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Prüft aber alles und das Gute behaltet.
[1. Thessalonicher 5.21]
Satan has plugged up his ears to make him walk before a vehicle or something sometime and be killed on his feet, oh, trying to do this harm to this poor brother, but we’re here to make him whole, Father.

And now, I have spoke to the people tonight concerning Your visitation of the Angel of God. And may You confirm it now before their eyes for this faith line will have to start... [Scratch on record.]

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We're getting some new gadgets for recording.

We're hardly know each night where we're going to be at. That's just, I think the... about the third move in the last four nights. So we got another move, I think, tomorrow night. So that's what makes it awfully bad, just kind of shifting around from place to place, then you'll hardly... It's just like a new place every night, and—and makes it very hard.

I trust that sometime when I come back again to Oakland, why, maybe we can get something like the auditorium here for a week or two. That's when we can have a real revival and a real meeting. Don't you believe that? Yes, I believe we could too.

It's just our schedule has been so irregular. Well, I would say this: we're just a night or two here and then a hundred miles farther. Just about the time we get the thing, the people settled down to where they can begin to see the supernatural moving of God, then it's they break up the meeting, go somewhere else two, three, four hundred miles
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W-2 So I think, after I get back now from Canada, well, before we go to Mexico or anywhere, I think we’ll just make the revival places, stay about a month at a time in a place, or something like that, so we can just really get the people... When they can stay long enough till some of the people that’s prayed for, will be—begin to come in, and reports coming in, getting well, getting well like that, and testimonies going...

Like in my own hometown at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Why, it’s nothing there. My, just as soon we come into town, hundreds of people flock from everywhere, ‘cause they have—they are... You’re settled down to one place; you’re not on the move like this.

W-3 And then, friends, this is just about six months I’ve been going day and night almost.

Today I had a wonderful day alone with God. No one was there but just the Lord and I. And I get myself more settled down when I get alone. Now, I’ve got five more meetings before I have any rest coming up: five more meetings. And then in the month of May, I’m to take a complete month, going up into the Rocky Mountains where, my, alone there when you kind of look like get... I like to be alone with God. That’s the way to—that I find
Him so dear to me. And then coming back then to start into Canada...

W-4  Now, we do not have much time. What time you have to close the auditorium? Eleven o’clock? Eleven o’clock, I think they said is closing of the auditorium.

So I wish to speak to you tonight just for—just take a little bit of time and teach the Word of faith, and that you might know how to approach God.

There’s many of these great and deep subjects that people claim that they know much about. And when it comes down to the final showdown, they know very little of it. Now, that’s true. And we’re going to find out a few of those things tonight.

And by the way, day after tomorrow night at the other auditorium, I’m to give a little sketch of my life story; that is, if you’d like to hear it. Would you like to hear it? Let’s see your hands. That’s—that’s just fine. Have you announced where the auditorium is? [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-5  ...reasonable idea, because I want you to be healed. That’s what I’m here for. I... This is a great sacrifice for me to be here, friends. I have a home, a family. And I’m new; I’m just a—a baby in the work. This is just a few months since the gift of healing came to me.

I don’t have—I don’t ...?... own my home. I just live in two rooms in a little “L” cottage. My wife packs water for somewhat, almost a half a city block, packs it back out of the

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over my hand, let’s see your hand. You all see what it is ...?... [The words are difficult to understand.] ...?...
W-100 Just this man ...?... See those ...?... I thought I was ...?... this vibration here. See? But it’s ...?... Now, every one bow your head and pray ...?... Now remember, this can go from one to another, so be sure to keep your head down ...?...

Heavenly Father, be merciful, God, to our beloved sister, who has a right, Father, tonight to be healed; she’s come to claim her God-given privilege of being healed by the Saviour Jesus of Nazareth. Therefore, Father, give Thy servant faith. May I be able to climb up just now, up into that ...?... that faith ...?... And now in the Name Jesus Christ I rebuke you, Satan, to leave her ...?...

Please don’t raise your heads, friends. Now, it’s hindering the lady. This is very—must be a cancer instead of female trouble, because it’s very, very provoked. Now, keep your head down ...?... You believe with all your ...?... You believe with all of your heart that I’m able to do this through Jesus Christ? You believe that all you have to do is simply believe? ...?... there’s heads up somewhere, friend. Keep your heads down ...?...

Dear, heavenly Father, be merciful to our... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]
W-101 Brother Branham, if anything happens on the tape ...?... anything happens on the tape ...?... like that, now, what would be if you had a ...?... You see? I just wonder
friends, I can only help you if you believe me. That’s the only way that I can ever do anything for you.

And I would love to be there tonight. You don’t know how I would like... Many of you know what it is to be away from home, don’t you? But I... It’s... I say it’s just a little shack. But it doesn’t take a big house to make a home. It’s the character on the inside that makes a home. And I’m thankful for a home.

So God bless you. And you pray for me, and I’ll tell you more about it the day after tomorrow night.

W-9 And now, tonight, friends, if you will, keep the little fellows just as patient as you can, and you be the same. And give me your undivided attention just for a few moments. And I’ll try to explain to you, the best of my knowledge, the reason I’m here tonight, and how that you must approach God to receive your healing.

I’ve suffered much, and I know what it is to be sick. And I—I want to help you. And I can if you’ll just believe.

I wish to take this opportunity, just now... I have so many things on my mind and tired and weary. But I want to thank the minister; I just forget his name, of who let us have this auditorium tonight, I think, give away his services: Reverend Jack Walker. If he’s in the audience, Brother Walker, may God bless you my brother, you and your... make you... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-10 ... Father, we’re so thankful
to believe God... And I pray that You would bless, our dear brother, as he near ...?... He's in need ...?... Please, O God, have mercy upon him. Come out of him, thou demon, in the Name Jesus Christ ...?... Do you believe now with all your heart? ...?...

