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WHERE NEW LIFE BEGINS

Satan's Plan EXPOSED! – Jim Staley 2024

I'm here to tell you right now that the body of Christ has cancer because the water that we're drinking is acidic. You see, what's happening is everyone wants to drink down in the valley. It's so beautiful in the valley. It's green grass in the valley. There's flowers in the valley, there's deer in the valley, and no one notices the cattle in the valley too, and the cattle like to go down into the valley. They love to go down into the river. As you're scooping up the water of the Word from your local religious organization and your own denominational bias, ladies and gentlemen, you don't know that the cattle are right upstream, and what you're drinking is not the pure water of the Word.

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You see, where the water seems to be clear, doesn't mean it's clear. How many understand that you can go into the Colorado Rockies, and you can take a cup of water and an hour later you can die? Now, maybe not. But there's a reason why they have iodine pills, and you purify that **water that is crystal clear to your eyes, but what you can't see can kill you.** I'm here to tell you that the Word of God is the same way. It's designed, did you know, it's designed to kill you.

We love these metaphors in the church. The sword of the Spirit. We're like, it's a sword. It's the Spirit of the living God. But **swords are designed to kill.** It is a weapon. If it's a **two-edged sword of the Spirit, it's designed to cut and go through, and when you pull it out, it'll heal on the way out.** Religion is a one-sided sword. It's a one side of a sword. It goes in, it cuts. And when it pulls out, it will leave you bleeding.

The young man that I led to Christ last week, a contractor, do you know how the conversation started out? He said, I used to believe in God when I was a kid. I was even a Bible quizzer. Interestingly enough, I said, "Well, that's interesting. Where did you Bible quiz at?" And to my utter shock and amazement, he Bible quizzed with the organization that I grew up in, and the one that was the leader was Tim. He was my mentor that disciplined me. And he happened to actually go to the same church, except he was a baby, and I was 20 years old. What a coincidence. And you know what happened to him? The church hurt him. I shouldn't say that

because the church large is a good thing. But people hurt people, and sometimes church people are the worst people. By the way, we're all sitting in a church. So that don't mean we're talking about somebody else.

It means that we have to be very, very careful that we are in alignment, that we're drinking from the pure water of the Word. Otherwise, what's happening on the inside of you causes cancer and it spreads. The body of Christ today is so sick and they don't know it because they don't know what they don't know. How many of you knew before you knew? Isn't the very definition of deception that you're deceived? So why do we, with arrogance and great pride, do we always act like we know when you might not know? Because the very definition of deception means you don't know what you don't know and therefore you might be deceived.

I start off this sermon tonight, this teaching, this message, this message is whatever, I ask you this. **Which well are you drinking from? What's in your water?** That'd make a good bumper sticker, wouldn't it? What's in your water? For those of you that like me and will talk to me at the same time that I'm talking to you because I'm no different than you. I've been there, done that, got every t-shirt black, white, and every color in between. **Are you sure you know what's in your water?** Because the moment that I thought that I was for sure that I knew what was in my water, when our ministry was deemed one of the fastest growing ministry of the United States in 2014, we were live streaming to 10,000 people a week. Getting calls from television stations and radio stations all over the world. Couldn't even keep up. Then the federal government comes and indicts me for something that happened 10 years earlier and I find myself in a federal prison, wondering what in the world just happened and my entire life was turned upside down. Which water was i drinking? I thought it was pure, I thought everything that I was drinking was good. It was producing the results that I thought in the world, even in the church system would say, "He's successful, he must be doing something right." And I don't know, maybe I was, maybe it was so right God said, "I gotta kill him. Maybe he's going down a road that he's right in his connection with Me, but his flesh can't keep up with My Spirit. I gotta kill him." Brothers, throw him in a well. I give you permission. "Put him in a prison" Said Potiphar, it's for his good.

You see sometimes God lets your tires get out of alignment. He lets you go down the road for a long way. And you know what? The more your tires go bald, the more they get out of alignment. Guess what you got to do to that wheel? You got to hold on tighter and tighter. How many of you feel like you're holding on to life so much that if you let go, you know you're going to crash. That's where God brings people till they finally realize just pull over on the side of the road. It's not a race. How many of you family people on vacation? We're not stopping. Me and my family love to go to Branson every year. For 30 years that's what we do. I've been all over the world. Branson is my place. That's where I go, I like to get on the water. But when I get in that car and we're in my truck, and I pass that camper, I don't ever want to see that camper again. If we pull over to go to the bathroom, it's hurry up, that camper just passed us on the highway. That guy's not beating me wherever he's going, I'm going to make sure. And when I pass him, we wave again. I don't understand. Maybe it's the racer in me. Does anybody else relate to this? Or am I just one of these weirdos that are like, everything is a destination and go the line. Like there's

someone at the Airbnb with a stock watch. You made it, Jim. You beat the last guy's time. Write it in the book, Jim Staley from St. Louis, four hours and 38 minutes, broke the record.

