

Your Proportion of Faith

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...and bless us abundantly and we've had so many, many material things but oh God tonight we hunger in our heart and soul to stand after reality in the Spirit of God. We pray for Lord Thou shall teach us from Thy Word. Make Thy Word oh God life to us, even as food is transformed into energy, God energize us tonight by Your Word, make us daring, make us dynamic, compel us literally, oh God, that it might be burning within us and we cannot refrain ourselves from speaking but above all from doing... and above doing Thy good and gracious Word.

Now Father let every word be...every word from Thee, that only Thy Word shall be altogether be in our tongues, and then Lord help us to hear exactly as the Word goes forth, not our own ideas or our own understanding on it, but exactly what You'd have us to know. Bringing every thought into captivity and every spirit into obedience to Jesus Christ, our very natures oh God softened and changed, so it might be truly in the Spirit, all one together in love by the Holy Ghost.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

1. Now, up to this point we know most assuredly, that God has dealt to every single born again child, thee measure of faith. We know that the world in general does not have that faith, because Paul said, *"Wicked and unreasonable men have not faith."* This is not to suggest that they do not have human faith, because they do, but they do not have the faith which was spoken of in Romans 12, wherein the Scripture says, *"Brethren, God hath dealt to every one of you brethren the measure of faith."*

We discovered by the witness of the Scripture, in the mouths of four witnesses, beginning with James, that this measure of faith was the faith of Jesus Christ, for he said, *"Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory with respect of persons."* [James 2:1] He never said, "Have faith in Jesus Christ." he said, "Have faith **of** Jesus Christ." Paul said in Gal 2:20, he said, *"I live by the faith **of** the Son of God."* And in Acts 3:16, Peter said, *"Yea the faith which is **by** or from Jesus Christ."* Now also John said in Rev 2:13, I believe it is, where Jesus is speaking said, *"Thou hast not denied **My** faith."*

2. Now, this lets us know that every single one has been given a measure of the faith of Jesus Christ the Son of God, that every one has a measure of this perfect gift. I did not say they had **the** faith of God, I said they had the **measure** of the faith of God, they had a portion of it. This faith we discovered, was predicted or prophesied by Jesus in Mark 11, when He deliberately cursed the fig tree. He knew there was no fruit upon it actually, but He wanted to curse the fig tree that it died in order to give the [] the disciples a particular object lesson, which would send forth a precept.

3. Most of the time we teach by precept and example and then we give the precept and then we give the example, but in this case Jesus gave the example before He gave the precept, and He said to the tree, *"Let no man eat fruit off you henceforth forever."* and the tree died. And when they saw the tree on the morrow they were amazed and said, "Isn't this peculiar. Why the tree is dead just like you said it would be." And of course their hearts were saying, "What happened? How was it done?" And Jesus said, "Have the faith of God." Now the translators, because I think they kinda got scared, they said, "Have faith **in** God." But the Book does not say that. It is not in the original. It is "Have **the** faith of God."

4. And then He said, "For truly I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed and cast into the sea.' and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe those things which he saith shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he saith. ^{Mark 11:23}" Now you will notice there that He connected the faith of God, to the disciples, showing that the faith of God was available to the disciples. Then He connected the faith of God to prayer, because He said, "Therefore I say unto you whatsoever things you desire, when you pray believe that you have them and you shall receive them."

5. Now you know, tonight, that nobody of himself has the power to say a thing and know that it will most assuredly come to pass. But, there is a position in God, whereby men may use the faith of God, and say a thing in prayer, and it is as good as done. And the very fact that God uses the word 'mountain' makes you to know that God **expects you** to receive tremendous, literally fantastically tremendous things from Almighty God.

6. Now, this measure of faith, of course, was given to the disciples, and to every single Christian, prior to the rebirth, because the Bible says, "(For) by grace are ye saved through faith; and that faith is not of yourselves: that faith is a (it is the) gift of God." And that's exactly what it is. There's no argument. There is nothing you can say about it. There is nothing you can add to it. It stands as 'THUS SAITH THE LORD.' So, everybody tonight say with me: "I have the measure of the faith of God." Say it, "I have the measure of the faith of God." That's fine because that's exactly true: you have that measure of the faith of God or the measure of the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Now Abraham had that faith, because he is the father of the faithful and we are told to follow in the steps of faithful Abraham. The Bible says that Abraham believed God. What kind of a God did he believe in? What was there about God that gave him the right to believe or the prerequisites which would be in God, in order to make God the object of his faith? Well, the Bible says that Abraham believed God Who raises the dead and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Now these two verses or phrases describing God actually, in plain English, denote or show us that God is both omnipotent and that He is immutable. The reason we know that God is omnipotent is because the Scripture says God raises the dead. Now that's the one thing that nobody in this world can do. As I said the other night, everybody's talking about science trying to produce life. Well that's the stupidest thing in the world because life is here, you don't need to produce life, it's being produced, we got it, but you try to raise somebody from the dead. It hasn't been done, in fact everybody was staggered, and Agrippa was staggered, and Paul said to King Agrippa, "Why thinkest thou it a thing incredible that God should raise the dead. Acts 26:8"

And that's the most incredible thing that God should raise the dead. That is the utmost of Gods power because the Scripture says, "With the finger of God He casts out devils Lk 11:20", "with a strong arm He took them up out of Egypt Deut 6:21, Deut 9:26, Deut 26:8", but it was the utmost of Gods power that raised Jesus from the dead and set Him in heavenly places, far above all principality and power. To raise the dead means utmost or omnipotence. However that faith, my brother/my sister, has to do with you, because it has to do with you, you have to know how it did with Abraham.

Well Abraham had a son, and that sons name was Isaac, and God said to him, "*Take now thy son thine only son, go up to Mt Moriah and there I want you to sacrifice him unto me.* Gen 22:2; Gen 22:12; Gen 22:16" And Abraham took that son of his up upon Mt Moriah, and he bound him upon the altar, upon the wood, preparatory to plunging a knife into his heart, releasing the blood, and then burning him to a handful of ashes because he knew the God was going to raise him up out of the handful of ashes and the boy would once more stand before him and he'd say, "Hallelujah, I knew You could do it all along."

Now that's the kind of corner that God put Abraham in, and Abraham was willing to go all the way with God. Why? Do you think that fellow was a nut or something? Do you think he was so crazy? "I heard a voice, he said, 'Kill your son. Burn him up.' I'll do it." That's the attitude and the voice of a lunatic. I knew a man who heard a voice telling him to kill his two children, he did and they put him in an institution for several years till he got over it.

Why did Abraham do this? Because he had something, he had something that works, he had the measure of the faith of God, and he felt no qualms and no distress, to go blindly marching up that hill. The same faith that he had when he left the Ur of the Chaldees, not knowing where he was going but that God was with him. That same measure of faith **now** takes on the **proportion**, not making only a journey but going

to the jaws of death, into the gates of hell saying, "Let's see it done, bless God, because I got something that works."

As I told you that's what Daddy Bosworth said, he said, "If you must doubt, doubt your doubts they're unreliable, but never doubt your faith." Why? Because it's God's faith, not human faith, human faith couldn't do that, but he knew what he had and he took his son and the Scripture said he received him back from the dead. And he did, because he was willing to kill him and he would've killed him, and he would've burned him, and he would've said, "God said so and that ends it."

Now, Paul using that phrase said, *"I want you to know, brethren, about our trouble in Asia. We were pressed out of measure, we despaired even...even of...of life."* But he said, *"We did not trust in ourselves because we have the sentence of death in us but we trusted in God Who raises the dead, Who we trusted to deliver us and he did deliver us and He will yet deliver us."* *1 Cor 1:8-10*

I CORINTHIANS 1:8-10 ⁸For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: ⁹But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: ¹⁰Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

In other words Paul was saying there is no position, there is no commandment, there is no request, there is no directive, there is no ordinance, there is nothing that God will commit you to but you are able to do it by the faith that God gave you. And God will put obstacles in front of you, He'll put mountains in front of you, He'll put deserts in front of you, Red Seas in front of you, He'll take your family down, He'll take your finances down, He'll make you go alone, but you can do it, because you've got what it takes.