Come ...?... That's that the truth. You want be well, don't you? You believe that God hears Brother Branham’s prayer? All right.

Heavenly Father, as this lovely little girl is ...?... little blues eyes looking up towards the ...?... and smiling ...?... faith to believe that she’s going to receive that which she’s asked for. And this vibration ...?... Be merciful to her, Father. Thou demon, come out of her in the Name of Jesus Christ.

...?... my heart ...?... Our heavenly Father, be merciful, a lovely little girl is suffering tonight, and Thou are here to make... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.] You believe ...?...

W-98 Heavenly Father, be merciful to our sister who's suffering ...?... Thou knowest all ...?... Oh ...?... to realize that Almighty God has ...?... Lord, and He's testifying of His ...?... Thou demon ...?... to leave her ...?... in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dear God ...?... I believe what they ...?... I pray, Father, tonight for my dear brother who's suffering, Satan's trying to take his life. Bless him, dear God ...?... Come out of him, thou demon, in the Name of Jesus Christ ...?... up in the balconies, keep your head down, please. That left him and then went right back on him
come in such a way, that many, many great miraculous healings may be done, that His fame may be spread forth through all the regions up and down this western coast of this hemisphere. For we ask it in His Name and for His glory. Amen.

Now, friends, as I say, we’re shifted about so many times. I guess many of you here never even heard how the gift of Divine healing come. But only thing I want you to do tonight is to believe me. If you will believe, you shall see God’s glory; I’m sure. The success has not been as I hoped it would be in the last few nights, though cripples, afflictions, deaf, dumb, lame... But it’s very slow, it seems to be, since we’ve hit the West Coast.

Brother Charles Fuller was speaking to me when we was down at Long Beach, and he told me, said, “Brother Branham,” said, “the reason,” said, “this West Coast here has everything under the name of Divine healing.” Said, “They have Blue Flame worshippers, Father Divine worship and all, everything under the name of Divine healing.” Said, “It’s such a stumbling block.”

Well, that... That may be so, friends; I do not know; but that does not counteract God’s power to heal. [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

...and the Healer Divine. And now, no man can do a miracle in His Name that can speak light of Him. That’s what He said. So if anybody is getting people healed, I’m thankful for it. But I truly believe with all my heart as we go into the
I’m home, I pray for them. How many wants me to pray for you when I look at this picture? God bless your heart.

Now, be sure not to miss tomorrow night’s service, and the next night, my life’s story, the next night I want you to hear. And God bless you now while we stand reverently for a moment; they’re going to take the picture. Now, the photographer will tell you what to do. [Photographer speaks: “If you folks would be seated now, please…”]

If that balcony would stand, it’d be so much better, make a much better… Isn’t that right, photographer, if they’d stand it’d make a much nicer picture? Especially in the balcony, is that right? Shows a better picture... All right, the balcony stand. They want the balconies to stand, all around. That’s fine. …?… in the presence of the …?…

[The prayer line follows, but Brother Branham steps away from the microphone; it is not all fully understandable; the text which follows is not complete.]

W-13 May God help us as I read some of the Scriptures now. Over in the book of Hebrews the 11th chapter, we will begin and read the first three verses. Listen very closely, because my words is just the words of a mortal. They will fail. But God’s Word will never fail. It’s always true.

Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were... made of things which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained a witness... he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it... being dead yet spake.

W-14 PA system’s a little bit loud, so... [Blank spot on tape.] All right. Now, I think that may be just a little—little better: kind of causes a rebound from... All right.

Now, I wish to take my text out of

subject tonight that you, maybe, if God will just help us, that you’ll get the vision and see what really the day and time that we’re living. And then you’ll see and believe.

W-95 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain; by this he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gift. Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for Thy testimony now, testifying of that which Thou has done through our lovely Jesus. May the Angel that spoke to me that night in the room be near Thy servant’s side at this time to confirm the Word with many
Then let’s sing this with our hands over our hearts saying...

Lord, I believe, Lord, I believe
All things are possible, Lord I believe,
Lord I believe, Oh, Lord, I believe,
All things... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-93 This day that we're living in, it's such a day of unsettled peace and unsettled rest everywhere. People are running to-and-fro speaking whatever they may speak. Most anybody can get a following. No matter what they teach or think, somebody will listen to them. And it’s a day that the prophets spoke of.

People, when they’re hungry, they'll eat from anywhere. If children and people are starving, they’ll eat from a garbage can, that once eat from a nice table. But if they are hungry, they’ll eat somewhere. So I think real true ministers of the Gospel ought to be up and going, ought to be giving the people the right things: meat in due season.

W-16 Now, this subject of mine of... As I have testified to you that I am not a preacher, I just merely have the gift of Divine healing, which I humbly say, it comes from God. I had nothing to do with it coming. I was—it was foreordained of God years and years ago. I had nothing to do...

W-94 Now, they’re going to take a picture. And I’ll tell you what happens to these pictures. I hang them in my room. Every night when the 3rd chap—or the 3rd verse, rather, and the last—one of the last phases, “God testifying of His gifts.” And now, for my subject, it’s found in the 1st chapter, the 1st verse, rather (Pardon me.), the 1st verse, “Faith Is The Substance Of Things Hoped For, The Evidence Of Things Not Seen.”

W-17 This is the keynote to the Scriptures. Faith, he that cometh to...
God must believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Without faith, it is impossible to please God.

This world was made by faith. Things were shaped in existence by faith. God just seen that dewdrop hanging out there in the air, that whatever you want to call it, and He just spake, and said, “Let there be light.” And there was light. And then He brought the land forth and dried it off and so forth. That was all done by an act of faith with God. The whole world is made by faith.

