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Pastor John:

Hello everybody. Thank you for joining us. What a wonderful time that we have in the Word of God. I thank God daily for all the wonderful people that He has placed in our lives and thank God for the opportunity for us to minister to such wonderful people – even if it is across the airwaves.

Today we just want to open in prayer because we don't have a live service. This is a recorded service. We just want to pray and say, Father, we ask You that the words that we speak and the anointing that is upon this message will touch every heart, every ear will hear, every heart will receive and Father, Your Word will penetrate deeply and cause us to grow and change and become more like Jesus in everything that we do. We thank You, Father, that You bless and anoint everything that happens in this service today, in Jesus' name. Amen

Well, we have been talking about some really significant Kingdom matters and surely, the Kingdom of God is what we live for. Surely when Jesus prayed and He said, "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," surely, that prayer is the foundation prayer of everything that we need to live by - that the Kingdom of God will be on earth as it is in Heaven. As Pastor Sharon and I preached this message today, we talk about essentially recognising the time and recognising what God wants us to do with our resources so that in the time to come, we can have so much more resources because that's really what He wants to do. He wants to bless; He wants us to use the resources that He has already given us so that He can give us a whole lot more because He wants us to use it for the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah.

And so I just start off with this scripture that's in 2 Corinthians 6 verse 16, it says, **¹⁶I will make My home in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be My people (2 Corinthians 6:16 TPT)**. This is something that we aspire to the same way that Jesus said, "I do nothing unless my Father does it, I say nothing unless my Father says it." He gave His whole, everything about His life, He gave over to obeying the Father one hundred percent. When we read that scripture, **¹⁶I will make my home in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people (2 Corinthians 6:16 TPT)** - that's talking about the same kind of people that Jesus was on the earth and as He was, so are we. That's what the Bible says in the book of Peter; as He was, so are we on the earth. Hallelujah.

Pastor Sharon, you want to recap on some of the messages that we have been declaring so far and just do a quick recap for us?

Pastor Sharon:

Well, Pastor John, I want to do a quick recap of the very significant message that came to us, last week because we are following on strongly from that by the direction

and the leading of the Holy Spirit and as you have started off saying; these messages are all about the time of God which the Lord wanted emphasised in the last message and He is continuing to emphasise it. It is His surge in Pastor John and I. He expects Pastor John and I, through the revelation knowledge of messages to get all of the Heritage of Faith people onto God's agenda. What God is saying and doing right now in the earth, in our local church because that is what we are all responsible for, that's where our eternal investment gets made, is that we have sought the Kingdom of God as God wants it to come on earth right now in our time, on God's timeline. Hallelujah.

So, these are messages again that God says, "I'm going to rub it in and I'm going to rub these messages in and let them be rubbed in, the scriptures be rubbed into your heart until it latches, until you catch it and it gets into your heart" That's why He is taking His time with these messages, going over the same scriptures again, giving you time to transform into this time, in this new era. These are new era messages.

So, one of the instructions He gave us was to bring to you what Brother Jerry has been saying about resources and finances and our wealth. He said this last year to the ministers, prophetically, this is Jesus, through Brother Jerry that there is not a lack of finances in the Body of Christ, only a lack of obedience. But the Lord says, "I am changing this. I am moving on the numerous hearts of my people and they will follow through with what I ask them to do. Glorious.

The Lord said this too through Brother Jerry to us in 2016; *more and more finance will break loose so My people can do more for the Kingdom of God.* Then, God, had me ask you the question because He's asking you the question. Pastor John and I are not asking you this question. The Lord is asking you this question precious son of God, "What is your more for?" How have you always thought about your more when more has come to you? Have your more finances been like this - so My people can do more for the Kingdom of God? This is where He's wanting us to have a very big shift in our thinking, shift in our thinking, in our heart and in our lifestyle. He wants us to come up to a higher level of seeking first the Kingdom of God. So when in the future we get our more, then we say this so I can do more for the Kingdom of God. He wants our hearts to get to a place with Him where we actually get so used to our more that we give it to Him that He has to actually say, "Actually, it's time for some of that more to be for you." And we like, "Okay, okay," because that's what happened in the time of building with Moses. When they brought it was God's time to build things and they brought and brought and brought things. Eventually, God told them, "Tell the people to stop." You see? So this is a heart-set and a mind-set of coming up to a standard of seeking first the Kingdom of God that we've not been in before.