Everything is about alignment in your life. When you're out of alignment, and you don't know you're out of alignment. When you're drinking in pure water, you don't know you're drinking in pure water. But a little bit later, what happens in the stomach? Yeah, something's not right. You know, it's intuitive in all of us when our stomach hurts immediately, we begin to think, what? I must have eaten something. Or maybe I drank something wrong. You start to analyze and audit what you ate, immediately. But in life, we don't do that. In life, when things begin to fall apart, when the smoke is coming off the tires, a man's ridiculousness thinks, man, I'm smoking it. I'm flying down the highway so fast, my tires are on fire. Because he doesn't read the manual that the tires are not supposed to be on fire.

Another story, dirt bike story. Down in southern Missouri, got a brand new 99 Navigator. 3,000 miles on it. I thought it was great. Bought it back in 2007 or 8 or something like that. So my trailer's hooked up and we're on this gravel road, down in southern Missouri, Mark Twain National Forest. My two brother-in-laws are with me, and I'm bragging about my Navigator and the suspension and all this, and all of a sudden, it got kind of rough. And he's like, "Man, this Navigator's a lot rougher ride you made it out to be." And I'm like, "that's all right, it's just a dirt. It's a gravel road, it's bumpy." We're going for literally like 12 miles on this gravel road. So finally, we stopped. A couple of us had to the bathroom, to get out. My brother-in-law just starts laughing. Like hysterical, nonstop laughing. He would not stop laughing. I'm inside, my other brother-in-law's out. He comes out to see what he's laughing at, he starts laughing. And I'm like, "oh, what in the world?" And they're all looking at my tire, so I thought. So I got out and I went around back and I looked what they were looking at. And I wasn't laughing. You know why? There was no tire. When I say no tire, if you're not familiar with that term, there was no rubber at all. It was just a silver rim. We had had a flat tire for so long. It literally shredded and came off over the last 12 miles. And the bad suspension was not bad suspension. It was literally we were on a gravel road with no tire. You see, my tires were not only out of alignment. They were gone.

My stubbornness and my pride, I couldn't just pull over and see because I had a destination of where I'm going. And some of you in this room and some of you who are watching this later, you are going in your destination direction, but you have no idea where you're going. But you want to get there so fast that you're not auditing all the stuff that's happening around you. The check engine light is blinking. There's a rough suspension. There's smoke coming out of the front and the back. Your hood is starting to vibrate because your engine's about to blow. And there's nothing in you that audits the system and says, "Maybe there's something wrong with my engine. Maybe I need to take it in the shop." Your spiritual life is exactly like this, lady's and gentlemen. You have an alignment and you have fuel. In the physical, you have water that needs to be pure. In the spiritual, it needs to be the water of the Word. But here's the number one million dollar question I need to ask. What word are you listening to? Because in the garden, "**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**" **John 1:1.**

You know, as believers, especially pastors, when we lead somebody to Christ, they say, "Where should I start in the Bible?" Where do we always set them? John 1:1. I believe, quoting my great late friend, Brad Scott, "God was so smart. He knew we were going to do that." So He started off John 1:1 with, in the beginning, as a hint, maybe we should start a book in the beginning of the cover. Because it's in the beginning that we find ourselves with the first alignment problem. Where man is moving along and then there's another word that is sowed into the heart of man, and man begins to listen and have dialogue with this word. You see, we've got man moving, we've got a discussion, but we're not told how much time goes from the discussion to the actual sin. I'm here to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, the enemy is in your ear, trying to have discussions with you as we speak. It never starts off with, go sin. It starts off with, how are you doing today?

I'll never forget in prison, when I was transferred to Sandstone Minnesota, there was a gentleman that I led to Christ. He was from Iraq, he was a vet, amazing guy. Should have never been in prison. Totally got set up, it's very, very sad. Our government is not the nicest government in the world to their vets. But he ended up getting 20 years for something that he didn't do. I led him to Christ, he was a very, very angry man. Well, his selling was another guy who ended up being right next to us, and he was a drug addict, really, really bad. Every day he was shooting up. And you might say, "well, where does he get the drugs?" Prison has more drugs than I'm telling you, than the streets do. It's insane. And he's throwing up all of a sudden. But he grew up in a Christian home. And so I got a chance to talk to him. I wanted to kind of interview him and see kind of why he does what he does. I did a lot of interviewing in prison. Because if you could find people's root issue, you just uproot it. Holy Spirit comes, amazing things happen. What we did was I wanted to find out what, why are you doing this? He said, to be honest with you, I have a friend in the spirit realm, and he's nice to me, and he tells me jokes. This is serious. Now I said, look, when I let him finish his whole thing, I said, "can I just clear a few things up for you? One, he's not your friend. Two, it's a demonic spirit. It's reeling you in, and it's desire is to steal, kill, and destroy you. That's it."

