

1. ...in mind tonite to help you a little, following the Truth tonite I've been bringing the last couple times I've spoken to you. I've spoken to you about Christian development, our need of developing and growth in HIM. We don't always have that taught to us and we should have it. And now, tonite I thought one angle, one approach to that theme might be good to help you make DISTINCTIONS. Distinctions sometimes in words or phrases which we use interchangeable, and thinking they are the SAME when they are quite DIFFERENT. Now you see, you have to bear with me when I get into this field because I'm TEACHING. I'm not preaching tonite, I'm teaching. And I feel more at home in that role than any of the roles. And as a teacher, we have to get into some fields and analyse them and be very careful n our definition and in our objectives toward which we focus our thinking. And you've been so patient to listen while I go "rambling" around, and taking things apart and pulling them down and organizing them. You've been so gracious, that I just compliment you on it. And there are some places where they don't want to be DISTURBED. And I have a bad way of DISTURBING people. Well, I'll tell you, I'm never here to "disturb" any TRUTH which is ALREADY established in your heart. God showed me that a long time ago. He said that every impact of Truth that He will bring me...and He showed me that He was going to give me Truth because I had PRAYED for it and DESIRED it, and sometimes He HEARS our prayers when we pray. And sometimes we must be CAREFUL what we pray, because He is liable to HEAR us, and then wonder what's the matter. All He says is, "I'm ANSWERING your prayer." I prayed for Truth, but I didn't know that it was going to be as COSTLY a prayer as I have FOUND it to be. Truth is a magnificent feature, the most COSTLY feature of our whole Christian economy is the fact of TRUTH. Well, I didn't know it's effects upon me, until He let the Truth take ahold of me. REORGANIZED my whole being. Absolutely. So, when He was in that PROCESS, I said, "Lord, what is this all about?" He said, "You asked for Truth. Now THIS IS the Truth." I had been facinated by a REFLECTION OF TRUTH in other people, and sometimes we confuse them. You see, we see Truth, "reflected." ALL of us reflect it because we are EPISTLES. Well, He spoke to me and He said, "Do you want a REFLECTION like that? Is THAT what you want, or do you want THE TRUTH that CAUSED the reflection?" How many can see the difference between the Truth and it's reflection over here? Well, now if we start off that way, it will help us. Well, I had been quite "thrilled" by sensing a REFLECTION of TRUTH. Well, now He said, "If you're praying for THAT, you will have to have the Truth IN YOU in order to make the REFLECTION. Now what do you want, the Truth ITSELF which will cause that?" "Oh yes!," I said, "Yes, Lord! The Truth, the lovely Truth!" Well...then He let it COME. THIS is the result so far. It was "DISASTEROUS" of course, because it is always NEGATIVE in it's FIRST appeal, but POSITIVE and LIFE GIVING in it's REACTION. So I found THAT.
2. So now when we are teaching, when Truth comes, it sometimes DISTURBS us. Well, He told me this. He said, "Whenever I bring a fresh impact of Truth to you, it will NEVER disturb Truth which I have ALREADY lodged in your heart. Truth which has ALREADY been established in you, and you know it's power and you're walking under it's power; a new impact of Truth will never disturb THAT." But the impact of Truth WILL DISTURB religious habits, traditions, all sorts of things which never "ring true," to the Truth, but have built themselves up with us, the same as TARES grow along with the WHEAT. And you very seldom are able to DISTINGUISH them. The TARES are EXACTLY like the WHEAT, even until it comes up to a place where the head is formed, and the little kernals, before you can really detect it. And that's like "funny, strange," TRADITIONS which sometimes are purely RELIGIOUS, and sometimes are "smatterings" of Truth. Now, that will grow right up along with Truth, until God sees it's a good time to have that thing "thrashed" out. Taken care of. Because it will only be an IMPEDIMENT, a DISTURBING thing, a HINDERING thing, as God brings your TRUTH to it's MATURITY. And sometimes it grows a long time and the disciples, you remember, "Oh, let us go in and take the tares out, and we'll have a nice field of wheat!" "No," Jesus said, "You can't do it that way." They have to seemingly GROW for a certain period, and even THEN, even then, the only safe to disturb or take care of them would be the "angels of heaven," that is, SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES. Messengers of God. Well, when I found that, I said, "All right Lord."

3. So in teaching, if you find a DISTURBANCE in you, and some things are getting "jittery," JITTERY, some lovely things which you held onto ever since you were children...JITTERY, let them HAVE the "jitters!" Get it out of your system NOW! Don't let it HINDER you, so that in the end we will have to say, "Why, I have entertained all that strange TRADITION, and I thought it was all the solid, A #1 Truth!" No. Traditions can be HORRIBLY RELIGIOUS! But they are NOT dynamically SPIRITUAL. They are RELIGIOUS. That's what's the matter with so many people. I meet people who are tremendously RELIGIOUS, and I find very little SPIRITUAL CONTACT with them. But they are VERY RELIGIOUS. You have to learn the DIFFERENCE between that. You have to learn it in your OWN experience. You can have a very "sweet," blessed EXPERIENCE, but be a PURELY RELIGIOUS PHENOMENA, and NOT YET of the Spirit. But some don't know that because they don't know much about HOW we are constructed. Man is not ONLY "body." He starts with God's soul...spirit, soul, body. A TRINITY. But most people live on this level: Flesh, world, earth, BODY "conscious." Some of them push up just a little bit more until they be conscious of their souls, and some of it's relations and adjustments. But you have yet SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENTS. Man is a TRINITY. Now all those fields have to be recognized and we have to go in, find them out, and DISCOVER them, and find what ADJUSTMENT God wants there. Now that takes TIME; it doesn't happen in a minute. Now, never deceive yourself in thinking this: That ANY ONE EXPERIENCE IN ITSELF will bring you an ULTIMATE ADJUSTMENT. Nor will any ONE of them bring you into a MATURITY. The EXPERIENCE is the OPEN DOOR which opens TO you the lovely, lovely vistas of POSSIBILITIES, with POTENTIAL, POTENTIAL, POTENTIAL LIFE for Spiritual expression. But the EXPERIENCE in ITSELF never DEVELOPES you! The BIRTH of a child never MADE him a MAN! He is STILL a child; a MAN-CHILD! A "man-baby," but, he is STILL A BABY! The "experience of birth," never MATURED HIM. It have him BIRTH INTO A NEW RELATIONSHIP. Then it takes time for him adjusting himself to know HOW TO LIVE. That's why He tells it over and over and over and over, that in order to enter that SPIRITUAL REALM OF REALITY that Jesus Christ has brought to us, in order to enter it, He says, "You have to be BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT." Why? Because your OLD nature, broken, ruined,...gives you ADAPTATION to time and sense and the phenomena of life HERE, a NATURAL product. But to be BORN OF THE SPIRIT will bring you into a NEW Spiritual relationship with God where the Holy Spirit gives you a birth as REAL and VITAL as any birth in the flesh! A NEW BIRTH! NOT "a new decision in your heart;" now don't get all that mixed up with it! It is an ACTUAL, dynamic REALITY! And we are conscious of it. It isn't something that we HOPE. It is something which we KNOW! His Spirit bears witness with MY spirit, not on a telephone pole over here, INSIDE OF ME! His Spirit bears witness with my spirit IN ME, bears witness to the fact that I'm BORN AFRESH. I have a NEW NATURE. For when you were born in the flesh you became a partaker of HUMAN nature. Born of the Spirit, He says we are PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE. Well now, that doesn't give anybody MATURITY in EITHER field. It didn't give the baby any MATURITY at all, it gave him a POTENTIAL hold of the POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE. All in the Spirit, it's the SAME. We are born as merely little, crying babies...born of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, baptised in the Spirit, gifted by the Spirit, and yet, little, crying babies. Little crying babies, who need to know HOW TO GROW. How to take the "sincere milk of the Word," which is the FIRST ASPECT of the food. Then MEAT, then STRONG MEAT.
4. So, in teaching, we have to remember that there are these different fields, different relationships, and sometimes if we are not careful we get them CONFUSED. Now for instance, I was saying, that the BIRTH in either field does not bring us into MATURITY. It does not develop us! It gives us the POTENTIAL by which we may BECOME developed, and BECOME grown, and become MATURED. I want to talk a little while to show you the difference between two terms which we use, and many people use them interchangeably without sensing the difference. I want to help us to see a difference between NATURE and our CHARACTER. We say, "That's my NATURE...that's my CHARACTER." No..oh,oh, no. Don't say that. The difference between your NATURE and your CHARACTER; they are two different items in your makeup. Now, I'll help you with it this way. When a child is born he is a PARTAKER of the human NATURE, that is, the concept of life, which is, of course, NEW and fresh to him because he is just coming into the world. And when we are

