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This is nighttime. It is New Year's Eve, and normally we do not tell what time of day it is nor the season nor the date, because people will listen to messages from AirJesus.com all year-round, but today is particular. It is a continuation of the message that I preached earlier today that you need to listen to called "The EVE of New Year"; it is Message No. 5330, and you can listen to that on AirJesus.com.

God had spoken to me on this New Year's Eve to speak from the verse beginning this morning on Genesis 3:13, and He said, "For this evening, I want you to just continue with Genesis 3:14." It is dealing with the serpent and how the serpent beguiled Eve, and I just want to show you some revelation in there.

Starting Genesis 3:14, right after he had deceived Eve, the Bible says: "*And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: or dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*"

I want to say to those who listen to the sermon about how the serpent deceived Eve, also that those who listen to the serpent share his fate. When you look at what God said and what God put upon the serpent, when you go down the itemization, you will find that the same thing that God put upon the serpent, He put upon Adam and Eve.

The first thing He said was: "*Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all thy days of thy life.*" Do you know, we start out crawling on our belly? It's the first move that we make. Most animals in nature don't crawl and then walk; they get straight up. If you've ever had cats or puppies or if you look at horses, virtually all the mammalian creatures when they start walking get straight up. None of them crawl on their belly to learn how to walk. Man is the only one. It is a remnant

almost of what the serpent goes through, that there are points in our life that we crawl on our belly.

When we stray away from God, there are still points in our life that we crawl on our belly, and we have to get down in the dirt. It's what happened to the prodigal son: he was down in the pigsty, eating the slop that the hogs did eat. When we stray away from God, we end up down on our belly, just like the snake did.

He said, number two: *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”* Enmity is simply a disharmony; it is a conflict; it is almost a war between you and someone else. If you ever study the curses and blessings of God, I did an entire series on the seven categories of blessings and curses. One of those categories is the curse of enemies. And God said with the snake, “I’m going to give you enemies.” When you’re under a curse, you get enemies. You can go and listen to the sermon called “Enemies” at AirJesus.com, and it explains it in detail just dealing with the curse of enemies just like the snake.

Number three: *“Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”* Do you know when most other animals give birth, they don’t even go through a whole lot of pain giving the birth? Have you ever noticed that? Have you ever seen animals give birth? If you watch the snake lays eggs, even the snake does not go through pain.

Number four: *“And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.”* Basically, He said, “Look, you are going to have to work your behind off, trying to make ends meet.”

Any of you are going through that right now? Because of that disobedience, I mean work and the toil that we have to go through, trying to pay bills, trying to make ends meet, trying to take care of our families, the work that we have to go through, we have to bust up the ground of the marketplace in the corporate world every single day. It is one of the major issues that we have. One of the biggest, the main issue even in families and in divorce, the number-one issue, the number-one reason is because of money. It is the field that we have to go out into, the dust and the ground that we have to slave in.

And He says, *“Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt*

thou return.” Hard work, thistles and thorns, all this as a result of heeding the voice of the serpent.

And then lastly He says, *“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”* Do you know, the snake is one of the few creatures that changes his skin? The snake annually will shed his skin, and he gets a whole new coat, just like man. So there are so many just biological similarities, but even man has to sweat harder than the snake. Have you ever seen a snake in a pet store? Most of the time after the snake eats a good meal, they sleep for a few weeks. We have to hit it every single day. Any of you have to work hard every day? We have to hit it just about every single day.

In Genesis 3:22: *“And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”* Now, you see, every time God does something, every time God even puts a result on man, He always gives you a redemption. It is the way God always operates. If He chastises you, He gives you the result of the chastisement in something better as long as you respond favorably to the chastisement.

Oftentimes, what we go through is, we respond negatively to the chastisement of God, and when God deals with us, we rebel, because oftentimes we don’t understand, we will not listen. If you ever read the Bible carefully, you’ll find that the children of Israel rebelled and rebelled and rebelled and rebelled and rebelled over and over and over again.

As we move into a new year, God wants to take us to a new level, and He wants to take us to a new level where we are no longer listening to the serpent; where the evil no longer commands and rules our lives. But the question is, how do we do that? The question is, how do we conquer the effects that were caused by the serpent back in the garden? How do we come out of that? How do we get up out of the dust? That’s the title of the message upon this day is simply, *“Get Up Out of the Dust.”* How do we get up out of the dust?

We are in the middle now of our three-day prayer vigil as we are reading over thousands of prayer requests and praying over those that came in from Mountain Wings. In the prayer requests, we see situation after situation after situation. How do we get out of that? How do we turn things around? How do we transfer that which was changed and that which was created back in the garden? What do we do?