If somebody wants to really be a good thief, did you know the best thieves, well over 80% of thieves come from someone you know? Because they're gonna get to know you. Before they can emotionally move you, they have to befriend you. This is how the enemy works. He starts the conversation. The conversation leads to you just changing the alignment of the tire just a little bit. That's all he wants to do. Just change the alignment a little bit because he knows that as time goes on, he's gonna drop something in the water, a doctrine, a creed, a little tradition here, a little tradition there. How many of us Christians, we love our tradition. We love it. We're religious. There's nothing more out than a pastor that bucks the denominational system and starts talking about traditions.

I'll tell you that right now. I talked to a pastor once 20 years ago when I first started this walk, 2002. My goodness, 23, 22 years ago. We sat across the table from each other at a Mexican restaurant after he read my very first article I ever wrote in my life called "*The Origins of Easter*". I just had a question, where in the world did it come from? What's the word Easter? I never heard of it. I'm like, well, it's not in the Bible. Where did we get it? I was just a simpleton that did

a bunch of research, found out some pretty crazy stuff and it's related to the Ishtar of the Bible and the Romans of the fourth century transferred the resurrection of Christ from the real day to the pagan day of Ishtar's day, which was the sunrise service after the first Sunday after the vernal equinox in the spring. And my whole mind was blown and I shared this with him. He read my article and he said, "Jim, here's the deal. I can't believe they didn't teach this in seminary, but I can't teach this to my congregation, I'll lose my job." I said, "Pastor, do you realize what you just said? You said you work for the people. The last time I checked, Moses worked for God. It was Korah that worked for the people and that didn't work out so well for him." Six months later, that pastor, after 22 years of being in the pulpit, lost his job. and was a janitor of the third shift. Never went back to pastor.

I can't prove that God did that, but I can tell you that the fear of God would be in my heart to look at my employer and tell him, I cannot teach your people because they might fire me. I therefore will let them continue to walk in ignorance of your word, even though you gave me this revelation. What did we learn from that? As a people of God, that **when God brings you truth, it is a line in the sand, it's an interview. You're either going to be promoted or demoted.** Listen to me and write this down. If you've never heard me say this, I've said it a thousand times. **The worst curse that you could ever receive in your life is the blessing that you don't even know you miss.** The worst curse that you could ever receive is the blessing that you don't even know you missed.

This weekend marks one of the most powerful and ancient feast days that God ever created. This is called **Shavuot in Hebrew, it literally means weeks.** Why? Because in the book of **Leviticus chapter 23**, God tells the Israelites, "here are the seven feast days on My calendar." He says, "by the way, these are My feasts." You know why He said that? Because He's so smart, He knew at some point his people would say, "oh, those are Jewish." He's so smart, He wrote it down and said, "for all of you Christians, 4,000 years in the future, that are going to get hoodwinked by the Catholic church, this is the calendar that I put before you, if you're on My calendar," how many have a wife? Raise your hand. Don't be afraid. As a matter of fact, if you're smart, you should have both hands up. Okay. Whose calendar matters in your house, Mike? Exactly. How many of you guys have made the mistake of putting something on your calendar and then your wife finds out about it and somehow, miraculously, it gets erased from your calendar?

I used to have serious marriage problems in Passion for Truth 1.0, because in ministry life is so fast. My wife kept finding out things through the email list. She'd be like, we're having a conference in Denver? I'd be like, honey, you were there, right? In the conference room when we talked about this, right? No. It's so important to know whose calendar trumps whose calendar, and I'm here to tell you that God's calendar matters. So He set this curriculum up, and I use that word on purpose because it's the curriculum for our children. **Train your children up in the way that they should go, not the way that the church was formed. Know your history and you'll know why we do what we do.** Okay? Virtually *everything that we do* comes right out of the fourth century Roman church. It just does. And that's drinking downstream, ladies and gentlemen. It's drinking downstream.