Let me assure you tonight we are not fooling with this subject. Too long you've heard a...the Gospel not the way Paul preached it, not the way Christ preached it, but the way men preached it. Too long you've heard about this easy believism, escape from hell and go to heaven. My brother/my sister if you can show me one place in the Bible where Jesus Christ died upon the Cross and rose again so that you could escape from hell and go to heaven I'll eat this Bible page by page until it kills me, you can't find it.

Jesus Christ died in order that propitiation may be made for your sin, so you by the grace of God could receive the measure of the faith of God through baptised with the Holy Ghost and then act like Jesus Christ and finally enter the bridal suite of Almighty God, New Jerusalem. That's what the Bible says and you teach anything else you're a liar, and you make God a liar and you don't know your Bible.

There's a warfare, and for God to raise the dead, and connect that with faith, means that the faith that He gave you is mountain moving faith and you've got it. And all we've developed today is a bunch of sycophants and cowards. Why? Because Christianity failed, sure it failed, not real Christianity, nominal Christianity failed, 'cause too many Christians wanted the easy way out. I'm not here to preach politics but I'm going to tell you this that I've met, in my way, across the country the people that call themselves full of the Holy Ghost, are glad they voted for a man like Roosevelt because they said at least he put clothes upon our backs and food in our belly. And I got so tired of hearing that I said, "But my Bible says the life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment."

God clothes the lily of the field and He clothes you much more. God feeds the sparrows and He clothes you and He'll feed you much more. I want to get this across that I've been preaching, and now hard and heavy - Be prepared for disaster because God is the God of the disaster. Listen to me, what is the first revelation you have of God in the Old Testament, which is the place to look for it, *"¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void;* *Gen 1:1-2"*

It tells me that the first creation was expendable, and God crushed it. Then He took that mass of flotsam and jetsam, that chaotic condition, and He brought life and beauty out of it. Showing tonight that God Almighty is a God of deliverance, of the extremity, to the most extreme. He saves from the uttermost to the uttermost and yet people stand back quailing and they don't know that the way of God is to take you right through the valley of the shadow of death with faith and you coming out victorious in Jesus Name because you knew you could do it all along, because you had what it takes.

Little kids go to school and they're afraid of their examination. Why? Because they don't know the subject matter, if they knew the subject matter they wouldn't give a hoot about the examination, then they start praying and they say, "Oh Lord, please make the capital of North Carolina ..." What would it be? Oh this town, ah, not this town but Rouge, that's a nice little dead place there wouldn't be anything...or Hickory or some place or Mt Eire or Paducah. I don't even know what the capital is but I'm sure not going to pray about it because Gods not going to change it if I miss it.

That's the way people pray though, "God get me out. God get me out." God doesn't get you out, He takes you through, right through the valley of the shadow of death, just like He did Abraham. I say if God is omnipotent then God has got to have some way to make Himself known as omnipotent, if God raises the dead somebody's got to die, and He calleth things which are not as though they were and that's what Abraham did. He said, "I'm Abraham."

They said, "What's...what's your name?"

"Abraham."

"Oh is that so, father of many children."

"No sir, I haven't got any."

"Well why don't you change your name?"

"Just did. Been calling myself Abraham for twenty years, was called Abram."

"Well that means high father. Were you a father then?"

"Nope wasn't a father then."

"So you must be a little bit silly."

"No I'm not. God said I...I'm going to be a father of multitudes and I will be"

"You married a pretty young woman then."

"No sir, she's twenty years younger than I am and her womb's dead too, just like I'm dead."

"Why I don't understand you."

Said, "I didn't ask you to understand me."

Christians expect the world to understand them, so they begin to try to act rational, don't be ridiculous. They'll never understand you, they'll never understand faith, they can't understand a man giving up a big paying job and going down the road trusting God. They can't understand the sacrifice that people go through dying for the Lord Jesus Christ, don't expect them to. Abraham didn't expect anybody to understand him, He just said, "I'm Abraham, I'm a father of multitudes." He put it in the past tense, he said, "I am what God said I am." and he became what God said he was. Too many people are scared to say they...they are what God said they are and they never become what God said they are.

You gotta say what God said you are and you'll become what God said you are. That's just the simple law of psychology, never mind the Bible. Huh? Let me just teach you something here right now, that's why I like this series on faith, I can just do anything I want with it, I can just make it go clean around the world and back again. Listen, Dr Crane, whose paper I...column I used to read a lot, he said when marriages start to fail it is because the wife or the husband fail to remember the honeymoon. You've been married so long you get too used to each other and the way to rekindle the spark is to act as if you were in love.

And that's what Brother Branham said to a fellow one day. He said, "My wife has a devil, I wished you'd cast the devil out of her." "Why" he said, "Ernie I'll tell you how you can do it." "Oh" he said, "Praise the Lord. I'm glad to know about it" Bill said, "Yes, here's all you need. You jus...jus...tomorrow night, when you...before you go home from work and you...you just go down to the store, and buy her a nice box of candy, have it all wrapped up and you buy her a nice bouquet of roses, and when she opens the door you give her the candy and the roses and you sweep her in your arms and kiss her and" he said, "you'll sure drive the devil right out of her."

Dr Crane says go through the motions and the corresponding emotions will come. You say, "Where is that in Scripture?" I'll tell you where it is, took me quite a while to find it but He never fails, He finally gets it down to here. *"¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures (up)on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:²⁰But rather lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor (and) where thieves (do not) break through nor steal:²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ^{Math 6:19-21}"* Will start to go pitter, pitter patter ...?... . You go through the motions the emotions will come. You say, "Explain it further." It's simple, people say, "Well I really don't feel like giving. I don't feel too much..." You start giving and do what God said, laying up those treasures, and you'll soon begin to feel like it's really real and loving it.

Abraham said, "I am Abraham." when he was not Abraham because God said he was Abraham and God can't lie, and he became it. You say, "Brother Vayle what about the dear souls although they said they were healed and they died." Well now, that's a nice little sick question but I'll answer it for you. Do you know something, have you ever read the book of Revelations, have you really read it? Says in the paradise of God, *the leaves of the Tree of Life are for the healing of the nations* ^{Rev 22:2} and that means people and if you don't get it here you'll get it then because you'll have a new body which will never get sick. You'll be healed honey, perfectly healed. God never let anybody down.

REVELATION 22:2 *In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

"Let not the inhabitants of the land say, "I am sick. ^{Is 33:24}" Even Hindu philosophers know that. Hard for Christians to realise you gotta say what God said about it, put it in the past tense, there is something about God you gotta learn, it has to do with faith, *"He calleth things which are not as though they were. ^{Rom 4:17}"* The Scripture says, *"What? Received ye the Spirit of God by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith. ^{Gal 3:2}"* By the hearing of faith. You believed God and what for? The Holy Ghost, and what did you get? The Holy Ghost is what you got. The Scripture says *if man asks God for a fish will He give serpent? If he asks God for an egg will He give a scorpion? Ask God for bread will He give him a stone? ^{Matt 7:8-11, Lk 11:10-13}* No sir.

You ask God for the Holy Ghost you get the Holy Ghost. On what grounds? You believe you've got it, that's how you get them. Why? Because the Scripture said Abraham believed God. In other words he imputed to God that God was true, that what God said was right and so therefore he was Abraham and God imputed to him the very thing he wanted, said you are Abraham and he became Abraham. He and

his wife became so lovely and young that a certain fellow down in Egypt got eyeing little Sarah up and down and he said, "She's so cute and so pretty that I want her for my wife."

Now could you imagine this young fellow going after some old grandma ninety years old. "Oh," she said "Abraham don't walk so fast honey, I can hardly make it down the road." And he said "Wow, look at her, I want her." He said, "Who's that old bag?" Huh? God have pity on us. If that was okay for Abraham it was good enough for you. Old patriarch going on a hundred years old, that old beard hadn't turned black yet, all bowed over with age, and he was a dry stick and her womb was dead and he said, "I'm Abraham a father of nations, I'm going to have a son because God said so." And when hope was gone, there was no use hoping any more he said, "I'm Abraham because God said so." And he became it.

