

Kicking Against The Pricks

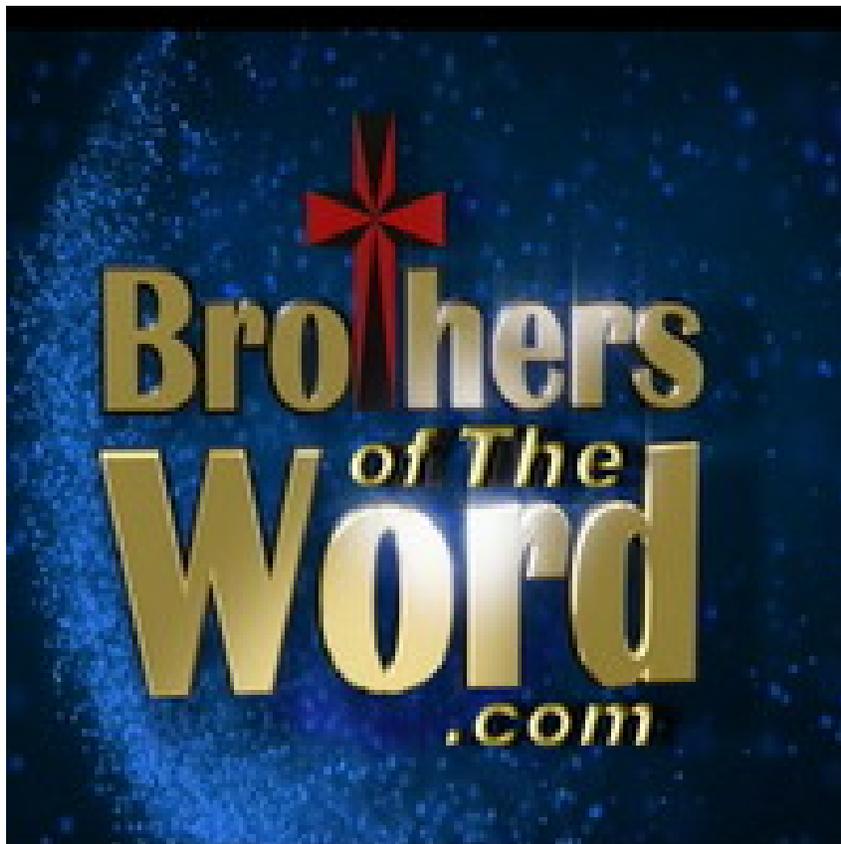
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James Bronner: And on last Sunday, I brought out a note and slipped it to the Pastor while we entered (00:00:09). So that if we have time(ph) at the end of the service that I wanted my wife to give a testimony. He leaned over and told me that for some reason, God said, "No testimonies on the service today." A few (00:00:26) he said, "The Lord said that that was your habit, not a testimony or service.

I'm here to give you my testimony/sermon this morning. That's why you have to even have proper times when he would tell what God has done for you. A lot of times, we move too slow and he'll tell us and we'll sit there in fear. I had a lot of reasons not to even to be up here this morning. First of all, Stephanie, my wife, is out of town. I've got the boys all by myself all weekend, I said (00:01:04).

The night before that, they called me about 20 times and is just up all night and they got up at 4:00 in the morning and then go back to sleep so I had a lot of reasons. This morning, I had to get up and fix some waffle, hash brown, turkey bacon, juice and (00:01:23), put the clothes on and (00:01:28) but I did later herald them right to the bus (00:01:32).

So, sometimes, you just have to go on anyhow. Even I talked to my mother early this past weekend. On the phone, she heard the (00:01:48). She said, "You're preaching sonny? You got a cold. How are you going to preach (00:01:52)? I told her, I am beating this cold. I said, "I'm not going to let that stop my testimony even if I have to talk." It's not in the word to say if you cough (00:02:02) proclaim the gospel. So, I'm going to preach anyhow this morning, so if I do a little coughing, just excuse me. I'm going to keep on rolling with it.