And so Brother Jerry says this then; *the main reason for blessing you and causing you to have abundant overflow is not so that you can store it up.* That's what he said in 2021 - these are his recent words - *but so that you can be a blessing and finance the work of God and be involved in this next great move of God.* Then he continued to say this; *get this deep in your spirit now.* See it's the time of God now; *get this deep in your spirit now. Decree it right now, "God is making me His vessel. He will use me to be a distributor of finances in this next great move of God."* So that's something the Lord wants you to settle between you and Him that He has spoken to you at this time that you must answer that in your heart with Him because if you're

not going to answer, your answer is as good as 'no' to Him. "I disregard this question, it's not a worthy question from You, Lord, for me to respond to you." God is asking you, precious son of God, in order to take you to a higher level in Him, "What is your more for and what is it going to be for in this new era going forward?"

And then, Pastor John, you brought this, you spoke about this scripture last week and so I wanted to read it out of The Message Bible that God is giving us an invitation now. That's what you said and inviting us to a great feast that He has prepared in this new era in His local church. Abundant overflow feast but it's directly related to the local church where you are positioned and placed and appointed in a particular part of the Body and going big and bold. Then you can go big and bold because you are in the order of the local church which is the plan of God.

Luke 12:15-21 and I want to read it out of The Message Bible, ¹⁵**Speaking to the people, he went on - this is Jesus speaking - "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."**

¹⁶⁻¹⁹**Then he told them this story: "The farm of a certain rich man - so this was a certain rich man. Jesus knew about this certain rich man - produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!'"** ²⁰**"Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?'"** ²¹**"That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God." (Luke 12:15-21 MSG).**

So this may not mean a physical death, Pastor John. But God says, "In a time where I am inviting you, where you are ignoring Me, you are behaving foolishly."

Pastor John:

Yes, but it may also include physical death.

Pastor Sharon:

It may include physical death, it does also. But it could include a death of your calling when God is calling. A death of your development and growth of a standard that God wanted to bring you up to and because you ignored it that development has died in you, you just will never have it.

Pastor John:

And something that is not explicitly revealed in this scripture, but is implied is what were his options with this great harvest that he was bringing in? He already had barns, he already had a very comfortable life, he already owned great farmlands, he was already a great, wealthy man. So what were his options with the additional harvest that he was bringing in? What could he have done with this extra harvest? He could have said, "I will fill up my barns and I will use my full barns for the future. But the surplus I will give to the Levites." Because that was certainly something that could have been done. The surplus could have been given to the poor. There is a lot

that he could have done with this. He could have served communities. You know there are many things that he could have done with his surplus, but his whole focus was on what I can do for me.

Pastor Sharon:

That's right - for myself. Gather up and heap up for myself.

Pastor John:

And that is the danger when God, and you know this is something we have talked about this a lot - the rain falls on the righteous and the unrighteous, so you do not have to be a super Christian to be, to experience abundance and increase. The rain falls on the righteous and the unrighteous that is what the Bible says. But when you are spiritual you know what to do with the surplus, you know what to do even with the basics. Because the basics create the surplus, the surplus you now know what to do with because you knew what to do with the basics. The implication is he did not even know what to do with the basics. He was so self-absorbed that he did not even think about doing anything else with his money because it was all about himself.

So, then at the end here; *the more we invest in this natural world it actually only has the limited value of what it can do for your natural body. Whatever you invest in the Kingdom of God is an eternal investment.* He puts it very nicely, this I heard from this minister that said, "And my investment is waiting for me." So this is what that rich man could have done.