You say, "Does that thing work?" You bet it works, people just don't have enough backbone to try it and believe God. Well that's...you see, they don't believe the first part - If God's going to raise the dead somebody's gonna die. I told you about that lady I ministered to in Ohio, I like repeating these things because I want you to get it plump as plain in your mind. She came for eye trouble, she was going blind, and she said the doctor said, "I will be blind." And the word of the Lord to her was this, "When you believe God that you are going to get well as thoroughly as you have believed the doctor you're going to be blind you will be healed." You know what she said? She said to herself, "The doctor says I'm going to be blind, and when I'm blind it's all over." God heals blind eyes.

I keep saying and I mean it, people say, "Well what about...what if my family breaks up? That's tragic, it's all over." No sir, your family breaks up it's not over, God can bring 'em back together again and do a better job than ever. I see the life of Job - God took away his family, God took away his money, God took away everything, even his wife didn't understand. God even sent in a bunch of guys that ran the poor fellow down, but he stood his ground and God raised him up. It was all done by faith and we're living in the last day, as the Scripture said, that if we had the faith of Abraham and Job and Daniel it still wouldn't do, we gotta have greater faith because we're going into a rapture. We've got the faith of God Himself, but it's gotta increase and how's it going to increase? It's going to increase by understanding and usage. Now we've learned that tonight, we understand this is true.

God's measure of faith, the measure, the gift of the measure of faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know you might say, "Well I don't seem to feel it." Well that's fine, you don't feel the faith of God, that's all right. Do you feel your feet? Wonderful, nobody's got any feet 'cause nobody feels them. I...I can see it for a fact there's nobody got a foot, nobody's got any feet, that's wonderful, just call the ambulance and we'll take 'em home in trucks. Do you feel your hair tonight? That's the prettiest bunch of bald headed gals I've seen in my life. Nobody got any hair. Do you feel your kidneys? Nobody got any kidneys, you'll be dead within four hours. Do you see how asinine it can be when you go against the Word of God? Huh? Doesn't go by feelings.

How many tonight are really born again? Let me see your hands. You really believe you're born again, now come on put 'em up, don't fool with me because I'm not fooling with you, if we're fooling I'm going home you can forget the whole thing. Now put 'em down. Listen to me, everyone of you that put your hand up has testified that you've got nothing less than the life of Almighty God in you, but how much of you is showing for it. Not very much have you, then you haven't got the life of God in the fact you didn't show much. Is that correct? You say, "No sir, because if I deny His life I going to hell." That's right you'll go to hell and burn.

Now apply the same thing to the measure of faith, you've got it. You might not feel it, you might not use it, but I'm going to tell you one thing: If you don't have the measure of faith you don't have Jesus Christ, you're a liar. You claim you have but you are a liar because you can't get it without the measure of faith because *Received you the Spirit by the works of the law or by faith* Gal 3:2 and, *by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourself it is the gift of God* Eph 2:8, make up your mind. Huh?

Okay, lets say it, "I'm a liar, God's true." Say it, "I'm a liar, God's true." Say it again, "I'm a liar, God's true." Now we're getting some place, a little humility wont hurt you any. Huh? *They came to John the Baptist, but John the Baptist confessed and denied not but said, "I am not the Christ. Jn 1:20"* We ought to confess and deny not that we have the measure of the gift of God, the gift of the Holy...of the...of the... the measure of the...the gift of the measure of faith.

JOHN 1:19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

They said to Jesus Christ, "Look it, You can't be the Son of God, why don't you deny it and we'll love You." Now He said, "If I deny I'm the Son of God I'm a liar just like you." Yet people deny that they've got a measure of the faith of Almighty God and they think by denying it, it excuses them. Well if you think a good healthy excuse is better is...is...is fine to which...gets you into the lake of fire well that's fine by me, I think it's...that's a pretty miserable way to get healed by cutting your leg off. You say, "Well this leg over here hurts so I'll...I'll get rid of the trouble by cutting my leg over here off." Well you go ahead.

You...you see...you find you...you...you follow what I'm what I'm driving at. I'm being sarcastic for one reason. I happen to know a little bit of the secret of retention, in the memory. If a man wants to retain something he's either got to be hit awful hard so he'll never forget it or it's gotta be kinda funny so he wont forget it. If you just give a man a normal dosage he'll forget it, and I'm trying to hit you so hard with so...such sarcasm that I'm going jolt you, so that you wont forget you've got a measure of the faith of God, and it's mountain moving faith and it's such a tremendous proportion that God Himself reserves to Himself the right to put you in the place of death and take you right through, you wont die.

It's like one fellow said, "God will pull you through if you can stand the pull." You talk about getting out of a headlock and getting cauliflower ears, you may end up with worse than cauliflower ears, no ears at all, but God will get you through. God never gave you this faith of flowery beds of ease and just sit around fanning your brow and saying, "Hallelujah, I've got faith now, so therefore clouds you disappear and floods you disappear and trouble you disappear and poverty disappear." Now that's the Johnson administration, that's not God, no.

Saying it's going to come when the cupboards bare. I told we had our cupboard bare when I first beginning to preach and I...I wish...I...I tell you God never failed me. Even got so bad one time the car stopped, if you can call it a car, ha ho that's a...that's a beautiful expression for such a contraption, I flatter it. Anyway the battery went dead, I took it in town to put the acid in it. And you know in those day you...you fill it up with distilled water, it was running with acid, sulphuric acid I think it is, is that what it is, is sulphuric acid? My Lord that's powerful stuff, got the battery all charged up and I didn't realise it was tipping all over my clothes, and I suddenly realised the only clothes I had was full of acid and I said, "Oh God." And the fellow he...he was...he was really...he really liked me, and he just laughed him...himself sick. And I could just see those great big holes and I said, "Oh God, I can't afford it because I have got any pants, anymore clothes."

And you know what? There wasn't one hole or one stain in those pants. There was no more stain or smell or holes in those pants than the smell of smoke was on the three Hebrew children or Daniel had one of his sides missing with a lion bite. Do you see, this is what faith is all about. You can't read anything in Scripture about faith except you see giants falling, mountains tumbling, death giving way to resurrection, sick...and sickness giving way to healing. And I'm going to tell you one thing brother/sister, there was a time in my life I didn't dare pray for anybody, I never believed God to heal anything unless He did it supernaturally, I almost had to have a sign from heaven and then I'd do some praying. That's right, I had no faith to pray for the sick.

A lady one day brought her little baby, hand scalded and she said, "Do you think Brother Vayle would pray for us if we asked him?" And I thought, "Well that's fine, you'd better ask me honey." And she didn't ask me so I didn't pray. Now I wasn't hard hearted, I just didn't have the faith, that is active faith, I had the faith and didn't know I had it, I didn't understand.

But when I realised that God would and could do things...I went with some friends one day, who were praying for the sick and they could tell what was wrong, and I said to the McQuerys, they live in Canada. I said look, you...you and I are going to go to this house where this woman is, and you're going to stand back and watch me while I talk to her and talk to God, and I'm going to pray for her. And they said, "Well we never did that." Well I said, "Well you're gonna do it now." Well they said...they said, "But Brother Vayle, if we don't lay hands on her how are we going to tell what's wrong?" I said, "You show me one Scripture where you gotta lay on hands for a word of knowledge." They said, "You got us over a barrel, lets go."

That woman had diabetes, her legs were all swollen up with oedema or something whatever you call it. And I laid hands on her and I said, "You got diabetes." She said, "That's right." I said, "You got this blood condition, your legs are all swollen up." She said, "That's right." I said, "Okay lets look at these legs now and get them healed in the Name of Jesus Christ." And I'm going to tell you, I had more boldness than faith, I don't know what it was, I said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ I command the swelling to go down." It went blip, blip and I almost fainted and it went back down. That's right, I'm not kidding you.

The thing to do is to do something. The first thing Abraham did with the measure of faith was God said walk and start walking, "I don't know where I'm going." "That doesn't matter just keep going." When I was first went into the ministry and I was twenty two years of age, I didn't know where I was going and I didn't have any money to get there, that's a fact, but I knew I had to go preaching. I fought it, I wrote it out in a little...in a...in a wrist watch box, I put it in there, you know a wrist watch box are kind of cute, they make them up pretty, and I wrote a little article and I hid it under the little velvet and I wrote out like Jacob.