So, sometimes the devil will put obstacles in your way that will look impossible to you. It looks like (00:02:21) than you've ever had when it's time for you to go out and do something, but I tell you, you can do it if you just press on anyhow. (00:02:29) when I pressed through all (00:02:30), this morning. I got up the bed and gotten my boys out. I said, Joshua, what is that you have in your hand? He had disassembled my (00:02:42) this morning that I put together last night. I said, "Lord, help me."

But I'm here before you this morning and I praise God for it. And if you'd open your Bible this morning to the Book of Acts,

we're going to look at the ninth chapter. When you get it, say Amen.

All: Amen.

James Bronner: All right. We're going to be reading Versus 1 through 6. "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me?"

"And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest, it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he tremble and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And I come today from the title, Kicking Against the Pricks. Kicking Against the Pricks. And here in this ninth division of the Book of Acts, Saul had been going around persecuting the people of God.

And even though Saul wasn't (00:04:47) in Jewish law and custom and was trained in it all and he might have thought he was doing the right thing by his tradition.

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I believe deep down that Saul at that time had some little voice inside telling him that what he was doing was wrong, that there was something different about these people that he was persecuting. I believe that as I went to the town that they saw that the work that God was doing to his people. I believe that he had some inkling that something out of the natural was going on to this group called Christians.

And Jesus described what he was doing, that's kicking against the pricks. A large percentage of people in that first century were tillers of the soil and at that time, (00:05:53) were used to work the soil. The prick wasn't a necessary device back then. What it was, it was a long wooden shaft. It was about nine feet long from one account then. On the end, it has a pointed spike or prick on it. And I made an example today because sometimes,

you could visualize stuff a little better. I'm going to do something a little unorthodox to demonstrate kicking against the pricks. We'll take off the shoe that is (00:06:31). It's one thing to kick against the prick with good sturdy shoes on (00:06:37) soles on it, but it's another thing you look at first in kicking against the prick backward.

So, bear with me this morning. I'm going to do something a little unusual, but I want you all to stay in (00:06:51) with me because just like the destruction (00:06:55) can be the same way. You know what? I can be preaching deep revelation, but yet something in your mind, (00:07:03). On the other hand, (00:07:06). My mom may be looking (00:07:14) wonder when was the last time he cut his toenails.

But don't be like those children. Keep your mind on the message this morning, even though I got my shoes off it. Those on the front may be wondering do I (00:07:31) feed all of them here. But this is an example of what that stick with the prick would have looked like. And the man who would have been working the axe, while that axe was (00:07:57) needed to be broken up. And that axe would get off his path or he would not obey one of the commands of the man, then he would reach out that prick and put it in his (00:08:14). That little prick would get that up back on track, but you know you got some stop on (00:08:24).

Sometimes, they would feel that prick and they'll say, he thinks he is doing some with that prick, but I am not going to take it and then we (00:08:33) that stuff and they kick against that prick. And that's what he was saying about Saul. Saul, why are you persecuted? Don't you know that you're kicking against the prick. I'm going to ask the pastor to hold (00:08:54) and when you look at it, just think about kicking against that prick would be best for you. And you know, the more the animal rebelled, the more he (00:09:15) and he would have just get back on course. He wouldn't have that prick sticking deeper in his flesh and this was the way that Saul was. He was kicking against God's prick.

And I could imagine that's why Saul was going around, persecuting the Christians. He was saying that I've got to stop these people of God. He said, "I got to shut this Christianity

down. I don't want their testimony to go on. They're up here healing these people. I'm going to stop it. I'm (00:09:56).

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They don't know who I am. They (00:10:03), but they don't Saul. I'm going to stone these Christians. I'm going to persecute these Christians. I'm going to make them scared to go out. I'm going to make them not to come outside of their house. And little did he know, even I got this revelation, sitting there a few minutes ago, little did he know that those stones that he ordered thrown against those Christians would one day be coming back hurling against his own head. Little did he know that he will be lying there one day bleeding from those stones, from those (00:10:39) that he himself put into place while he was kicking against the prick.