You’re here tonight by faith. Many of you told your employer you’d be back tomorrow to work. How do you know you will? You told your wife, “I’ll be home after service.” How do you know you will? You told the person maybe to come, a cab, to pick you up at eleven o’clock. How do you know you’ll be here? You may be in eternity before eleven o’clock tonight. See? But it’s all by faith. Everything’s by faith.

W-18 Now, so many people speak of this subject, faith, and know so little of it. Now, listen friends; I—I love you and I want you to see this. There’s so many people speaks of faith doesn’t know one principle of faith. Now, you’re together, and I—we may never all meet again this side of eternity. But I... If I had a place where we could be together, and I could gradually bring the thing up to where you’d be able to see it plainer than what you will now, because many of you are going to think... And different parts of the country... Take care of my little orphan boy, won’t You, dear God.

Oh, I’m out here striving, trying my best, dear God, to obey what I was told to do. And may the people see, Father, what a sacrifice it is, and what You’ve done for the people. And may they recognize this day and many be healed, and get well of their diseases and testify through this city. For we ask it in the lovely Name of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son. Amen.

W-91 Friends, they just fall from side to side. Oh, how I wish you could, you—I know you do. God bless your hearts. I just got confidence to believe you have.

Let’s all sing now, while the band plays and all, “Only Believe.” Everyone now, lift your voices highly. Come on now.

Only believe, Only believe

All things are possible,

I can stand right here. That’s all right, I’ll back under the shadow in behind the microphone ...?... I just get right on through here.

Only believe

All things are possible

Only...

W-92 Just a moment now. Do you believe God is in our midst tonight? Do you believe it? Do you believe that He’s sent to you people who’s cried for deliverance? Do you believe He sent healing to you? Do you believe it with all your hearts?
you’re—probably many will get the wrong impression of me tonight. When I’m trying my best to get this to you, and you’ll think it’s self-exaltation. But it is not, my lovely friends. It’s for your benefit if I can just get you to see what—what God has done for you.

W-19  Now, some—many people come through the line, and they say, “Oh, I have faith to be healed.” And, friends, when they pass by, I know they haven’t enough faith to cure a toothache. That’s right. And some of them coming through with cancer, and say, “I have faith to be healed,” they do not have faith.

My Scripture lesson tonight said, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” See, it’s a substance. It’s something direct, something that you really have, not something that you imagine, something that you think you have; but it’s some direct positive act that you have. You see what I mean?

W-20  Now, here not long ago... I’ll give you a little story of someone who came so you can see what faith is. Faith is a gift of itself. You may have a portion of it, but there is a gift of faith. And may everyone that comes tonight, come like they did when they passed by Your humble servant, Simon Peter. And they were laid in his shadow and were made every whit whole, because they recognized God in the man. May they recognize God like they did in Moses. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. May they recognize God tonight in His people. Grant it, dear Father. Have mercy now and bless every one of them.

And, dear God, at this time I pray for my little church at home that just had services tonight, crying, begging for me to come home. O God, people gathering in from
you praying. What was so startling about the box?

He looked up at me, his poor old wrinkle hardened cheeks, and tears rolling off the sides of his cheeks. He said, “Rev... Parson,” he said, “just look over there.”

And I raised up and looked over there, and it looked like a little old dress laying there. I said, “I only see a dress.” And that’s what many people just see, the natural signs. I said, “I only see the dress.”

He said, “You notice that kind of a circle in it, parson?”

And I said, “Yes, sir.”

He said, “Feel right here on my side.” Said, “There is marks of a slave belt. That’s the blood of Abraham Lincoln.” Said, “The blood of Abraham Lincoln took the slave belt off of me. Why shouldn’t I take my hat off and say a prayer?”

W-89 I think tonight, if a colored man, for the freedoms and his right, could take his hat off to the blood of Abraham Lincoln, what ought you Christians to do to the Blood of Jesus Christ. See? Oh, friends, I expected to have more faith in Oakland and L. A. too.

I’ll tell you the people that received it not long ago, was the Spanish people at Arizona. They caught the idea right quick. They knew it was God’s gift to them. They come right on the platform. And I’d see them dear old Spanish mothers faint and fall and pulled out of line before they could get to me. They believed it.

One of them come, she even had...
out by an explosion. Taking a hold of his hands and was praying for him, his wife crying, the tears rolling down off her coat, like that. She’s standing there.

After I got through praying, he just—his eyes, he looked so amazed. He’d look around, begin to bat his eyes; he said, “Honey, ain’t that an automobile setting right there?” And it was our car that we were setting in. Tears rolling down his eyes, out of his eyes, he begin to raise his hands and rejoice.

Oh, brother, God will testify of His gifts. Heavens and earth might pass, but God’s going to move. There’s going to be somebody that’s going to receive it (Yes, sir.), if you’ll come and respect what God has done for you. That’s right. God will testify of His gift. It’s right now time to get started.

W-88 Listen, not long ago I was in, was over in Illinois. And listen, while we’re talking of the colored; this come on my mind. There was... I was in a big coliseum. Many of you know where I’m speaking of. And there looking around and seeing different things, I seen an old colored man with a little ring of white hair around his head; he come along like this, looking. And after while he come to a—a certain thing. He stopped. He took off his hat. He held it behind him. He bowed his head. And I seen he was saying a prayer.

And I walked up to him after he got through praying; I said, “Sir,” I said, “I’m a minister.” I said, “I seen yourself. Now, I want you to see this because it’s for your benefit.

W-23 Here a few weeks ago, a few months ago it was, I was home for just a few nights. And my, there’s about three hundred people had gathered in the home and around the yards that day, and about two o’clock in the morning the wife got me into bed. And while I was just laying across the bed, my, my legs were cramping and hurting...