I read where Jacob had paid tithes and God blest him, and I said, "Lord, if You'll just let me an elder in the church and I'll pay tithes and I'll serve You, oh God, but I wont go preaching." Oh do you think God listened? Oh He was very happy to listen but He sure turned it down. He said, "You're going preaching." And I said, "I'm not going preaching. And He cut an...He cut my underpinnings away, He took everything away, and finally I said, "God I'll do what You say." And the funniest thing was that in the midst of my turmoil I had peace. You walk in faith you gotta have peace.

Within a week or so God spoke to my heart and said, "This is the day you're going." It was a Wednesday, the only day in the week that they had service outside of Sunday, I didn't even know where I was going yet, but I'm talking about the place I went to. I felt I ought to go north, I went down to a...I...I thought I'd look around, I didn't have a suitcase, I told a friend of mine, sort of a friend anyway, I said, "God called me to preach, I'm going preaching, don't even have a suitcase." I thought that I was really...gonna fuddle God up real good. Now if I had been real sweet God would have been real. He had to me teach me a lesson. So this old gal gave me a suitcase, you know what it was? It was one of those old great big old black cases they...they sold aluminium from, wherever.

I tell you I hated the look of it, I though God at least give me something pretty. I wasn't very pretty to God so He wasn't pretty to me, He said, *"If you're unsavoury with me I'll be unsavoury with you. II Sam 22:27"* He's got to teach His kids a lesson, and I was asking for it. And this miserable old suitcase it contained everything I owned up to the...up to the...the ah, the toothbrush and I was mad. I said, "That miserable stinking thing if I just had two pretty ones it would be much nicer."

II SAMUEL 22:26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.²⁷ With the pure thou wilt

shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.

Well I needed some money, I had a buck or two but that was all. I went down to the station, was going to find a train to get on, and sure enough there was a train going around six o'clock, I got down there about four o'clock, and here was a lady at the station and I knew, and I said, "What are you doing down here?" She said, "I don't know I just felt I ought to come down." She said, "What are you doing." I said, "Well I'm going preaching." Oh I was chuffed, "Oh I'm going preaching. Humph." I looked like the mule behind the barn, you know, that had religion, and I hated to go, I was scared to go. And she said, "I'll give you some money." And she gave me some money.

I got on that train, I got off that train. God said, "You go to Reddeer." I went to Reddeer, I got off of that train, I got off the very night they had meeting and no other night in the week, and I asked the only guy in town, I guess, that knew where that building, this little kid that the preacher had gone to pray for, and he knew where it was, it was upstairs, kind of a dump, was better going up and down anyway.

So I went there and I preached, and God Almighty gave us revival; devils were cast out, people were healed, couple of communists got saved. But you see the thing is this: You start marching and God will take you from there. Sure it may be a mountain, that's exactly what God said this faith would do is to get rid of your mountain, but you gotta start moving with it, and stop getting the idea that your faith was meant to keep you from moving mountains. And remember if you're going to move a mountain you gotta have a mountain to move. Gods gonna raise the dead, somebody's got to die, and then that isn't the only thing He turns around and compounds it by saying, "Now consider it done. Call it done. Act as if it were done. Go on." You say God expects me to be crazy. No sir He just expects you to put His mind on.

Listen to me, God doesn't think your way and God doesn't talk your way and God doesn't act your way, but He turned around and told us to think His way, act His way and talk it. Do you follow what I'm driving at? I want to get you out of the idea once and for all you're gonna wake up in the morning and say, "Hallelujah, isn't this a wonderful day, ain't nothing going to happen to me except everything that's sweet. My husband's going to give me my tea or my coffee in bed and the kids are going to say, 'Momma, God bless you, you're a sweet little girl.' And get up and got to school." I want to tell you, may get up in the morning and husbands going to say, "Get out of bed, what's the matter with you anyway, make my breakfast." Kids can't find one single solitary thing. The dogs...you step on the dog and he bites you and never did that in twenty years.

You say, "Brother Vayle that's frustration." No that's trials, that's your mountain. You know what you've got to learn to be like, just like Jesus sleeping and snoring in the boat while the wind's going to try to wreck the thing and lash it. You gotta be just like Paul, when the boat is gonna go down, the waves are going to rip it to pieces and he said, "The Angel of the Lord stood by me and I believe God and that takes care of it."

You gotta be like Daniel and the three Hebrew children that said, "We don't know what God's gonna do about the situation, we may even die. But there's one thing we know we're gonna do, we're gonna **stand still** and see the salvation of God and that salvation can mean either we're taken out of it, or we're taken by being taken through it or we'll die, who cares sudden death-sudden glory."

We get so scared of being hurt, Polycarp was so full of God and faith the flames couldn't even touch him. Every story I've read about the people of God suffering, the glory of God was so great they didn't even know what was going on.

We're a bunch of Democrats, and I don't mean to cast any aspersions on the Democrats, I just mean that with all my heart, because they had been the party that first of all said we're going to do something for the...for the...the...who'd they do it for first? They did it for the business man and then they got a guilt complex, they put a tariff wall. Then they turned around and they said we're going to do something for

the labourers, so they began to pat the Unions on the back. And then they said the only people left are the farmers, so they did something for them. And they've got everybody so soft today.

The kids go to school and they think it's okay to lie, steal, cheat and rob. And then they say, "What do you think of Charles van Dooren with a hundred and twenty four thousand dollar question..." or whatever it was. And they said, "Well it was alright if he got away with it." Huh? *And because of abounding iniquity the love of the many, the many are the elect, is waxed cold* ^{Matt 24:12}, until Jesus said, *shall He find faith when He comes* ^{Lk 18:8}.

What's He driving at? He's saying to the Laodicean people who said, "We are waxed...we are waxed rich, we are increased in goods, and we lack nothing." And all the while we are naked, wretched, miserable, blind and we don't even know it. Why? Because we said, "With faith, bless God, there's no mountains; we keep the mountains away. With faith there's no floods; hallelujah, we keep the floods away. And with faith there are no clouds; because we keep the clouds away. Oh glory." And you got fooled a hundred per cent because the afflictions of the righteous are many, and every child of God has to endure.

You've got a river to cross brother/sister, and if you've got the faith of Joshua, who represents the Bride of the last day, you're going to be down there at the river Jordan when God tells you to move, you're going to say, "Hallelujah, God's going to do a big thing, we're gonna go across." God will take you right through old Jericho and say, "Now you go in there knock those walls down." God will take you to the land of the giants and He'll say, "You come up against them." God will take you to the impossible and say, "Now go ahead and do it with My strength."

Paul cried out and said, "Who is... who is able for these things?" and the answer came back, "Thank God through Jesus Christ." See. Faith, see. They said to Peter, "How did this man get healed." And he said, "It was the faith of Jesus Christ, it was the Name of Jesus Christ." Put the two together you got omnipotence. Gods people don't want that. Do we want it tonight, are we prepared to really step out there in the dark and say, "Now God, let the lightening flash, let the storm descend, we'll still go through."

Or are we going to be like the Egyp...the Israelites who came out as a mixed crowd and when they saw the...the...the...the Mountains of the Moon to their right, the Nubian mountains, they saw the desert to the left, the Red Sea in front, the armies of pharaoh behind them, they begin screaming and murmuring and groaning and grunting and growling. That was the first sign that God was going to be sick of them. Even Moses got upset, and God said, "Moses, cut it out, I can't stand it." He said, "Stretch forth your rod." And a wind begin to blow and the Red Sea opened up and they went across, then they got pretty happy.

Miriam got up there, she was the first song leader, she was real Pentecostal, she got up in there and she danced back and forth as wild, beat that old tambourine, sang the song of Miriam, "Bless God." She was happy. But she didn't stay happy very long because she wanted to usurp Moses position, she...she got leprosy. Women still want to preach, they're lepers, they haven't given up. Old Eve you'll never give up, not until you die, sure.

And then they went into the...in...into the desert, now God begin to test and try them. What did they do? They begin to murmuring in the plains, they said, "Well we didn't think it would be this way, we didn't think it would be this way. Why we kinda figure what God's gonna do, He's gonna put a canopy over our head in the daytime, and at night He's gonna put a little fire up there to keep us warm, and everything's gonna be just rosy and jazzy and everything and...and we don't expect trouble from now on. Bless God, we expect everything to be just sweet and nice and pretty."