This feast is the fourth feast on God's calendar. It starts off like this. There's **seven feast days**. For those of you that don't know, because many of you said you're brand new. They're built into, they're **categorized into two sections. The spring feast days of the Lord and the fall feast days of the Lord. The spring feast days of the Lord are all about the first coming of the Messiah**, amen? **The last three are about the second coming**. So if we know a little bit about the feast days, we would have known early on in the first century, if you're a Jew, you'd have known when the Messiah was gonna show up. If you know anything about the fall feast days of the Lord, there'll be some giant hints of when the Messiah is gonna show up again. But if you don't know the feast days of the Lord, when it comes to the scriptures in the New Testament, when it says "that the day of the Lord will come as a thief on the night," we'll develop a doctrine that goes like this. We don't know when Jesus is coming back tomorrow. And we don't read the next verse. Because the next verse literally says, "but you don't walk in darkness, therefore that day *will not* come as a thief in the night because you walk in the children of the light." You're gonna know. He says "times and seasons, I don't need to tell you."

Did you know that **word seasons in Hebrew is moedim and it literally means appointed feast days**. If I put a Santa hat on, you know exactly what season I'm talking about, Christmas season. In the first century that it had Christmas season, they had the moedim. It's a Jewish culture. It's a Hebrew culture. It's a biblical culture. So he says, "y'all know, we've been training you on the feast days. I will not have to tell you when the Messiah is gonna come back. You're gonna know the time and the season." Exact hour, maybe not, but you will know the season.

It starts off, **Jesus dies on Passover, that's the first one He's put in the grave during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. He raises**, just a coincidence, **on Firstfruits**. Right when the high priest is waving the barley sheaf before God at sunup on that Sunday morning. Which by the way, the reason why Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning was because that was the day of Yom HaBikkurim, that was Firstfruits. He didn't rise from the dead on Sunday morning because we wanted to have church on Sunday morning. It's because on God's calendar, it's prophesied. This is when the barley gets cut from the ground and waved before God asking for the great harvest in the fall and Jesus is raising from the dead asking God for a great harvest of souls in the fall. It's all parallel prophecy. Then there's 50 days, there's counting. He says, Jesus says, "tarry in Jerusalem." What are they tarrying for? They *know* what's going on. They *know* what's fixing to happen in 50 days. They just don't know what's going to happen in 50 days, but they know in 50 days is *this* day. This is Shavuot. This is Pentecost in the Greek of what you're most familiar with. This is the day when the Holy Spirit came down on Mount Sinai. You thought I was going to say in the upper room. And by the way, did you know that the Last Supper happened in the same exact place? We know it. We even know where it's at in archeology over in Israel. If you go with me to Israel, we'll take you there and show you.

For the Last Supper, just a little rabbi trail for just a moment. The Last Supper is in the upper room, and you know what's going on? God Himself manifested in the flesh of His Son, Yeshua, Jesus the Christ is setting the atmosphere which we're about to happen 50 days later. They have no idea. This is why it is so important for you to **set the atmosphere in your individual**

homes, because you have no idea what it's going to do 50 days from now. You don't know that everything that you do is an atmosphere setting for something about to happen in the future. There is nothing that God will ever do in your life. Listen to me, this is really important. It's going to be controversial. But I'll be able to back up what I say with the Word of God. God doesn't move without atmosphere.

There's a reason why there's a ritual where you brought the coal from the outer courts and you brought it in and you put it on the altar of incense, and He created the smoke, and then the glory of God showed up. Are you telling me the glory of God wasn't already there? It was, but He wanted the atmosphere. He wanted you to *partner* with Him to bring about the atmosphere. God can show up anytime, at any place, but I'm telling you, He most often shows up when the atmosphere is set. That's why **when you do worship**, it lowers the guard in your heart. It sets an atmosphere of glory for the Holy Spirit to come, and it's at that moment that any good pastor will know, or any good believer will know, **it is at that moment where the heart is most vulnerable because the atmosphere has been set and the Holy Spirit can come, and the fire will fall.** I literally just gave you the definition of Pentecost.

The atmosphere was set by the Messiah. Fifty days later, they had great expectation. They're waiting in a room. It's called a triclinium. It's a table that runs in three-ways, it's like stairs, and they're leaning. It's what they did in Passover, but there's 120, and they're just waiting, and they don't know what they're waiting for. And all of a sudden, because the atmosphere was set and the expectation of the heart was great, the Holy Spirit fire came into the window, encircled them, and ends up with tongues of fire over their head. Now, some of you may know what that means. Some of you may not know the significance of what that means, but in biblical Hebraic language and culture, that Holy Spirit tongue of fire was there for a *reason*. First of all, in Hebrew language, that would have been the letter sheen. The letter sheen literally looks like a tongue on fire. The Y is a sheen. It's the second to last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. A **sheen by itself literally means El Shaddai. It's the all-consuming fire.** You go back four thousand years to paleo-pictograph Hebrew, and the sheen was consuming fire. The consuming fire is over the heads.