Little did he know that (00:10:46) will be coming back to him when he began preaching the Gospel later on as he was kicking against that prick. Little did he know that those things would (00:10:56) his own feet and blood would flow from his own body by kicking against God's preachers. And Saul (00:11:11). Sometimes, we like (00:11:15) and God will tell us to do something and we'll kick and say, "That's too risky and there got too much involved and it would take too much time Lord" and he will tell us to do something a different way than what we're doing and then we'll say, "That's not the way I've always done it. I'm used to this way. My granddaddy used to do it like this." And you'll say, "I learned this in school. I went to school to be a biologist. I didn't go to school to do this what the Lord is telling me to do."

Little do we know, towards down the road, little do we know and I got this revelation. Jesus has already shed his blood for us, but when we kick against the prick, we go and shed our own blood over again. And he's already done it for us, 2,000 years ago, but uselessly. We go against the will of God. We bleed all over again unnecessarily using our own blood and when you kick against the prick, sores began to form on the bottom of your foot from kicking that prick and blood will begin to flow and when those sores form, infection will set in sometimes.

And when you kick against that prick, tenderness will come on that foot and you'll experience in life pain and throbbing from

kicking against the prick. And the other thing that happen when you kick against the prick, if I came over here and kick this prick hard as I could, the first thing I (00:13:13) my foot, but my walk would change. I would then not be able to walk like that. I would kick that prick and say, “Woo! I don’t know what I was thinking about.”

Even if you didn’t see me kicking, you’d know something is wrong with me because on the way I was walking. I can’t put that foot outside and on the grass. I just kicked that prick. (00:13:33). I would think I was doing some, but I wouldn’t be able to walk like I used to (00:13:41). Folk would wonder what is wrong with his walking and that’s how we are as Christians. When we kick against his will, our walk will begin to change. When you go to work, people will see there’s something different about your walk. When you get out of the will of God, your favor will disappear upon your life, stopping the glory that used to be on it.

His walk is different. He is not walking like the Christian I used to know. I wonder what happened to him, but he’s not walking the same. His light is not shining like it used to and that what will happen when we kick against the prick. I said, it really gives a whole new definition, but getting the (00:14:23).

Another meaning of prick when I looked it up in the web dictionary, is a point or mark on the dial, noting the hour and this relates to our lives because many times, God’s instructions will be turning a timing on a thing in our lives and is usually when we pray about whether we should go in a direction.

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There are three ways that God gives the answers besides silence because sometimes, we can’t hear enough, but the answers, you know, will either be no, slow, or yes. So, it will be not at all or not right now or go ahead. So, that prick is those thing you see on your watch or your clock. That’s another definition of those little things that the hand point to, to note the hour. So, even in the definition, it shows that God has a time for things in our lives, the same thing will happen and we go against those times and those warnings that he gives us. Sometimes, he might tell you, it’s not time for you to get married right now and we’ll kick

and scream. “I’ve been lonely and this might be my only chance. He may be the only man (00:16:00).

He might say that you ought to go back to school and you’ve got some developing to do there and I’ll make a new career for you. But we’ll say, “You know what? I’m making too much money on my job at the moment and it’ll take time away from my job if I go back to school” and little do we know what pain will suffer on the bottom of that foot. After all is said and done, he might say, I want you to volunteer more. You need to be working with the kids, you need to be helping them out if they go and see them. When was the last time you’ve done that I called you to do?

We may say, “I don’t have time. I’ve got to do this. I’ve got to get that going.” But little do we do know, we’re not abiding by those laws or pricks on the clock that God has ordained for our lives. He knows every second of our lives. He knows where you ought to be at 11 o’clock on that clock. He knows where you ought to be at noon on that clock of life. He knows where you ought to be at 3 o’clock. He knows every hour of your life even if we can’t see him.

And all of that is not part of my testimony. I’m going to get to that now. I know you all understand. I thought you said you’re going to testify by yourself, but it all relates. I’ve been doing the kicking against the prick myself. And a lot of times, I guess that rubbed off from my list (00:17:31) that’s why (00:17:35) closed down because I’ll admit a lot of times, men, they won’t admit they have any fault. So, the people sometimes think they’re just perfect, but (00:17:44) go through a great deal that you’ll never know about.