I was laying down there, and I heard a machine drive up out front. And I said, “Oh, my, there’s someone coming.”

And she said, “Well, listen, I’ll go to the door.”

And while she was on her road to the door I went to sleep.

And I could hear someone saying, “Well, the baby has been sick for a long time.” And a little baby was crying till it didn’t even sound like it was human, something like, you that’s reading in my little book, “The Heavenly Vision”... How many has read it in—in the audience, let’s see, “Heavenly Vision”? You see, something on that order.

The little bitty fellow, it was about eight, ten weeks old. And it was—it had never stopped crying. And the mother said, “Well, I’ve—I... We’ve traveled all day and all night to get here.” Said, “We seen where he—Brother Branham was to be home and we brought the baby.”

W-24 My, the poor little thing, I couldn’t sleep. And I went out there and prayed for the little baby. And I set down, and there in the chair just
a moment, was talking to the mother. They’d come from way up in northern Ohio. And while we were setting there, friends, the little fellow ceased to cry. It’d been crying day and night now. Oh, that’s worth more to me than all the money in the world.

And there, I looked over, and the mother started crying, great big tears dripping off on the little blanket, the old dad setting there with a pair of overalls on, probably spent a good portion of his living to come, come over and put his arm around me, said, “I love you, Brother Branham.”

My, some of the best hearts that ever beat is under an old blue shirt. That’s right.

W-25 It ain’t the way you dress; it’s what’s on the inside of you. (That’s right.) And there, I knew he meant that. That wasn’t hypocrisy. He meant that from his heart; he loved me. And I looked at the little baby, and the mother, when I went in the other room she was... [Blank spot on tape.] it just smiling at us. And, friends, that’s worth every bit of it, isn’t it? That’s right. That’s worth all of it. And then they said... My wife said, “Well, I’ll fix you coffee or something for you if you wish.”

And they said, “Well, we’ll just wait a little while.”

And my wife said, “Well, now...”

“I’ll tell you what,” I said, “I’ll lay down here on this chair, and you let the mother and them go to bed and sleep for a little bit.”

W-26 And so we put them to bed,

minute.”

And he was just a crying, poor fellow. He had his hat in his hand, gray headed. He was saying, “Reverend, Reverend.”

His wife said, “You’s can’t get to him, honey. You’s can’t get to him.”

And I said, “Wait a minute. Just a minute.” And so I looked around, and I looked at him. I said, “What’s the matter, sir?”

And Brother Adams and the other man taken me back up where he was at. And I said, “What’s the matter?”

He said, “Reverend, Reverend.”

See, he was holding me like that. Said, “Reverend.” Putting his hand over on me.

I said, “Yes?”

W-86 He said, “Just a minute, Reverend.” He said, “I’s come a long ways to come here.” He said, “Night before last,” said, “my old mammy, she’s been dead about twenty years almost.” And said, “She was a Christian woman. And I’s been blind for better than twelve years.” He said, “And last night, or night before last, I dreamed... [Blank spot on tape.] That God had sent His gift of Divine healing, and it was at Camden, Arkansas, and for me not to let you get by.” Said, “Reverend, please don’t pass me by.”

You think I could pass him? I don’t care who he was. It’s God. I don’t care how much they’d put you in jail.

W-87 Then standing there by that poor old fellow, take a hold of his hands. His eyes had been blowed...
and I was setting in a chair to try to rest till daylight. And just then another car drove up and a young man come up to the door. And he said, “Brother Branham?”

I said, “Yes.” I was trying to get awake.

He said, “I know you’re very sleepy.”

I said, “Yes sir.”

He told me, said, “I’m from Marengo, Indiana.” He said, “My little sister is dying with appendicitis; she’s to be operated on this morning.” Said, “Will you come to her?”

Well, that... [Blank spot on tape.]... and in my old jalopy Ford, that’s waiting for me over at Houston, all the side of it’s beat out with my knees, where I’d hit my knees like that trying to stay awake while I would go and pray for the sick people. I’ve left one meeting, going to the other, and get out into the field with my hand out the door of the car, saying, “God bless you, God bless you,” sound asleep.

I never will forget one day coming from Houston, [... There was...] I’d hear a car blowing, and I knew I was on the wrong side of the road, only I couldn’t get awake. You see?

I’d set there fifteen days and nights praying for the sick people and seeing wonderful things. But, oh, my friends, if my life will be short, maybe somebody else can stay because of my going.

W-27 And this man said, young fellow, he said, “My little sister...” He told me he belonged to a church. I
of a car just about two blocks from the church. And there was an officer standing there. And she said to him, “Do you know where the Houston Gospel Tabernacle is?”

Said, “Yes, ma’am. Right up there where that crowd of people is standing there in the street,” said, “They’re having a healing service.”

W-81 Well, the poor thing was so weak when she got there, she, you imagine how she felt, walked right in there and seen that. And she told me. I said, “Bring me the baby.”

Oh, my, you know what happened, don’t you? Sure. And I thought, even though the people, the Angels of heaven know about it. God will testify of it. His works will be declared, regardless of what people think about it. That’s right. It’s true, friends. God bless your heart.

W-28 And by the way, a man that laid in the morgue, pronounced dead by three doctors when I went in to where he was at, he’s driving a Pennsylvania locomotive tonight, and still they don’t believe. That’s true. That is true. They won’t believe.

The hour is here where people’s eyes are so blinded with the cares of the world and the other cares, till they don’t even see God. He’s right in their midst many times and they pass by like it was in the days of
and take the child and go to the Houston Gospel Tabernacle. The gift of Divine healing is there."