Oftentimes at the end of the year, we like to hear just a good-feeling sermon and we go out feeling good; but nothing changes, because oftentimes we don't understand what we are facing, and perhaps that is why these two messages God has me simply focusing on what happened with the serpent, because the serpent, people, is still here. He is still alive, he is still well, and he is smarter than ever; and I'm not sure now that he is not even getting a percentage of the people.

My brother James and I have been in discussion over the last few days just dealing with some deep stuff and just trying to understand, "How do you get through the narrow path that Jesus talked about? How do you do it? We can see the wide highway to Hell, but how do you get through the narrow path? How do you get where so few people -- Jesus said, "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life," and He said, "There are only few that even find it."

When you understand what He said, He said, "Even those few who find it, all who find it won't enter." He said, "There's a whole lot of people enter, you know, the highway to Hell; but there's just a few who even find the path to life, and of those few, all of those don't even enter it. How do you find it, first of all? Second, how do you enter it? And third, how do you stay in it?"

Oftentimes many of us -- and this is the time of the year when we all make all kinds of resolutions. We make all kinds of pledges, all kinds of determinations and decisions to change some things; but the issue is, how do we stay in it? How do we change? How do we truly become transformed? How do we make a difference in our life where it will make a difference in our eternal life?

God said that He put at the gate to the Garden of Eve, a flaming sword turning around and around and around so that man could not get back into the garden and partake of the tree of life without getting past that sword.

Do you know, people, with the real good things in life, there is oftentimes a real heavy block that stands in our way? There is often a real serious obstacle. The bad stuff, you can get easy; but the real good things, the real things that elevate us over a long term of time, that's one of the things that I talked about earlier today, how all of the satanic stuff focuses on the temporary and on the temporal things.

We have a lots of kids hollering tonight. That's all right; let them holler, because when God is trying to tell you something that will change your world, all kind of stuff will stir up. He doesn't want you to know that the serpent is still wrapped around you. The serpent doesn't want you to know that, and he doesn't want you to get it unwrapped from you, because if you can ever unwrap it, first of all, you even have to recognize it and you even have to understand some things. Let me just tell you, the first, God put a flaming sword to block the path back to Eden.

That child is hollering up a storm, did you notice that? You notice, we've never had that many kids hollering this much in the church. We've had it one time before when I was talking about something similar. So when there is something that the other side doesn't want you to hear -- and this is the key, people; that's why I said just let them holler, it doesn't matter -- because you've got to learn how not to be distracted.

The satanic forces will do everything in the universe to distract you; they will put every distraction in the world to keep you from your goal. All kinds of things will come up that will have you looking to the left and have you looking to the right, and you'll never get to the goal because you get distracted into something. Unless you know where you are going and unless you are focused on it and understand it -- notice, they got quiet. See, when you know and when you focus, and when Satan knows that you know, you know, that's what happened with Jesus. When Satan found out that Jesus knew where He was going and Jesus knew what He had, Satan left Him alone. But the Bible says he left him alone until an opportune time, meaning the distraction will come back; meaning that even when you do focus, even when you do decide to change, even when you do get on the right path, rest assured, the serpent will be back as soon as he sees a door that is cracked and that is open that he can enter.

God said he left a flaming sword turning at the gate at the Garden of Eden to keep man out so that he could not get back in and partake of the tree of life. Had man partaken of the tree of life, it would have granted him eternal life; but he listened to the serpent and died in a relatively short period of time compared to eternity.

The first mention of the sword in the New Testament -- and there is always called in the Bible that law of first mention -- the first mention of the sword is in Mathew 10:34, and it says this in the words of Jesus: "*Think not that I am come to send peace on Earth. I came not to send peace, but a sword.*" Jesus said He came to send the sword, and the sword is the thing that blocks you from getting back into the garden and giving your eternal life.

Well, what does that mean? It means that you can't get past the sword until you are as one with the Man who wields the sword.

If you read over in Revelation, Revelation 1:14: "*His head and his hairs were white like a wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were a flame of fire. And his feet were like fine brass and they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters, and he had in his right hand seven stars, and out of his mouth went a sharp, two-edged sword, and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*"

There is only one way back for the tree of life. Only one wields the sword. The problem is, we often don't fully accept Him. We will say it, but won't really follow it.

Jesus says His way is easy, His yoke is burden, all that is light; but when you really look at what Jesus told us to do -- and we had this heavy discussion that dealt with where Jesus told us plainly that hardly will a rich man enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, the problem with that is, I'm a rich man. By all statistical analysis, my income level qualifies me in the U.S. as a rich man. I've look at that verse over and over, through and through it, every variation and interpretation to find a way around it. Jesus said exactly what He said! Basically, it is as hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as a camel the eye of the needle. See, this is where some of the issues come, and this is where the serpent gets so many of us, because everybody wants to be rich; everybody wants prosperity. I want to be rich. I want the prosperity, so I understand it. This was the discussion that we were having as we struggled with this thing, why was the path so narrow? And even the few who find it and they find the truth, they say, "Whew, whew-whew-whew! I don't want to go down that path."

