to have it. We came back with diapers and things and really helped him. And just was amazing story that he had.

And he wanted a Bible. So, I said, "Yeah, I have a Bible here." So, I'm pulling out the Bible, and then a policeman's walking by. He's like, "Bible? You have a Bible?" And I'm like, "Yeah." He says, "Do you have another one?" You know, today they'll tell you, "You have a Bible?" They want to take you to prison. But it was amazing how many people wanted Bibles, and there was just so much good that happened when we used to go out on the streets.

One time we were out there, ... It was the middle of the winter, January, freezing temperatures. Northeast is pretty cold ... and we met a guy that was there, a young man. He had to be maybe 18-19 years old. His name was Teddy. And he said, "You know, I repented of my sins. I don't know what else to do." I said, "Here we are." So, we talked to this man for several hours. We were going over everything with the covenant, and he wanted to be baptized. And I baptized him in a pond in Center City Philadelphia in the middle of the winter. And I'll tell you something. It was cold! It was almost ice.

And I thought, wow, for this guy to take off his shoes and socks, ... And I know I had to do mine. That's my responsibility, but ... roll up his pants and get soaking wet when he was homeless! He was a homeless boy at that age. And to do that knowing he has nowhere to go and he could freeze, I said he has to be serious. So, we invited him to come back with us. We had him stay at one of our congregational family's. So it was on Shabbat, and I'm telling this story of how it happened. Then I said, "And the man is here: Teddy." And everybody was clapping for him.

So, here it was. We got him a place to live. We got him a job at McDonald's. And at first, though, because he was used to being homeless, he said, "I really appreciate what you did for me, but I don't feel comfortable. I want to go back." And "Okay, we'll take you back." It's about an hour and a half ride. So, as we were riding back to Philadelphia, the whole time I'm talking to him and talking to him. And as soon as we got to Philadelphia, he said, "No, I want to go back with you. I can't go back to the streets." So, then, we took him back again. And like I said, we got him a place to live. We got him a job.

But it just shows you sometimes that Yahweh is in the business of people, and it's about love. It's about giving. It's about really having a heart of wanting to change somebody's life. So, the smallest person to Yahweh is as important as the biggest person. That's why I say, you don't have to think when you're doing ministry that it has to be something that is earth-shaking. There are so many needs. And I know when people first start thinking about ministry and they say, "What can I do?" The thing is, what *can't* you do?

There are so many things. There's so many needs. Hospitals. Do you know how many people are in hospitals, or hospices, or elderly homes that have no family? Or worse, they have family that never come and visit them. We used to do that. We used to go in there just with our smiles on our faces and going in and talking to these people. And I'm the one that got blessed. Because when they start sharing their life stories and what they did, you're blessed more than you're blessing them. But there is a need wherever you can imagine! There's needs in ministries. And that's what it is. That's what bearing fruit is.

So, we did a lot of that. And all we knew is when we left America there wasn't much ministry going on. We had a little ministry of sending out tapes and whatnot. Most of that fell by the wayside because people did not believe in us leaving America because it was Babylon. But like I said, it didn't matter ... it didn't matter. But Yahweh showed me, "You have to stand up, and sometimes it's just going to be Me and you." So, we needed to understand that.

And when we left, we decided one thing. We don't know what we're going to do, but we're going to be active. So, when we didn't have ministry, we would be out on the streets every day. We'd pray to Yahweh. We'd ask for His blessing, and we would go out there. And we were going to do something. We were going to bring Bibles. We were going to talk to people. Some days it was just carrying little old ladies' bags that are coming from the grocery. But we would see the hand of Yahweh.

We had taken down to Honduras a whole bunch of children things. We were thinking of either trying to open an orphanage down there or adopt children, which didn't work out. So, while we were there, there was six weeks of straight rain. Even our Bibles got moldy. It was unbelievable. I never saw anything like this in my life. Roads were separated and everything. Everything we had got moldy. And before we left, we gave all our things away. There was a woman who had no money. Her husband had left her. She had a little baby. And we felt horrible. We gave her a crib that was moldy. And she was so happy. She cleaned that thing up. She said that baby slept in it that night. So, you never know. We were taking this thinking it would be maybe for a child we would have, or maybe for an orphanage or something. But it was used for something else.

So, like I said, there's always a need. We just have to have our mind open to the Holy Spirit. We need to constantly be praying to the Holy Spirit, "Lead us; guide us." It's *not my will be done, but Your will*. And we pray that sometimes to Yahweh, and then we tell Him all our will. We pray to Him and say, "Father, do this," and "do that," "Open this door," "Do this here," "Do this here." And it's like, no, *stand back and see the salvation of Yahweh*. Stand back and pray, and shut our mouth and let Him tell us. Let Him tell us what is needed, where it's needed, who to give it to. And I'm telling you, you will start hearing audible voices. You will start hearing the Holy Spirit speak to you. It could be through His Word.