Well, she just thought it was just a dream: never heard of the Houston Gospel Tabernacle. So she just laying there a little while and went to sleep again, and she dreamed it the second time. The big black cloud come. Her dead father come walking right down out of the cloud. She said, "Well, that's strange; I dreamed of dad the second time." Said, "He said, take the baby." Well, she got up and got her drink; stirred around the house a little bit and went back and lied—was lying down again. And when she went back, she dreamed it the third time. The big black cloud come. And her... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-80  They called the recorder's office to see if there was, just what was to the dream. I don't believe in all dreams now. So then, called, but he said, "Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams."

And then she—she called the recorders office, and he said, "Yes, there's a Houston Gospel Tabernacle way over on the west side, on sixty-seventh street." And he said, "East sixty-seventh street."

And the lady, the mother, so weak she could not... Now, the child was—had infantile paralysis, his little legs was crippled. And she could not bring the child.

But she had the neighbor, and the neighbor kept changing busses and cars until she got over and got off Christ, and they missed seeing Him. W-29  And now, this lady—or this man, rather, he said, "Will you go?"

I said, "Yes."

He said, "Maybe I'd better take you."

I said, "No, I'll try to stay awake."

And the wife started crying; she said, "Now, honey, you'll fall asleep somewhere."

I said, "No, I'll be all right, sweetheart." And I got in my old car and started trailing down. I said, "I'll watch him." Going down I was pinching my—and biting my fingers, and I'd take spit and wipe my eyes and everything else, trying to keep awake. I know that sounds very unsanitary, but I—I was doing anything to try to get to the child. W-30  And we drove about eight miles through an old road way up into the rural district, and there lay a young girl something about eight—seventeen or eighteen years old. And she was lying there in a terrible condition. When I walked into the room, she was real nervous, and she said, "Oh, and you're Brother Branham?" She said...

I said, "Do you believe sister?"


And so they, the man, the father come, met me and shook my hand. And he—he took me around to the bed. He said, "Sir," said, "she's going to be operated on this morning."
And said, “She’s... We’re afraid she can’t make the trip.” Said, “We got to take her all the way to New Albany, Indiana.”

That was about nearly forty miles to the first hospital. And she had about eight miles through rural, just, oh, my, just a fence row, coming down like that where wagons would travel almost to come down. And well, I—I assisted and helped in operations and... [Blank spot on tape.]

W-31...and it was... I knew that that child could not go to the hospital. She would die before she got there. There may be medical doctors setting present now, usually there is doctors come to listen in on the service. And her side had swollen up and was turning red, the appendix were ruptured and were ready to burst at any time.

Now, many time I’ve went in with Doctor Adair, the doctor of our city, the one that comes to my church. And we had the operation and cut the— the incision open. And when they’d burst on the table, and—and sometimes take the bowels out and spray them off and wash them out, and keep them from peritonitis from setting in, and cut it a kind of V-shape and put a tube in there to drain. Sometimes they’d get well.

But that child couldn’t... That appendix would’ve bursted and she’d a had thirty miles or more yet to drive. And she would’ve died before she got there.

W-32 Now, friends, the girl was looking to me, and she said, “Oh, main floor here. And the lady run into the back. She had a little boy in her arms, and she set down. And she was real restless. And the prayer line about four in abreast was coming by like this.

And she raised up; she said, “Just a minute, just a minute.” And everyone stopped.

She said, “I don’t like to stop that prayer line, but I want to tell you...”

She was real nervous and shaky, kind of excited.

W-79 She said, “I live over on the west side of Houston.” Now, Houston’s a pretty good size city, several miles across it, and we were on the east side. She said, “This morning my neighbor, the mother of this little child,” said, “her father was an old Methodist preacher.” Said, “He’s been dead twenty years.” And said, “Before he died, he used to go around preaching and saying someday God would give the gift back to the church for the Gentiles before the ending of the Gentile dispensation, like He did for the Jews.”

And said, “His baby daughter, this is her baby.” Said, “She’s kind of weakly.”

And said, “This morning after cleaning up her house, she’d set her dust mop up and was lying down across the foot of the bed and was resting.” And said, “All at once she had a dream. She seen a big black cloud rising.” And said, “Coming down out of that cloud, begin to move back.” And said, “There come her dead father. And he said, ‘Rise
Brother Branham, you think I’ll live?”
And I said, “I believe you will.” But she said... I said, “Now, do you believe?”

Some of the neighbors had gathered in.
W-33 Now, look, here’s where I want to get to you people now on this. The girl thought she believed, just like many of you come down this line tonight. You think you believe, but she did not believe.

Now, many of you have female trouble, and maybe it’s just something another that—maybe a ulcerated stomach. And you—you have to take your... You can have a little time.

But that girl, that had to be an emergency. Her life was at stake. Something had to be done. So I said, “Sister, I do not mean to hurt your feelings, but you—you do not believe.”

Now, it’s just like the brother says here, when you have your head up, no matter where you are in the building... I don’t say this, friends, you remember, I’m telling you this just for your good. It’s not I, but God. I know when you got your head up; I feel it. Whether you’re behind me, where you are... Like one last night setting with her head up behind me. I knew it all the time. And so, that’s between God and the
Peter. He did for Paul. He did for all, and He will do it yet today.

When Pentecost first fell and the baptism of the Holy Spirit first began to fall, the people said, “It’s fanaticism.” But God testified of it, that He was so. That’s why I’m with you tonight, because I know it’s the hand of God. Many of them went off into isms with it, but there’s a genuine Pentecostal article. God has testified of it. That’s true. And the same thing He’s done tonight in another manner. [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-77 And I was going into the drugstore. And when I went in, I noticed some fellow looking at me kind of strangely. I went on in the store, and I come back out, and I had the bottle cap. And I never forgot about him. And I was still had my uniform on.

And he put his... The man put his hand on my shoulder, and he looked at me; he said, “Sir,” said, “I seen you was an officer.” Said, “I thought I’d ask you a question.”