We find that often the key dealing with the serpent is, people, we have got to let go of some of all these heavy desires that we have: desires for stuff and stuff and more stuff and more stuff and more stuff. You see, Jesus holds that sword; but we are so burdened with the desire for stuff.

The modern ministry today is just more and more stuff. And I understand it, because it excites people; that's what everyone wants to hear. But when you look at the words of Jesus -- and we are understanding more and more why when He told the disciples to go, He said, "Don't take any money with you."

When the rich, young new ruler came up to Him and said, "Lord, how do I get the keys to it?" He said, "Look, give away everything you've got," and the man bowed his head and walked away.

Could you travel down that narrow path if Jesus came to you with that question? It is difficult, and disciples even recognized it. You know what the disciples told Him after He told the rich young ruler? He said, "Lord, who then can be saved, because I don't know anyone who can do that."

I'm having great deals of struggles with it. But I'm beginning to understand it more and more, and I am understanding why Jesus said, "There will be a few who find it,." Most of us will focus on these few years on this Earth, and we want to die with as much stuff as we can get.

People, we have to learn. It is what we did even with our Christmas Day celebration. We changed the testimonies from talking about what we got to what we

gave. We need to start gearing our mentality not so much to what we can get, but what we can give.

As God was dealing with us with this and James and I were going over and over and over with it, He told us, "Look, I want you all to go off to a special place. You all find a place; but I just want you to go and spend seven full days." So James had just been searching to find us a special place to go. And He said, "I want you to take with you the person who exemplifies the spirit of that second command that Jesus gave best of all: Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." When God spoke that to me, I told James, one person and one person only immediately popped in our minds; we knew who he was. He attends here usually on Friday; his name is Eddie Lowe. Most of you know him. He is the only person we knew who lived that. But with everything he's got, he focuses on helping people, and he was virtually keeping none of it himself.

To be honest about it, when we first observed it, we thought he was a little crazy. That's why the Bible says: "*The ways of God are so far above the ways of man and it appears as foolishness under men.*" We thought he was a little crazy. Everything the man gets, he gives, and we had never seen that. Now, we know some giving people, I'm a giving person myself; but I don't give everything I got. I make sure my bills are taken of and I've got plenty of money left in the bank before I'm going to give all my money away. I give a tremendous amount, but not to the point where I care about my neighbor as much as I do myself.

I've got a big house. My house note has never been so much as a day late since I've had it. My heat bill is paid, my electric bill is paid, all of my cars are paid for, and I got plenty of money left in the bank. I know plenty of folks struggling. I don't care as much about my neighbor as I do myself, because it is the narrow path, and I have found it.

You all say, "He has found it."

But I'm standing at that door ...do you understand? See, this is real! That's why Jesus said: "*Many are going to enter wide path.*" When you look at what Jesus did, in ministry we twist that stuff up all kinds of ways; but when you really look at exactly what He said, and He said it over and over and over, and every time you will notice that He talks about the Kingdom of Heaven, He'll said, "*It was like a pearl of a great price, and a man sold all he had to get it.*" It's always talking about you giving up what you have in this material world to gain the eternal; but we've got it reversed to where we get all we can! You understand what I'm saying? It is a narrow path! And the serpent has fooled the very elite of us! That's why the Bible says: "*Even the very elite shall be deceived if it were possible.*"

Is it possible? Yeah, it's possible; even the very elite. We have been deceived, and so few will go down that path. This is not popular preaching. And I'll tell you, people, I'm having a real struggle doing this, because I'm a businessman. I'm a successful businessman; I got a lot of stuff. That's why the rich young ruler just said -- and I have responsibility. I have to see about Puddin', I have four kids I have to take care of; I can't give all my stuff away. But it is the voice of the material.

Zacchaeus, the one man who Jesus said, "*You are going to Heaven,*" he said, "*Master, I have given half of all that I have unto the poor.*" Now I can't give it all away; but I'm going to start working on moving to the level of Zacchaeus.

It is a narrow path.

Turn to the person and just tell them, "Half your stuff."

Can you give half your stuff? It is a narrow path. Now we are actually, I think at this point, probably beyond midnight. As a matter of fact, it is 12:02. Normally, we are on our knees at this time; but I didn't get started enough to finish the normal. So what I was telling you as the New Year rolled in was for you to move towards not being so self-centered. If we are going to be like Christ, Christ gave up everything for us. So, people, this is the difficulty and this is the mental shift and this is the serpentine influence that still has us wrapped up to this very day. It turns us towards the materialism.