When we were down in Honduras, after a while we had some problems down there. And there was a situation that wasn't good. And I was very, very turned in my spirit. "What do I do?" I prayed to Yahweh. I opened my Bible, and it was **Micah 2:10**, *depart you, depart you; leave this place. There is iniquity here. It will destroy you*. Said, "That's it. Yahweh spoke." Gave everything away. We left.

And that has been the life of faith; that is wherever Yahweh is leading, you better be ready to walk. You have to be ready to walk. And you can't look behind. And even if you're making a mistake, you have to in faith walk through it because Yahweh will make up for those mistakes. But you can't be thinking to yourself ...

Because I'll tell you one thing. We went down to Honduras. I worked my whole life. I had money, possessions. We took a trailer of stuff. We left Honduras with two suitcases and the shirts on our back. Did I start questioning, "Maybe I shouldn't have left Babylon," "Maybe I did something wrong"? No. Did I go back to Babylon? No. I came out of Babylon. Why would I go back there? Did Yahweh's Word change? See, and that's what I say the difference to me from many people I've met through the years—**The fact that I make a mistake, the fact that I do something wrong or something right, it doesn't change the Word of Yahweh.**

So, it never says that you only leave Babylon if you have tons of money. It doesn't say if you leave with tons of money and lose your money, that you go back to Babylon. The opposite. Just like Egypt, *woe to those who go to Egypt for help*. And I'll tell you something. They might have been seven tough months when we were down in Honduras, but we learned faith like you would never believe in your life.

I told the story before where we got down there. In America, never knew of tanks that you have for your gas. You just turn on the gas. That's the way you do it. You pay your bill at the end of the month. But a lot of places, just like here in Israel, you have to buy a tank. So, I said to the man, "How long do these tanks last?" He said, "It depends. A small tank," he said, "if you're using it a lot, maybe a couple weeks." He said, "If you're not using it so much, maybe three weeks, four weeks."

So, here it was. We had the tank. We also had a family with us at the time that had about seven children. And we were using it every day, morning, noon and night. And a month went by, and the tank didn't go out. I'm thinking, "That's kind of strange." Then all of a sudden, two months went by, and the tank didn't go out. After three months, people are coming to us asking to see the miracle tank. It's like, you know, in South America and Central America, and all the Mary visions and everything else, the miracle, "Can we touch the tank?" "Well, no, it's not about the tank. Thank Yahweh in heaven!" It went on four months, five months, six months, almost six and a half months. And you want to know something? The night before we left Honduras the tank went out. You have to follow the cloud ... you have to follow the cloud where the cloud goes.

Same kind of story had happened to us when we were in Cyprus. When we were there the first year, year and a half, like I said, we had no washing machine, nothing like that. Petra did all our laundry in the tub. And I didn't know it, that she's praying for a washing machine. There's no way we can afford a washing machine. So, we're going to a Bible study that we were doing with people over there. And she sees next to the dumpster a washing machine. She says, "That's my washing machine!" I said, "Come on. That's not your ..." She said, "No, I've been praying for it." I said, "Petra, we live on the second floor. If I lug that washing machine all the way upstairs on my back, and that thing doesn't work. I don't want to do it." So, she said, "No, I know it's mine from Yahweh." I said, "Okay, let's go to the Bible study." I said, "If it's still there when we come back, then we'll take it."

What happens? Took it upstairs. Worked perfectly. And worked for a long time, several years while we were there. Again, the night before we left, our landlord, who was a wonderful lady, she asked us, "Can I have the washing machine?" It broke the night before we left. Broke, and matter of fact, the last wash, the water wouldn't even come out of it. So, the cloud moves; you have to move.

But the key is in life you need the vision. You need the faith to see that cloud moving. Because you could just as easily say, "Oh, my washing machine broke, and we didn't do our clothes! What am I going to do?" But you need the vision to say, no, Yahweh is doing something different. Yahweh is bringing something. I have to follow the cloud. And you have to give Him the glory ... you have to give Him the glory through it.

One time when we were there, one of the first times when we got to Cyprus, we didn't have a lot of money at that time. We were really, really struggling. And we knew a family that was over here in Israel at the time. We were talking to them. They were having some problems here, and they couldn't pay their rent. And we said, "Well, we'll pray about it. We'll see what we can do." And we said, "If we can get there, what do you need the most?" They had six children. They said, "The kids really need shoes." We prayed to Yahweh. We went out that day, right next door to a shoe store, next to the dumpster were two bags of brand-new shoes that they threw out. Took them home. We laid them out. Every single size they told us for their kids were there, and I even got a pair of slippers. I still have them today. Use them sometimes here in the moadon.