And I said, “What’s the matter, sir?”

He said, “I live in Paducah, Kentucky.” He said, “I’ve been failing in health for about two years.” He said, “Last week I had a peculiar dream.” He said, “I dreamed that I should come to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and get somebody by the name of Branham to pray for me.”

Said, “Do you know where there’s any Branhams live here or not?”
She said, "Oh, Reverend Branham, I have faith to believe anything." [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-35 ...If you have faith, I want to ask you and show you, rather, that—that you do not have faith. Now, listen and catch every word of it. Hanging in the room from a chandelier was a string, and on the end of that string was a little bracelet, and it had... It was a white bracelet with little red sets in it where a child probably been playing with it, you know, swinging it in the room. Maybe some of you have your own babies to be pacified that way, swinging something around like that to play with it, to amuse them.

W-36 And I seen that little bracelet hanging down. It was... I said to the young lady; I said, "How far are you away from that bracelet?"

She said, "Prob—approximately fifteen feet."

I said, "Now, all you other adults here, all you people, just turn your back right around to me." I said, "Now, there's nothing going to be done to hurt anyone. I just got to speak to this girl, because she's got to catch the idea now."

And that's the reason I'm getting into these things with you tonight. We got two more nights, and something's got to be done. You see? Now, I don't want you to go away and say anything wrong about this, because you might have to answer at judgment for it. And so I said, "Something has to be done
think Moses was the—the deliverer because it was Moses, his wits and his intelligence? Why, he said he was a man of slow speech. It was God in Moses, a gift to the people. It was God in Christ. He said, “It’s not Me; it’s My Father that dwelleth in Me.”

That’s the reason Martha said, “Lord...” (last night’s sermon) Said, “I know that Thou art the Christ, the—the Son of God that should come into the world.” She believed it. And there the people believed on Him.

W-74 And look at Peter when he was walking by, why, he was a mortal. He was born of sinful flesh just like I or you. That’s right. But the people had need of a healer, so they sent—God sent Peter to do that specific work. John was love. Peter didn’t have the love in his heart that John had. John was God’s agency of love. You see?

Look here, when He taken Peter, James, and John, hope, faith, and charity... Don’t you see? Those gifted people, them three, the hope, faith, and charity...

Hope was in James; he was the one who set the church in order. Faith was in Peter. And charity was in John. Hope, faith, and charity, it was God’s representatives on the earth.

And the people laid in Peter’s shadow and were healed. Oh, friends. Oh, my. Don’t think I’m yelling at you, friends. You might think I’m excited, but I’m not. I’m trying to get my point to you close
people would understand. But they did not understand.

And today, surely, looks like a person wouldn't have to come down any closer than what you are right now to know what I'm speaking of. All right, but it goes over the majority's head. And, friends, I love you, and I want to see you get well.

Now, when they call for a deliverer, God sent the deliverer, and they failed to see it. Moses was God's gift to Israel. You believe it?

W-72 On down, Elijah the prophet, they were God's gift. Many of them raised up false prophets. Right in the days of Elijah there raised up false prophets, but God testified of the prophecy of Elijah. If it's of God, God will testify of it. And there was Elijah, and he was God's gift to Israel. You believe it?

He was even Ahab's pastor. He was Jezebel's pastor. She didn't want to admit that he was her pastor, but he was the man who told her where she was living. That's right. He was her pastor. She hated him, but yet he was God's provided gift for her down there to let her know her sins; and she failed to see him. You know what I'm speaking of?

W-73 Along come Jesus. And Jesus... Listen. Jesus was God's gift to Israel, to the world. Is that right? Jesus was God's gift. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." You believe it? [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

And it wasn't the apostles. Do you this. Wake yourself up, so when I get through with it you'll know what it's all about.

W-39 Then she said, "Why, Brother Branham, no one could do that."

I said, "Oh, yes, anyone can that believes."

And she said, "Well, I don't believe that anyone could do that."

I said, "I thought you said you believed for all things." See how she was caught right there. I said, "You said you believed all things. I want you to prove it."

And she said, "I don't believe there's anyone can do that; that's material, Brother Branham." She said, "Could you do it?"

I said, "Yes, ma'am."

And she said, "Well, could I see it done?"

I said, "If you desire."

And she said, "I desire."

W-40 Then of course, putting my mind on it, and having her to watch that and not me. As many times in a meeting, I'll take any cross-eyed child you've got in this meeting, you bring it up here without even praying for it, and just let me look at it straight in the eyes like that, I'll make its eyes come straight. But when I turn my head... [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-41 And I used her for an illustration. She went back, she thought she wasn't going to get back through the line, taking two or three days before she got back. But when she come that time, she said, "Brother Branham, you told me to
Baptist church, the Methodists won’t come. One Body... One person said, “Should we be baptized over now in order to come, be prayed for?”

Mercy, that’s as pagan as we ever had it. That’s right. No. For by one Spirit we’re all baptized into one Body (That’s right.), regardless of who you are and where you are. That’s right. So it don’t make any difference what organization you are. You don’t have to belong to the Baptist church, or the Methodist church, or the Pentecost, or whatever it is. You have to have faith in God. That’s right.

Now, and frankly, you don’t have to belong to no church. But if you get healed and go sin again, it’ll come back on you again worse than it was in the first place. You go somewhere then to church and serve God. God don’t heal you for the devil’s glory. He heals you for His glory.

W-70 Now, look: how the people fail. Now, Moses felt, I’d imagine how he felt. He just hated to come right out and tell the people, because he thought it’d be self-exaltation. He thought the people’d say, “Now, look at that man.”

We’ve had a lot of that in the world today. We’ve had a lot of people come through said, “God done this and He done that.” But God didn’t bear record of it. But if God bears record, He will respect His gift. Is that right?