born of the Spirit, it is the same. Now that NATURE is a GIFT. You didn't sit up the night before you were born and decide anything about it at all. You became a partaker of this Adamic NATURE, HUMAN CONCEPT OF LIFE, because you were born. After a while, we began to be conscious of what that was, and many of us didn't LIKE who we are. How many just "fell in love" with yourself when you found out what you were like? Don't be silly! Why, of course not! I anyone has had any revelation at all as to our identity in the human, how many know what a frightening thing it was? We were SCARED and frightened to death! I say, "Oh my God! Is THAT what I'm like?" He says, "Yes." That's why I warn you, don't pray these silly prayers, "Oh, show me my heart, just as it is!!" Well, you'll drop dead! Don't pray it!! "Show me my heart, just as it is!?" Well, it's SILLY!! You think you could take a vision like that? Well no! You'd collapse!! But you know, it "sounds" GOOD; it's kind of RELIGIOUS. Another silly thing in the religious HABITS that we form. How many know some prayers people pray? I know them all by heart. I did when I was younger. I used to know what people would pray and I'd say, "Lord, Ive heard that prayer 27 times; I wish they'd pray something different, SNEEZE of do something DIFFERENT!" But they didn't. They prayed the same old thing over and over and over. And it WEARIED me. Well, they had heard a "jargon," I call it, a RELIGIOUS JARGON. A religious "phraseology." And so they prayed through it too, "... ..precious Lord, and la, la, la...Jesus...la, la, la, la, and you know how it went... Amen!" Well, it "keeps you out of jail!" But He wants something MORE than that. He wants something MORE.

5. So when we speak of our NATURE in either level, that of the FLESH, which is NATURAL and that which is SPIRITUAL; it is TOTALLY A GIFT. We become the RECEIPIENTS of it. We "wake up" to it. We DISCOVER it. We didn't make it, we didn't earn it, we didn't have ANYTHING to do with it! I didn't have anything to do with this business, WHO I am and HOW I am. I hadn't anything to do with it; He never consulted me at all. I just WOKE UP to it, made the DISCOVERY, and so did you. Ha! Strange reactions we have. Aren't they strange? Well, that's all right. Don't be frightened about it. We're all human. Yes, we are, exactly so! But if you get RELIGION, you're supposed NOT to be human? Ha, ha, no, no. When you get GOD, He DEALS with our human natures. Deals with them very STRICTLY. Now that is on the GIFT level, and it is a GIFT. But listen. Your CHARACTER is what YOU PERSONALLY BUILD YOURSELF. YOU build your OWN character in the things of God. Why? Because we are made FREE MORAL AGENTS to CHOOSE. And it's the RESULT of our powers of CHOOSING in this great, vast field of all the items that touch us. And so when we come to CHARACTER, your character is the RESULT of the "5922 million" CHOICES you've made. Here I am right NOW. What AM I right here? I am the sum total of all the CHOICES I have made in my life! Because I am a free moral agent, I may CHOOSE. And those choices REGISTER on me. If I have made a POOR choice, I suffer from it, from SCARS. If I made a GOOD CHOICE, it REGISTERS in me and I am RELEASED and STRENGTHENED. I make another strong, good choice. It strengthens me more. Because by the POWER OF CHOOSING continually, we may develope the CHARACTER that we want.
6. Now you say, "How do you know that?" Now, I know that by reading. "Well, where do you read?" I read the first two chapters of Genesis and I have it. "You do?" Yes, it's all told right there. "How do you get it?" Well, when God created Adam, He created a phenomenal creature. He had made all the other creatures in the world, all the INARTICULATE creation, beautiful, wonderful in it's marvelous aspects; He had made all of that. But there was something He had NOT made. He had not made a human being. He had angels, millions of them. They are spirits who serve Him. They are ministering spirits; they're not human beings. When we sing that old chorus, I always smile, "I want to be an angel, and with the angels stand. A crown upon my forehead, and a palm within my hand." Well, you'll never be angels. We're not in that category. We are human beings. There is the DIVINE nature, ANGELIC nature, HUMAN nature, and BEASTUAL or animal nature. Four natures. They never move one to the other and all. They are all DISTINCT in their OWN category. And they have a functioning all their own. They have laws and regulations in each field. Don't talk about being an angel, that's silly! We hope to be GLORIFIED HUMANITY, and move out on some MOVING OF GOD in ages yet to come.

But we'll never be angels, they are a specific order of creation, with a specific ministry. Don't get that mixed up!

7. Now come back. When He made Adam, He made something that He had never made before. He made him in HIS OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS. well, now don't reduce that to some coporeal bodily thing, that He looked at him and said, "My. I have hands, I better put hands on him." So He made hands. And He said, "I have feet. He'd better have feet." And so He made him in HIS OWN IMAGE. How many see how ridiculous THAT would be? He's not talking about the body at all. He's talking about SOUL and SPIRITUAL QUALITIES which we have. we are made in His image MORALLY and SPIRITUALLY. Two features. MORALLY and SPIRITUALLY, we resemble Him. Now we have to have that BECAUSE HE WANTS FELLOWSHIP. He wants a FELLOWSHIP with him. He made us in the beginning for two things; two objectives that He had. He made us for His own glory, and to give His heart PLEASURE. Now, if we, as Christians, could keep those two objectives before us and know that he has not changed His plan, that tonite the two things that he is expecting from you and from me is the fact we should recognize that. WHY am I born? WHY am I here? To GLORIFY GOD and to DO HIS WILL. And here's something sweet: If you DO His WILL, as HE SEEKS, you will AUTOMATICALLY GLORIFY HIM! For God is GLORIFIED where His WILL is executed. And He has made us, strange, living creatures, responsive to Him, because in our NATURE, Spiritual and moral likeness, we have an affinity, a oneness, a likeness, a fellowship. And upon THAT basis, He says, "I have made you that you should be IN FELLOWSHIP with ME. With ME. I've made you in my image SO THAT I can have FELLOWSHIP WITH YOU, in a unique way that I don't have with any other creature. Because there is the STAMP OF MY VERY LIFE, MY VERY NATURE is upon you." And as He made him, I wish I could take time in here, but the time is too short. I would like to analyse that from two standpoints. This strange creature which He has now brought forth by the act of creation; He has not "evolved." "Barah," to create, "barah," is a SPECIFIC ACT. You have other Hebrew words which involve the idea of progressive unfolding and all of that. But NEVER with this. "Barah..." in the beginning God CREATED...He MADE. An ACT. NOT a PROCESS. An ACT. NOT an evolution. An ACT! "Barah," He MADE. All right. Now He creates, or He MAKES man.
8. Now if we had time, I want to approach him from two angles. I have to talk fast tonite and I can't tell it all in a minute. But I'll give you this brief outline so that you can see what I mean. You see, he is a TRINITY in either aspect. If you look at him as a human being, he is a TRINITY. If you look at him as a dynamic personality, he is a TRINITY. Because God works with the number THREE all the time. Three is everywhere evident. The Trinity moves about us everywhere. The stamp of the Trinity is upon us. How? In the very fact of creation. He made me spirit, soul, and body. Now, that is as a human being, those are the marks that I have that distinguish me from an animal, from the rest of the creatures. Spirit, soul, body. Now as a human being, I will have a trinity again. But don't define it this way, because you're going to get into trouble. People who are so terrific on definitions, I'm always wary of them, because when you DEFINE anything, you say "this IS the definition," how many know you've tied yourself up in a box right away? You have NO latitude. You have NO latitude. You have NO latitude, it's THAT, and THAT'S the definition. Now, in describing personality, I wouldn't describe it solely on the basis of a trinity, so as, "He is an intelligent being," of course---we will begin with that. He is an INTELLIGENT being. He is gifted of the intellect. Great CAPACITY; a marvelous mind. Think of what a mind he must of had in Adam when He said, "Name the animals." Well, how? A rabbit went by and he said, "rabbit!" Then a cat went by and he said, "cat!" And a dog barked and he said, "dog!" Oh, don't be so crazy, silly, foolish!! No! To NAME the animal is to DISCERN it so carefully that you can give ONE word which will sum up it's whole attributes. That was what it was to NAME. He had that keen sense of PENETRATION and INTUITION to NAME according to the CHARACTER that it bore, that the name he gave it was a "summing" word, that would tell it's whole category. Well, you have to have a great MIND and brains to do THAT! And that's what he HAD. He said, "YOU name them. Express now, what's in you, the possibility that you have to DISCERN these things." What a tremend-