That's why I preached a sermon called "The Roughest Verse in the Bible." The roughest verse in the Bible, I still have found no verse rougher than this. It says: "*You cannot love God and money. For either you will love one and hate the other or cling to the one and despise the other.*" It basically says if you love God, you will hate money. It is the roughest verse in the Bible. Rough! But it's the words of Jesus. See, He is our Savior, we accept Him; but we don't want to accept that rough stuff. That's why most of his disciples left Him. They walked away. They said, "Lord, this is a hard saying."

Turn to the person and tell them, "Pastor is saying some hard stuff."

It is a hard sin. We have gone going through wrestling with this, and it is why God wanted me to bring this message upon this day. My mother came and testified and confirmed. You see, Satan is the subtlest of all creatures. He gets you, and you don't even know he is getting you.

People, we have to give up attachment to some of this stuff. And I'll be honest about it, some of the other religions have it better than we do. I've studied many of the other religions. Buddhism talks about you've got to get rid of all desires in life if you ever want to reach Nirvana. The Indian religion says for the last one-third of your

life, you are supposed to give all your stuff away and go through life as a beggar with nothing. They have it better and they follow Christ's teachings better than we do! And they understand some of the stuff and put it in practice better than we do in many of the instances.

It's what Jesus said, people: we have got to let go of being so attached to some of this stuff. Most of our misery, our apprehension, our fears, are in worrying about losing some or all this stuff. We claw and we cling for status and prestige; we can't sleep, worried about trying to keep up with Jones' and all this kind of stuff.

The Bible says: "*The sleep of a laborer is sweet, but it comes difficult for a rich man.*" He's got so much stuff to worry about, and I understand that. I understand it, and I have to make up in my mind that I have to make changes to move to the narrow path and go through it.

One of the places James has found is up in the mountains out in ... is it Arizona? They've got a path called The Narrow Path that you literally have to walk through, and they say the light of God of the sun shines in the path and you have to squeeze; it's The Narrow Path. And even when folks find it, they still look at it and say, "Lord, Lord, Lord."

The world teaches you, drives you, to more and more stuff. We become like the rich man, who simply said, "*I've reach my point of ease; I'm going to get more and more bonds to put my stuff in.*" And Jesus told the man, "*Thou fool! Tonight, My soul will be required of thee.*"

This is a hard message. I know it is. It doesn't get people excited, like when you're talking about prosperity is coming. It just won't do it. It just won't do it; it doesn't create the fire and the fervor, because that's what people want in the natural. That's what the world wants. You can always tell that which is of Christ, because it will separate you from the behavior of the world. That's the same thing the dope dealers want. That's the same thing the atheists want. So that's what everyone else out in the world wants. So it is an eye-opening revelation, it's a hard-hitting thing; but that's the way that Jesus was, and a whole lot of people left when Jesus had those hard sayings.

Turn to the person next to you and ask them, "Could you have stayed with Jesus?"

Now, that's not an easy question, because everybody left Him basically but 12 men and the women stayed. Could you have stayed with Jesus?

So, people, this is the message that God wants to bring unto you this day, and we weren't on our knees praying; but you were hearing something that will take you through the narrow path if you can walk in it. Now, I'm not telling you to go give

away all of your money, because I'm not going to give away all my money. But I am going to this, and I am understanding the truth, because I have fought it, I have gone around every way I could to see if there's another way; I just can't find it. Jesus was just telling the truth.

Turn to the person and tell them, "Jesus was telling the truth."

I've tried every way I can to find it. And, people, there are only going to be a very few people that, number one, will even digest this, and a fewer still who will even do it.

Yes, there was the early Church where all the power -- true, it's the Book of Acts, where they gave all their stuff and put all their stuff in common. But, people, we are not thinking about that today, because we have become too controlled by the material stuff. It pulls at almost the fabric of capitalism, and it does. It's some heavy stuff; but if you can grasp it and if you can become unattached to this stuff, you'll find your life is going to be a whole lot more peaceful and there is a joy that will start filling you. But that's the focus that I'm going to start moving more toward, because I recognize the truth and I've been battling with it for long. I have been battling with it for a long time. But I have to make a choice of whether I choose the path of the serpent or the path of Christ.

That path of Christ is now, and there's not many folks on it. There's not many folks in the church on it, and there's not many preachers on it. It is a narrow path; always has been, always will be.

This is what God wants you to know going into 2007. He wants you on the narrow path, and He wants you to start focusing on treating your neighbor as yourself. Folks are going to think you're crazy, because we thought Eddie Lowe was crazy. People will think you're crazy. But his two children are here in church tonight, and they are working in Video Department.