So, we still had the problem, though. We said, "Uh oh, now we have the shoes. What are we going to do about getting over there?" Met a man that day. We never told anybody we were thinking of coming to Israel or what the problem was. He said, "Yahweh told me to tell you, if you're to go to Israel, I'm going to give you the money." Slapped the money in our hand. We had the tickets. Two days later we were coming over here. So, that's been the way it was. We get to Israel and we're thinking, "Okay, now what do we do? We're going to give this money to this family. We're going to give them the shoes. And what do we do? We don't have anywhere to live. We only have a few dollars in our pockets."

We meet a lady that day we never met in our life. And she says, "Yahweh told me to give you an apartment." We said, "Well, to be honest with you, we don't have the money. We'll try to help where we can, but we don't have the ..." She said, "No, you don't understand." She said, "My daughter lives in this apartment." It was just one room. That was fine. She said, "She got sick. She had to come home with us. It's paid to the end of the year." And she said, "That apartment was dedicated to Yahweh, and that's why we haven't done nothing with it. I prayed to Him, and He said give it to you." We had a place till the end of the year. And it's been that way over and over and over again, our walk of faith.

But let me just say one thing. That we've met many people through the years that have claimed that they're walking on faith. And one thing, it talks about in the book of Romans, that *do you have faith? Have it between you and Yahweh alone*. And one thing is that we learned the hard way. Because growing up, I was always the one giving. I didn't want to take something from anybody. And one of the hardest parts to us when we were really lacking on money, it was humbling that you had to take gifts from somebody, and we had nothing to give back.

But at the same rate, Yahweh showed me that **in every kind of transaction, there's a giver and there's a taker. And at times you're the giver; at times you're the taker. There's a time to be born; there's a time to die. But in life, you should never always be on one end.** Because if you're always only the giver, you're self-righteous. You can't take anything. If you're always only the taker, then what are you? You're a mooch. You're a taker from somebody. And we've met people that have

come to Israel in the past, mostly when we lived in the Old City; that they would come here and they wouldn't have anything, and they would just constantly be trying to mooch from people.

So, I always look at that scripture. *Do you have faith? Have it between you and Yahweh alone.* You pray to Yahweh for your situation. And you pray to Yahweh, and you tell Him your needs. And if He supplies those needs, which He will in His way, then great. But you don't want to constantly be burdening other people with your problems, and then be thinking that that's faith. Because that's not faith ... that's not faith. And that's where you build your faith. Because you go to Yahweh, and Yahweh, He can supply in the strangest of ways. I'm telling you.

For two whole years when we lived in Cyprus, you know how Yahweh provided to us? Money we found in the streets. It started with pennies, and then nickels, and then it went up to dimes, and quarters, and fifty cent pieces, and then bills—every day! We never went out without finding something. And what would we say? We always show up. We'd say, "The covenant continues."

Because when I lived in America, I worked. I worked from the time I was this big. I earned my own money. But now I couldn't. We're living in a foreign land. I don't have a work permit. And Yahweh said, "You work for Me." And *the workman's worthy of his hire*. So, I never doubted that Yahweh was going to provide. And sometimes we'd walk down the street. Sometimes people we never saw, we never knew, they're speaking Greek. We couldn't even talk to them. And they have a big basket of food, and they said, "Take, take." And we're like, "Why?" "Just take," pointing up to heaven.

For two years He subsidized our rent. Wasn't much. Our rent was only about \$180 a month. And it was only, we paid only when we were in Cyprus, which wasn't even half the year. When we weren't there, we got to keep our stuff there and they didn't charge us anything. He provided what we needed at the time. But we would find money every day in the streets. On average about \$150 to \$200 a month—on average—we're finding in the streets. So, **the key is trusting—Trusting in Yahweh** ... trusting in Yahweh.

And like I say, those early days, they were tough. We had no vehicle. And when we would come over from Cyprus, we would come by boat into Haifa. We would have our suitcases all on our backs. We would have to go from the pier. We would have to walk to the bus station in Haifa, which was a fair amount. And then we would have to get the bus in Haifa that would take us to the bus station in Jerusalem. You know where that is, all the way to the top. And we'd have to walk with all our stuff to the Old City. We were a bit younger at that time, a bit in better health. But it wasn't easy ... it wasn't easy.

Living in hostels. We lived in hostels for five and a half years in Jerusalem. And that's where Petra almost died from mold poisoning, and our health has never been the same since. But there was such an excitement every time we would get off that boat, every time we would get here in the Land, I can't tell you! And even today, I've driven up to Jerusalem a thousand times. And if tomorrow I was driving up there, I would have the same excitement as I did the first time I ever went there.