Let me ask you a question. Why? Why was it over the heads of all these disciples? Because 1,400 years earlier, over the tabernacle, specifically over the Holy of Holies, there was another tongue of fire. And it was that fire, that white fire that showed up in the afternoon and the red fire that showed up at night was the same fire that was over the disciples because it's the fire is the presence of God and the fire denotes where the presence of God in the Holy of Holies is. From miles away, they knew if the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was with them because why? The fire of God could be seen. That's the Ark of the Covenant is there. The moment that the Holy Spirit entered in that upper room and encircled the disciples and it whirlwind around them and ended up splitting for the very first time in history of man, the pillar of fire that was over the Holy of Holies that designated the Ark of the Covenant, the power of God, the manna of God, the staff of God, the commandments of God, and the presence of God, found a new tabernacle and said, this is where I'm at. I just got chills go through my body over that because for the first time in history, the presence of God was found outside of the ark. It was inside of the Holy of

Holies that you could only experience the presence of God and only one person, one time a year. And it was so serious that the high priest, who had bells on him, pomegranate bells, that they would tie a cord onto his ankle and he goes in once a year and he doesn't do it just right, he would die in the presence of God and no one dared go pick him up. They just drag him right out.

But God said, **"Through the blood of My Son, I'm going to take My presence and I'm going to say, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are the temple. You are My location."**

And where the temple of God was in one location and the enemy knew exactly where it was at. **Now, through the blood of the Lamb, it would be multiplied infinitely and the enemy would never be able to keep up.** Ark of the Covenant over there. Ark of the Covenant over there. Literally, Mishkan's all over the globe and the demons go in chaos because they can't keep up. Every time they turn around, there's another one coming. When it was dark over there, they show up another tongue of fire, another tongue of fire, another tongue of fire, and the demons keep sending their arms this way and that way because there's just not enough demons for how fast this thing is spreading. So the demons at some point had to get together, and I see it, "Guys, we're losing this battle."

You may or may not know this, I'm a history nut. Hundred thousand people got saved in Ephesus alone. Demons don't know what to do so they change their strategy because they can't stop the presence of God from multiplying. The water, people are drinking from upstream. The gifts of the Spirit are powerful. People are getting saved and speaking in tongues. And look, today you've got full denominations who don't even believe in speaking in tongues. One day I said, "okay, I'm done with this." I did a broadcast, an hour and a half broadcast and I taught on the gift of tongues and I started showing the Scriptures from the original Hebrew perspective and then I end and I'm praying and I can feel when the Holy Spirit is telling me to speak in tongues on a live broadcast. I'm like, "Lord, you're nuts. If I do this live, I'm going to get blam-blasted by all these people." God said, "Are you kidding me right now?" Like, all of this is happening in my head as I'm praying. And I'm rebellious, intimidated, okay, God, I started speaking in tongues.

Someone emailed in the ministry from South America. No, I'm sorry. It was from San Diego. Her mom had called her daughter in San Diego and said, "Pastor Jim gave an amazing message in Spanish." The daughter said, "Mom, I hate to tell you this, he doesn't speak Spanish." And she said, "Well, I heard him in Spanish." So she goes back and listens to the broadcast at the end when I'm praying in tongues and she hears me in tongues. She said, "Mom, he's not speaking in Spanish." I'm telling you and here's what he said. In the same day, we got an email from someone overseas and says, "I think I got a word in the Spirit that Jim was speaking in Polish." I'm like, okay, that's a big one. I'm Polish, okay. The same day, we get an email from Poland that there was a Christian watching the broadcast that heard me in their language in Polish. That's **Acts chapter 2**, ladies and gentlemen. How much scientific proof do you need? It exists today. It works. God has a language that's above us. You can say it doesn't mean anything.

My late friend, Brad Scott, was preaching one day in a Baptist church. He decides, the Lord moves him to speak in tongues at the very end. Now, they didn't know this for a week later. By the way, you don't do that in a Baptist church. There ain't nothing to move that pastor faster to kick you out of that Baptist church. Anyway, so this old couple was going home and on their way home, they found this out after the fact. The woman was so upset that the pastor let this happen. She said, "I'm talking to the pastor. I can't believe it." And the husband was like, "what are you talking about?" And she said, "Did you hear him at the end? He was speaking in tongues. We don't even believe in that. That was just blasphemy and blah, blah, blah." He said, "honey, what are you talking about? That was one of the most beautiful prayers I ever heard in my life." God had chosen that man to be the interpreter. But because the pastor had never equipped the congregation to know what was up, the congregation the entire congregation was devoid of a word from God. Because if he would have been trained, he would have literally said, "I have the interpretation. I heard it in my language. Here's what he said." And then they had to change the name on the front of that building that next day.