When you do for God, God does for you. He told me the other day, I said, "Eddie Lowe, I don't know where we are going; but it is either Arizona or it may be France. But wherever we go, God has commanded me to take you with us, because you are the only man I know who lives there. Out all of the people I know, you are the only man I know who lives that and treats their neighbor as themselves." He's the only one I know who does it. So I told him, "We are going to buy you a ticket." He said, "I don't even have a passport." I said, "I'm going to will buy you a passport. I'm going to put you up on a fine hotel."

You see, when God recognizes you, He will recognize, and it takes a Divine enlightenment even to see Christ's behavior, because to the world Christ's behavior looks crazy. When Jesus told you, "Turn the other cheek," when He told you, "If a

man asks you carry his pack one mile, you take it two miles,” to the world, that’s crazy. All of the stuff that Jesus told you basically is crazy to the world. So if He is your Lord and Savior and if you are going to follow Him and if you are going down that narrow path and if you are going to get that eternal life, you need to do what He says; but it’s a hard saying. Almost every one of those words is a hard saying, because we are geared in the flesh for self and me and mine. You need to start looking for other people.

There are three people in this audience; God says there are three people this is going to really impact tonight, three people. You may not even know who you are right now. But there are three people that this is going truly to impact. Just as Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda for one man, God will come here for three. There are three people that this is going to really impact, and from this point on your life is going to start changing, because you are going to start changing some focus away from me to others.

I’m over time. It’s 2007. We have not prayed. But this is the quietest message that I have perhaps brought in a long time, and it is one of the hardest sayings that I know of in the Bible; but it is the essence of the New Testament. That’s why the church in Acts, that’s what they did. That’s what the whole thing is about. Remember when they brought the money and they lied about keeping some of it back, and God struck them both dead. They brought everything, gave it up.

We are nowhere close to that level. We cannot even get folks to tithe, much less give it all. We can’t get 10% out of them, much less give it all up. But what Jesus is asking, He is asking for your all, and He does not want material stuff to rule and control you and to be your master, because He says only one of them can you truly serve: you’ll either serve God or money. You will love the one and hate the other.

I know James has a car that he is selling; it’s an Aston Martin, if you know what that is. Eddie Lowe knew some people, he said, maybe who may want to buy it, and James said, “Well, if you sell the car, I will give you \$7,000 of commission from it.” You know what Eddie Lowe said? He said, “I am not going to keep any of it. I am going to give it away.”

That’s an elevation of spirit that I just haven’t seen. That’s why when he told me that, I want you to take the one person who best exemplifies it, there was no one else. My mother gives tremendously; but mother’s house isn’t going to go unpaid, trying to see about somebody else, and mine isn’t, either.

So it is a level of commitment to service of others that takes you into the level of Christ-like, and how can you die for Christ and we won’t live? So it is a deep thing; you’ll have to use some discernment even with it.

I had a situation the other Friday. We had two people in great need come here. There were two men. One had a cane; he comes all of the time, and he comes asking for money. When he walked in at the end of service, God instantly spoke into my spirit, "No." I wouldn't give him a dime. I said, "No, no. Every time you come here, it's the end of service you come." God simply said -- I would not give him one dime.

There was another man who came, and he said, "I have a job interview on Monday, and I just need to get cleaned up." I asked him, "How much do you need to get cleaned up and freshen yourself?" He said, "\$20 ought to do it." And God spoke and said, "Give him \$40."

So they were two extremes, and you have to use discernment because you've got limited resources. When you open your ears to the voice of God, you will be able to hear and you will be able to heed who to help and who not, because you just can't help everybody. The man who God says "No," I knew his spirit; he didn't even really come to church to hear the Word, he always comes right at the end with an excuse why he couldn't get here for the Word every time. He has one of the most elaborate sets of excuses you ever want to hear.

God was simply saying to that spirit, "No." But to the other man, "Give him a chance." I had given the man with that spirit money at least 20 prior times, but there will come a point where God will say, "No more." So you'll have to learn to discernment, people, with this.

But for the three of you who this will truly impact, it is going to start turning your world around, and you are going to start looking for opportunities and you are going to start seeing people in a different light; and you are going to start becoming less attached to the material, and you will start realizing that "Really, I don't need as much as I thought I needed. I'm going to take this and help someone else." You will move closer and closer to the Spirit of Christ and further and further away from the spirit of the serpent.

It's a little bit different tonight. Like I said, we weren't on our knees, but you were getting the Word, and you were getting what God destined for you to get. The demonic stuff is difficult to deal with, but the Divine stuff is, too. You know every time the angel showed up, it scared the people to death? And some of the stuff I'm telling you now, it's just shaking you to pieces. Some of you are rebelling in it like mad, saying, "There is no way in the world."