We came here the day that the war broke out in 2003. And actually, the pier wasn't even open. Nobody's coming because they're waiting for the bombs to be coming from Saddam Hussein. They had to call somebody in security, and they went underneath the building. There was all bird poopings and everything there. They had to set up this table to interrogate us. And the guy said it, "What on earth are you doing here?" "It's Israel! What do you mean what are we doing here?" "Didn't you hear the news? Don't you know that war broke out?" And I said to him, I said, "If I can come here and stand with you now through a war, I want to come back and I want to have a glass of wine with you during peace." And the guy smiled and he became good friends with us, Moshe.

And every time we would come back, they'd give us a hard time, he'd come, "They're okay, leave them alone." But they saw that. Because for us, we only wanted to be here. And in those days, wow, three months seemed like an eternity. And we would count every day, "Wow, we still have two months left!" "We still have a month left!" And there's just a love like I can't tell you. And I look back now and I say, what were we thinking about? Because, you know, you're here with no means of survival, no visa. **We went 10 years**—three months in, three months out; three months in, three months out.

And life is a test. Everything is a test. And Yahweh wants to see how faithful you'll be. And Yahweh was testing us to see how faithful we would be. But I'll tell you something. All we had were words of praise for Him, every bit along the way. That being here in this Land is just something that I wouldn't change for anything in my life.

One time I prayed to Yahweh, and I was asking Him ... Because I know I'm not the smartest person in the world. I know there's people that are more qualified. I meet people many times and think, why isn't he doing this? ... And when I prayed to Yahweh and asked Him, "Father, why do You have me here?" The answer He gave me is "Maybe you want it a little bit more than anybody else." And that's the only thing I could figure. Because I know there is no other reason. There's nothing that makes me more qualified than somebody else.

But I do say there is something that in my heart, that I'll fight for it ... I'll fight for it. And if it's Yahweh's will to leave, I'll leave. But if it's not, I will fight for it because I love this Land. It's my Promised Land. I believe it with all my heart. Until I came here, I had no idea. If you look at all the messages, we have 150 messages online, they were all messages that came after being here in this Land. I had no idea of the land covenants. I had no idea of the restoration of Israel. All these things that Yahweh showed me, just from reading His word, all of it.

And coming from all over the world, and to think ... **Deuteronomy 16:16 and 17**, *three times in a year, all your men shall appear before Me, and they shall not come empty* ... And to think that we know that in our diaspora, that that's one of our punishments, that it can't be; that people would love to, but it can't be. It's part of the punishment of diaspora that we can't appear before Him. But here it is, He has put a remnant here. Like I said, 2001, the very first year that we were keeping the Feast in Israel, just a handful of us. Who would have ever have thought 12 years later you'd have people coming from all over the world, 20, 30 countries, coming from everywhere, wanting to come up to Jerusalem at Feast time to worship Yahweh? Luke 10 and verse 23.

Luke 10:23-24 *And having turned to the disciples alone, He said, Blessed are the eyes seeing what you see. For I say to you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.*

How blessed we are—how blessed we are to be part of it! How many in Babylon have no desire to even visit the Holy Land, never mind giving up all their possessions in Babylon to be here? And I always say when Israel returned from Babylon after the captivity, 538 BC, only 10% of the people came back. Can you imagine? They were only out for 70 years. Of course, many of them died, but many of them were still people that were born in Israel. And they would have rather have stayed in Babylon because their lives were better there ... they would've rather have stayed in Babylon because their lives were better there. Haggai 1 and verse 2 ... Haggai 1 and verse 2.

Haggai 1:2-6 *So speaks YAHWEH of Hosts, saying, This people says, The time has not come, the time for the house of YAHWEH to be built. And the Word of YAHWEH was by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you yourselves to live in your roofed houses, and this house to lie in ruin? And now, so says YAHWEH of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but are not satisfied; you drink, but you are not filled; you dress, but there is no warmth to you. Yea, one earning wages, earns his wage to put in a bag of holes.*

Comment: Boy, if this doesn't talk about America, Babylon today, I don't know what is. Because people are working around the clock, and they're getting nothing done, and they're not getting ahead. And they're not doing the work of Yahweh. Then look what He says:

Haggai 1:7-10 *So says YAHWEH of Hosts: Set your heart on your ways. Go up the mountain and bring wood and build this house. And I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says YAHWEH. You looked for much, and, behold, little! And when you brought it home, then I blew on it. Why, declares YAHWEH of Hosts? Because My house that is ruined, and you, each man, runs to his own house. On account of this, the heavens above have held back the dew, and the earth is held back from her produce.*

So, at the end of the day, like I said, life is pretty short—60, 70, 80 years, if you're blessed. Life is pretty short. But when you get into the Kingdom, or let's say even before that, when you're there on Judgment Day, Yahweh is not going to be

saying, "Oh, you know something? You had a 5,000 square foot house. Come into My Kingdom." "Oh, you had three cars. Come into My Kingdom." **He's going to look at what fruit you bore ... what fruit you bore.** And it doesn't have to be magnificent.