You see, praise God, we get upstream, we begin to understand the power of God has always been there. It's us that have been watered down. So the demonic realm created a new strategy. They said, "Okay, we can't stop the Ark of the Covenant. We can't stop the fire, but we can put a bushel over it so it's not as attractive and maybe we can slow down the spread of this disease from their perspective." So we'll teach them to compromise. And up comes the Roman church in the fourth century. See, we don't like these Jewish people and all the Roman citizens we want them to get saved, so here's what we're going to do. We're going to make it easier for them to convert to Christianity, so we're going to let them celebrate their Sunday worship. We're going to let them celebrate Ishtar, but we're going to tell them that you have to do it now for Jesus. So they let them keep the day. They let them keep all of the theology, all of the creeds, everything down to the early sunrise service. And by the way, they didn't come from Christianity. It came right out of paganism, when the early priests of Ishtar would impregnate the young virgins on the altar at sunrise Ishtar service. Let them keep everything as long as they did for Jesus. So the satanic realm found the solution, mixed politics and religion. The one thing your mama told you never do when you're over at someone's house. But when he mixed the pontiff with the emperor, out came a new version, a new bottle of water that he would sell to every single new believer out there.

It would be literally 1200 years until you get to 1517, where Martin Luther, not Martin Luther King, but Martin Luther, a bishop at the Catholic Church, decided there's 95 things he couldn't find in the Bible, so he wrote them down and nailed them to the All Saints Church of Wittenberg, Germany, having no idea that he was going to get excommunicated. He didn't even want to leave the Catholic Church. He just said, "Man, I can't find this in the Bible." They kicked him out. He started what didn't know he was starting, the Lutheran movement, which would be the beginning of the protesting movement of what we call today the Protestant movement.

Can I say something? We've not had an audit in 500 years. There's not 95 things that are on, ladies and gentlemen. There's probably 950. And it's not a knock, I am a Christian. But we need to get a magnifying glass under the water and find out what's in it. Because there's a disease

that's rampant through the church. People don't want in anymore. They don't. The power's not flowing. The young people were losing them. You know why? Because they've got a meter and you know what it's called. They can see right through all of the garbage of us adults and they know what's true and not true. They don't want religion.

Paul said, "I didn't come to you with eloquent and persuasive speech." Even though, ironically, he was the most eloquent and persuasive speaker that the world has ever seen in Christendom. He said, "I came to you with the *power* of the Holy Spirit." People respected him because of the power. The young man that gave his life to Christ in my truck the other day, the contractor, you know what he said? He said, "When God gave me the prophetic word over his life and I saw a vision of things that I could not have known from his past," he said, "I heard of this stuff when I was in the church. He literally said, "I heard of the power of God, but I never saw it." He's holding a clipboard in one hand and he's literally bouncing because of the emotional instability that he was having and it wasn't because of the eloquent of speech. It was because he was witnessing the power of God. You see, when someone sees the power of God and your mail is read, your mind has no control over its emotions. It has no ability to withstand the Holy One, which is why, listen, when Yeshua, the Messiah, Jesus the Christ, comes back on the white horse, no one will stand. Every knee will bow and it will not do an option. You will naturally fall to the ground because your emotional system will collapse. Jonathan Edwards said it this way. "It is fearful to fall in the hands of an angry God." My God is not angry, but He is vengeful against the enemy. **There is a judgment day and every one of you in this room and those of you that are watching online, you will be in that seat.** There's no way to get out of it. Your clock is ticking. It might be the end of the day today that you have a heart attack and die and you don't know it. You don't know when your time is up.

We should get our car, tires, and alignment now. Get over the pride of we got it all together. By the way, there's no one in this room including this platform that has it all together. We're all messed up and misfits. But **the power of God shows up through faith and a humble and contrite spirit that says, "I don't have it figured out."** And if pastors really want to make a difference in their congregation, they can stand up on this platform and say, "I don't have it figured out. We might have it all wrong. We might even be meeting up on the wrong thing. I don't know. I don't care. Just start looking at me. Let's try to figure this out together." In the moment they try to get out of the prideful moment of thinking they've got to be someone. I talk to too many around the world, we've got a complex. Do you know what it is? It's an inferiority complex. We are scared out of our mind. We are insecure. Do you know who the greatest insecure people are? People that stand on these platforms. Celebrities, performers, like you know what I'm talking about, right? You live it. We overcompensate for what's happening on the inside. We're children. We're scared out of our mind. Most of us didn't have good fathers. Maybe we were beat. Maybe we were alcoholics. Whatever it is. But we stand on this stage and most of the time it is not remotely who we really are. But something happens when we get on this stage. And I'm telling you the stage is right here.