Pastor Sharon and John:

Yes, he could have invested in the Kingdom and it would have been invested into eternity.

Pastor John:

He would have been no worse off on the earth but he would have had a great deal more in eternity.

Pastor Sharon:

That means our believing has got to change, people, all of our believing. We have got to believe that when we make an investment into the Kingdom that it is actually more, there is more return from God than if you make an investment in the world system. It is a big mind and heart and lifestyle shift to actually believe that you can make an investment with your finances into the Kingdom of God. Because we are going to look at that scripture, don't lay up for yourself treasures on earth, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven. This is what God is giving us; an opportunity now to have a heart change, a mind change, and a lifestyle change.

Pastor John:

It is important for us to stress that God wants us to have nice houses to live in. He wants us to have cars to drive in. He wants us to have times when He, just like Jesus that He went away and He spent time on His own with the Father. There are times where we need to be refreshed. Jesus was asleep in the boat, He used that as downtime. You know, there are times where we need to be refreshed and so God has said, "Oh, you want to go away for a, to the bush or you want to go, go with My blessing," because He wants us to have those things. But if those things take the

highest priority in our thinking, and the highest priority of the allocation of our money, then we are in danger of becoming like this man.

Pastor Sharon:

Yes, that is right, we are in danger of becoming like this man. So we are going to go back to Haggai. Here is God making sure that we get it, right? We are going to go back to Haggai in the Amplified Bible. We are going to read verse 2 again, **²Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say, The time is not yet come that the Lord's house should be rebuilt (Haggai 1:2 AMPC).** So the Lord is speaking to them, through His messenger Haggai, and saying, "You're saying it is not time now."

Pastor John:

The prophet was saying, "God says it is time."

Pastor Sharon:

Yes, that is right. "You're saying it is not time."

Pastor John:

God said it is time but they're saying it's not time.

Pastor Sharon:

They're saying it's not time. **³Then came the word of the Lord - so there in verse two, you're saying the time is not here, now. ³Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, ⁴Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house [of the Lord] lies in ruins? (Haggai 1:3-4 AMPC).**

So, one of the things that the Lord said to me, "The reason for wanting you to bring this scripture at this time, I'm wanting you to bring this scripture at this time, is because I want the people to get My viewpoint. This is how I'm viewing things right now because it's My new era and I'm building new. I'm building big. I'm building bold. I'm building in My Kingdom. It's My time." So He's wanting to bring this to show you the time. Be conscious of the time.

He wants people to think. You think about your house like this - you want your grass nice. You want your lawn trimmed. You want everything neat. You want things clean. So caught up in you want this there and this like this. God says He wants you to have a shift, to have that for His house as well. To think about everything like that in His house. The way you think about your own house. He doesn't want you so caught up in your stuff while His house is just secondary to you. Right?

⁴Is it time for you yourselves, God asks, to dwell in your paneled houses while this house [of the Lord] lies in ruins? (Haggai 1:4 AMPC). Why should the condition of My house and what I'm wanting to do in My house not be, why should you not want it to be above what you want for your own house? Why should you not want it first? Why should you not want to seek it first? This is our big shift here now, John. It is massive, my darling because I'm busy having it. You're busy having this shift too. And so, then He says here, I want to just go in order here. Then Haggai 2:4, we're going to go there quickly. Haggai 2:4 because here's God speaking again to us. **⁴Yet now be strong, alert, and courageous, Pastor John, (O Zerubbabel),**

says the Lord; be strong, alert, and courageous, Pastor Sharon (O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest); and be strong, alert, and courageous, all you people of Heritage of Faith (the land), says the Lord, and work! See that exclamation mark in the Amplified Bible. Why? **For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts (Haggai 2:4 AMPC).** Why? Because it's God's time for us to see His house like this now.