When we first started having a lot of these miracles happen ... And we have had miracles. Real miracles have happened to us. Casting out demons, healing sick people, all kinds of stuff. We actually had people that come visit us, that they said, "Oh, I want to spend a day with you because I want to see a miracle." I said, "For every day a miracle happened, there's a thousand days that nothing happened. Sure, you want to spend a day with me? You're going to see what's happening. See that little lady there? Come on, let's go with her." "Don, you were with her two hours, you never mentioned the Gospel, the Good News." "Because the Holy Spirit didn't tell me to." "What did the Holy Spirit tell you?" "The Holy Spirit told me carry her bags." She's 80 years old, she couldn't carry her bags. That's what the Holy Spirit told me. The Holy Spirit told me, "She doesn't have milk. Go buy her milk."

That's what life's about. It's about filling a need for basic people. It's about *looking for* those needs. It's about seeing somebody hungry, **Matthew 25**, *when I was hungry, you fed Me. When I was naked, you clothed Me. When I was sick and in prison, you visited Me.* **That's what being a believer is. It's being inside of us and having a mind to the Holy Spirit, going out every day praying to the Holy Spirit, listening to His voice, and allowing Him to lead us somewhere the need is.**

And you want to know something? Some of the greatest days of my life were sitting with those little widows carrying their bags, as much as it was casting out a demon or doing some kind of miracle. It's just a matter of what Yahweh's will is in your life that day. But *he who is faithful in little will be faithful in much.* Life is a test. And that's all that matters to me is being faithful.

There was one time when we were still in America, and I don't know why so many people, sometimes friends, sometimes even brethren, used to put us down because we used to go and help the homeless people. "Oh, they want to be homeless," "Oh, they don't need this." And one time I came in and a cousin of mine who was living with me at the time, and he was irritated when I came in. He said, "Oh, did you save the world today? Is that what you did? You saved the world?" I said, "No, I didn't save the world. You know what I did?" I said, "I fed a hungry person. While you were over there in New York in your little office making your thousand dollars for yourself and paying the payment on your nice, beautiful car, I went out and I gave a sandwich to a hungry person. Yeah, that makes me feel good. You know why? Because I know I'm a flea. I'm like a little dead flea too. And if I was hungry and I was curled up in that corner and I didn't eat for a week, I know I would want somebody to have the mercy on me that you would have on a dead animal or a half dead animal and give you a sandwich."

Yeah, and that's what it is. Are we merciful? *Yahweh will be merciful to those who show mercy.* And that's where it has to start. It has to start inside in little ways. It has to start in little ways. Are we building the Kingdom of Yahweh or our own kingdom? And when you walk by faith, you can't help but build the Kingdom of Yahweh. Because that's what you do. You really have no other ambitions. You have no other desires. You don't have worldly goals. Everything is towards service some way to somebody, but it's not about yourself.

You know, in the business world, I was very successful. And there's times through the years that Satan has pulled me back into things. There's business deals I got into. I was telling you one last night that I never tried to get into. And somehow, I got in. I was trying to help somebody or protect somebody that I knew. And all of a sudden, they're inviting me to be the CEO of a public company. And I fell for it a couple of times. And then finally, I came to the point when I got in ministry, no more. Yahweh said, "Work for Me." It's not my goals.

I say, in the internet age I could have made millions of dollars because it's brand new. So, I knew all the way going back. All you have to do for success: Take something that's good and make it 10% better. And with the internet, everything is new. But it's not my goals. Because I also know that there's a trade-off on everything. And yes, I can go out and make millions of dollars, but it isn't going to come easy. I have to sacrifice my time. I have to sacrifice my resources. And I have to sacrifice my soul I have to put into it.

When I started my courier business, I slept there at the office. I worked 24 hours a day. I'd work in the night. I'd work on weekends. I'd work everything because I wanted to make it successful. And it wasn't for the money. It was because I wanted ... *Whatever your hand puts to do, do it with all your might.* And that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to do it with all my might. I wanted to do it. And now, the only thing that I have to do with all my might is the Kingdom of Yahweh. I just don't have worldly goals. I don't. I have not a desire, an inkling, in my body for it. I want that anything that I'm going to put effort toward, I want it to be something that it has substance and meaning.