God lowered the boom on them. What happened? They murmured and complained. Before it was over God had to kill the whole kit-n-caboodle of them except Joshua and Caleb. Out of three million people two million nine hundred and ninety nine thousand nine hundred and ninety eight perished. Why?

Because they didn't understand the use of faith, and the Bible said they all perished because of unbelief. Huh? As soon as trouble comes, the pinch is on, they throw their hands up, don't throw your hands up, and don't try to put on pink and rosy glasses, and try to say everything is...is the way **I'm** gonna have it.

It isn't the way **you're** gonna have it, it's the way **God** wants to have it, and God wants to move mountains by the faith that He has placed in you so that He can say you moved it. Let me ask you a question, who opened the Red Sea? Come on, somebody tell me? [Reply from congregation] You're wrong. [Another reply from congregation] You're guessing again, you're really right, but the Bible says that Moses did it, literally, Moses did it but God did it, but who got the credit? Moses got the credit, right. That's right.

Read the...read the eleventh chapter, "By faith Moses, by faith Israel, by faith Jacob, by faith Isaac, by faith Joseph, by faith Noah, by faith Enoch, by faith Abel, by faith..." They didn't do it at all, God did it but God gave them the credit. Why? Because they buttoned their coats around them and said, "I've got a measure of the faith." The storm begin to descend, the lightening begin to strike their crops and the thunder begin to roll, all hell seemed to break loose. Nature and cataclysm and stuff they said, 'Now let God do it.' Hallelujah" Huh?

Well I know how to read the Bible, I hope I know how to explain it too. This jarred me when I read it, "By faith Moses." Do you know what it said? Let me show you something, I...I could preach a whole hour on the faith of Moses, no, I'm gonna save that for another time, too lazy, can't preach all night, I gotta let you go home tonight, I'm going to get behind schedule if I don't start preaching on getting down to business.

Now listen, in verse twenty-three of Hebrews eleven, "*By faith Moses, when he was born.* ^{Heb 11:23}" What did he have to do with his birth? It sounds like here, God's giving credit for Moses...to Moses for being born even, huh? Sounds like it doesn't it, it really doesn't but it sounds like it. "*By faith Moses when he was come to years refused to be called the son of pharaohs daughter choosing affliction.* ^{Heb 11:24-25}" it's right down, "*By faith he forsook Egypt and through faith he kept the Passover. By faith they passed through the Red Sea.* ^{Heb 11:29}" How? Because Moses opened the Red Sea. How? By faith in God.

^{HEBREWS 11:23}By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.²⁴By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;²⁵Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;²⁶Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.²⁷By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.²⁸Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.²⁹By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

The Bible says, "Heal the sick." That's what it said, "**You** heal them". You say, "I can't heal anybody." You're exactly right, but if you use your faith God will do it and God will say you healed them, that's what He said. He said, "You cast out devils." "Whoa" you say, "My I dont know if I can tangle with

them, I can't even see them." But God can, by faith you can discern, see. Jesus, the Scripture said, went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil and so on because God was with Him, and yet He Himself said it was God working in Him that did it. Sure you heal the sick.

Somebody once said to me, "Brother Vayle do you heal the sick?" And I said, "No honey I don't but I know a lot of folk who'd still be sick if I hadn't a been there." And that's true, that's true. "Do you think maybe in sovereignty God would've sent somebody anyway?" I don't know about that. Within the sovereignty of God I'm convinced there's a latitude, what it is I can't explain it, I'm not a fatalist not by one minute. And I believe tonight there are people here who could be positively healed by the exercise of their faith, but you may die without doing it. I believe there are people all over this world who need men and women, to come to them who know the power of God and know that the people will be delivered on the grounds of the faith that God gave them and move their mountain.

And I could stand up here tonight if I was a mind to, and you'd think I had a great deliverance ministry because if I could...by the power of God have the power of recall I could talk, for the next, I believe two solid hours, and I don't know if I'd get through then even then telling you what God has done through the laying on of hands in my life and in my ministry has been very poor as far as I am concerned.

I have seen even women delivered and people delivered from insane institutions by simply standing in front of the pulpit and...and knowing by the Spirit of God what devils were in them and casting them out in Jesus Name, and they would be released by the power of God, nobody having done anything except God intervening by the prayer of faith. And yet I was the fellow who wouldn't even dare pray for a little tiny baby, and that poor little thing needed help, because I didn't know that I had a measure of God's faith.

Do you know a Star Daley was in the prison? Of course you've heard of Star Daley, and the old lifer talked to him and he said, "Daley, Star, what is it you'd like to be when you get out of prison?" And he said, "I'd like to be one of three things" and he named two things, I forget what they were, he said, and also he wanted to be an author. And the old lifer said to him, "Well Star what would be the hardest thing for you to become if you got out?" And he said, "The hardest thing would be to be an author." He said, "Be an author."

What's the hardest thing that's facing you right...facing you right now tonight? What's the toughest problem that you've got in your life? If you were called upon, what's the one thing you wouldn't want to do? I'm telling you, that's the thing tonight you do in the Name of Jesus Christ, and that's the thing you do it. Pull up your stakes, get rid of your own foundation, and let your faith that God gave you be your foundation.

I got a friend up in...up in Northwest territories, in the United States, up there around Washington. One day, he talked to a millionaire and the millionaire said to him, "Freddy" he said, "I don't need God I've got a million dollars." He said, "It's guys like you that need God because you don't have much." Jesus said to a rich young man, "Give everything away you got, and come follow me." You know why He said it, because He said if he gave it all away then he'd have to trust God.

What have you got your hopes built upon? What is it you're clinging to tonight? Give it up, it isn't so a hard once you do it. I've been doing it ten years, a lot of guys been doing it thirty, forty years. If I hadn't a quit preaching for a while I'd been doing it for thirty something years myself. Quit for a few years, I couldn't stay away from it. And there I was right back from what I'd left, right back to where I had to trust God.

Sure, I played the fool like a lot of young couples do, my wife worked, never should have done it, no uh ah, no you should stay at home. Say, "Brother Vayle, we can't meet our debts." Then you just declare bankruptcy, I don't care what you do, but for God's sake get out of the rat race, I mean it, get out of the rat race. You say God won't supply? Listen to me, my mother was a widow with nine of us kids, and we

never had any food, and she got down on her face, she wasn't even born again, and she said, "God, I gotta have food for the family because nobody will give me any food and I can't get any work." And God said to her, "Hitch up the horse." It was in the fall, "Hitch up the old horse with the ole...little ole buggy you drive and you go following the thrashing machines."

And she went out there, now she was very tiny, there is no woman here tonight as small as my mother in height, but it's a good thing you're not as big as she was this way, because she was about as wide as she was tall, only came to about here. And that little old...that little woman, not so old, took up a great big old scoop shovel and her old bucket, she'd go up behind those thrashing machines and say, "Do you mind if I pick up after your thrashing machines?" And those were the days when those concaves, you know, didn't clean it all out too good and wheat, weeds and dirt and dust and everything fell out down below and she'd lift up all those scoop shovel full and let the wind fan it out for her and keep fanning it out. And that fall she took in twelve hundred dollars worth of money, that the wheat that was pure perfectly wheat, that she'd sell to the granary and brought in food and all because God told her what to do.

You say, "Brother Vayle, my family needs things." That's the Laodicean cry, we're trying to give our kids things God didn't want us to give. Give them the beauty of the sunset, the magic touch of a kind word, the thought of love and the idea that kids can love instead of hate. Your rotten stinking Jewish German psychiatrists from Freud and Jung and all down, have taught you to let your kids to sling mush across the table, give angry out...ah vent to angry out...ah outbursts of...of...of...ah...ah...of passion, but they never once said teach your child to love and teach your child to be sweet. Filthy rotten anti-Christ.

The life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment Lk 12:23. Do you say, "Brother Vayle, it sounds like you're repenting." I'm repenting honey, you bet. What would I do again if I could raise a young family? I'd have apple boxes, we never had a nice little commode for our babies to sit on. I took apple boxes, took off the one end, cut the round hole, cut the thing off at the flap and they sat. Our bathroom was ten acres, perhaps, a little house on it, I'd gladly go back again, sure I would. What'd I do? I'd take my kid and by the hand and I'd teach him something real instead of your rotten filthy commercial ideas we got today. We've all been caught up in it, till iniquity abounds and our love is so cold, we're all icebox Christians.