ous mind he must have had! What terrific penetration he had in all these fields, to have DOMINION and AUTHORITY. A marvelous intellectual capacity. A GIFT with which he could discern and know, moving on this level, of course. Then He said, "There is another quality in you. I will give you a whole EMOTIONAL RANGE for your reactions. All of the whole emotional range that you have." God CREATED us with that. Don't be AFRAID of your emotions. They may be very much OUT OF ORDER and BROKEN down, and need mending, but never apologize for one of them! Basically, they belong to that perfect, that perfect concept of a man. They belong there. All the wonderful emotions which we have, that all belongs THERE. Then underneath all of that, He have him something ELSE. He says, "I will place in you a WILL of your own. I have a WILL. All that I'm doing is the OUTCOME of My WILL. I will put in you a WILL, too. What is that? A POWER TO CHOOSE. You may look at a situation, that has the possibilities of CHOOSING, and in you will rest this power of CHOICE. But I will WARN YOU, KEEP CHOOSING WITH ME! I will COME and REVEAL to you MY THOUGHT, My WILL, and My PURPOSE. I have made you for My glory. I have made you for my pleasure. And I will reveal to you My WILL, and you CHOOSE WITH ME! CHOOSE WITH ME! You HAVE the power NOT to choose, but I WARN YOU to CHOOSE! Because I ask you to CHOOSE WITH ME does not mean you haven't any CHOICE! You still HAVE IT! But I WARN you, CHOOSE WITH ME! And AS you choose with Me, MY choice, moving, vibrating, moving out through you, God will be GLORIFIED, His WILL be done, and YOU shall come INTO THE PURPOSE AND THOUGHT AND DESIRE OF MY HEART. You will GROW under that, and come to a place...of what? Of showing forth MY IMAGE AND MY LIKENESS! A perfect reflection of MY IMAGE and MY LIKENESS, because you hold POTENTIALLY all that's necessary to do that. Now...CHOOSE WITH ME!

9. So, when we look at him from either angle, as a human being, spirit, soul, and body, and as a personality, gifted with great intellectual powers, an emotional range, and a power to choose, he stands there and God looked upon him and God's benediction was, "It is very good!" Well, now let me go back just a minute to help you with something. I people ask you to talk about personaltiy and like that, don't start "defining" it. Why you say, "Well, ANY creature that ahs these 3 items that are so wonderful, a mind and a power of choosing, and anemotional life; that would be what I say is a personality." No, don't say that. Now when you define that, let me show you....shall I show you where you get wrong? How many want to know shere you'll be wrong if you say that? Now don't make your definition so "tight." And you say, "This creature, whatever it may be, if it has intellectual powers, emotional reactions, and a WILL of it's own, why that's...he MUST be a person!" No, it isn't. You bring a little donkey in here. How many know a donkey is intelligent enough to know some things? It says an ox knows where it eats. How many know an animal has SOME intelligence, don't they? They sure do. That little donkey would have intelligence to know to come in and go out, and alot of things. He has quite a little brain capacity. How many know animals have emotional life? How many ever seen a dog when he's got jealous? Come on, own up! Have you? How many ever seen a dog when he LAUGHED? You know what I mean? Yes. Man is the only animal who "laughs," but I've seen dogs when I think they really laugh! Yes, how many know that animals have quite a range in the emotions? They are jealous, they're happy, they're mad, they get "ugly." All great emotional range. How many know they have a WILL of their own too? That little donkey; how many know HE has a will? Have you ever tried to drive a mule when he didn't want to go? Well, what was that in him? Well, that was his WILL POWER! He says, "I won't! I won't! I won't!" Well now, that little old mule can THINK, he has emotional reactions, and he has a power to CHOOSE. Is he a PERSON? Come on now, is he a person? No! He's not gifted with personality at all! Well, I'd like to open that with you for about an hour, dear. I would like to just want to say go to town on that. But I don't have time. How many can see a beautiful field? I'll help you with two little things right in there, so that those who are hanging in the air saying, "Tell us the reason why?"...well now, the man, as a PERSONALITY, has something more than that. More than the animal has, he ahs two things. He has what I call, "SELF-consciousness," over and against "body-consciousness." The animal is "body-conscious," but he is not "self-conscious." He hasn't any idea about his IDENTITY. A horse can't stand up and say, "I'm a HORSE! I weigh so many pounds, I can draw so much, I can..." A horse can't DO that! He knows to eat and pull, and to be obedient,

but he has NO sense at as as to ENTITY. How many know what I mean now? "Self-entity," he hasn't that! Animals haven't that. They move under the laws of, well, INSTINCT, and they are BODY conscious through sense perception. But they have NO SOUL qualities in them. They can't say that. What else? The animal has NO CONSCIOUS. And man is BLESSED with a conscious. How many sense what I mean now? Animals learn NOT to do and TO DO, NOT from a MORAL sense, but from training. Now some dogs know NOT to do this, and TO DO that. That is NOT a MORAL decision, it's a decision he makes because if he doesn't do that, he'll get "licked." Do you get it or don't you? This is kind of "tight." Do you mind me teaching? Do you like it? All right. I'll go along a little more with you. I want to help you get some of this stuff straightened out in your thinking, because God deals with us and if we aren't intelligent, half the time we don't know WHAT He's doing with us. We pray ONE thing, He comes down and DOES it, and we turn right around and pray Him right OUT of the window! Well, because we don't KNOW. HE knows that. He is very PATIENT with us.

10. So there he stands, as a strange, unique, human creature. A human being, and God's benediction was, "It is very good." Very GOOD. Well now, listen. That was his benediction upon Adam BEFORE he had FUNCTIONED in ANY way. Yes, he had not yet FUNCTIONED in ANY WAY. But as as CREATED creature, He was very pleased and satisfied with what He had MADE. But you see, he had become a PARTAKER of human nature. He was a human being, because God MADE him a human being. That was a GIFT to him. He hadn't anything to do with it; he was the RECEIPIENT. God MADE him, created him a human being, responsive in all these fields I've been trying to just briefly touch. I can't analyse them as I would like to, I'm just giving you a sketchy, little hazy introduction to that field. But how many see, it's a lovely field to get in? That's where I like to move around and find things. I find alot of good things in it too, because the Lord shows it to me. I find it in the Bible. That pleases me more; then I get real blessed, because I find it's in the Word and it's according to His plan and according to what He's doing. Then He makes me a little more intelligent as to what God is doing, so that I can ACT PROPERLY with Him.
11. Now let's come back. Intellectual gift--tremendous. Does he try them? Certainly he tries them; that's all right. But you see, here are these three elements in him. Now they all have to have a place or a field of demonstration of action and moving. He has not yet developed the CHARACTER, the CHARACTER God sees POSSIBLE in him, which will become the MEDIUM for the reflection of the LIKENESS AND NATURE of God. His IMAGE and LIKENESS. That image and likeness cannot be reflected in just a piece of flesh, walking around. There has to be a CHARACTER, formed and shaped, in that vehicle. And God was making Adam...that was merely Adam as the POTENTIAL, the POTENTIAL creature, and He says, "It is good." But he hasn't FUNCTIONED yet. "I have made him that he may GLORIFY GOD and bear His IMAGE AND LIKENESS; do the WILL OF GOD." How can he do that? You have to subject him to a LAW. What is it? THE LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING. For your LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING is the BASIC element in your CHARACTER BUILDING! A law of testing and proving. So what does God do? Well, God placed him in the garden, and of course being His creature, he has to look after him. He didn't say to Adam, "You'll die if you don't work now and earn something." No,no,no,no,no,no,no,no! He is GOD'S creature, and God is responsible for His creature! Adam did not ASK to come here, and since God created him, then God is under all OBLIGATION to take care of him! And God DOES take care of him. And when you are BORN OF THE SPIRIT, and become a child of God,...oh, I wish I could open that to you! You are born unto a fresh, new, lovely creation. And God is RESPONSIBLE for you and me. Both of us. And we don't have to lay awake all night, "Oh Lord! I need a pair of shoes!! Well, where is God?!! "...I guess He's in heaven!?" Oh!...what funny prayers people make! Why don't you pray the kind of prayer HE WANTS along the lines taht have to do WITH HIM? What kind of heavenly Father have you that wouldn't give you a pair of shoes? What's the matter with you?! I had a father in the flesh that gave me boots when I was born in the country, when we wore leather boots with little copper toes on them. Ha, ha...I remember when