W-71 Yes, sir, God honored the gift of—of Abel. He honored the gift of Moses. And Moses thought the
he testified through Elisha as a prophet, through Moses as a deliverer, through Christ as a Son. He testified through Peter as a healer. Did he do it? And the people got the idea. And they even got such a mob of people till Peter couldn’t pray for each one of them, and they knew that this apostle was God’s gift to them. And he never shook their hands and said, “God bless you.” They took the people on the outside of the building and laid them down on the street that even his shadow would pass over them and they would be healed. Is that right? Why? Because they knew that Peter was the gift of healing sent from God to the people. Oh, I hope you see it, friend, look. You see, it was God’s gift. What now, I want to ask you, was it Peter done the healing? [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-69 God is not in material things. God is in men. The Holy Ghost never fell on organizations; it fell on men. And so many people today say, “They don’t belong to my faith.” Well, if you’re the faith of Christ, it’s all the same. God doesn’t care about... Your organization don’t mean that to Him. And the peoples got theirself to a place it’s just a big organized world. And it—that’s the reason I’d rather have it in a auditorium.

If it’s in a—a Oneness church, the Trinity won’t come. If it’s a Trinity’s church, the Oneness won’t come. If it’s in a Methodist church, the Baptists won’t come. If it’s in a
I testify and that what I say is true, My Father will testify of it."

And if I tell you about a gift of Divine healing and God doesn’t testify of it, leave it go; it’s wrong. But if God testifies of it, believe it’s God’s gift to you. That’s right. You see what I mean?

W-67 I hate to have to bring this out like this, friends, but I’m trusting you’re getting between the lines of it. Now, notice. See, it’s God’s gift.

After Jesus, when He went away... He was taken up. Many people came to Jesus that never got healed. He prayed for many who never had no results of it, because they didn’t believe. They didn’t believe that He was God’s Son. They said, “Why, He makes Himself God. He forgives sins on earth: blasphemy.” Don’t you see?

They said it about Elisha. They said the same thing about Moses. “Why, we would that we had died down in Egypt, than be brought out here to starve in the wilderness.”

See, God’s messenger has always been rejected. You know what I’m talking of, don’t you? I hope you do, friends. God bless your hearts. I—I want you to see it, friends.

W-45 [Scratch in record.] ...faith, but you’re a free moral agent; you’re a human being. You can resent it in your heart, and I couldn’t touch you if you had to. Jesus could not do many mighty works because of why? [Congregation says, “Unbelief.”] Correctly. See how little people know about—it’s amazing, friends, to find out how little people know about it. They talk so much of it and yet know so little of it.
And then she said, “Well, do you mean to tell me then... What part does that play with God, that part there?”

I said, “Now, look, there was an Angel came down into the room and told me that way back, back ‘fore I was born, was foreordained to have a gift of Divine healing. And He came and told me in the room one night that God had sent the gift, and it was a gift of Divine healing for the people. And if I could get the people to believe me (believe me), and would be sincere when I prayed, that nothing would stand before the prayer.”

I said, “Therefore, speaking face to face with this supernatural Being, I believe it with all my heart. And if I can get you to believe me with all your heart, that’s what moves God, and then you’re healed. Your faith has saved you.” You see what I mean? Your faith to believe has saved you. Not what you worked up and thought in your mind, but what you really know, the very evidence of things not seen. You see what I mean?

Then the girl said, “Brother Branham, I truly know that there’s something above where I have ever reached.” She said, “I’ll try with all my heart, and God have mercy on me.” She said, “Let me believe.”

And I took a hold of her hand then. There was a vibration pouring from that ruptured appendix, had prayer for her and it stopped immediately. I said, “God bless you, sister. Your faith now has saved...
the children of Israel were in bondage four hundred and twenty years down in Egypt, carried down there by Joseph when they went down... By and by there raised up a Jo—or a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. And then the people got in bondage. And they had to make straw houses and bricks and things out of straw and stubbles. And then they begin to cry to God for a deliverer. Is that right? And they cried and cried. And God foreordained a deliverer (Is that right?), Moses.

W-65 And when Moses came to the age of maturity, he went out and seen two Egyptians mistreating a Hebrew, and he slew the Egyptians and buried them. And the next day when he met the Hebrews striving among one another, "Why," they said, "will you kill us as you did the Egyptian?"

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W-47 A few moments later I was setting in the chair, and I went to sleep. Sun was coming up; I had to rest just a little before returning home, 'cause I was afraid I'd break up somewhere on the road, have a wreck. And I was setting there; they called the ambulance, told them there was no need. When I was—was waken up by one of the family, why, the girl was out of the bed and had eat a pint of ice cream. And the—she's never had a knife from that day to this. She was standing on the porch and waved good bye. She said, "Good bye, Brother Branham." Her testimony appeared in the "Herald of Truth" not long ago. Mrs. Edith Wright, at—at Milltown, or Depauw, Indiana, that was her there—there.

W-48 All right. Now, you see what faith is. It's something... Now look friends; I know that all of you are, at least know this: This body is controlled by five senses. Is that right? All right, it's got five senses is everything that controls this human body. Now, listen real close, and give me your attention now. The sense, five senses, is this right? See, taste, feel, smell, hear, is that right? Them five senses control the entire human body. Is that true? See, taste, feel, smell, and hear. Now, there's none of them that declare faith. Faith is the sixth sense, known to some people as you want to as mental telepathy or—or whatever you want or wish to call it, many of them call it names, but to me it's you."

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faith. And that is in and above all five senses of the human body. You see what I mean? [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]... great...