I’ll open my book this morning and I went ahead and did it because one thing, I did it today because I know my wife is going to be out of town. So, (00:18:03) I got to tell in this testimony. I’ll tell it the way I want to tell it. I had to worry about (00:18:12) the way it happened. Last time, I stood from this very pulpit and told you testimony about some that was going on in that house and my wife was in the (00:18:30). Later on that day and (00:18:32) that week as an adult also. So at least this time, I had (00:18:39) since she got out of town. So, I’m going to share freely with you all this morning (00:18:45), please don’t tell my wife. But our testimony, it began even with the revival two years ago. When Prophet Carlos(ph) was here and he

prophesied over my wife and I and said that -- he said, "You would have more kids than any of your brothers."

And we admitted we don't want to hear that and talked with him some time later and we thought that we were pregnant with our third child. And we told him we were going to wait about three years. I said that was because those three (00:19:34). We would just take it one by one and kind of see. He didn't say a word as we were giving him our plan. Once we got through, he said it won't be long after this day that (00:19:47) be there.

When we got in our car, we said, "This man, he might be a great pastor, he (00:19:53). And for those of you who don't know the ages of our kids, the oldest, he just turned 4, the next one is 2 years old and then the youngest one is 10 months and they're all boys. All are active as I am.

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So, you can kind of relate to how we were feeling on this. And we were young, so we just did it and want to fool with it. I told my wife I said, we don't pray by this thing. We just (00:20:30). We don't go on and we don't do our plan on this thing. And I said, "We will pray and let's see what the Lord say." And as we pray, we did get an answer and it wasn't exactly the answer we wanted to hear. Stephanie (00:20:49) it's time thinking about the different professions that she was going to do and had already registered for classes and he spoke to and told her that her focus or her life now is at home. And he wants that to be her job, to focus on those boys at home and her ministry shall begin out of the home.

And it was even a message to those of you in the audience or by television or maybe a homemaker. In this new society, sometimes it has a tendency to make homemakers feel like they're not doing something as reputable as somebody in the corporate world.

I'm here to tell you that God told us to stay home and he said, the highest thing she could do right now was to see about the ministry of those boys. Even if she would have gone on the law school or the medical school, it might have looked pretty to me but she would have been kicking against that prick. They would have never seen the kicking, but it would have been out of order

and his favor would not (00:21:58). So, just know that you're position is blessed and know that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

You are formed in the next generation, so never let anybody belittle and judge you. Got one of the toughest jobs that I could tell you because I have been a homemaker in the last two days and it's not easy. I was (00:22:24) milk all night long and the other thing God told us, he said, we were asking him what kind of birth control should we use? He told us to leave it in his hands. We really don't want to hear that. We know how the Lord's hand work and we thought he might let us get that shot the last three months. We thought maybe she could get the pill, but he said, leave it in his hand and not to get anything.

He said that he controls when children are conceived or not. He said he would think of your siblings. C. Elijah, five years older than I am, Dale is five or six years older than him and they didn't (00:23:18) birth control. Stephanie's brother is five years older than her. So, he told us to think about the five-year gaps between them. He said that he (00:23:29) and he could do the same for us and in his timing, would tell us when it is proper. We really don't want to hear that even though it was great work from God, we can understand on why those children of Israel, that's the Lord (00:23:46) a prophet. So, those direct words are too rough. The thought that (00:23:54).

The other thing if the man starts ruling against (00:24:02) when God tell you and I started saying to myself, I say, "Yeah, it might be five years to create me and C. Elijah, but may mom was (00:24:12). I said we're not even 30 yet. And then I said my wife (00:24:25) more fertile than my mom. In a way, we thought (00:24:28). It (00:24:35) a little bit when I start thinking about my wife's fertility.

So over the month, we start to let more and more doubt creep in I tell you. Even though we were both ministers, you know that that doubt can still come in on you. It's hard to have faith all of the time. You need rebuilding some time and (00:25:00).

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And the doubts kind of focus now over time (00:25:12) dealing with all three boys and we just can't take it. We had to look at

(00:25:18) what we are going to do. So we said, we won't do with the chemicals. We'll just get an IUD and for those of you who don't know what that is, the copper thing that stick up in the uterus that keeps you from getting pregnant.