dad took me down in the fall to shop. I tell you, we lived way back in the country... to town to shop to get me boots for the winter. Was I ever so happy and proud, walking around with little leather boots about as big as that with cooper toes on them too! Dad GAVE them to me. I never cried, "Oh DAD! I'll die!!" Why, he said, "No...come on son!" And then he would give them to me. Now He makes a gardne. It has all the trees for their food. Everything they need, and He said He made it for their FOOD. Now here are two SPECIAL trees in that garden, in the midst of that garden. There is one called the TREE OF LIFE, of which he was to CONTINUALLY to partake of this Tree of Life, because it was a SYMBOL tree, to keep him ever in mind this thought: I HAVE NO INDEPENDENCE OF MY OWN. I HAVE NO LIFE RESOURCES IN ME. I AM A DEPENDENT CREATURE. I AM A CREATED CREATURE. IT IS NOT IN ME TO LIVE. GOD MUST GIVE ME LIFE. MY LIFE COMES FOR GOD. And so, God say, "To keep that ever in your mind, here is the Tree of Life. Eat of this and you will ever LIVE WITH ME. It is a SYMBOL, it's a SYMBOL tree. PARTAKE of this. It is the Tree of Life, to let you know that there is NO LIFE INDEPENDENT FROM ME. You have NO LIFE independent of ME at all. What life you have, I give to you. Here's your tree to illustrate it and to keep that ever in your mind." I am a DEPENDENT creature. There is NO LIFE in me. I am a LIMITED creature. I can function only as far as my human nature permits me. I'm NOT an angel, and therefore, I'm not trying to "fly." I'm not an angel, therefore, I don't appear and disappear. I am a human being bound under the STRUCTURAL LAW OF THE HUMAN CONCEPT OF LIFE, glory to God! BOUND in it! Wrapped up in it! Moving in it, the structural law of my being that holds me. And He says, "Here are these 2 features: You are LIMITED, to move within the bounds of whatever that human concept SPELLS. If it spells over here or here, you move and vibrate and live and have your being in THAT, IN ME. In ME. Dependent on Me continually. CONTINUALLY. NO LIFE in you. The LIFE is in ME. LIVE IN ME."

12. Now let's stop just for a minute. I'll come back in a minute. Let me help you. How many see something in the NT like that? Do you see Jesus' teaching? The SAME philosophy. He HAS to teach exactly the same. And so He gets His disciples together and He says, "Listen. You have NO independence. You have NO life of your OWN. Abide in ME. Abide in ME. As the branches abide in the vine, and I'M THE VINE! You are NOT the VINE! You are the BRANCH; you abide in ME! Neither have you any life INDEPENDENT of ME." How many see the same philosophy and teaching? Well, Truth is the SAME wherever you go. Wherever you go, Truth is always the SAME. I have sometimes have said, "Lord, this lovely field of Truth that You lett me see..." and He lets me see so many lovely things. I just love Him for it. I think He's wonderful, "...and I touch a little bit of Truth here...it's like a big web." How many ever touched a spider's web here, and had it vibrate; the whole web vibrate? Have you ever done that? Just try to pick out a fly that's got caught in the web. How many know every cable of that web will begin to vibrate? Well, that's like Truth. It's such a vast field, so intricate, marvelous and beautiful, that if I tackle a bit of Truth in this part of it, I find that Truth is vibrating way over in Job. Then I "wiggle" again and it comes up in Revelation. And I "wiggle" a little more and I find it in Psalms. Do you get me or don't you? Yes, that's the way it is with me, maybe I'm "funny," but that's the way I see things. I have a good time. Don't you think I do. Sure! I just have a MARVELOUS time with the Lord. I wish the people would let us both alone sometimes, but they don't. I say, "I get along good with the Lord, and the Lord seems to get along with me, but it's these eternal "funny" spirits I feel around me all the time." Well, I'm a sensitised plate. How many know I am already? Terrifically so. I wish I were not sometimes; I'd be very "happy." But then I guess I'd get tired of it. I'd wiggle somebody just to "wake them up!" Have you ever seen people so "wonderful" as that? I always feel like shaking them, but then I mustn't because that would be very "bad." But there are people who...their whole make-up...I just want to SCREAM. I say, "Lord, get me away!" What's the matter? I don't know...they're so "awful good." Oh, I said,...uhhhh! I want to say, "HOOOOOOOOH!!!," Just like that!, you know, and WAKE THEM UP! They'll say, "What's the matter?" Well I say, "You're ASLEEP darling. Wake up. Life is HERE."

13. So we'll come back to this "abiding." Here's your TREE. Full of LIFE. He says, "Partake of that continually. You'll live with me; you'll love FOREVER. Eternal life. LIFE. Now, here's ANOTHER tree." He says, "This is THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL." WHO planted it? God. Most people think the Devil got over the wall when God didn't know it and HE planted one of these awful trees in the garden called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and he was just going to SHIPWRECK God's doings. No, no, no. GOD planted it. I've had people say, "Well, Follette, why in the world when God had made man so wonderful and everything good; why did He go plant a tree like that?" Well, my heavens, HE HAD TO! Well, WHY? That's the BASIS now, for the beginning of the RELEASING. How many see it? Yes. Why? Here's where the POWER TO CHOOSE may have OCCASSION. His intellect has been working marvelously. He loves the Lord of course, devotedly. God says, "Here's another element in you that must find it's PROVING too. You have a POWER TO CHOOSE, and I'm going to make THAT the BASIS. Now, here is a Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. I WARN YOU! I WARN YOU! BECAUSE I love you, I WARN YOU. Because I LOVE you...DON'T BOTHER WITH IT AT ALL! Now, don't REASON about it. I'm just telling you---LET IT ALONE!" "But...I just...," "LET IT ALONE!" "Well...I wanted to see how tall...," "LET IT ALONE!" "I...wanted to find out what fruit...," "LET IT ALOOOOONE!" Wasn't THAT fair warning? Yes, fair warning. Because God said, "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely DIE." How many funerals had he attended that he knew about "die?" Why, he didn't know anymore about, "die," than that piece of wood. Not at all. All he knew was LIFE. What DID he know? He know that he was to be OBEDIENT to GOD! That's what he DID know. He didn't have to know "WHY" and "HOW" and "WHAT KIND" of tree, and "whyyy, whyyy, whyyy, whyyy, whyyy!" Don't, "Whyyyy, whyyy," God! Be STILL!! Oh these people who, "Whyyy, whyyy, whyyy, whyyy," at God! SIT DOWN! Love Him and worship Him! "Well...WHYYYY...WHYYYY does God...?" Don't "WHY" Him, WORSHIP HIM! I was made to WORSHIP God, not to "WHY" God. "When!?...Why?..." No. WORSHIP Him. He tells us ENOUGH as it is. If I walked in all the LIGHT that I HAVE NOW, I would be going some. Wouldn't you? Yes. "I want to know WHY!" No...He can't tell you...He can't tell you.
14. Now He says, "In the day thou eatest therelf thou shalt surely die. I WARN you, however, in order to PROVE the powers of your CHOICE, I've placed it here. CHOOSE WITH ME." Make it a POSITIVE CHOICE. "I CHOOSE WITH GOD. I CHOOSE WITH GOD. Yes, Lord! NO, tree! Yes, Lord..." You know, the two hardest words in the English language to pronounce are little words. One is "YES," and one is "NO." Did you know they are the hardenst words to pronounce? I think everyone of you had occassion when that was one of the hardest words you'd have to say. Yes or No. You could say all the other words, but He reduces it to such SIMPLICITY. Have you ever had an occassion when you knew the ONLY word God wanted you to say was, "Yes," or DIE? How many know what it is to say, "No," AND die? Yes, yes, yes. Those are two strange little words, but our destinies hang on the pronunciation of them. He said, "Choose with ME. Choose with ME." "Yes, Lord...No, Tree...Yes, Lord...No, Tree...Yes, Lord..." So He puts him to his very first TEST. Now, this is the first TEST that he has, in the DEVELOPMENT of his whole lovely CHARACTER in God. The CHARACTER is the individual MANIFESTATION of the WILL OF GOD wrought in a PERSON, displaying GOD'S THOUGHT and GOD'S GLORY. And so, of course, we know the story, that he DISOBEYS and takes of the forbidden fruit, and what happens? Well, the scripture says, "Thou shalt DIE." And he fell right over in the garden there, a corpse! And Eve said, "My land! What'll I do with him!" ...No. Well, do you know, that sounds funny, but do you know people come to me with funny things just as that? I want to "laugh" right ou loud sometimes, but I don't dare to, they'd think I was "horrible." So I say, "Is THAT the way you think dear?" And they say, "YES, Brother Follette." Oh...I said...Oh, oh, oh...you know I need an awful lot of prayer to get through. I admire these beautiful creatures who go through so sublimly, ..."Precious Lord..." Well, I fade away about four times a day in a kind of a thing like that! No.
15. Now, come back. "Yes, Lord...No..." Now what is he doing. This is the FIRST OCCASSION to DEMONSTRATE and show back to God what GOD wanted, that he will say, "Yes, Lord..."



THY WILL...Yes, Lord...Yes, Lord..," and "NO" to this "tree episode." People say, "What would happen?" Well, I think you know too. How many know there would have been a RELEASING in him of something in this glory and thing God wanted? There would have been. There would have been a BUILDING UP and a RELEASING of the VERY THING GOD WANTED, which can ONLY BE PRODUCED in this unique, strange fashion. But if the operation would have been there exactly, and that would have begun to move in him...well, there would be a QUALITATIVE STRENGTH. A qualitative strength. What would happen again? He would meet ANOTHER TREE, dear. "Well, if he gets through THAT one, what would happen?" He will meet still ANOTHER TERR. How many get my philosophy? How many know it? Of course. Of course. Of course.