And that's why now I'm excited about maybe getting a school and an orphanage started in Uganda and maybe some of these other places. I'm excited because this is our youth. These are our people. These are our congregations now that we can train with the Word of Yahweh. And we could fulfill a basic, simple thing of life of children that don't have parents, of bringing them in and teaching them and nurturing them and giving them food and giving them the Kingdom of Yahweh. So, I'm excited about things like that. And I'll use my skills, and my business skills, and my mind skills for something like that. I'm not going to use it for worldly stuff. I'm not going to use it for making money anymore.

The greatest joy in my life has been to be here in Israel. Genesis 13 and verse 12.

Genesis 13:12-18 *And Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot in the city of the circuit, and tented as far as Sodom. And the men of Sodom were evil and sinners before YAHWEH, exceedingly so. And after Lot had separated from him, YAHWEH said to Abram, Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are there, look northward and southward and eastward and westward. For all the land which you see I will give to you, and your seed always. And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then your seed also will be counted. Rise up! Walk through the land, in its length and its breadth, and I will give it to you. Then Abram moved his tent and came and lived among the oaks of Mamre, which were in Hebron; and he built an altar to YAHWEH there.*

Every Feast I read this because there's always new people that are there for the first time that you're going to take on a pilgrimage. And I can do this for 500 years, and I'll have just the zeal of it. Because I love this Land, and I love to share it with everybody. I love to see people here for the very first time asking the simple questions that I asked the first time I was here. I love to go to the north, to the south, the east, to the west and see the difference.

You have the mountains up there in Mount Hermon. You have the Dead Sea over here, and the Golan Heights to the east. You have the desert down here in the south, and you have the Mediterranean to the west. Wow! How different, right? This tiny, little place, how different the landscape of all four places are. What an amazing place to be! And what an interesting place, every single place you go here in Israel, to see it.

And like I said, I can't imagine how anybody can call themselves a true covenant believer and has no desire to come here to even visit on a pilgrimage. I know many people can't, so I don't want to make people feel bad if they can't, but at least the desire should be there ... desire should be there. Mark 10 and verse 29. Because this is our inheritance. This is the Land that Yahweh promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. We're getting a chance in our diaspora; you're getting a chance in these last days to actually see the very promise of Yahweh to Abraham fulfilled. Mark 10 and verse 29.

Mark 10:29-30 *But answering, Yahshua said, Truly I say to you, There is no one who forsook house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake and the good news, that will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the coming age, eternal life.*

So, that's the thing. You can't outgive Yahweh. I've tried it. Believe me. When you get to the point that you don't want to care for money or possessions anymore, and you say, "Ah, just give them all up." You give them up, and He gives you back double. And you give them again, and He gives you back double. And you give them again, and He keeps giving back. And you realize you can't outgive Yahweh. You can't outgive Him. So, you know what you do? You thank Him for it! And then you give back, and let Him give, and you'll give to somebody else. That's Yahweh's economy. Don't try to outgive Yahweh. Why would we? We can't outgive Him. But it's interesting here, because He says He'll give all these things back.

And I'm so happy when new people come in, and they say, "I've never met people like in the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem. I've never met people who are so loving and caring." Because He says, He says whatever you give up, including family, He'll give you back double. But He also says with persecutions ... with persecutions. It's not going to come easy. When Israel came to the Promised Land, like I said, we just read in the Torah portion, Moses died and Joshua brought them in. It didn't say, "Here's the wonderful Land. Everybody, go!" Like in Ireland in the old days, "Put your stake, and you have it."

He said, "Go ahead, go in and take it." And they're looking around and saying, "Yeah, but look. There's Canaanites, and Perizzites, and Hittites. All these people are there. What do You want us to do?" "I want you to fight ... I want you to fight. I want to see how much this Land means to you. Now I'll go before you, and I'll be your rear guard, and I'll fight for you or with you. But you are going to show Me how much this Land means to you."

And like I said, 15 years I'm doing it. And it means so much more to me today than even when I started. Because the more you experience it, the more you see it. Every day you're here, you just learn to love it even more. And that's what Yahweh wants to see. How much does our calling mean to us? How much does our inheritance? Face it, we all know. You guys live here. This isn't the Kingdom—yet. It's the Land where the Kingdom will be, but we're not in the Kingdom yet. And it's an evil place in Israel like anywhere else on the earth. But are we part of the problem, or are we part of the solution? What are we ready to give up for it? What are we ready to give up for the Kingdom?

Because, remember, that Kingdom is coming quick. And like I said, whether that means five years or 20 years, I don't know. But either way is quick. I know these last 20 years went really quick. I can't believe how quick they went. The 20 years went really, really quick. And the next 20, if we had it, will go just as quick. But the only thing that is going to remain is your faith in Yahweh and the fruit that you're bearing. These other things won't matter.