That's the stage that God is looking at right now in their life and He's asking you on this day on Shavuot, 1400 years before Christ came and I'll end with this. The children of Israel were at the

base of Mount Sinai and there's 12 tribes. If you ask the average Christian, if you asked me 23 years ago who was at the base of Mount Sinai and said the Jewish people? Complete utter ignorance of the truth of the God's word that I read. They're the Israelites. There's 12 tribes. Only one of them was Jewish and they weren't Jewish yet. They wouldn't even get that term until they went into Babylon. But I digress, at the base of Mount Sinai there's 12 tribes and what happens? They sent Moses up the mountain. "Moses going up there. We don't want to hear from God." And I can stop right there and preach a sermon because the people don't really even today want to hear from God. They want Moses, they want the pastor to go up and hear from God. And by the way the gentleman, the contractor that I lent to Christ, he didn't even know if his wife believed in God, but went home and asked her and he said "I'm going to get a Bible." She said, "You can't read the Bible." He said, "What do you mean I can't read the Bible?" She said, "Well I grew up Catholic you don't read the Bible, the priest reads the Bible for you. You don't know what it's saying." And she was getting serious. That same demonic spirit has been over the church and even in the protesting church and they don't know it. We don't know it.

We don't really want to hear from God. You know why? Because **when you hear from God you better make a choice. You have to make a choice.** When you hear a good sermon you can go okay, amen, hallelujah let's go eat. Praise the Lord, here's twelve dollars in the bucket. By the way did you know only 2% of Christians tithe today? 2%. 2% give today. Do you know in 1400 B.C. when Moses came out and he said, "Hey guys I've got a really good idea," I'm paraphrasing because it all came from God. He said, "We want to build a house for God." They had so much gold and silver they had to give it away. There's too much. They said, "Stop." What pastor, what was the last time he took an offering and he said, "Guys, we got to stop. We have to, buckets are full." No pastor ever lived stopped an offering and said we can't take anymore. Because there never is enough. Because the people of God you know why? People give where they see the power of God moving. They see where things make a difference. You put a child up from Africa people are giving right now. \$30 a month, I want to do it right now. But they won't give \$30 a month to church. Why? They're not seeing God move. When you see the power of God move that means you got to move and nobody wants to move.

This is why church has become a comfortable couch a recliner for God's people. If I had my way I'd strip every single one of these chairs out and see how long y'all can last. Last one standing wins. Everybody else got to get 30% of the room for five years. Oh, y'all will never be sitting down, right. So as I was in conclusion, we're at the base of Mount Sinai. They said, "Moses, go on up the mountain. You hear from God." Giving up their priesthood. By the way, did you know that God said in that whole context that **"this was a royal priest, a royal nation, a holy priesthood."** First Peter didn't make that up. I believe it was first Peter, did not come up with that by themselves. That's a direct quote from Yahweh Himself. **My people are all going to be priests.** I'm going to be their king. This is going to be the greatest showdown ever. The enemy's going down and the people rejected it. They brought in their pagan Egyptian ideas that they can't ever communicate to a God by themselves. They need a mediator, so they sent Moses up. Never supposed to happen that way. Remember, everyone's at the base, God's speaking the ten commandments, one, two, three. They get to 10, they say, "Moses, stop. We can't take this

anymore. He's scared us out of our mind." Mo goes up and gets the rest of it. They deny the priesthood. It would take 1400 years, ladies and gentlemen, for that priesthood to come back.

At the base of Mount Sinai, Moses goes up, while he's up there they lose him. What happens? They say, "Hey, let's, we need another mediator. Let's do a golden calf because that's what we learned in our past denomination out of Egypt. It's the only thing we know. We can't talk to God directly. We have no idea what's going on," so they do this golden calf thing. It's unbelievable that for all these years of my entire Christian walk, I thought that they were serving another God, but that was only from God's perspective. From their perspective, the text is very clear. Aaron says, "Tomorrow is a feast unto Yahweh." They were making the golden calf so that they can worship God their way. God said, "Mo, get out of my way. I'm killing everybody, giving you everything." How many of you would have taken that deal? None of you would have said, "let's do door number two." No, you would have said, "God, that's a pretty good idea. Go ahead, I'm gonna get out of your way. I'll take the inheritance." But Moses totally talked God off the cliff, got God to look over their sin, went down there, out comes the golden calf. A line is drawn in the sand, Moses says, "If you wanna come, if you wanna serve the Lord God, come on my side." Only the tribe of Levi comes on that, and that's where your Levitical priesthood comes from. It's from the moment that mankind decided, I'm going to serve God my way, and can I suggest we haven't stopped since.