1. Your CHARACTER isn't developed by ONE choice. Ten thousand choices! And they register CONTINUALLY upon your immortal spirit. You BECOME, in essence and reality, EXACTLY WHAT YOU CHOOSE. Because we are RECORDING AGENTS, reacting agents, whether we like it or not, we REACT to every external stimuli there is. We DO, whether we want to or not! Sometimes it's a CONSCIOUS recording, sometimes it's quite in our sub-conscious region. But sometimes I like to believe with old psychiatrist Jung of Switzerland, who was a godly\*\* psychiatrist...he said underneath that is the social consciousness. And I have tracings of it and I believe it. Yes, I do, because I've seen tracings of it. Conscious, sub-conscious, social consciousness. Now this man, WOULD have developed. Something in him would have been RELEASED. And again he would have had still ANOTHER, and ANOTHER, because the CHARACTER that God was after, the reflecting of the IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, can ONLY come through a LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING--BY CHOOSING. A LAW--TESTING AND PROVING, testing and proving, testing and proving. Does THAT give us our NATURE? NO. That is a GIFT. How many see it BUILDS MY CHARACTER? How many follow me tonite? Is this all right? Am I allright here? All right. I want to help you. How many are getting some help? Those who are not, just show your "sanctification" by saying, "I can take it!" And just grit your teeth! Some people don't care for teaching, of course, they always have to get a "great victory" over me. They want me to sing and dance and to exhibit some gifts. Oh, I have several gifts, but I'm not interested just now on that level. I'm interested on ANOTHER level. That's right. I believe in all those things, but I want to get over HERE just now, because you can't stay THERE playing with all that, "da,da,da,da!" That's good for your ELEMENTARY work, but not over here where God's calling you. How many know God's calling you OUT of something? How many know that? Now, let's be honest. How many know that the TRANSITION is a "little trying" to you? Put your hand up! I'd put up both feet, but I don't want to get up. Yes, it's very TRYING, but it is NECESSARY. How many see why, as a teacher, I have an "awful" time? Yes, a frightful time. But you see, we HAVE TO TAKE IT, because there are TRANSITIONAL PERIODS when we have to move from ONE level, which is good, to ANOTHER, and from that to ANOTHER, and from that to ANOTHER, because we are in A CONTINUAL, PROGRESSIVE, SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION! That's right! A SPIRITUAL evolution! That's right. It has it's LAWS, and it's POWERS, and it's TECHNIQUE, as REAL as anything in the flesh, only it's ABSTRACT and it's in the Spirit, where God has called us to LIVE. And we have to LEARN that. Things over in the realm of the Spirit have become sometimes MORE REAL to me than the things that I "handle" here. They have. It's taken years to develop that, but to me, there are entities in my SPIRITUAL LIFE with God that are MORE REAL than this piece of wood. THIS comes through "sense perception." But there is an understanding in the REALM OF THE SPIRIT, through the Holy Spirit, that is RICHER, and more substantial than anything that I have with this. Because THAT will ABIDE. THIS will perish.
2. So now He says, "In the day thou eatest, thou shalt surely DIE." Well, he didn't fall over DEAD. What DIED? There was this strange creature. His Spiritual life up here in God, with Spiritual capacity, his whole emotional range, and a body with all of it's sense perception. Well, when he is disobedient, the SPIRITUAL LIFE which he has had with God DIES. The CAPACITY still remains. The CAPACITY for that still remains. But, the life has become extinct. He says, "You will DIE. You will merely be a psychic, physical being. Intellectual, psychically alive; a BODY alive. But as far as SPIRITUAL CONTACT with ME---DEAD." Did Jesus recognize that? Absolutely. "While she is walking," speaking of a woman, He says, "yet she is DEAD." How many know the world is full of DEAD people? Thousands of them. Do you see how they are SUB-NORMAL as far as the creation that God wanted? They are born perfectly SUB-NORMAL. Now this would be hard to take to a highly trained, educated person. A cultured, refined person who is the epitome of GOOD FLESH, and go to him and say, "You are SUB-NORMAL." How many know THAT would be horrible? But how many know it would be TRUE? Why? Because this CAPACITY for Spiritual REALITY, which was LOST, that SPIRITUAL REALITY was LOST, that

\*\*NOTE: Follette, at this point in time, was apparently unaware of the fact that Jung had become quite UNGODLY, and involved in the occult.

LIFE was LOST, but the CAPACITY for it is STILL HERE. I was only reading today where Paul speaks of being RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT! We become RENEWED! Well, the thing that has the Spirit for the FIRST time is not RENEWED. The thought is, DEATH and SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS. We are RENEWED in the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes and indwells us, how many know the personality set-up comes NORMAL? Comes BACK to it's NORM. That's right, it becomes NORMAL, so that God has ACCESS now through the power of the Holy Spirit...in my Spiritual consciounee, this part that was made for Him. But He says, "THAT is DEAD. Your BODY will live and function, but you see, you have partaken of this tree, that spells DEATH, and there's DEATH all the way through. And in time, you BODY will die! In time, that BODY WILL DIE! Because death is pronounced upon you. You are DEAD." We are dead in tresspasses and sin when we are born. "In sin did my mother conceive me. In sin was I born." He knows that. Why? Because THAT is what I INHERIT from my FIRST ADAM. A terrific inheritance, but we all INHERIT that. Now, that is why we have to be REBORN, or BORN OF THE SPIRIT, to come into a fresh consciousness again where God eventually wants us and will tarry us, then we become AWAKE SPIRITUALLY unto Him, and the things of the Spirit become REAL. Otherwise they are ONLY KNOWN THROUGH OUR FLESH.

3. There are people today, who know so much---RELIGIOUSLY! "All about God," these terrifying theologians. I speak with some respect, of course, because I'm a college man, a seminary man; I've been through all that business. But I see where it falls down, NOW. I didn't at the time; I didn't know what was the matter with me until I began to see "loop-holes" in the thing, but I didn't dare to open my mouth. I knew it, but I didn't dare say anything because the professors knew so much more than the rest of us. How many know sometimes a little child can know more than a professor? Because high-bound...they are bound in that thing. Like in psycology, it's a FIXATION. It is very difficult to DEAL with. I've had to deal with numbers of them, professors, and doctors of divinity, and all the rest of them; they come to my place. They find me up in the woods. I live back where nobody hears of sees me. It's weeks and months and months before I have contact with any real, living...but they find a way to get there and say, "Follette, tell me THIS...explain THIS,...I know you have it, now tell me THAT." Well, I say, "You have six degrees now, after your name and you come to ME?" "You HAVE it! Please TELL me!" Well, I said, "All I know is what I see in the Spirit." Well, they say, "You must see PLENTY, because what you have is REAL!" And it "clicks" with them. Surely! Well why not? THEY KNOW ABOUT GOD. But they DON'T KNOW GOD. You KNOW GOD through the power of the Holy Spirit. And TRUTH COMES BY REVELATION. NOT, "scientific deduction," nor "religious jargon," nor "rationalizations." Not at all. You know ABOUT the situation. But you don't KNOW GOD. We only KNOW GOD through the SPIRIT Who has come to REVEAL THE FATHER. That's why a very UNTUTORED person, if he's HONEST, if his life is CLEAN, and sweet and open to God; you know he can find out tremendous things in God? Why? It doesn't DEPEND UPON HIS MENTAL CAPACITIES. It's the SINCERITY OF HIS HEART, HUMILITY of his spirit, to become as a little child. "Except ye become as a little child...you'll never get it. You'll never get into this kingdom at all." So He says, "In the day thou eatest, thou shall surely DIE." So he DIES. Now, through that, all of us are BORN, naturally, in the world, with that BROKEN HUMAN CONCEPT in which we are involved. With some, the shattering pieces seem to be so terrifying. In others, they are hardly discernable because we have established certain LAWS, a STATUS which we have established, the LAWS by which we count or EVALUATE things. Don't DO that! That's good over here in the flesh, but you can't carry that over into the REALM OF THE SPIRIT and get anywhere at all. Not at all. You just can't. It won't work there.
4. Now, come back...makes me think...I'll read it to you. When Adam is conscious of the fact that he has failed God, what was his FIRST REACTION? SIN has come. FEAR has come, instead of LOVE. FEAR is always your DISORGANIZING element. LOVE is constructive and creative. FEAR is always DESTRUCTIVE. Why has the Devil come? To KILL,