So, we went on with that and said, "We won't take any pills. We'll just put the IUD in there and we (00:25:44). We just went and had it done. We were (00:25:48). So, we went on and we said, (00:25:54) all right. There (00:25:58) the doctor said, he said, "This is the smallest IUD I will put in and didn't hurt a bit. We went on and we felt pretty good about it. Until we got in December and in December, I began to ride in the car one day and looked over my wife's face and it was just frowning.

I began to see her face change and I didn't say anything right then, but later on I kept saying and I said, "Baby, what's wrong?" And she said, (00:26:27). She said, (00:26:33). I said never, I can feel something that's going on. We still went on with some weeks. She said, "I just deal with the pain, I'd rather deal with that pain and now, I'm pregnant again and have another child on the way. I'm just so embarrassed. She said, (00:26:48), I can handle this. We just went on kicking against that pricks.

Finally, it got to the point. Later on in December, when she was in the bathroom a little too long, and I saw a little blood and I asked, "You're menstruating" and it went on a long time. That prick that we've been kicking against had started to bleed now. Sore has started forming on the bottom of that foot. Whenever she goes to the bathroom, there'll be spotting going on from kicking against this prick.

And even (00:27:33), even with all that she has asked (00:27:41). She said women bleed (00:27:45) a little spotting here and there. It kept on and she got weaker and weaker and weaker. I (00:27:52) when she went to the doctor. The life was beginning to drain out from the blood, flowing from where were kicking against the prick.

And I just had to fall to my knees and said, "Lord, we repent." I said, "Baby, you got to get it of that, you got to get it out of there. So she went and got the IUD out. We said we'll just go on and let the Lord handle this. We learned our lesson.

We made it through December and then we got over to January. The children (00:28:32). We (00:28:33) caffeine all day long and we start breaking down again I tell you and I got on the internet just to see if there is any other thing like that. I said, “Baby, (00:28:49) I’m just scared, I don’t know how long will I make it.”

So we said at least we have been (00:29:03). We didn’t do anything the whole week. We don’t want to know how long (00:29:07). We don’t just take off the whole week, not take any risk at all. And I said, in January, after doing that for a month, I guess I’m not scared doing that. I found something on the internet called the (00:29:26) which was new. And I said, “Baby, look at this little paper here. I said, put a little packs on your arm. There won’t be anything going in you. You won’t take any pill any time of the day.

They can just (00:29:37) this little patch on your arm and you have to change it out once a week. They’re just coming out this month. (00:29:46) that maybe the Lord he didn’t know about this patch (00:29:49). I said he (00:29:52) that. I said, ‘Maybe he just wanted us to wait on this patch that’s why he don’t want us to (00:30:02). He knew the patch was in the pipeline.

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So that sounded real good to have. So I like the way that patch (00:30:11). We went ahead and called the doctor to see by getting in the patch. (00:30:19) last Thursday. We’ve made an appointment to come in and get the patch. On Friday, my wife came in my office with a little stick (00:30:31). And I said, “Why are you bringing this in here babe” and it has two red lines on it.

We thought we were doing fine with that patch. (00:30:50) tell you, (00:30:51) it’s the Lord (00:30:55) 99.7% that (00:31:00) at least. And before she could go to the doctor to get in the patch, we had to call him back to say, “cancel the appointment.” God has (00:31:13) that we got two lines. And we both had to (00:31:21) even about our response when we saw that because it was the farthest thing from our mind and we really just had to take the test because we have to take the test before you get the patch.

We had played it safe and we knew there was no chance she was pregnant. We still can’t quite figure it out, but we had to

(00:31:42) when we saw the test. I'm a man of faith. I've been (00:31:45) the word a long time, then on the great test, when I saw these two red lines, my first word was "God!"

And my second word was too much better. As I thought about it for a moment, my second word was "whew! I had to go repent after that. I thought about it and said, "I know that's a blessing." I said, (00:32:30) my initial response was kind of better. I even got a revelation about it as (00:32:37). My response was exactly the opposite of "God, we (00:32:45)."

My response was D-O-G and his name (00:32:49) alphabet G-O-D. It was totally backward act of his will. My second response I should have been putting in song, thanking the Lord and instead, I was talking in gibberish. So, both were opposites of the better words that I should have been saying. And I saw another revelation even in the test. The name of it is (00:33:20) Man may be able to give you the alpha, but only God can determine what the alpha will be.

