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1 ... feel real good to hear something like that of all of you, for the letter that our brother has read, and for the attitude of our ministering brethren here with us, and for the audience around, and your applauding, makes us feel double welcome to come back again. And if the good Lord is willing, and as soon as we get the opportunity, we'll return to this city to stay longer, until the thing is over—until God tells us it's enough, time to go home. [Audience claps.] Thank you kindly.

2 I trust that the meeting has been as much blessing to you as it has to us. I say this, where I don't have to say it, but I say it because it's the truth: I've had larger crowds of course, and bigger places, and we'd had larger crowds here if we'd had the place to take care of them. But I never met, or was in a nicer meeting, and met nicer people anywhere in the world, than I have in this place. That's right. And with the ... [Applause.] Thank you.

3 [Blank spot on tape.] ... of my heart. And I trust that the meeting will never die, that it'll live right on in each church and among the people until Jesus comes. That's our purpose of being here to bring these meetings. And everybody's been so kind, and you've been so nice to sit in this hot building, and it very hot like this, and just stand along the sides, and drooping around the doors, and come in early; and, oh, that's so nice of you. And we appreciate it.

4 We appreciate this brother, I can't think of his name half the time, here—-Brother Banner—and all the cooperating ministers. We just thank God for you brethren. And you've been so good to us. We just trust that God'll just pour out His blessings everywhere upon all of you.

5 And to all you people there, they just tell me they taken up a love offering for me, a few moments ago. I appreciate that. I don't deserve it; that's true. I don't deserve it. But Brother Baxter said all the debts were paid and everything. And then when they do that, then they get a love offering. And we appreciate it. And to the best of my knowledge, and all that I know, every penny of it I shall spend for the glory of God, the best that I know how. There won't be one foolish thing that that money will go

for. Because at that day we want to be found a good and true faithful steward of His welfare.

6 And some of you paid, maybe, a portion of your living; I wish you wouldn't do that. Just someone, when they're taking up a love offering, throw in a nickel or something, that I could, you know, just something. I have ... got some children; you know how it is. But I wish I didn't have to do that, but ... to take one, but I do once in a while, because I just ... you can't make ends meet. But we thank you for it. God bless you, everyone.

Now I trust that.... I remember in a meeting.... I used to tell of a little story, being that my old brother's sitting here. I want to shake his hand before I start into the ministry ... or, ministering of the Word.

7 One time I was going to take up an offering in my church. I told my wife, I said, "We just got to have...." I never took an offering myself in my life. And I said, "We got to have just a little money." I said, "I'll tell you, I'll take up...." We owed a debt and just had to pay it. And so that was my former wife, it was.... She died years and years ago, about fourteen years ago. And I was single for about five or six years. My little boy started in school, and I remarried again. God gave me back a perfect image of the little girl that He just taken from me. And so I'm so happy about that.

And then, I remember one night, been about eight years ago, I guess, we got to a place where we just couldn't make things go. And I said, "I'm going over take up an offering."

She said, "I'm going to sit down and watch you."

And so, I went over, and I told old Brother Wisehart, "Go get my hat; I was going to take up an offering."

8 And he looked at me real strange, and he started.... And I looked down and.... I don't know, Brother Ryan, whether you ever knowed Sister Weber ... remember her or not, Frankie's mother. And she went down under that little old checkered apron, got out one of them little pocketbooks, you know, the little snaps on the top, begin to pull out them nickels. Oh, I couldn't do that. I said, "I was just teasing you; I didn't mean it."

9 And so, Brother Wisehart looked at me real strange and went and hung my hat up. And you know what? Brother Ryan had rode a bicycle down to my house and give it to me. Many of you has been to meeting heard me refer to that. Brother Ryan rode a bicycle down there, and he just left it there and give it to me. And I painted the bicycle, and sold it, and got the money to pay the debt off [unclear words]. [Laughter]

10 My! Poor brother! He gave me the bicycle, and really I couldn't ride the bicycle, so [laughter]. I did owe the debt. He done a good deed. Well, bless the Lord. That's very nice. So I thank you kindly. And it is indeed, with all sincerity, my trust that I can come back to Toledo just as soon as possible.