People, I know this is difficult, because I've been dealing with it for years. I knew the truth of that Word; I have been looking at those verses over and over. But it is so hard.

You all say, "It's hard."

It is hard! That's just all there is to it, it's just hard! I've been looking at this stuff, and I have that scientific mind. I can see truth real clear, especially when it is spelled out right in black and white, or in red, as in the Word; I can see it real clear. I just didn't want to do it, because I was too attached to stuff! I work hard for my stuff. How many of you work hard? I work hard for my stuff! I work and sweat and all this, long hours for my stuff.

God wants you to start re-gearing this thing for the narrow path. I'll be honest with you, I don't expect to see many of you on it. That's why Jesus said it was a narrow path. But I expect to see a higher percentage of the folks on it from here, and I'm going to deal with that even Sunday of the prophetic of what is in the Bible just dealing with the Ark of Salvation specifically. But I expect to see more of it from here than anywhere else, because it is the path that I'm going to start turning towards where I walk down the narrow path, because I'm not fooled by this short lifespan.

Today is my birthday, or yesterday was, and I turned 51 years old. People, that 51 years has gone by in the flash. I was just coming out of college yesterday. We cling to all this stuff, and before we know it, that stuff is gone, and time is gone; and we give that up for all eternity.

That is the wisdom that God wants you to see. The serpent has you focused on these 70 years that you have here; God wants you to focus on the eternal life, years that are beyond mathematical computation.

That's the message that I come to bring to you tonight, and that's why God wants you to know that as difficult as it is to digest it, and trust me, people; trust me. If anyone knows this, I know it. I know the difficulty of what I'm talking now. I know what Christ is asking of you. If anyone knows it, I know it. But I am as sure of this as I stand here, because it's written right there in red over and over and over. For 2007, for this New Year, you need to re-gear away from the stuff and gear towards others.

Bow your heads.

Dear Heavenly Father, upon this year, I first of all thank You for bringing us all through it. Father, I thank You for bringing us to a new brink, to a new door, to a new dimension. And I understand that You don't want us leaving next year as we leave this year; You want us to grow. You want us to be greater in You. You want us to have more enlightenment, more compassion, more understanding of Your Word, Your will and Your way. Father, You want every person in this room and every person within the sound of my voice on the narrow path. Father, we thank You for being a good Father to us. We understand the Word that you have just spoken. We

understand it, and we understand its difficulty. Father, I pray that You'll open up within the hearts of the people the will, the desire, to do that which Your Son has spoken and let them see the benefit and let them see what they will receive, not just what they will give up; and let them understand that greater is he that is in You than he that is in the world. In Thy Son Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Now, I'm going to ask ... it's different. Tonight's service has been the most different Watch Night that we've ever had. For those of you listening online, it's not the typical service; but it's what's meant by a spirit-led church, and God doesn't do the same thing all the time. Sometimes He'll just change things up.

Mr. Cotton said that God spoke to Him and said that my mother was to close things out I'm going to take him at his word, and my mother is actually, other than Eddie Lowe, perhaps the most giving person that I know; but you don't even touch Eddie Lowe, Mama, I'll admit that.

So I'm just going to ask her just to come and just close this out as we move into 2007. And even before she closes out, if this message has touched you and if you know you are one of those three people that you are going to make a turnaround and start moving towards treating your neighbor as yourself, this is a monumental change and responsibility. But if this is something that has pierced you, and you know it's you, and you know it's something that vibrates within your soul and spirit and this is your destiny, I want you to just stand and just come forward, if you know this is you and you want to start moving towards this. I know God said that it would touch and change three people, and some of you sometimes this stuff doesn't start working with you until later. But if it is you, then I'd like for you to come. Amen, amen, amen; amen, amen. Amen.

I just want all of us to join in a circle as we just pray.

And, Father, we thank You for sending these who have acknowledge the call to follow in the Words of Christ. This is the second commandment: "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." On these two rest all of the laws and the prophets. Lord, I pray that You strengthen them to do that which has been spoken of on this day. They will undergo persecution, they will undergo ridicule; people will not understand, but they will understand. Father, I pray that you show them that for everything they give, they receive it back multiplied in this world and in the world to come, for no man has ever been able to beat You giving, and when we understand that great truth, then we understand one of the greatest truths of all, for You gave Your only begotten Son. Lord, we pray Thy Blessing upon them. Anoint them to do Thy will as they go forth with this changed heart and new direction. In Thy Son Jesus' name we pray, amen, amen.

Well, Mother, normally I'm 27 minutes with my messages; I'm way past that tonight, but it's been different.

MRS. ROBBIE BRONNER: I must admit, after I listened to the message, I said, "I don't know whether I was supposed to have closed out the first one or the second one."