So, this is what you have to decide. Do you want to build your paneled houses in Babylon, or do you want to bear fruit for Yahweh's Kingdom? That's what it comes down to. Because no matter where you live, whether you live in Babylon or you live in Timbuktu or you live in Asia or you live in Africa, there's a need. There's service. And it's will you dedicate your life for serving others, or is your life about yourself? And that's all faith is. Because without faith, of course it's about yourself. Why would I serve other people more than me when I'm going to die and I don't know what's going to happen from there?

But when in surety of faith you know that Yahweh will reward you according to how you serve people in this life, then you're going to go out and try to serve other people. Because there is no reward for serving yourself. Nothing. There's nothing in the Bible that ever says you get even any kind of reward by serving yourself. So that's what it comes down to. Are we willing to fight for it?

You know, if safety was the only parameter in life, you would have never had one missionary in this world. You would have never had one Bible going out to the nations. You would have had the 12 apostles live and die right here in Galilee, and the story would have ended. We wouldn't be here ... we wouldn't be here. If safety was the only parameter, we wouldn't be here today because the Good News would have never went out to the world. People were not worried about that. That was not the highest priority was their safety. And although we have to be wise as serpent and gentle as doves, and we do need to use caution and think about it, that's not the main parameter. Because like I said, if it is, we will never take this Good News message out to the world.

There's a story that happened several years back of a congregation that I know of in Jerusalem, of Orthodox believers. They're a secret congregation there. And because they're believers in Yahshua, they get a lot of persecution. It happened one time the Orthodox came to fire bomb their house. They were going to burn it down, where they're living. And then we're a fair number of the believers living there. And all of a sudden, this guy woke up in the night. He said he felt the Holy Spirit just wake him up from nowhere. He was in deep sleep. He went down to the kitchen to get a glass of water. And all of a sudden, a Molotov cocktail came flying through the window, and he caught it with his hand and threw it back outside. The whole house would have burned down. They would have all died.

On another occasion, they brought there, whatever it was, 10 gallons of gasoline. It was in the night. They poured it under the door. They didn't know on the other side of the door was a grate. So, as they poured all the gasoline in, it went in the grate and came back behind them. When they lit it, the people who lit it blew up instead of the believers. But this is Yahweh's hand working. That **Yahweh's hand is He will guide you; He will be our forefront; He will be our rear guard.** Isaiah 2 and verse 1.

Isaiah 2:1-5 *And the Word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: And it shall be in the last days, the mountain of the house of YAHWEH shall be established in the top of the mountains, and He shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come and let us go to the mount of YAHWEH, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion the Torah will go forth, and the Word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift a sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore. Oh house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of YAHWEH.*

See, **Yahweh's plan is something much bigger than us** ... it's something much bigger than us. And like I said, I never asked to come here. I didn't forcefully take myself here. Yahweh by a miracle brought us to the Land. We went through many, many years of hardship for Yahweh to try us, and then the work that He built I would have never thought of in a thousand years. That He would use me to help to reestablish His end-time work from the Holy Land, a work now that's going worldwide all over the earth, to be able to train people here, to be able to do the Feast days, to be able to, like the scripture says, *the Law going forth from Zion*.

To think, we are the very embryo of this—the very embryo; the only congregation I know of in the world that its headquarters is in Israel, that does the Feasts in Jerusalem, all three Feast days every year, and that is following the doctrine from the Messiah. And like I said, to see all of the countries and all of the people wanting to be part of this work. Because it's not my work. It's Yahweh's work. There were people before me. There will be people after me. But to be part of it, to be faithful to Yahweh's work and not our own.

Last scripture I want to go into is Hebrews the 11th chapter. It would not be a message on faith without Hebrews. Hebrews 11 and verse 6.

Hebrews 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.*

Comment: Like I said, you have to believe in faith that He is, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. And **that's why we go out to bear fruit.** We're not doing it to please man. We're not doing it to get praise. **We're doing it to please Yahweh.** Verse 8.

Hebrews 11:8-10 *Having been called out by faith, Abraham obeyed to go forth to a place which he was going to receive for an inheritance; and he went out not understanding where he went. By faith he resided as a foreigner in a land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the joint-heirs of the same promise; for he looked forward to a city having the foundations of which the builder and maker is YAHWEH.*

Comment: Wow! I know I can relate to this scripture, and I think you can too. Because here we are. We're Israelites, and we're a stranger in our own Land! We don't have status. We don't have citizenship. We come here as strangers in our own Land, in faith. But like it says, we're looking for *a city having the foundations of which the builder and maker is Yahweh*. We're not looking for modern Israel and all the things they're doing here. We're coming here in faith looking for the Kingdom because we know the embryo of that is already started. How do we know it? Because we're here, and the Law is going forth, and Yahweh is doing all these things!