11 Now, when I leave Africa, come home, the Lord willing, I'm going out to seek His face to find out which move next. I believe you all appreciate that more, if you know just exactly where to go. If He sends me to Toledo, we're going to stay to Toledo until He says, "You go somewhere else." And just stay there until it's over.

12 Right now, the meeting's just in condition now to where we could really have a real revival, just right now, you see. All the spooky feelings of people saying, "Well, it might be *this*, it might be *that*." But that's all gone now; it's just a great big welcome feeling everywhere, you see. Now, that's just the way to have a revival, to really start it. Now, what do you think about four to six weeks of this would do? Oh, my! We'd have a glorious time. I tell you, I believe everything around would be healed if we could just one by one....

13 Now, the Lord has blessed us this week. The lame has walked; the cripples has been healed; and the deaf has heard, and diseases, you know, healed, and the Lord.... And now, I want you to remember this, especially to the pastors: There'll be weeks after this that you'll hear people in your churches say, "Well, that stomach trouble I had left me; I don't know." And women and so forth with different troubles that you have, there's been at least, I would say this—not trying to say anything wrong, because I don't want to do that; God hold me responsible—but there's been at least five hundred people, I'd say, lowly estimating, that's set in the audience that's never said a word about it, that's healed right now. Now, that's right.

14 The other night when.... The last two nights I've never felt such a pull on me in all my life. Now, the way that feels.... Come here just a minute, brother. When people are being healed.... Now, I just want to take this moment to explain this. If when I'm talking to a person, I turn and get their attention. Like out in the audience, I'll look at somebody and see ... maybe it looks kindly.... Well, I'll go to talking to that person. And when I go to talking, then I get in contact with their spirit. And then it seems like there's something starts pulling, just like this. And then when it lets up, I get real weak. That person's healed. Now, that's all. (Thank you, brother.) And

that person is healed. They may not recognize it right then, but they will later on, they'll recognize it. They'll recognize that it's been done.

15 Now, may the good Lord bless every one of you. And just fill you with His goodness and mercy. And all you setting along here, and here I see these three or four crippled, chairs setting here, and people with different ailments that's suffering and everything. Now, you just be of a good courage and believe with all your heart, and God's going to make you every one well.

16 I don't know whether there's any laying back yonder there so far that.... It's just right down here. Sometimes I miss seeing these people, looking over the top of them watching out there. Now, well, I don't know what else to say, but to tell you I'm so happy to be with you, and I trust that maybe if you get a chance sometime when your own church hasn't got service next week, just slip up to Erie with us; we'd be happy to have you. And write me sometime. Write me down home. I'd be glad to hear from you.

17 And sometimes in sending out these anointed cloths and so forth.... How many believes in sending those out, those...? Oh, that's wonderful. Well, I tell you, if you'd just go into my office and see the thousands of healings takes place just by sending those cloths, just thousands....

18 Here recently I sent one to Germany to a woman that had arthritis for years. And it was translated on the back of her German writing.... She got a hold of that cloth, and she pinned it on her and followed the instructions, and she said, "Now, devil, you get out." She got up and walked across the floor, see. "Now, devil, you get out." Now, she just believed it.

And a little something.... I hope if I told this testimony just a moment before the audience, you forgive me for it, because I sometimes telling around different places, I don't know if people that's been in the meetings.

19 An outstanding one was one night when I was in a little church meeting at Corning, Arkansas—just starting. And I used to take and send ... give the people handkerchiefs, and in the meetings.... Like here, here's a box of them. I don't get a chance to minister to those, just like this, because I'm always, when the meetings going on, in deep prayer.

20 Then when I go home (Brother Baxter was with me the other day—I've got a cave way back in the hills where I go to. I showed him where I met the Angel on the path. I was going back there all torn up, and I met Him on the path. And He told me, said, "You return back to your car, for I've called you to be with Ern Baxter." And I went to him, and we've been together.