And so then, have a look at their response in, we're going back to Haggai chapter 1 and we're going to verse 12. **12Then Zerubbabel, or Pastor John, son of Shealtiel and Joshua, Pastor Sharon, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people [who had returned from captivity], listened to and obeyed the voice of the Lord their God [not vaguely or partly, but completely, according to] the words of Pastor John and Sharon (Haggai the prophet), since the Lord their God had sent him, and the people [reverently] feared and [worshipfully] turned to the Lord (Haggai 1:12 AMPC).** This is what the Lord is expecting of us as a people right now, John. This is the collective greatness He's wanting us all to come up to now.

Pastor John:

Yes. This is a ... and again I need to just stress this, Pastor Sharon, you know, that we understand very well that the church is not about buildings and the church is not about how beautiful we can make our building or any program or anything. The church is about people. The church is about what is developed in people and what becomes of the life of Christ that is in you, the disciple in you. That's what the church is.

It just is though, one of those things of the modern-day world, it was also like that in the Old Testament that people came to a place. They came to a place to bring offerings. They came to a place to bring sacrifices and to build and to worship. It was a place where the Levites and the priests and all of those that served on behalf of the people before God, came to a place.

And so it just is one of those things that has been established between God and the people that there would be places where He would have His presence come. There would be places where people could bring their offerings and their sacrifices and bring their worship. And so we don't focus, we have never focused on, in all the twenty-odd years that we have been in ministry or plus, we have never focused on the building as being the number one thing - the decorative building. We've done what was needed for it to be smart and clean, and as up to date as we can have it but we have never focused on it as a function of trying to draw money into the ministry or trying to promote our money.

Pastor Sharon:

Or trying to draw people into the church.

Pastor John:

Or promote our ministry or draw people into the church through that kind of excellence. That's not been our calling. Our calling has been to focus relationally on developing people and growing people. But the time has come and that's why the message has come. This is the time and we must recognise the time that everything

that we have established in our ministry, that God has put into us as messengers, and we ourselves as messengers have developed in this way that now is the time when God is wanting the platform that He has created for us and all of the things that He wants. He wants us to focus on making this platform worthy of the message, worthy of our twenty plus years of relationship and discipleship development which He wants to bring to the world. This is a time right now where God is saying, "It is time to build a place. It is just the way it is, it is a place."

Pastor Sharon:

It's a place but it is interesting to me that just for the place God wanted Moses, and said, "I want the gold here, and I want the gold there." Actually, it is an amazing thing, Heritage of Faith people, that I am watching Pastor John in this big and bold that he is telling, God is telling him to go big and bold. God is actually commanding him that He wants a worthy platform now. Pastor John has no choice. Pastor John has been in the last twenty years, in the way that he has been with God, and it has been magnificent, but now, God is saying to Pastor John, "I am saying to you I want the worthy platform, John, for what I have called you, for My message that must go forth. I want the gold here now, even in the building."

Pastor John:

I liken it to this Sharon, and we referred to it last week in our message, you know when people talk about the day of Pentecost, and we want revival like the day of Pentecost. I said, but actually, if you want to use it as the word revival, started when they came together and were together in unity for forty days in a place. Then that created a platform for them that as they came into the streets, as they came into the market place from where they were together, in private, in unity. As they came into the market place, the glory of God was upon them and they spoke with other tongues and many people believed God and thousands were saved that day. But it didn't happen only on that day. They had to go through forty days of preparing and unity and prayer and waiting until the time of fulfilment came.

Actually, that's what's happened to us is that we've had to wait for God. We've had twenty years where God has been saying, "Not now, not now, just wait. Not now, just wait, not now." And now He said, "Go." You don't have a choice now, you must go. The Holy Spirit has come upon us, He has anointed us to take a message – the message that He has built-in us for all these years.

Pastor Sharon:

From a worthy platform. He has anointed us and He wants a worthy platform. He is wanting you to recognise that.