LUKE 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.²³ The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

The only man who had reality is dead. Huh? Why? Because they believed in a dollar bill instead of God, because they wrote on the dollar bill, "In God we trust." The dollar bill doesn't trust in God my brother/my sister, and the nation doesn't trust in God, it trusts in the dollar bill, but a Christian trusts in God. Sure I'd thought it was too much, too big a deal for us to try to compete with the world. My wife had to work too, you think it didn't hurt the kids, it hurt the kids. What for? For a lousy buck, have a little better furniture, a little better car.

Do you know where all that stuff is going? It's going plumb to hell and when you send your kids with it you done a pretty horrible thing. Huh? Then we wonder why we've got youth delinquency. We wonder why kids are so sadistic they try to find someone and they kill them on the street for kicks. Why not? Because their parents were sadistic, lets be honest. You say, "Brother Vayle I think these things have to come." My brother/my sister Gods Word says: *What a man sows he's gonna reap* Gal 6:7 and He said, *If you do this in a green tree what'll happen in a dry* Lk 23:31. He talks about seed time and harvest. No we don't like to face up to hard times do we.

LUKE 23:28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.²⁹ For, behold, the

days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.³⁰ Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.³¹ For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Well if I could roll the clock back I'd go back to those days when I waited for the creak of the wagon to bring the food that we didn't have, it tastes better that way. Do you know how to make life happy? I'll tell you how. During the depression we used to have to buy brisket at four cents a pound, now down here in the States you guys had such poor government you had to pay through the nose even for brisket. We got brisket at four cents a pound, you likely had to pay ten or fifteen for it. We had sirloin steak for two pounds per quarter, we just didn't have the four cents for brisket or the two...two bits for the two pounds of sirloin steak.

Listen, before depression hit in twenty-nine I was used to going downtown, we'd buy canned lobster and canned shrimp, we used to eat like kings and queens, all we ever had was food and that's what we ate, we sure ate good. We raised a couple hundred chickens, several head of beef, several pigs, great big lovely garden, we...we ate like kings. Depression time came, we got whittled down to old fat brisket instead of those lovely steaks, and I found myself, and any night I'd go up to my bed and I'd begin to be grouchy and I'd think to myself, "Man alive, here I am, eating old fat brisket and things and food I didn't like so well."

And I'd be grouching about it, and then I'd say, "Oh isn't that awful, a lot of people don't have what I have." And I'd get so happy thinking about the good old fat brisket I had, I'd begin to praise God for how good it was and I'd get so hungry I'd want to run downstairs and get some more fat brisket. A little thankfulness will go a long way. *The life is more than meat, the body is more than raiment* Lk 12:23. Huh? Trying to keep up with the Joneses, trying to get away from problems. Forget it, you're going to have problems till the day you die, and if you start shrugging the problems that God gives you He'll send you get a nervous disorder, you'll pay a price.

Then you'll go for healing, you'll say, "Oh God, heal my ulcer." And God will heal your ulcer by faith and to put...but He didn't heal the thing that caused the ulcer, and it'll go someplace else and you'll be twice as sick. You say, "Brother Vayle you're not preaching a God of love." I am too but I'm...I got enough love tonight to tell you the truth to help you. I don't talk from fifteen minutes experience, I talk from over thirty three, and I've done my best to find the shortcuts because I'm lazy as any man ever was lazy, when my feet get cold I want to warm them right away.

I'm like old Matilda the...the maid of old Andy Gump. She said, "I never get hungry and I never get tired." They said, "How..." they said, "That's wonderful." And then they found out she wasn't so hot. They said, "I though you said you'd never get hungry and you never get tired." She said, "That's right. Before I get hungry I eat and before I get tired I rest." Huh? You're just like me aren't you. Time to change, time to change. Huh? Time to face up, there aren't any flowery beds of ease. This is no fire escape religion, this is a vigorous rigorous life, and God gave you a gift of mountain moving-life-death raising faith in order that you could have mountains come across your pathway and death could face you, and you could stand up and sing, "And I'm going through, Jesus I'm going through, I'll pay the price no matter what others do, I'll take the way with the Lords anointed few, because I'm going through Jesus."

Say, "Can I do that?" You sure can, Jesus, I said, within that boat fast asleep but He didn't mind. Waves are ready to capsize that boat, that didn't bother Him. Why? He said I've got the measure of the faith of God...but rather I've got Gods faith, I can do it. Huh? Despise not the inheritance that God would have you brother/sister, by faith lay up in heaven.

Well I thought I'd let you go home early but I'm not going to let you get home too early. because I want to talk to you. Not only has God given each one of you the measure of faith but He has given you a proportion of faith, this is getting better all the time, it's also getting rougher, because you see if you don't have it you can't be responsible, but if you got it something had better be done about it.

The twelfth chapter of the book of Romans and in verse four it says, *"⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering according to the proportion of faith: or he that teacheth, on teaching according to the proportion of faith; ⁸Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: and giving (he that giveth), let him do it with simplicity; and so on..."* according to the proportion of faith.

Now, the proportion of faith is not the measure of faith. You live by the measure of faith, but you conduct your own God given ministry according to your proportion of faith.

Let me illustrate. What are the nine gifts of the Spirit, by name first of all? Tongues, interpretation, prophecy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, faith healing, miracles, right. But what are these nine gifts of the Spirit so called? They are man-if-es-tations. What are they manifestations of? They are manifestations of one Spirit called the Holy Ghost.

There are lights up here. You see them? You hear that humming back here, huh? Do you hear my voice amplified? You do? They are all manifestations of e-lec-tricity - right? It's that simple. Every single so called gift is nothing but a manifestation of the same Holy Ghost, **but** the Holy Spirit does not manifest, in these nine different ways, on the basis of the same faith, proportion of faith. It takes little or no faith to talk in tongues, it does take little or no faith. I don't mean little or no faith, I mean it takes very little above no faith to do it. Anybody can talk in tongues if they've got the gift, everybody doesn't have the gift. Contrary to Pentecostal teaching everybody does not speak in tongues, contrary to Joe Stiles and Mrs Joe Stiles and God knows who else everybody doesn't because everybody isn't supposed to.

The Word of God says, *"Do all speak with tongues?"*^{1 Cor 12:30} "No. So that ends it, is that right? Oh yeah I tell you some people can't even see that and then they say they are full of the Holy Ghost, I don't understand it, they're blind as a bat out there. Now I don't know a word of Russian and yet I'm going to believe God, when I open my mouth to talk, I'm going to speak in English what was said in Russian. Now listen, that takes a lot of faith, much more than talking in tongues.

^{1 CORINTHIANS 12:30} Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

The proportion of faith to interpret is greater by far than the proportion of faith to speak in tongues, but to prophesy, oh brother, to say, "Thus Saith The Lord Red China is going to move with an army into Vietnam." Wheeew, Red China might decide to move into Japan with a peace corp not an army, and where'd you be sitting now? That takes a greater proportion of faith. What about miracles? That takes the biggest proportion of faith because miracles is the biggest gift of all.

Now, what is a gift? It is a repeated manifestation of one Holy Ghost. If I've got the gift of tongues, it means that I have the measure of faith, necessary, to repeatedly cause the Holy Ghost to speak or to bring forth in tongues. You say, "I thought the Holy Ghost caused you to do it." It's a combination, you gotta desire it, you gotta be yielded, and then when He knocks, that's the time you open. It takes a certain measure of faith so that the Holy Ghost will move in healings repeatedly or repetitively, because that's what a gift is. A gift of...of...of prophecy is simply that proportion of faith, that puts the receptacle in a position, whereby he believes and thereby the Holy Ghost pours through him in prediction, repetitively.

Think, what a measure of...what a proportion of faith Brother Branham had, to stand up and say I challenge you to bring anybody in my presence and I can heal them by the power of God. And he could, to the day he died he could do it, but he wouldn't do it because God said, "No, the people themselves must believe."

Now, listen, contrary to what many people teach, everybody doesn't need to either speak in tongues, prophecy, interpret, have a word knowledge, discerning of spirits, word of wisdom, faith, healing or miracles, because it says in the twelfth chapter there are other ministries, and those ministries are teaching, exhorting and giving and ruling and showing mercy with cheerfulness. I'd like that one myself because I need it, and if you're honest you might have to come right in the same queue as me.