to DESTROY, to ROB! How many get that is all the NEGATIVE aspect? That is the functioning of the power of the enemy over and against Christ. And what did He say? "I have come to give you LIFE, AND THAT MORE ABUNDANTLY." Well, I could open that to you, but I can't take time now. And so he has partaken, and his CONSCIOUS IS DISTURBED. He knows that MORALLY, SPIRITUALLY, he has NO ACCESS TO GOD. For he is DEAD! He is DEAD! There's NO ACCESS! Only a condemnation and a horrible sense of FEAR. What does he say when God comes down to be with him? "I was AFRAID." Now that's the first place in the Word of God that you hear the word, "FEAR." It's not mentioned before that. FEAR doesn't belong in the category of Christians. "Perfect love casts out fear." Fear is the destroying thing. Fear DISTURBS. Fear is always a DESTRUCTIVE element. The love of God is CREATIVE. Get AGAPE. Don't use EROS. Don't use PHILO. Don't use those other Greek words. Don't use that. Use AGAPE. That's creative; that's sustaining; that's powerful. And so, he is conscious of that, and God comes down and DEALS with him. And I don't know...I like to linger sometimes about that little story in the second chapter of Genesis. How in the cool of the evening God came down to DEAL with him. Now listen. This is the first time God has dealt with Adam since he DIED. Have you thought of that? Or haven't you thought of that? Have you thought of that? This is the FIRST contact He has with him. The last contact He had with him, he was a living, lovely, responsive creature. Loving God, in obedience and light, doing His will, desiring it. This time when He comes, is the FIRST that God deals with him as a DEAD CREATURE. It's His own child. His own creation. But there is this awful GULF that is fixed; this awful BREACH. No fellowship. No response. No oneness. And so, when God came down, He asked a QUESTION and He says, "...well I wonder...I wonder like this...I'll be frank with you, I know how things are often interpreted. I don't think that as He came down and spoke to him in the garden, that He came with a terrifying REBUKE in His heart in saying, "You miserable sinner!! The hell with you!!" No. No. No, no. No. No, no. I can't BELIEVE that at all. When He came, I don't think He said, "Adam, WHERE ART THOU!!!" I can't believe that. It isn't LIKE GOD. "Well, didn't he need to be..." Yes. Now let GOD do the correction, dear. These people who say, "Well, he DESERVED IT! He ought to get..." Now, do,do,do, do! Let GOD DO THAT. I think this is the first expression I can find, where God gives vent to, or manifests in anyway, the fact that HIS HEART IS BROKEN. I think He came and said, "Oh Adam! Oh Adam! Adam! Adam! Where ART thou?!" All I can feel is this terrific PATHOS in it. That's all I can feel. I think that's the first little intimation of the BROKEN HEART OF GOD. His creature, that He had made for His glory...this one who'd had sweet fellowship, this one who was to bear His Name, this one who was to GLORIFY HIM. I think His HEART WAS BROKEN. He said, "Oh Adam! Where ART thou?" I cannot seem to feel otherwise in that. If I try in the Spirit to visualize God coming down to send him to hell...I can't get that straight at all. "Well," people say, "doesn't he NEED hell?" I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the ATTITUDE OF GOD. I think the eternal attitude of God toward any sinner, is that His HEART IS BROKEN. That He LOVES him. He WANTS him. He has GIVEN HIS SON for him. "Oh Adam! Where art thou?"

5. I want to read you something God gave me at Christmas time along this line, and I hadn't seen it before. For many years; I'm a poet, some of you know that; I'm a poet. And I have one book of verse, and much of it has been acknowledged by the American Poet Society. I was quite flattered. But they have accepted, delighted with it. The book is out of print now, the Methodist Book Concern printed it for me years ago. "Smoking Flax." The flax that smolders and smokes, and as it smokes, I catch all these glorious and beautiful and wonderful reactions in the smoke. Not a "flaming fire." I'm never a flaming fire. I'm to "mystical" for that. And so, I have written. And when I was in Bible college, Bible school, really, way back in Bible school days, every Christmas I used to write a poem. It started one year when I wanted to give my children in school a token of my love because they all loved me and gave me little presents. New handkerchiefs and neckties, and things and all. And I didn't have anything to give them, and I said, "Lord, all of these lovely boys and girls, they are

so beautiful to me, and I just love everyone of them! You know, in the Spirit, when you feel something, your impact if upon them, how many know you just love them? There's a peculiar love there. Then you can't help it. You can't help it; it's THERE. And I said, "Lord, I'd like to give them..." And He said, "You can give them a poem." And I thought that was lovely, and He gave me a most beautiful poem for Christmas. And I had it printed on suitable greeting cards and gave it to them. And the next year they say, "Oh Follette, will you do another poem this year?" And I said, "I don't know. I can write, but I hate mechanical writing, because you can do it. I want inspiration or I can't get anywhere." I said that I could write, but I don't like to do that just because I know the LAW of it. I said, "If God gives me a poem, I'm happy with it. And I prayed, and God gave me another one. And the third year, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth...this year was my forty-fourth! Forty-fourth Christmas poem, every year something FRESH. I said, "Lord, how come I get so many, and ALL of them different?" He said, "You are dealing with the thought of the Nativity, which is NEVER exhausted." You could, you know, you could write a million poems on it! Why? Because it is of God, it is a Spiritual variety. It's not something of a mundane spirit at all. It is DIVINE. And so He said, "If you approach it in the Spirit, I can give you a poem every year. And everyone will be different because you are coming to a new aspect of the Trinity and a new aspect of the birth of Jesus, a new aspect of Bethlehem and that whole story." So I hadn't written anything this year, this last year, and it got way up to being November, and I thought, "Oh dear. God hasn't said anything. Maybe I'm getting tired and old, and maybe I won't write anymore." So I rather let it ride along. When you get as old as I am, you feel sometimes that maybe you've outgrown somethings. You see, I'm over 80 years old; it's time I get through with some things. And I thought, "Here I am, over 80, and still writing as if I am 65 or 70." And I feel just as if I WERE 70. I never know the difference. But they tell me I'm older. I was going to say it says so in the Bible! I mean our family Bible, because I was recorded then. I said, "Lord, I'm old; maybe I won't get any." Well, I was reading and let me tell you what I was reading, and what happened! I was reading about this wonderful story of the Lord coming down to speak to Adam. And I had never seen, and I had lived a good while and had read it dozens of times, but I had never seen this before. This is, "The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons." Oh, wouldn't that be nice to open? Do you know what that is? Well...never mind. "And they heard THE VOICE OF THE LORD WALKING IN THE GARDEN, in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife HID themselves in the presence of the Lord, from the presence of the Lord among the trees of the garden." And as I read it I saw, "And they HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD WALKING..." "Well," I thought, "is the grammar right?" They heard the VOICE WALKING? Not the LORD walking, but they heard the VOICE OF THE LORD WALKING. How many see a difference? How many see a difference between "they heard the LORD walking," and "they heard the VOICE OF THE LORD walking?" Well, that got my curiosity up. I said, "Now, listen Lord. Please help me. I never saw that before. It says they heard YOUR VOICE walking." I said, "They didn't hear Your footsteps because He wasn't anywhere near them!" And they didn't hear his VOICE because he hadn't spoken. Well then, WHAT DID THEY HEAR? Well, it says they heard the VOICE OF THE LORD WALKING. How many want to know something? Do you want to know what He told me? Well He told me, He said, "Well now, you'll have to study on it and look it up." So I like to go to my OT in my Hebrew, and I like to do my NT, when I get stuck, in Greek Testament, because I can get so many new words, fresh words, and sometimes the syntax, and sometimes the verb formations are terrific. The Greek with your verbs are terrific. Get William's translation if you want something with verbs. Williams' translation, terrific in verbs; he's expert. So I thought, "I'll get my Hebrew book out and I'll get my lexicon, and my Bible, and I'll see what this thing is." They heard the VOICE. How could they hear a voice? So I looked, and you know, let me help you, THERE ISN'T ANY HEBREW WORD FOR VOICE OF A HUMAN BEING. There's no Hebrew word for it. It is SOUND. SOUND. But when SOUND comes from a human, we call