This is what I want to say. A lot of people don't understand me, and a lot of people say that I let people use me because they know that I give. God has really given me two families. And He doesn't deliver everybody the same, but He had given me two families to help. Out of one of those families, the matriarch of the family would go and get everybody else and bring them to me, and then she would always tell them, "You've got to go to church, then Mrs. Bronner and I are going to give it to you."

One day, she brought a little, old lady in. When I saw her, she passed me a note. In the note, it said that she needed her lights on. I asked her afterwards, "What's the name of your church, and who is your pastor?" She just finally gave me a name, but I could tell she wasn't going; so I said, "You need to check with your church first and then come back." So, I left that alone.

I went home, got in my bed, and about midnight the face of the lady who brought her to me came up. I saw her, and I had told her in the church, "Don't you bring anyone else to me." Her face came up, and it was like the Lord was saying, "How do you not know that I'm not sending her to you?" I said, "Ut-oh!" And then He showed me the face of the other lady who needed the help, and this lady sat on the pew in front of me and turned around in the vision and did a smile to me, and then her face turned to Jesus. I said, "Oh, my God!"

Do you all hear what I'm just saying? Do you all hear what I'm saying? "The least of these," this is what God is saying, I know that! I am not shocked at this message; I've been waiting on when it's coming. I know that! This is what I know.

What are you going to say when you have to give it all up? Who have you helped today? Every night when you get into bed, you ought to say, "Did I help somebody?" Even at my home church, they pull on me more than the people here, everywhere I go.

But this is one step that I'm going to correct. Now, I will grumble, and I will fuss, okay? I will do those two things. I will do that, because they come over and over and over. But they are still in need. You understand me?

So God is doing the new thing, and like I say, everybody's looking for money; but those who have not seen "The Day After Tomorrow", you need to look at it. You need to look at it; God is trying to tell us something, something is coming. We are looking

for one thing, but something else is coming. We're seeing the entire universe is shifting. We are seeing these things going forth, and we had better be in right standing with God that when you go to sleep at night, you can have that peace. And that's what God wants to give us is His peace. But you can't go to sleep if you have hurt somebody. You can't go to sleep if someone has asked you for help and you turned them away.

I have gotten up many times; people have asked me in this church -- I mean men, not women -- have asked me in the church and I have blessed them out; and I will go home, and God will get on me and I'd get up the next morning and say, "Meet me at the bank." Do you all understand what I'm saying?

So I know this, this doesn't bother me. I've been doing it all the time; but God wants to bring all of us to it, that there will be no luck among any of us, and He brought it to the church. All we have to do is read the Book of Acts! I was wondering when it was coming.

When you get the Holy Ghost, that's what He is going to make you do: you've got to love everybody! Treat your neighbor as yourself, and this is what He is trying to get us to do. So I am sure this is the ending that you wanted me to get, because I understand and this does not excite me. It doesn't excite me at all. I even give them my entire Social Security check. I give some people stuff every month, and they get it like it's from Social Security.

I recognize that except for the grace of God, there go I. And I have sense enough to know that God will work for you whatever; you won't have any luck. Every time I give it out, it comes back almost before I can give it out. He doesn't want to take from you; He wants to give to you!

He says, "But how can He give it to you?" You've got to give. That's how you receive: by giving. That's what He is trying to get us to do, and if every body would do it, we wouldn't have any poor among us. It's something about the Ark of Salvation.

When we first came here, God sent Dale in here; he was doing the revival, and Dale said, "It's something about the Ark of Salvation." He said, "This is a birthing place. It's a birthing place. God is going to birth many things here." And we have heard tonight what he is getting ready to birth in here right now.

Don't think you're giving it up. You are getting ready to be blessed beyond measure!

You are not giving up; you are getting. See, that's a trick of the enemy. The enemy says, "Oh, the Lord's giving away all your money," da-da-da. He can paint you all those pictures, but he won't give you the truth.

God said, "You give; you receive by giving." That's the key to it, and you would have so much peace, my God, my God, my God; healing in your bodies, a lot of that is stress. God will take care of all of your needs. This is what He is trying to get us to. This is that next level -- not man's way, but this is God's way. He said His way is so much higher than ours, our way ...so much higher ... so much higher ... so much higher!

You cannot beat Him giving. You cannot beat God giving. I think that's the key to everything that will come in 2007 is that we change our attitude towards others, loving your neighbor as yourself.

There was one last thing that my father told me before he passed away. He said, "Robbie, give Maxine some money." At that time, I didn't even have any. But there was something about it that my father knew that I would get some. And now I have to help my sister. You understand?

But I also help those that are not my sister. But they are the universal sister and the universal brother. We are all in it together! Love thee one another. Jesus, that is the big picture: love ye one another as I have loved you. That's the whole message of love. That's the whole message of Christmas. That's the message of the Resurrection: Love ye one another.