21 So, right on that place, I go back there and pray hours after hours over every piece of goods that I send to the people. Now, I don't send handkerchiefs, because they cost about ten cents apiece, and we send out around, oh, anywhere from five, six, seven thousand a week. I don't have the money to do that. But I buy hundreds and hundreds of yards of ribbon and cut it off in little strips like this so the people can pin it on their clothes. I'll be glad to send you one. If you don't need it right now, put it in the Bible on Acts 19, and just keep it there. And if an emergency rises, take it and lay it on your child that's got the croup, or whatever takes place, and believe God. Just as a little token of His love in this meeting. And many things has been done. And it's free of charge. Just send; we'd be happy to send it to you.

ACTS19:11,12

22 Now, this lady, I gave her a handkerchief. She wanted me to.... She said, "Bless the handkerchief." Now, a lot of people anoint them. That's all right. Anything that God blesses, I'm for it. But if you watch the Scripture, Paul didn't anoint them; he taken them off of his body, see, just off of his body. I believe that's right, isn't it, you brothers? And Paul knew that....

2KNG4:29

23 You know where I think he got that, brethren? I think when Elijah taken the ... told ... said, "Take my staff and go lay it on the child," you see. Elijah knew that everything that he touched was blessed. But whether the woman would believe it or not.... And Paul taken from his body, handkerchiefs and aprons and lay it on the sick; and unclean spirits went out of them, and diseases were healed.

Now, it wasn't Paul, it was God. That is God, in honoring the people's faith in His servant. Well now, the same God was there, I'm not the Saint Paul—none of us are—but He's still the same Jesus, you see. It wasn't the Saint Paul anyhow, but it was Jesus.

24 Now, this woman taken it and put it in her Bible. And a few weeks after that, she was cleaning a lamp chimney, way back there in the cotton country of Arkansas, and the old lamp chimney got broken and cut the artery in her arm. Now, this is her story. She got a pillow slip and put over it, and it just got wet with blood. She got a sheet. Closest neighbor was two miles; her husband was in the city. And she was bleeding, getting weaker, she knew she was going to die shortly if something didn't happen. And she thought of the handkerchief; she went and got the handkerchief and laid it on there. Now, here's her testimony. When her husband came in that evening.... She waded, about two miles or better, through the mud

with her boots on, hung a lantern in the tree, caught the Greyhound bus, and come to Little Rock where I was holding the meeting, and walked in with these boots on, holding this handkerchief, praising God. The handkerchief wasn't even stained, just a miracle, just stopped it right like that. The woman was dying; that's the only thing that she could get to like that, that she knew of, and God honored her faith in doing so.

Now we, all we . . . us believe that. I sent a little thing with it; it tells you how you get to your pastor and get him to come, and confess your faults and get rid of everything; and then lay it on there. Then nothing in the way, God'll do it. Don't you believe that?

25 Now, God be with you. And thank you again, from the pastors to the co-workers, the strangers in our gates, the custodians here at the auditorium, all the ushers, you've all been wonderful, and may God's richest of blessings be upon you all. Pray for me while I'm going yonder to pray for someone else.

JOHN4:46-54

26 I want to read just a little bit of Scripture before we start the meeting, because we want to get plenty of time in the prayer line tonight, just as long as we can. Then immediately after this, I got to catch a Greyhound bus; bump my head till morning; I couldn't get a reservation. I've got to go home. The wife is going to try to get here, and she couldn't get here, no one to bring her. So, I have to go in tonight to get her, to come back tomorrow, and be in Erie. So pray for me now while I read this Scripture found in Saint John 4:46, beginning:

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

And when he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, (Now, listen close.) Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

(But listen to this gallant man answer our Master.) And the nobleman said unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. (Now, the man wanted Jesus to come pray for his son, but Jesus told him. . . . He didn't go pray for

him, He said, Go thy way; thy son liveth.) *And the man believed the word that Jesus ... spoke unto him, and he went his way.*

And when he was now going down, his servant met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

Then inquired he (required him) saying ... (Beg your pardon.) Then inquired he of them the hour he began to amend. Then said he unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. (See, he was just mending, getting a little better.)