They're ministries, but you can't perform them without the proportion of faith. Now every single person tonight, that's a member of the body of Jesus Christ has a ministry, and you've been given the measure of faith to satisfy your own life in Christ according to the precepts, and you've been given the proportion of faith in order to satisfy the other believers to believe...a ministering believer in the body of Christ, and there's not one of you tonight that hasn't got some kind of a ministry, but don't step into a ministry that you haven't been called.

The most important ministry women have, is to teach their children, their daughters to love their husbands. Now I wonder tonight how many daughters, honestly, were taught by your mothers how to be married and to love your husbands. Let me see for fun, does any woman here have a mother who taught her how love her husband? Well sit on your hands girls because that's the way it is. No wonder you're a mess if you're a man. On the same thing I could say, "How many husbands love their wives as Christ loves the Church?" Well we...we men are a mess, let's face it.

Now we are not here to accuse each other, or to scratch each others backs, we're here to learn and do something about it. Everyone of you has got something to do for God, and some of those things, as we've said here, you've got the grace and you've got the ability, and you can do it by exhorting, by giving. Well you give? How do you give? Well you do it blowing a trumpet and say, "I give, I give, look at me." No, it says do it with simplicity. Ruling with diligence, showing mercy with cheerfulness. Iraeneus said there are literally hundreds of gifts of the Spirit, and he was right, because there are thousands of members, and everyone's got a ministry.

Some say, "Well I'm just a mother in the house. What ministry have I got?" You minister to your children, minister to your husband." I was saved and in the Independant Pentecost and I know it's got to be the grace of God and divine wisdom because if...I was like every other preacher at that time, except for one thing - I never went around looking for a wife who could preach. I looked for a wife who couldn't preach, and I did find her and I said, "Listen, if you and I get married I want you to know one thing: You are not going to preach, you are not going to pray in church." Now maybe I shouldn't have said that, but I said, "You don't need to pray in church. You wont teach Sunday School, you can't play the piano because you don't know how, you wont lead the song service. There's only one thing you'll do, and it's a full time job, and if you can take care of me, you've got more on your hands than you asked for it." And you ask her she'll tell you that's the truth.

And you and I found out since when these preachers marry women that can preach, they fight over who has got the anointing. Ha, ha, ha, what anointing. Now I'm telling you the truth, I know what I'm talking about, then they neglect their kids. One woman tells a story on herself how that she was preaching and her husband was away, her two little twin girls sat in the front bench, like this one, and there to her horror she saw each child was beginning to undress the other one, and finally when they became stark nude naked, they tipped the bench over, and she fled the pulpit in tears, and if she had an ounce of spirituality, she'd stayed fleeing from the pulpit and never come back, but she had the gall to come back. You talk about unmitigated gall.

What was her ministry? Stay at home with her husband and raise the kids, that's your ministry. Everybody's got a ministry, some might even write letters, not poison pen, but living pen. So what can women do in the church? They can teach little kids and do things like that, that's perfectly legitimate. They can pray in church, they can prophesy in church, they can speak in tongues in church, they can interpret in church, if they do it in order, but the men must do the same thing in order. Nobody's taking anything away from women, nobody's taking anything away from men, nobody's taking from men giving to women, and nobody's taking from women giving to men.

What's all this jazz about equality, huh? I never could see this crazy talk about equality. What about equality? I've got a fork, but I don't try to eat soup with it. "Yeah, I think I'll eat soup with my fork [Bro Vayle makes slurp, slurp, slurp sounds]." Listen, the fork and the spoon are equal as long as the spoon does the spoons job and the fork does the forks job. Huh? And the minute you stop doing it you become perverted.

Why wont God let women cut their hair? Because they get perverted. Men have short hair, ah, cut hair and not women. People say, "Well, Brother Vayle I believe that that's a matter of...long hair is a matter of women having her hair a little longer than man." Well when Paul wrote this the hair of the men was to the shoulders, if that's short hair what's long hair? Now I don't even need to read the Scripture, really teach it, I just have to ask you that one question, huh?

Why can't women wear men's clothes? It's perversion. Listen, you aren't babies tonight. I'll tell you, I'll take you back to when I was just a kid, the first woman in our town to wear men's clothes was a rotten type of a hussy. She'd left her husband and cohabited with every dog that came down the street. From that they went to slacks, and then to shorts, then they took off so many clothes.

Do you...you know what? We're not babies here tonight so I'll just tell you something. What does a woman's...what does a woman's naked body do for a man? It excites them, it's supposed to. Now I'm not...I'm not naive and a kid, I'm just telling you Gods truth. The Bible distinctly says to...to...the Scripture...to a man saying to live joyfully with the wife of thy youth and be constantly ravished by her breasts and it...it names the erotic parts of her body. Do you know what happened? You got to Africa where the women are naked, and men are not aroused in the channels that God gave them to be aroused, and they get into sex orgies and perversion.

And women took their clothes off in America till there's nothing left to see, it's in the streets day by day, and we're full of homosexuals, men and women, we're perverted, we're perverted. You put on a mans clothes, you cut your hair and men act like women and women act like men, you become perverted and that's the Word of God. I'm not giving you my ideas I'm telling you Gods truth. Huh? Sure it's the truth. Oh I could bring in so many things when I talk about faith, oh I love it [claps hands] just go right down the line, a thousand paths.

What was I talking about? Ministries, and I was talking about women trying to take a mans ministry or a man trying to take a woman's, doesn't work, effeminate. You woman don't believe that long hair is what God gave you and...and th...and your glory is your hair and you are the glory of man. I'll go to any group of men under high heaven and I'll say to any man in the world and I'll say, "Men, do you believe a woman is feminine with long hair or short hair?" And ninety-nine per cent of the men will say, "I believe a woman is feminine with long hair." And you go down here and all the teenage kids, the little girls got hair down their backs because their little simple and fat headed boyfriend say they look pretty and sexy with long hair.

I know a little girl, meet her right there in...in....in Dayton, Ohio in...in front of Wrights department store as we were all waiting to get in for the early morning bargains on...on white cloud day or what white flag day, I was trying to get a nice bargain. I got it all right, I got up nice and early and got there and we talked to this little girl and she said, "I hate my hair long but the boyfriend likes it." And I thought, "Honey, that kid's got something that God gave him, he doesn't know where he got it, he's

right, your hair is your glory and you're the glory of the man." And any man that doesn't know his wife is his glory he's a fat-headed slob.

Do you know that tonight men, that your wife is your glory? I look at my wife and I chuckle, she's very...she's a lovely girl, I get happy and proud about her. The older she gets, she doesn't look so pretty any more and I look at her and think she is prettier than ever, course my eyesight's failing, but I kind of sing that song like the kids sing, "Mother dear, I put the grey in your hair, the silver thread there." I did, sure, she's had a rough life, mostly because of me, I'm a hard guy to live with, but my wife's my glory. But for many years she didn't know her glory was her long hair and I'd say...I'd say, "I'm going to tell you one thing kid, let that hair grow because that's so beautiful."

When people can't see long hair is beautiful there's something wrong with them. Why? Because God said it. Huh? I'm not trying to hurt anybody and build a doctrine, I'm just teaching you the word of God and if God said so that's got to be it. I didn't write the Book, I preach it, but I've preached the way It's written. The proportion of faith, the measure of faith.

Now, well you can't go home yet it's still early, I feel wide awake. Let me show you something here. I want you to turn I...I...I called myself a liar, I was going to go home early tonight because I thought I was tired, but I got over it. I had a cheese sandwich we had today it sure pepped me up, I think it was the cup of coffee I drank afterwards to tell you the truth [chuckles]. You won't know what I'm talking about if you hear the tape again, but we went down to Bravard College and we went to the cafeteria, and this was the day I think the food was just about the...oh about the furthest out, it was ah cheese grilled sandwiches, it's alright if you like grilled cheese sandwiches, so, ah, Brother Jeffries and I and Brother Wood well we didn't eat as well, as what we should've eaten, kind of...kind of beat us that day.