it VOICE. They merely call it SOUND. Wasn't that strange? Just one little word, "Qal," and it means SOUND. Everything has "it's sound." It's SOUND. And I thought, "Well, there's no word for VOICE at all!" What did they hear? Something that you hear, as it were a SOUND. And yet He wasn't near them, that they could hear Him footsteps, and He hadn't even SPOKEN to them. Now let me help you. Perhaps it would help you this way. The PRESENCE OF GOD, many times, is made known to us, not by a SOUND that you would make with your hands (like) knocking on wood. How many of you know in the SPIRIT, the PRESENCE OF THE LORD, without any SOUND at all? Come on, own up! Come on, be with me! Yes. Well, now what was that? Did you hear? How many have HEARD THE VOICE of the Lord, and NO SOUND? This is getting "strange" in here! Do you like it? All right. Come along with me; I'll let you go in a few minutes. Is it time to go? Oh, no...at eleven o'clock we have a coffee break, so be encouraged. Now, He got me here and I said, "I see it Lord! I see it! I see it." SOUND, not VOICE, because there is no word for VOICE, meaning "whatever that person RADIATES." As he EXUDES, as he GIVES, is called his VOICE or his SOUND. How many know everyone of us have a SOUND or a VOICE aside from my VOCAL? Yes, we have. Yes, we have... yes, we have. We have the Holy Spirit, and we don't "hear" a thing. How many of you know when He is there? Yes, you know when He is there. How many have felt it in another person and never say a word? Surely. Well, what is that? I think it is a HANGOVER, coming down through centuries, of a SENSITIVITY that must have been in the ORIGINAL ADAM TO DETECT GOD. And oh, I feel the Spirit when I get in there... ..so it is. So let it be. The Spirit supercedes that of flesh and nature. Always does. There was a sense of the presence of the Lord...walking...a sense of walking... ..walking...walking...and God just pulled me right together on it and said, "Do you get that?" God was walking...walking...he had the sense that it was that, although he didn't hear anything with his ears. And there was no voice VOCAL. That sound became VOCAL when He got near to Adam and He could speak and call him by name. That very VOICE---SOUND, was still there, and the SOUND OF GOD said, the SOUND, meaning the VOICE. We call it VOICE. But in your Hebrew it is just the word SOUND. And He was walking. And I said, "I can see that Lord."

6. Well, God said, "He came down in the cool of the day, the cool of the evening, TO WALK WITH ADAM." Do you DETECT A SENSE OF FELLOWSHIP? How many detect a sense of FELLOWSHIP? When you WALK with a person, how many know FELLOWSHIP is involved instantly? He came to WALK WITH HIM. And there was NO walking. That's what HURT Him; that's what GRIEVED Him. That sweet FELLOWSHIP and sweet ONENESS in the Spirit was RUINED. And I felt so terrible about that and I said, "Oh God...You CAME to WALK WITH MAN, and there was NO ONE with whom you could walk. Your heart wanted the fellowship of humanity. You came in the cool of the day to WALK and there was NO WALKING." And God stopped me. He said, "Yes, but I came to this old earth AGAIN to walk. When I was born a babe in Bethlehem, I came that I might walk again with man. And I took up the form of a man to walk with him. I took his same visage, the same that he had, that I could walk with him, and let him enter into a fellowship with Me." And I said, "Oh, I see that Lord! That's why You came. You came to WALK and SHARE with broken humanity, and bring us the marvelous gift of LIFE and SALVATION. And share it with us." He said, "Yes, I came to WALK IN CALVARY." And I was so refreshed and blessed, and I was thinking about it and He checked me again. And I said, "What..." He said, "I'm here AGAIN. For BY THE SPIRIT I WALK IN YOU." Why, I said, "Lord, tell me..." Now let me read you something. Let me read you something. Here is Paul talking about the work of the Holy Spirit in Christ in us. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the Living God. For God hath said, 'I will DWELL in them, and WALK IN THEM, and I will be their God and they shall be My people.'" "I WILL WALK IN THEM." Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that sweet? "I will come within them and I will WALK in them. I walked in Eden. I came in the flesh incarnate and walked with man. And I will walk in you, by the HOLY SPIRIT. How many get your TRINITY? The Father walking...Jesus walking...the Holy Ghost walking...isn't that sweet? Don't you like that? Oh, I think that's so sweet! Don't you like that? I think that's so

sweet! And I said, "And You come and WALK IN ME, in my little, old city, my little, old Bethlehem. You went to Bethlehem to walk, and You were born there. Here's my Bethlehem. Will You walk with me?" And do you know, He gave me this poem...I think I wrote in 10 minutes, because it's INSPIRATIONAL. I never sat down and said, "I will now write a poem!" I couldn't do that. No. No. But let me read it to you:

In Eden, fair and lovely long ago,  
 God came in even coolness there to walk,  
 And seek in Adam fellowship Divine.  
 And they heard the voice of God as He walked,  
 They heard no sound of footsteps,  
 But a voice, whistful, hungry call,  
 Oh, where art thou?  
 Oh, hungry heart of God,  
 Thy voice was heard,  
 In Eden's even coolness,  
 Long ago.

Hark! In lowly Bethlehem, long ago,  
 God came again to walk and talk with man.  
 No dim echo of voice was there heard,  
 The voice became incarnate,  
 And we hear and see again,  
 The mighty God in flesh.  
 And still His heart is hungry,  
 As of old when Eden heard Him call,  
 So long ago.

My Bethlehem is open, Lord to Thee,  
 Oh come, and walk my dusty streets with me,  
 Find what Thy heart has ever sought in man,  
 My heart is hungry, twas made for Thee.  
 Come! My Bethlehem is open wide to Thee,  
 And let me hear Thy footsteps move again,  
 As in ancient Eden,  
 Long ago.

7. Do you like that? How many get it? To open up my little Bethlehem; your little Bethlehem, that He could walk in Bethlehem once again. Well, I thought you might like that. So I'm slipping that in here. But tonite I want you to see just this one, little thing. Your PERSONALITY is one thing, your CHARACTER is quite another. We have to ACCEPT the personality set-up as we find it. Now here is NATURE; our human NATURE is what we FIND. You didn't MAKE it, you DISCOVERED it. You FOUND it, so did I. I had to learn to ACCEPT it, and let God DEAL with it. I never QUARREL about it; I never try to EXCUSE it, I never try to JUSTIFY it. I just say, "Lord, here's this MESS, now what can You do with it?" Well, isn't THAT the best way? I think that's...so many of you waste so much time apologising about something of justifying something! LET IT ALONE!! The WHOLE THING is RUINED! The WHOLE THING is RUINED. Identify yourself as a NEW CREATURE, and a NEW CREATION. A PARTAKER OF HIS LIFE, living afresh with HIM, and He IN YOU. Now, how can that GROW? How can that come about? Well, He said, "That's the MEDIUM and that's the means by which I am to be GLORIFIED IN YOU." You have to grow and develop the CHARACTER that Jesus should find in every last one of us. That's what He's looking for. "Now in order to do that, I will subject you to discipline, training, joys, pleasures, happy times, sad times, ministries; all sorts of thing to DO...maybe you'll go as a missionary!" What if somebody's called to be a SALESMAN? Don't QUARREL about your vocation! ACCEPT IT! Then let God bless it, because ANY vocation that God lays upon your heart IS HOLY!! WHO made it holy?

Because is was THAT vocation? No!! IT'S HOLY BECAUSE IT'S GOD'S WILL AND PURPOSE FOR YOU! Then ACCEPT it and say, "Oh Lord, You want me to be a physician?" BE a physician! A businessman? BE a businessman! A teacher? BE a teacher! A farmer? BE the BEST farmer you possibly you possibly can! Why? You ACCEPT that as the PATTERN, AND THE DESIGN FOR YOUR LIVING. You DEDICATE it to God and say, "Here it IS Lord. I don't know HOW to manage it; YOU know how. We'll go into partnership with this. You want to be GLORIFIED in me and through me, then I accept the vehicle you've given me. This is it, here it is. I can't do it myself, but YOU can." And it becomes INSTANTLY IN THE WILL OF GOD A VERY HOLY AND BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL THING. Why? Because it's HIS WILL. To go as a missionary is one thing, to preach is another, to take care of children, to be a housewife, to be a mother of 6 children; if that isn't something to do, I don't know what WOULD be. Why not? Why not? But people won't! THEY THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING VERY RELIGIOUS! As if ministers, and evangelists, and missionaries were all a "special breed" of some kind. They are NOT. They are all in the HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, the household of God. They belong to His family; it's all one great, great BODY, an institution. One has ONE vocation, one ANOTHER, but in God IT IS A HOLY VOCATION!! And is the ONLY PLACE and PATTERN FOR YOU AND FOR ME! We wouldn't choose them. I said Sunday I would have never have chosen to be a minister in the world. It's the LAST thing on God's earth I would ever think of. Not at all. But He says that's the thing, He says, "Now THIS is FOR you. Now, THAT'S where I can work with you." And how many of you know it's my CRUCIFIXION? Yeah, to DIE in it. "Die???...I want to LIVE!!" Yes, but you'll ONLY LIVE--AS YOU DIE. The only real amount of REAL SPIRITUAL LIFE in you or in me tonite has been BORN OUT OF A DEATH. ALL THE REST OF IT IS RELIGIOUSITY. But whenever THAT has REALLY found a place in which it can DIE and bring forth, that's all the SPIRITUAL LIFE that God sees in anyone of us. That's ALL there IS of us! This OTHER is a CAMIFLAUGE which people see. That's NOT the reality. THE REALITY IS THE LIFE THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO BE PUSHED UP THROUGH some tragedys, hard places, joyous places, surrenders, conflicts, battles, trials; thousands of them! What do they do? That's the MECHANISM which God is using to REPRODUCE in you and me the IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF HIS SON. The IMAGE AND LIKENESS of His Son. He is BUILDING US, not for some time HERE, but He's BUILDING us, as a VEHICLE in His hands, that in the ages to come, He says so in Ephesians; in the ages to come, through the instrument of this CHURCH, He will be GLORIFIED. As an INSTRUMENT.