We always say we want to follow Jesus. Do we? You know, we sing the song, "I Want to Follow Him: I've decided to follow Jesus." Do we really want to follow Him? Do we really want to be crucified? Do we? You saw how He lived. But He knew Who He was, so material things didn't bother Him ... didn't bother Him.

So that's the whole message for the new year, for the whole year, for all the years to come: God is just bringing us to that level that I knew one day would come, and I have often asked the question, where is the church of Acts? Where is that church? Where is the church? It looks like God is going to start it right here, so this will make your biggest news in 2007: that the church of Acts has been introduced at the Ark of Salvation.

Something about it, just the newness. All the way down, spreading out. Yeah, God wants to take us to a higher level; and I guess it starts with one touching another. Hallelujah! Mmm, thank You, Jesus! Oh, yes, Lord! Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord.

There's going to come a time anyway where your men are not going to do you any good. Do you all know that? Do you know right now that we are in so much debt to the country of China, the United States is in trouble?

A long time ago, I heard a sermon say, "The day will come when money will be thrown on the streets, and men will refuse to pick it up." You are here now, and God has given us a chance now. The storms are coming. It's coming. It's coming, it's coming, and we've got to be ready.

And for 2007, those of you who have not memorized 94 Psalms, I ask you to do it. Thank God for **Jerrirenda**, this little girl. She knows it from beginning to ending. That is what I am going to require to all of my grandchildren in 2007, to memorize 94 Psalms. For Thanksgiving, I had them been doing the entire Ten Commandments. We did in short form, and we did it in long form. But 2007, they will do 94 Psalms. They've got to get it in their hearts; you've got to have the Word of God in you. That is your protection. You got to have it, no way around it.

See, this Satan wanted me; he thought to defeat me. But, hallelujah! When he finished with me, I said, "I'm going to stamp you under my feet. You have no power." God has given us all the power. He has no power over us, but we got to know that, and we got to walk in it, and as we walk in it, we can manifest it! We can manifest it.

Look at Peter! Peter manifests it from just being with Jesus. Just His shadow healed the people. That's the power. Hallelujah! Isn't it wonderful that each one of us can go around just with the power? And that's to how you get the power: get in covenant with Him, and this is what He wants.

Father, we thank You tonight -- thank You today, hallelujah! *10506* You turned the night into day, hallelujah! We thank You so much for New Year, thank You for a new eve.

Thank You, Lord for a new message, a new message of hope, a new message of love, a new message of charity. Father, You said in Your Word: "Thou I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I become a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." You've told us that. Though we have all prophesy, we can do all things; but if we don't have charity, we are nothing. We can take all of our good and feed the poor; but if we don't have charity, it profits us nothing. Love is so great in Your sight. Love is so great. We love You, Lord. We love one another, Lord. Take us to the higher level, God, of love; and through the love, it's wrapped up in charity. And we just want to say thank You. Thank You for charity today. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! And to You, our Heavenly Father, we thank You that every heart, God, every mind, every step *we've got will raise to this new level, God; that You, God, are birthing in us this morning. Hallelujah! There is the message that says, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," and it is morning time. It is morning time at the Ark of Salvation. It is morning time in our lives. It is morning time. It's newness, and we just want to say thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord. Thank You for changing our households, Lord. Thank You for changing the minds and hearts of Your people. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord, with this power, the sick will get well. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah! And the poor will say I'm rich. Hallelujah! And the weak will say I'm strong. Thank You, Lord. Thank You so much.

There is the newness of life. Thank You, Lord, as we go over our threshold this morning. Hallelujah! We know that we are stepping into another dimension to come in covenant with You, to do Your will and to walk in Your ways. We just want to say thank You. Thank You for these messages of Your Gospel, Lord. Thank You for Pastor Nossania, God. Thank You for putting that in his heart, in his mind and in his soul, God, for he has much to give up. Thank You, Lord. Thank You that he listens when You speak. Thank You, Lord.

Let us all have ears to hear, eyes to see and give us that wisdom, God, to know the difference. We give You thanks. Thank You so much for every faithful member and everyone, God, that is coming with the new commandment to love You with everything that they have.

Thank You, Lord, for Brother Ivan. Thank You for the music, thank You, Lord. For every joy of the heart, thank You. Thank You, Lord, for the choir. Thank You for the ushers. Thank You for every teacher. Thank You, Father.

Thank You for what You are going to do in 2007 to bring us into that newness. Thank You, Lord, that You are going to bring new life into these homes and to these families and to these children. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah! With Your Divine covering, we give You thanks, Lord, in Jesus' name as we now go in peace, loving one another as You have loved us, amen. Hallelujah!