And all we're doing is following in faith. I don't know if I'll be here tomorrow. Like I said, 10 years—three months in, three months out, never with a visa. Never knowing from month to month, from year to year. But that's where faith comes in. Because once Yahweh would give you the permanent status, we wouldn't have the same faith. So, He tries us because we

have to be faithful to the end. And it doesn't matter where you are. It doesn't matter if you wake up tomorrow and you're somewhere else. You still have to show the same faith.

You have to wake up every day, pray to the Holy Spirit, "Father, it's another day. What do you want from me today? Who do you want me to meet? What is the message? Who do I help?" **Open His Word. Let it speak to you. It has to be living! It has to be something that is living in your life daily, and it has to bear fruit.** *Faith without works is dead.* One man says he has faith. One says he has works. But *show me your faith without your works; I will show you my faith by my works.* You have to go out every day and produce for Yahweh. Verse 13.

Hebrews 11:13 *All these died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them afar, and being persuaded, and having embraced and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

Comment: Here we are. That's all we are. We're strangers and pilgrims. We don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we know what today will because we're here. And we need to just let the Holy Spirit lead us in faith and produce that fruit for the Kingdom. Drop down to verse 29.

Hebrews 11:29-32 *By faith they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land; by which, when the Egyptians made the attempt, they were swallowed up. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, having been circled through seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those disobeying, having received the spies with peace. And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me telling about Gideon, Barak, and Samson, and Jephthah, and David and Samuel, and the rest of the prophets,*

Hebrews 11:33-35 *who through faith overcame kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the mouth of the sword, acquired power from weakness, became strong in war; made armies of foreigners to yield. Restored to woman their sons, raised people from the dead; but others were beaten to death, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.*

Comment: That's why I say, faith is not believing you will be healed; faith is knowing you can be healed. It takes more faith to believe in Yahweh's healing while you're having your sickness than if He took the sickness away. So, who are you? We're not Yahweh. I'm not going to say I know I'll be healed. No, Yahweh knows. I know when the Kingdom comes, I'm not going to walk into the Kingdom with a sickness or a disease, but it's His prerogative when He takes that away. So, in faith we believe. So, whether we live or whether we die, our faith can't be affected. Some being *beaten to death, not accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection.*

Hebrews 11:36-40 *And others received trial of mockings and scourgings; yea, more, of bonds and prisons: they were stoned; they were tried; they were sawn in two; they died by murder of sword; they were about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, and ill-treated; of whom the world was not worthy, ... And that's an understatement ... wandering in deserts, and mountains, and caves, and the holes of the earth. And having obtained witness through the faith, these all did not obtain the promise, YAHWEH having foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected without us.*

You know, I told you this already, almost half of true believers in the world are part of the underground congregation already. As you see, they're talking about the people being gassed in Syria, a terrible thing. But you have Muslims gassing Muslims. That's their business. Didn't start it. Don't want to be involved in it. Feel bad for them. But why aren't you hearing about the 40 Christian churches that were burned down in Egypt? Why aren't you hearing about in Syria with the taking the Christians and bringing them in the streets and using them as human shields, killing them, raping the women? You're not hearing about any of these things. Half of the world already of true believers today are already part of the underground congregation, and very soon every single true believer will be part of the underground congregation.

Hebrews 11:37-38 *they were stoned; they were tried; they were sawn in two; ... being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated; of whom the world was not worthy, wandering in deserts, mountain, and caves, and holes of the earth.*

This is coming, brethren. We have to get ready. When we're underground, and that's where we may be, who knows where Yahweh will take us to? But in faith we believe because we're looking forward to the promise. That they all died in faith and did not receive the promise. They're sleeping in the grave. They're waiting for the resurrection. They'll go up, like it says in Thessalonians, the same as we'll go up and meet Yahshua in the air. And then we get our job of what He has next.

Hebrews 11:40 *YAHWEH being foreseen something better concerning us, that they should not be perfected without us.*

And that's what has to motivate us every day of our life, not human ambition, not selfish ambition of things that I want. It has to be serving Yahweh with the little things and with the big things. Faith is simply believing that Yahweh is in control. It's not believing that you will get what you want, but it's believing that whatever happens, Yahweh has allowed it for our betterment and He is in control of everything. We don't have to know everything to have true faith. We simply need to know that **Yahweh knows everything**, and then act on what we do know from Him.

So again, like I said, I have free will. I don't understand everything in life. I don't understand why everything happens. But with my free will I surrender it to Yahweh. And I will **choose** to focus on the things that He tells me, not on the things He doesn't tell me. I will choose to focus on faith in Him and belief that whatever happens in my life is somehow for my betterment, even if I don't understand it. And that's all faith is. Faith is believing that *Yahweh is, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*. Yahweh bless. Shabbat shalom.