So always keep that in mind. No matter how good man's technology might be, only God can determine what that (00:33:44) will be and there were two lines on this kind of a test. The first line is what they call the control line and the control line always comes out red. That's (00:33:58) it worked and you know, man control (00:34:00). He put chemicals in that, making it always come (00:34:04) even control pretty good (00:34:07).

But the revelation came that only God is in control of the second line. This is God's (00:34:13) on it. The second line, the second line tells you whether you're pregnant or not and only God can control the second line. And even the way our tests came up, it even told us something. He was speaking a message to it. Even in this alpha test because you play the control line, it's the private line, the stronger line because that always come through strong, but the controller line, the man's control is (00:34:39). The pregnant line is bright red. It's most like an (00:34:43) and he was showing us that he is in control of this thing. And no matter what we do, he is in control and we're in his hands. So, many times, there'll be revelations even (00:35:03) when it comes.

And we were trying to stop that which God wanted to (00:35:17) on the inside of our (00:35:19). When we rebel against what God has told us for our lives and our direction, we're asked to begin to kill that baby that's on the inside of us. When we rebel, your baby might be a test that you have a career that God had told you to go in. When you don't go in that career and kick against that prick, you're asked to kill that life form that can't come forth in the gestation. You're not letting that life come forth when you quit kicking against the preacher.

And we were trying to stop that life that God has to come forth, and destiny died in the midst of continued disobedience and dreams fade away when constantly confronted with doubts. And we didn't want to go through the burden right now, but through (00:36:19), God brings life and out of pain comes testimony and it's unpleasant when it comes. But you've got to go through the pain. And at times, you're blessed. It's on the other end of that pain and you just can't get to that blessing without going through that pain.

The doctors even told my mother when my brother Dale was born. They said, "There's a tumor in here with him." And I said, "After the birth of this baby, we're going to have to offer him to take out the (00:36:53)." If my mother would have believed the doctor's report and accepted it and gone along with the plan, if she would have kicked against that prick of God, which she knew had promised her children and had (00:37:06) children, I would not be standing here before you this morning, even delivering this message.

My brother, C. Elijah, would not be sitting there this morning if she had listened to that doctor and had her uterus taken out. But instead, she said, I'll (00:37:23), I'll fast. I'll believe God." And she fasted and believed God and she came back (00:37:31) checked again with (00:37:33) and see what she would get. God's plan came back saying there's no tumor to be found and we're here today as a testimony even not kicking against the prick.

And many times in our lives, God will tell us things that we just don't want to hear, just like my wife and I. That happens in all areas of our lives. Many times, we hear words of prophecy or

words straight from God or just leading in our spirits. He might give us some scripture. We just don't want to hear those words a lot of times and even though we say we didn't listen for (00:38:17), we listened for an (00:38:19) what we want to hear and God will tell you sometimes to let that (00:38:28). We'll say, "You know Lord, it's been a while since I had a man before this one. He's not the best man in the world, Oh Lord, but (00:38:38) and has been (00:38:40) by myself. He don't do it all the time, Lord, but he pretty good some other time." When we begin rationalizing, he'll say, "Let that woman go. That woman may have some stuff for that man and, maybe hard for him to turn on losing. She may be appealing to his eyes. Men say she's fine. She'll go on and not (00:39:01) and not seeing that he damaged his own walk, his own foot, his own blood. He's letting issue out from. You may be get a job and the Lord will tell you, "It's time for you, my child, to step out on faith. It's time for you to start your own business." Yes, you look at the economy and say, it's hard out there right now. It's no time to leave. I know the Lord told me to leave right now, but I've got my bills to pay by this job right now. There's no time to step right now. I'm not sure I heard that right (00:39:38), or maybe the reverse. You made me own a job. Checks and all men are failing.

You're afraid I need to move on. Now, I need to find me another job, and you might see something else that look good. God will tell you to stay fixed where you are, that he has yourself for a reason, that's just to minister to those people and even your folk giving you a hard time. He might tell you to win him over through love. You'll say, "I really don't want to deal with it. Lord, you know that friends told me about they're hiring over here and they just got all kind of benefits, 401(k) and they'll pay all your health insurance, and I'm just casting it over here and they just look like Christians over there. I need to go over there. I know what I heard. It may be one thing or another.