Faith is the only direct and positive sense, and it's the sixth sense. Faith is more than sight. Faith is more than feeling. You do not feel faith. You don't taste faith. You don't smell faith. You don't see faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

W-49 Here, see this Bible? Now, I want that Bible. Now, I'm looking at it. Now, I want it. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things I do not see. See what I mean?

Here, in my pocket, I think there's an old Barlow knife I've carried for years. Now, I do not see that knife. I do not feel that knife. I do not taste that knife. I do not smell that knife. But I know that knife is in there. How do you know? Because I believe it's in there. Now, if it is not in there, faith will put it in there, if it's not there.

That chokes you, I know. But—but that's true. If you believe, all things are possible. You're afraid to take God, friends. You're scared. Now, I might've left that knife laying on the dresser where I changed clothes a while ago. But just as sure if that knife is on the dresser right now, if I believe it with all my heart, it'll be in my pocket. That chokes you. But God is able to put it there if you believe it.

W-50 Here, I want to show you
see, you’re healed anyhow. See what I mean? It is a... You know it. There’s nothing can take it out of your heart. You know it. It’s just positive act right there. Oh, my.

If you could only see it, friends, something would take place. If you could only know what I’m talking about, something would react right now. See? It’s a positive. It’s right there, just as positive as these other five senses. These are of the natural man. Faith is of God. The natural man can be wrong, but God cannot be wrong. Oh, my.

W-60 Why, it would make us go to shouting. Think of it. And people tell me they got faith and say they can’t believe in Divine healing? Friends, if you don’t believe in Divine healings, you’re lost. That’s right. How you going to, if you can’t have faith enough for God to patch up this body to glorify Him in, how much more you going to have faith to believe that God will take this old mortal and make immortality out of it to take it up. That’s a direct Divine healing. Oh, my, there’s going to be some awful disappointments at the day of judgment, at the resurrection. That’s right.

W-51 Now, I know there’s a woman standing there though, because that the sense of sight tells me there’s a woman standing there. You see what I mean? Now, you think you could argue me down, tell me there’s no woman standing there. Then you try it one time. You try to tell me I’m not looking at a woman standing before me. You think you could outargue me? No,
sir, because I know this sense of sight is direct, and I'm looking at that woman, and I know she's standing there. Yet the only thing that I know is the sense of sight. Now, I want you to notice. Now, I'm going to close my eyes. Now, I feel a woman's hand. [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-52 I can tell it's a woman. She has a woman's hat on. She has a woman's hair; it's a woman's hand. I know it's a woman, because I feel her. You think you could outargue me? ["No."] Huh? That's directly; I know it, that that was a woman. I've got my back turned to her, but yet I know it's a woman. See? Because the sense of feeling tells me there's a woman there. You see what I mean?

Now, sight told me there's one there now. I don't feel her. That's the sense of sight. I know she's standing there, because I'm looking at her. I close my eyes. I know she's standing there now, because—not because I see her; because I feel her hand. I know she's standing there. I don't see her, but yet I feel her. The sense of feeling declares there's a woman standing there. See what I mean?

Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It's positive. You know it. There's no need of anybody telling you anything more about it. It's just as much declared as any of these other five senses of the body. You know what I mean? How many has a general understanding now of what I mean? Let's see your hands. See, see?

W-58 It ain't what you try to make yourself believe. Now, for instance, I try to make myself believe I'm hearing music. I—I wouldn't do it. May I make myself believe I'm smelling perfume. It's just not there. I've got to absolutely do it. You see what I mean?

And faith is that positive. It is an act of positive. You know it. Oh, my, I hope you see it, what I mean.

W-59 See, it's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. You don't see it. You don't taste it. Somebody say, "I don't feel any better."

Well, what's the matter? Why don't you feel any better? If you have your faith, according to your faith be it unto you. Is that right? See?

No matter how you feel, you're healed anyhow. No matter what you know that I'm right? Why?

W-57 Now, there is the five senses of the body. Now, they're positive, aren't they? You know when they happen. You know. Now, you're looking at a audience. You know you're looking at me.

Well, then friends, faith... Here it is. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It's positive. You know it. There's no need of anybody telling you anything more about it. It's just as much declared as any of these other five senses of the body. You know what I mean? How many has a general understanding now of what I mean? Let's see your hands. See, see?
me it was water; I know it's orange juice. I tasted it. See? You could taste it too. And if you've got a sense of taste, you would know it the same. And if you've got faith you'll know the same thing I'm talking about. Now, watch here again, now watch here.

I smell perfume. That's perfume. [Brother Kidson says, "You can't see any."] I don't see any perfume. ["You don't hear any."] I don't hear any perfume. ["You don't taste any."] I don't taste it. ["You don't feel any."] I don't feel it. ["What makes you think that's perfume?"] 'Cause I smell it. ["Amen."] That's right. The sense of smell tells me that was perfume before my nose. [Scratch on the record... me? Try it. All right, know that was perfume. I didn't see it, did I? Did I see it? I had my eyes closed. Did I taste it? No, I didn't have it in my mouth. Did I feel it? Never had my hands about it, nor nothing else. How did I know it then? Did I hear it? No, I smelled it, and it was a direct evidence that was perfume. I know it. [Blank spot on tape. End of record.]

W-55 That was orange juice. [Brother Kidson says, "You don't see any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't hear any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't feel any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't smell any oranges."] No, sir. ["What makes you think that is orange?"] Because I tasted it. ["Are you positive?"] I'm positive that was orange juice. That would not have been lemon; it would not have been grape. It would not have been grapefruit. That was orange juice, because the sense of taste. I—I didn't smell it; I didn't hear it; I didn't feel it; I didn't see it; but yet the sense of taste told me that was orange juice. You think I'm right? ["You're right."]

Sure it is. Why, the sense of taste proved that it was orange juice. Now, no matter how much you tell