8. Well, when I see a destiny like that, what in the world does all the "funny stuff" amount to? To me, it's NOTHING! Just nothing. I DID see through it when I was only 17, in high school, I saw through it, and I said, "If THAT'S what life is, excuse me." Well they said, "You're foolish." I said, "No, I see something." I didn't know anything about God either. But God was telling me things THEN. Even then. Sometimes it takes people sometime to wake up, others wake up quite young. I hadn't had the baptism or anything like that then, because we didn't know about such business. But God let me see through, begin to make my CHOICES. Then ANOTHER CHOICE, and then ANOTHER CHOICE. Why? BECAUSE MY TREE IS ALWAYS HERE. Now the next time you come in contact with your TREE, and you have to make your CHOICE, don't get tried, and upset, and confused, and have an "all night prayer meeting," cutting DOWN the tree, to GET RID OF IT! I've heard them do that. Do you know I have? I've been in meetings, and when I analyse it carefully, I said, "Why listen dear. You're DEFEATING your own purpose! You want to GROW?" "Oh, I want to GROW, Brother Follette! I want to GROW!!" "Well, this is THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GROW!" "I want to DIE, but I don't WANT to die!" Like the old lady...she wanted the will of God done, she said, "Oh Lord. I want Your will done! I want Your will done! And...DO IT MY WAY!" That's about like some of these prayers. No. Now when you meet your next tree, LEARN HOW TO INTERPRET IT. Don't QUARREL with it. Don't QUARREL with it. Now say, "Lord...you KNOW, Lord..." He says, "Yes, I know." "But, Oh Lord! If we could have an all night prayer meeting... ..and just GET AHOLD OF GOD!! And DEFEAT this DEVIL!!! We'll ALL get axes; you get ONE PROMISE, I'll get ANOTHER promise, you get a promise,...ALL GET PROMISES!!! These are all the AXES, and we'll just get in and we'll JUST...." Now WAIT A MINUTE! How



many ever heard of meeting like that? Oh, don't do that! You're DEFEATING your own purpose. GOD PLANTED THAT TREE IN THE GARDEN! NOT the Devil! You must learn WHY the tree is there. Don't quarrel with it, ACCEPT it. Then stand back and say, "Lord, there's one of those trees. Now, I'm not asking You, Lord, to blow it over or to take it away. I'm asking you for POWER TO INTERPRET this correctly." This tree has a TWO-FOLD reaction. The tree IN ITSELF is PASSIVE. It is WHO is taking ADVANTAGE of the tree. If God uses the tree as He has INTENDED TO DO, how many know that you will MAKE YOUR CHOICES AND GROW? And make your CHOICES AND GROW. If the enemy takes that SAME SITUATION, how many know it's unto death and trouble? Sure. So he winds himself about the SAME tree, the SAME tree. But you have to LEARN how to INTERPRET that, and say, "Lord, I REFUSE to come under the power of the snake that's in that tree!! He wants to defeat You and defeat me! And by Thy grace I say 'NO!' to him. Though it KILLS me, I say, 'NO!,' and I'll say, 'Yes, Lord!' How many know you'll get through? Yes you will. Yes, you will. But you say, "That's so HARD! I thought if we prayed hard and fasted..." No. Now SIT DOWN. Fasting is another thing; don't get that mixed up with it! "Why, I thought if I claimed ALL the promises..." THAT isn't it either. You have to GET IN TOUCH WITH GOD, and say, "Lord, help me to INTERPRET this, so that I'll get out of it what YOU want. YOU PLANT THE TREE. Help me to INTERPRET it. And by Thy grace, for YOUR grace is sufficient, teach me HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CHOICE. And YOU'LL take care of the consequences. For in MAKING A GOOD CHOICE, I DEFEAT, I DEFEAT, I DEFEAT THE INTENTION OF THE ENEMY! And he has NO POWER! He has NO power at all! He has NO power at all!" Why? Did you KILL him? No. YOU HAVE DEFEATED HIM BY OBEDIENCE, and a SELECTION OF THE WILL OF GOD and STANDING WITH IT WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, all the FAITH you have, all the OBEDIENCE that you have. Throw it all upon God's side. Learn HOW to meet your tree. Don't CUT IT DOWN because it SAVORS of the power of the enemy. OF COURSE the enemy is in that. Sure! We all know THAT! DON'T cut it down. ACCEPT it. INTERPRET it. DENY it. No...No....Yes, Lord.

9. Now listen. Sometimes you might have this reaction. I have, and I'm being HONEST with you, because I'm very human. Horribly human! I wish sometimes I could be "real good," but I'm just human. And I'll tell you how I do sometimes. In making that DECISION, sometimes it's pretty terrific. And I find my emotions are all upside down, because I'm an emotional thing. And sometimes I just CRY; I say, "Lord, this is so terrifying, it's just KILLING me, excuse me...." And I really HAVE CRIED and I've said, "Lord, don't look HERE! Look HERE! Don't look HERE! Look HERE! HERE I'm crying Lord, I can't help it, but HERE I'm saying, 'Yes, Lord...Yes, Lord...Yes... Lord...Yes, Lord!' Look THERE...THERE'S where it IS...don't mind THIS, THIS is tears and FLESH flying around. Look HERE!" How many ever get in a mess like THAT? Did you ever get in a mess like that? Well, be encouraged. A lot of us have had to go through that. Maybe that's rather "home spun," but it's REAL. Isn't it?
10. Now I'm going to let you go. How many got anything tonite to help you? Are you sure? Sure? I LONG to have you helped. I COVET you for God. But I want you to be TAUGHT and INSTRUCTED in the things of God, so that when these trying days come, KNOW that they are NECESSARY. He is BUILDING A BODY. We are His MYSTICAL BODY upon the earth. Someday He's going to take this Body away with Him, and it's going to be ASSOCIATED WITH HIM in ages to come. But WHAT WE MAKE HERE is ALL THAT HE'LL TAKE OVER THERE. Don't think that the ACT OF DEATH will develope you. NO ONE EXPERIENCE will develope you. I know this...I remember the man went to another one and said to him, and he was a man that should have known better. You probably would know his name if I said it. He came to him and said, "HOW shall I grow? HOW shall I grow?" The man said, "Get blessed! Speak in TONGUES! Speak in TONGUES! KEEP speaking in tongues, I tell you, and you'll GROW!" Well, what a HORRIBLE thing to say! Speaking in tongues will REFRESH you...refresh you...but it NEVER CHANGES YOUR CHARACTER. Your EMOTIONS get "stirred," and really are refreshed in the Spirit! But you see, that speaking in tongues is not for THAT, that is merely a refreshing of the body, the spirit. It refreshes you. It EDIFIES you. And the word there to "edify," means to STRENGTHEN. To strengthen. So he said, "Speak in tongues." How many know you can speak in tongues

yards and hours, and NOT GROW? No. You are blessed and refreshed. That's good! How many know you will GROW under TESTING AND PROVING? Well, get that straight tonite. Get that straight, because that man was quite in err and yet he's a Pentecostal leader saying, why, he said, "Just speak in tongues more, more, more, and you'll GROW!" No, you won't! You will be blessed and refreshed. That's good! Edified. And I went and looked it up, and it is used 13 times in the NT, and EVERYTIME it is used for the EDIFICATION OF THE BODY. I was amazed when I studied. I made a little study of it. It's used 13 times in the NT, and every time it's in relation to the Body of Christ being edified or strengthened. Everytime. Everytime. It hasn't anything to do with the building of your CHARACTER, because that comes under A LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING. You are REFRESHED by the moving of the Spirit and the exercise of the gifts. That is splendid. We are refreshed, edified, and sometimes instructed, but that's DIFFERENT. You CHARACTER is built under a PROCESS OF TESTING, because it involves your POWER OF CHOOSING, and WE BECOME WHAT WE CHOOSE. Learn to make a GOOD CHOICE.

11. Our loving Lord, take this broken bread tonite, and grant that everyone of us might receive our portion, and be edified, and strengthened, and illuminated, and helped, that in the days to come, when You want to work with us, we will not be stumbled, nor upset, or confused, but we will accept what Thou hast brought into our lives as a means of RELEASING us, from our old creation, and establishing us in a new order with Thee. Bless this broken bread to every heart May each one take his portion. For Jesus' sake. Amen.