Pastor John:

Yes, and again, if I can quickly say this, you know, He met the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. He had a dynamic conversion and introduction to the Lord Jesus Christ, Sharon, but no sooner had he become a disciple as a Christian, and God removed him into the Arabian desert to go and show him revelations, to go and show him things that he needed to know for his ministry. It didn't happen to any of the other apostles, it only happened to the apostle Paul. But the time came when the Lord brought him back out of the desert, and he brought him back to Jerusalem and to Damascus, He brought him back, but now he had a platform. The platform was

built on revelation. The platform was built on that intimacy and that time with God. He could not have fulfilled his calling unless he had done that.

Pastor Sharon:

That was a personal leading of the Holy Spirit, the way the Holy Spirit has been personally leading us and all of the Heritage of Faith people. And that's why it is coming prophetically now to the Heritage of Faith people – this message that is coming to us now. Glory to God.

Pastor John:

It is interesting that in the book of Acts, and I know that this is not in our notes, Pastor Sharon, but the Holy Spirit is leading us here. It is interesting that in the book of Acts that when that moment happened, the Bible said that all of the people in the church sold their possessions. They sold their possessions.

Pastor Sharon:

I know, I know.

Pastor John:

I know we are getting there.

Pastor Sharon:

We are getting there like I thought maybe...

Pastor John:

Further down the road...

Pastor Sharon:

Sunday, Sunday down the road. And here you are going there, you are pushing my buttons now. They sold.

Pastor John:

They sold their possessions and then they brought all their money and they laid it at the feet of the apostle so that the church could actually develop.

Pastor Sharon:

So that God could do with that money, they were financing that move of God then.

Pastor John:

The church was developing. And so that is where we are at right now. I mean, what moves a people? You know, in those days they couldn't go and use Visa or MasterCard if they did not have enough money at the end of the month. Most often being a covenant legacy group of people, if they owned property and if they owned goods and houses, you know Sharon, most likely it was they inherited from someone else. From moms and dads or parents or grandparents, it was a passed down legacy of inherited property.

Pastor Sharon:

Some of it would have been like that.

Pastor John:

Some of it would have been like that, some of it was progress they made themselves. For them to sell their goods and sell their possessions and come and take that money and lay it at the feet of the apostles, that was a significant indication of the circumcision of their heart that said; I am no longer just a Jew, I am now a Christian son of God and my trust is in the Kingdom that He has established. So they were still covenant children of God as Israelites but by their possessions, they made a statement that I am in the Kingdom of God

Pastor Sharon:

Yes, and they allowed God at that time, at that time of God, to move on their hearts to change them so that they would follow through with what God was telling them to give. At a strategic time of God, which is what we are in right now in this new era, because here it is and you will be able to see it now up on the screen.

Acts chapter 2, verse 42, **⁴²And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers. ⁴³And a sense of awe, verse 43, (reverential fear) came upon every soul, but let's go to verse 45 here. ⁴⁵And they sold their possessions (both their landed property and their movable goods) (Acts 2:42-43,45 AMPC).** Then here is Acts 4, look at this, verse 32, **³²Now the company of believers, at that time, was of one heart and soul, and not one of them claimed that anything which he possessed was [exclusively] his own (Acts 4:32 AMPC).** See there is a biblical example of a strategic time of God when the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of men and women in collective greatness, John.

Pastor John:

And so some people might be watching this and say, "So, what does that mean now for me? Does it mean I sell my house and then give all the money to the church?" No, it does not mean that. It means that whatever the Holy Spirit is leading you to do that you must be obedient. But if He is requiring you to do that then you should do that.

Pastor Sharon:

Yes, you should want to have the Spirit of God move on your heart to follow through, you should have your heart open to want the Holy Spirit to move on your heart to follow through what He is telling you to do. You should want Him to tell you what you should do. That is what these messages are for, it is for your heart and going for your heart. God is saying through these scriptures if He can get a hold of your heart.

Pastor John:

And it could be to be more practical, Pastor Sharon, that there are some people that have got 2, 3, 4, 5 houses and still they are looking to make their bonds bigger.

Pastor Sharon:

Or build more houses.