Now listen, in Luke the nineteenth chapter, we're reading in Luke nineteen, and verses fifteen to twenty-seven really it should be at verse eleven, *"¹¹And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. ¹²And He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. (Now this is a parable about Jesus. Now I'm talking fast so read it for yourself.) ¹³And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. ¹⁴But his citizens hated him, (Then they crucified Him didn't they, see.) and they sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.*

¹⁵And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded those (these) servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

¹⁶Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained what? ten pounds. ¹⁷And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁸And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. ¹⁹And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

²⁰And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: ²¹For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. ²²And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: ²³Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have received (required) mine own with usury?

²⁴And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. ²⁵(And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. ²⁶For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. ²⁷But those mine enemies, that (which) would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Now listen to me. What one thing, what one thing t-h-i-n-g does everybody have from God in equal proportion? Faith. And notice what he said, “¹⁶*Thou has been what? faithful.*” What’s he talking about? He’s talking about the measure of faith. Notice, he doesn’t destroy the wicked servant, he just takes away what was...could’ve been laid up for him. You follow it?

Now here’s the warning tonight, and I’m cutting this part short. God commands you to use your faith. This fits in with Hebrews 11:6, “*But without faith it’s impossible to please Him for he that cometh to God must not only believe that God’s a creator*” see? “*But must believe that God is his what? defender and supplier.*” Protector and provider, and not only **believe** it but let Him **do** it.

HEBREWS 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Now, listen to what James said, he said, “You show me your faith without works and I will show you my faith by works because faith without works is dead. ^{James 2:18,20,26}” Now, you can see it, God says; “Put your faith to work, put your faith to work. Trust Me, put it to work. Don’t fight your enemies, put your faith to work.” As I said the other day as I pondered why did Brother Branham not judge this...the people in sin? He said, “Let God deal with them.” And I thought why till God showed me. What would you sooner have as your enemy, the God or the devil? I’d sooner have the devil as my enemy instead of God.

JAMES 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. ²⁰But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

For if God becomes the enemy of a man then he’s in real trouble, then leave your enemies to God. The Bible says, “*To do good to those that hate you. Pray for those who despitefully use you, do good to them* ^{Matt 5:43; Lk 6:28.}” A man once said facetiously, he said, “Do you know the Bible’s got a point, when it said do your enemies good.” He said, “You try it, the next time somebody does you dirt you turn around and do ‘em good, and keep on doing ‘em good, and they’ll lie awake all night trying to figure it out and you’ll driven them crazy. You’ll get even with him.”

MATTHEW 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. ⁴⁴But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

LUKE 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Listen to me, that’s not what God had in mind, but if you want to know the truth, isn’t there just the possibility that by doing them good they’ll be destroyed and put out of your way. The Bible says put to silence the unbeliever and the criticiser by doing good. If you want to give a man lock-jaw, say something nice about him. He says something bad about you and do something good. That’s faith, that’s putting your faith to work, that’s letting **God** fight your battles. See what I mean? And God demands it. He said, “I am not pleased with those who do not let Me do something for them.”

Oh isn't this precious to know that. We've got a God Who wants to do something for us. We've been praying for years, "Oh Lord wont you please do something? Now Lord" we try to kid Him now, "I have read in Your Word that Thou art good to the just and to the unjust. And Thou causest the rain and the sun to come upon the bad and to the good. Now Lord, look at it this way, I see in Your Word something nice, would you do something nice for me. Oh I would like to do it, could I persuade You."

Now that's not it, you don't have to want God to do something for you when He already wants to do something for you. Do you know what happened not long ago? As I say I have to trust the Lord for, you know, for ah, various things that I need to come in and I'm not criticising, I'm not carping about it, I think it's tremendous that we could trust God and get things from God, it's marvellous.

But anyway, when we were publishing the books and I was solely responsible for "Twentieth Century Prophet" it ran into...into a...into a hole. We gave the books away, about two for a quarter when those things cost way more than that. The printing alone was about that, and we made nothing at all on of the fact of taking time off and spending money to write it. And I...I never made a nickel, which is true and I...I didn't have to, but people subsidized the books at a hundred dollars a piece or churches, you see. Well we gave away so much we didn't have any money left to republish. So I knew some people who said, "Well Brother Vayle if you need money let us know."

So I wrote some brothers in New York and I said, "Now look, you don't have to do anything about this and please don't unless God lays it upon your heart, but the fact of the matter is, we are several hundred dollars short from being able to reprint ten thousand more books. We just gave away so much we bankrupted ourselves." Which is a nice way to bankrupt yourself, give it away. If you got to give it to your creditors and...and mess around and drive yourself crazy, well bankruptcy is a...is a terrible thing, but if you should bankrupt yourself giving it away, which you wont really. And...so...because I knew that the good people of Promise they honestly said, "Lee, when you need money let us know." Well it was the thing to do. So I let the church know, and so I let them know. And they said, "Alright we'll send the money to Beaumont and that'll help out the books." I didn't say how much, it was up to them.

Well they sent five hundred dollars. I did...I didn't present my own needs because I wasn't concerned about my own needs, I...I...at that time. And they wrote a letter and they said, "We thank God for knowing of your needs, we praise Him for the ability afforded us to help and be a blessing and a providence." And they said, "We are so glad to help you." And they sent me two hundred dollars. I wish I had the letter here to read to you. I laid my head on the desk and I wept, because I saw God in that letter.

They were so happy, with the Spirit of Christ, to find somebody who had a need that they could do something for them. That's the way God is, His eye is running to and fro throughout the world, looking for just somebody, anybody, on whose behalf His mighty arm can come and down be a blessing. Isn't it nice to know tonight that God does want to heal you, that He does want to help your family, that's right. That he does want to bless your home, that he does want to make you effective, that God wants to do it.

You don't have to beg Him, You don't have to persuade Him, you don't have to cajole. All you've got to know tonight is that God wants to do it and then put yourself in a position by faith, by that great big mountain, by that raging torrent, by the cemetery, put yourself right there, in a position, so that by faith He'll do it. Huh?

Well that's my message. Now listen to me. I don't know if you've enjoyed this or not, but that's beside the point, but if you want to learn something, and really learn something, come back tomorrow night, and bring your friends, because tomorrow night I'm going to show you the number one reason why, this measure of God given faith, that can move mountains, that can raise the dead does not work, and it has to do with the misunderstanding of the nature of God, and that's all I'm going to tell you.

But tomorrow night, believe me, you're going to hear something that's going to strike home to your heart, and you're going to know why it is, that this faith that can move mountains, can be locked into a vault, and stay there, and God will say, "Why didn't you give My faith to the usury? Why didn't you use it? You've lost all that was laid up waiting for you. Take it, and give it to the man who used his faith the most liberally." Don't you admire people who use their faith? Huh? Well then listen, look in the mirror tonight when you go home and say, "I'm going to admire the fellow I'm looking at like I've never done before because by the grace of God I'm going to use this faith He has given me." And then challenge yourself and start doing it.

Well, do you love Him. Oh I feel pretty good even if you don't, I'm glad you were here because it's helps me to preach and then I like to hear my preaching because I know it's the truth and it does me good, it slaps me around, wakes me up. So I'm glad you came so I could preach to me. Lets rise and be dismissed.

Gracious Father, we bless Thy Holy Name tonight because everything that we have brought from Thy Word is true, how true it is. Lord, lest we be like Israel over whom You wept, when You said, "Oh Jerusalem, if you only knew what belonged to your peace, you don't know what's yours and now you are going to lose everything." Lord that's been on my heart for so long because I know it's so true. But Lord tonight we know not only in Whom we have believed, but we know what He gave us, not only of Himself, but even before then, the measure of faith that moves mountains and oh how true it is, for if this measure of faith could bring Jesus Christ into my heart and theirs, then there isn't any mountain that can't be taken away.

If this measure of faith could give me the righteousness of God, remove every sin, bring in the Holy Ghost, which is the greatest of all, then there is no mountain that'll stand before this faith. How I praise Thee oh Lord for this truth. By the grace of God I shall not forget it, but in every time, every condition, every moment, remember it by the Holy Ghost, and then know, that I and they are more than conquerors and able for every ministry.

Unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. Unto Him be all honour, and a special kind of glory, as these lives, through Him and His faith, live out the Word, and become those living epistles for His sake. Amen

God bless you.