So the father knew that it was the same hour, that Jesus said ... Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole household.

This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he ... came out of Judea into Galilee.

27 Let's bow our heads. Lord, now the service is almost ready to begin again, a closing night here among this lovely people. God, how did You ever bless me in such a way to bring me up and let me be able to stand and talk to such an audience of people—lovely, born-again Christians. O God, I just love You for it. And there's no words that I can find to express my thanks, that You let me meet these ministers and these people out here, lovely people, Your people, the very cream of the crop of the earth's harvest.

28 And not only that, to meet them and to know them, but to have fellowship with them through Thy Son Christ Jesus. And to know that I'm a fellow citizen with them, an heir of the same kingdom of God, we're journeying through earth, going to heaven, where we'll associate together throughout ceaseless ages. Through eons of time, we'll be together forever, not where we'll be sick again, or not where we'll be in buildings and have to crawl across the country to pray for each other, but where there'll be no sickness, and there'll be no old age, or there'll be no cripples, or no blind, but we'll be young there forever. And we'll be in His likeness. And what a glorious time that'll be!

O Father, I just feel like just raising my hands up and just screaming as loud as I can, to give vent to the feeling that's within me, of the appreciations of all that You've done.

29 Bless this city, Lord, bless the people, bless the law makers of the city. God, grant that there'll be an old-fashioned revival to sweep this city, Lord. And these anointed ones that's sitting here in the presence tonight, these ministers of God represented here on this platform, and out there in that

audience, O God, charge their life with new vision, with new power. And may there just be abundance of rain from everywhere, Lord, coming into the churches. Hear the prayer of Your servant now. And now, keep us ever in Your will; give us a great service tonight. For we ask it in the name of Thy Child, Jesus. Amen.

(I believe Billy has stepped out, Brother Baxter; just a moment, just till they come in.)

30 Now, have faith, don't doubt. Believe with all your heart. And let's look tonight for the climax of all the meeting; will you do that? I believe if God will visit us this third time, like He has the last two nights, I believe it'll settle the question, don't you? Oh, the letters are pouring in so I just ... from places, about how they're being healed, and people going home and leaving the meeting going home, and then be there maybe a few hours, and the first thing you know, wake up the next morning maybe blind seeing, and.... Oh, just everything's taking place. How thankful. The thing: The people here, you don't get to hear a third of it. It's after a day or two.

JOHN4:50

31 Did you notice Jesus here, when he said, "Thy son liveth."? Well, that was one day, and the next day he was going down and his son had begin to amend. He said, "This is the second miracle that Jesus did." Seemingly we wouldn't call that a miracle. But it was a miracle, because anything that's out of the ordinary, it's a miracle. Jesus told the man that his son was going to live, and the man believed what Jesus said. Is that right?

Perhaps there's a hundred prayer cards in here tonight. In a few moments, I'll call from somewhere in those prayer cards. Well then, you say, "Brother Branham, then if my prayer card's not called, what about it?"

32 That don't mean that you're ... you can't get healed. You can be healed anywhere that you'll believe that Jesus Christ heals you, see--anywhere. Will you always remember that? Always remember that healing.... Everything that Christ can do for you is already done. Amen. See, everything that Christ and God can do for you, is already done. Now, the next thing lays within you. If you're a sinner, Jesus has already saved you. He died to take away the sin of the world, but you have to accept it. If you'd say, "I'll pay your way, Brother Branham, home."

1PET2:24

33 Well, it wouldn't do me no good unless I accepted it. And Christ's death won't help you until you accept it. Now, "By His stripes you were healed." He healed you when He made the atonement for you. But now,

it'll never do you no good till you accept it. And when you accept it, and believe it, then it is yours. Now, see, it's up to you. Now, the things that He does: He sends signs and wonders to prove those things, that it can be done.

34 I'd like for you to write to this person; or any of these testimonies I give you, you write to them, if you wish. Is there anybody here from Jeffersonville? Let's see your hands, around anywhere from Jeffersonville. I see one way back over here, over there. What's your name, brother? Newman, and from Jeffersonville. [The brother speaks inaudibly.] Well it....

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