Pastor John:

Where God is saying, "Do you not want to take one of those houses which you consider to be your future, your retirement money," whatever. Maybe God is speaking to them and saying, "Do you need all these houses?" Are you still saying I want to build bigger barns? Is there not a place where you can invest in the Kingdom of God rather than - at this time - rather than in yourself?

Perhaps there are people that have got savings account and investment funds, you know, that is not for now, but it is surplus money to them.

Pastor Sharon:

At least we should be able to be in that heart relationship with God to ask Him, "Lord, is there any of this that you have need of? I know you are not trying to bankrupt me." You know that rich young ruler when Jesus said, "Okay, I see you've kept all these commandments, you're a good man, but you're asking Me you're wanting to press further into the Kingdom. Now I'm telling you, sell everything you have, come follow Me." There was a realm that God was wanting to take him into but immediately he was like, "Oh, what are You trying to do? Are You trying to bankrupt me? You mean everything that I've worked so hard for? No, God." If you have that, then you don't know God. You don't know God if you think He's wanting you to access some of your things because you're going to have less now.

Pastor John:

And so I want to bring this back to the word that the Lord spoke to us when He said; *I will take the children*. What He was saying is that the world system has been working on your heart, it's been working in your life for years and years while the kids have been raised. You've got to go to the best school, get the best education, have the best sports teachers, the best coaches, you've got to perform the best in whatever athletic discipline you want, we've got to give you the best of everything. It's all consumed into how good they can become at school because that determines how well they can do at university or whatever they're going to do in life. So what they're saying is, is that our future lives are all dependent on a performance that we have in the world system.

God is not saying don't educate your kids. God is not saying that but God was saying, "Don't assume that your kids' lives are what the world system says your kids' lives must become."

Pastor Sharon:

Exactly, "Because I have a plan. I've got a plan for your kids. Do you want to know what My plan is? You want to inquire from Me?"

Pastor John:

So here's the parallel - educate your kids but don't assume that the education that the world system is giving them is the education that God will use going forward because even as you are educating them in the normal things like Maths and English and Sciences, you should be educating them equally in the ways of God; in your home, in your prayer time, in the way that you walk with God, as you go to church, as you come to church every week, as you go to Bible School. As you do things your children watch you how you live for God or how you don't live for God. So as they

are going to school, they are realising I'm going to school to learn but I'm actually not learning for my future, I'm just learning. My future depends on God.

Pastor Sharon:

That's a different, completely different matter.

Pastor John:

And that's what He was saying about *I will take the children*. And so when we're talking about money, I can, you know, I can sense people saying, "I'm okay with you talking about this message, but don't touch my savings account. Don't touch my investment money. Don't touch my three houses or my four houses or my holiday home. Don't touch my land. Don't touch the things that I've got at a good price, I paid it off or whatever the case - don't touch that, that's my stuff.

Well, God is saying, "I don't have," and this is to bring it back to the children, "I don't mind you working hard. I don't mind you having money and houses and good wonderful things that you even can have leisure time with." But He's asking you right now He's asking you to consider a Kingdom mentality, a heavenly mentality about your money. What He's wanting to shift in you primarily is that what the world system says is good for your money is not what God says is good for your money. He does not want you to depend on the world's way of thinking about money for your future, He wants you to trust Him with your money for the future. So He wants you to live in houses, He wants you to own property, He wants you to have a good life, but He wants you to have a Kingdom mentality about it.

I have never experienced, Pastor Sharon, in my entire life, I've never encountered this that when I've been willing and obedient to God to part with any of our resources - houses, cars, homes, clothes, money, jewellery, you name it, bicycles. Anything, whatever - God has always, we have felt led to be generous with. There has never been anything in my life where I have been wanting that. God has wherever we have been obedient on that, whenever, God has always supplied that back to us, multiplied it back to us and increased our resources. And every time He does it, He asks us to give somebody something I'm obedient.

Pastor Sharon:

Or put something in the Kingdom.