You're making a doctor's report, and he may say that you may need this, son. And the Lord will tell you, "I'm going to heal, son." You may not have this faith to believe him and you'll say, "I will just go and see that first (00:40:45)." I can't see God and I don't know when it's time. He might be somebody (00:40:52) through this doctor here, and you'll start to rationalize and kicking against the prick. I'm going under this knife. I know what the Lord said. That healing stuff were bad back then. I

can't even find my healing (00:41:06) anyhow and we'll kick against that prick.

Your husband or wife may do something that really just gets on last nerve and you'll have an argument and you'll be at odds with each other. Later on, the Lord will bring in your spirit. Child, forgive your mate even as I have forgiven you and we'll say I want to hold onto that thing a little while, Lord. I only want a text mate right now. I'm so mad. I don't want to be bothered with it, even speaking to him. I'll just say the nasty (00:41:42) just by the day and that will show him how I feel. (00:41:46) before they do this again and we'll kick that prick that is making us angry, that I'll just kick against. I'll get rid of this. I'll show to his face how I feel. I'll give him some pain. I'm going to kick his heart (00:42:02) me like this and little can we see in the spirit realm that we're damaging our own spiritual life, that we're punching holes in our very spirit (00:42:15). Little can we see it, and even there'll be times when money runs (00:42:21)

You'll hear the pastor say that we should be tithing, and you'll say I just can't afford it. Money, when it's tight, I know to (00:42:34), but that's money that I won't have if I give it. We'll think that we're getting it by keeping that money, but we can't see that that prick is punching holes in our very wallet. We can't see that when we're not giving, that is like just taking our (00:42:55) and (00:42:56) it over and over, that that which is in, I'll (00:43:00) will come out of it. We can't see the damage that we're doing to our own covenant with the Lord and we'll kick against that prick, just by our own logic, our own understanding, our own sight as far as we can see of our blessing or power.

We can see how we can make it with just money, can trust God and the Lord many times will say just give it and trust me, and we'll kick against the prick, and that's Jesus. He came. He suffered for our sins. He had been a prick to go up against him. As he hang on the cross, he had a crown full of pricks sticking in the skull, bleeding not from his own disobedience like us, but for the disobedience that we would have for our sins, and he hangs there, taking the prick for us, and I believe that even when they put the crown of thorns on him, I don't even believe that he jerked his head back.

I believe he's placing his mind to us as he felt the pain. I believe he just took and said, "I'll be prick for Sarah. I'll be prick for Joe. I'll be prick for James. I'll be prick for Roger. I'll take it for them. I won't jerk my head back. I won't kiss a (00:45:06). I'll accept it on their behalf, and they went further and there's a long nail that pricked him in his hands. I don't believe he even jerked his hand away. I believe he twisted because he saw the master's plan and he knew that he had to take those pricks for our sins. We jerked back at little things that he saw nails coming into his hands, but I believe that he felt the pain. He said it's an excruciating pain for the love that I have for my children, and I'm (00:45:43) the pain that I feel in my head.

The love that I feel for the children of God, it outweighs it. It's magnified, as they pressed to his feet and he took it without jerking his feet away. He said, "I'll willingly sacrifice my body, my pain for their sins." I'll take their prick for them and I believe even though he was at his last breath, even if he could feel the spear going in his side and (00:46:21) and blood that I don't believe that he would have even done like this, that he would have taken the spear piercing into his flesh of his side and said, "I'll take this pain for their sins, but even my children, I love them so much that this blood that's coming out and this water I pour are freely for them, that truly they may baptized with the water, and drink the communion representing his blood. This water and blood let it be from here on symbols of my forgiveness for them. I'll take the prick for them. I won't jerk back. I won't kick against it. I'll take it willingly no matter how hard it hurts. I love them more than the pain. And we are to think of that as we go through our little prick, the things that are small. Think about this which he did for us and give the (00:47:24) begin to preach (00:47:31).