Our religious service has been what we feel, 22 minutes of worship, 24 minute message. And I'm not poking fun at the church. I'm saying as a doctor of the word of God, I'm seeing some impurities in the water and some cancer in the pews. We need to do something. We're going to lose the next generation and they're almost gone already. This woke young people are going to end up being in Congress and senators and president of the United States. If you think it's bad now with the person that can't find his way on and off the stage, you wait to these young people that are in our colleges right now are running this country at a godless level like you've never seen. Because the church is drinking from the wrong well. Because our tires are out of alignment. Because we don't know what we don't know and it's time we learn. **It's time we get over the feel good and we get back to being good. There's a difference.**

Where am I going with this? So back to Mount Sinai, we're there, that was Shavuot. That was Pentecost. That was when the commandments were given. That was when the tree was given. That was when about the Holy Spirit was about to come down, but they rejected their inheritance. So no true worshipers were found that day, and God would have to set up a temporary system just so that they would have another shot at it. 1400 years later, Yeshua, the High Priest, made the sacrificial atonement for sinners and went to Jerusalem, on the same day, 1400 some odd years later to the day, He said, "let's try this again. I already gave you the truth. Here comes the spirit. Do you want it?" They took it and that day the Spirit and truth came together for the first time in human history, a true worshiper was found. And it might be interesting to you that on the day that the line was put in the sand at the base of Mount Sinai, God told, what would be a Levitical priest, the very first instruction that God ever gave a priest that didn't even know they were a priest was take your sword and you'll kill every single person that you can find that took part in the compromise of My church. That's your sword and spirit.

And 3000 men fell that day in Israel. Fast forward to Shavuot, 30 A.D. Peter gives a sermon after speaking in tongues and all these people think they're drunk and everybody's hearing the gospel in their own language. The sermon of so unbelievable, the text actually says 3000 souls got saved. Did anybody catch that? 3000 people died on the first Shavuot, and the first one that inaugurated the new covenant, 3,000 got saved. It's a do-over, ladies and gentlemen.

Now for my second ending. How many of you would be honest enough to say, I need a do-over. I need my tires replaced, I'm going on rims. I've been drinking from the wrong well. I believe that He wants to drop a gravity well in you tonight to begin the process of going deeper and auditing your life. Some of you might **start with auditing your marriage, your relationships, how you treat one another, how you treat God, how you look at Him.** When was the last time that you laid yourself out and said, "Father, I don't care what it costs me to do what you got to do. I don't care." There's two prayers that you can pray that God will hear faster than any other prayer. I'm going to give you the secret sauce right now. One is the gospel. When a prayer of a repentant man or woman or child and they lay down in the altar and they say, God, I want to know you for the first time. Angels are moved out of the way, Holy Spirit. Himself shows up. Time has stopped. And the second prayer goes like this. "God, I don't care what it costs me to do what you got to do." Except He pauses for you to say it again. He wants to make sure you know what you're saying. Because I prayed that prayer. I actually prayed it from the pulpit in a message, and I said, "God, I ask you to judge me now. Don't let me stand before you on judgment day and find out then that I had some things that needed to be aligned. Judge me now." The biggest mistake I ever made. I'm here to tell you God has very large ears. He heard every word that I said, and within a year I found myself in a prison cell. From the world's perspective, it was the worst possible thing that could happen to a human being in many ways. From God's perspective, it's just an age-old strategy to get a man where He needs to be.

You see, today in the kitchen, in American kitchens all across the country, really the globe, it used to be the old days that if you want to make a roast, you put it in the oven for hours. Today, they make this thing called an Instapot. You take the same roast frozen and in 20 minutes, it's ready to go. You see, sometimes God has to put us in an Instapot. He ain't got time for your stuff. He's got to get you where you need to go. How many have been thrown into the bottom of the well and feel like you're in an Instapot at some point in your life? You've been there. We need to submit to that. I love how God starts His word. He didn't say end to end, He said, "I know the beginning from the beginning." Because He reads from right to left. But He starts His love letter out to us *in the beginning*.

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