Pastor John:

You know, Pastor Sharon, we as a ministry – there is someone in our ministry that we've identified that we've got to help with a motor vehicle. I just haven't had the God solution of how to do it, you know, and I've just been waiting for God to show me how to do it. A faithful person and the car's just worn out and broken down now, you know. Last night I went to sleep with this question in my mind to the Lord and I said, "Lord, you know, this has been going on for a while and I'm asking You to give me a solution." I woke up this morning, so I was praying in the Holy Spirit, the Lord said, "If you take this car which you own, give it to that person, take this car and move it like that – this is how you're going to get it done." It was just, I said, "Okay, Lord." In other words, you know, whatever resources you have, when the Lord says, "Do this," He's not trying to take things away from you. The minute we sow a car into someone else's life and then bless someone with a better car and, you know, in the

resource management, it becomes a scenario, well, I'm just waiting for the next time God's going to bless us with new cars. I don't even have to grind out my faith on this.

Pastor Sharon:
No, because it's added to us.

Pastor John:
Because it's added to us.

Pastor Sharon:
Because we're seeking first the Kingdom.

Pastor John:
Because we're seeking Him.
Pastor Sharon:
With our money.

Pastor John:
We're obedient with Him.

Pastor Sharon:
We seek first His Kingdom.

Pastor John:
So as we sow the seed we say, "Thank you, Lord, for a new vehicle." It's already one of our strikes.

Pastor Sharon:
Thank you for our harvest, Lord. Thank you.

Pastor John:
Yes, it's already one of our strikes that all our transport needs are taken care of. All of our ... when we start travelling again by airplane. All of our airplane tickets are taken care of. All of the stuff we need to travel into Africa on missions, it's all taken care of. It's one of our strikes. So now, it's not a surprise to me that God would say, "Bless this one with a car. Take this car, move it over here," and why is He doing that? Some people might say, "Ja, but you're giving away resources you've paid for." Doesn't matter. What's going to happen, it's not ours.

Pastor Sharon:
It's not ours. No.

Pastor John:
God's just using the resources He's placed in our hands but what's coming next? He's making room for us for better.

Pastor Sharon:
Yes. and for the more.

Pastor John:
And for the more.

Pastor Sharon:
That we also don't want to just store, so that we can do more for the Kingdom of God. Praise the Lord.

Pastor John:
Praise the Lord, babes.

Pastor Sharon:
These are wonderful messages for our development and maturity together.

Pastor John:
Once again we come to the end of our time together. We have such good fun when we're ministering like this and we're sharing the Word and sometimes we have to kind of forget that we're not at home; that we're in front of a camera and we're preaching to you all. As it would say in America, to y'all, you know. So, thanks for listening to us. Thanks for being part of the Word study. Thanks for being part of what we are sharing about Jesus.

Again I want to just finish off this session by saying; if you're watching this and you've never made Jesus the Lord and Saviour of your life, life begins in knowing Jesus. Everything about your future is in knowing Jesus. If He's not the Lord and Saviour of your life the first step is to say; Lord, forgive me for my sins. I ask You to come and be my Lord and Saviour. I thank You that You died for me and You have taken care of my sin. You forgive me of my sins. I ask You to come and live in my heart. I receive You now as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You, Jesus, that I'm now a Son of God.

Now, if you've just prayed that you immediately get born again into the Kingdom. It's just like when a baby is in a mom's womb. It's like it's been there for a long time and then almost instantly by comparison it's in the world. And that's what happens when you pray a prayer like that. God's been working on your heart, working on your heart. When you pray the prayer you get born again. It's not a process that has to happen over time. It's instant. You are a new creature. The thing that has to develop is just as a baby develops and becomes a greater and bigger person so we have to develop as Christians.

And what we've preached today is part of our development that we become better spirit beings, more like Christ in the way that we manage the resources of the earth.

So we pray a blessing over you. No weapon formed against you will prosper. No sickness and disease will come near your dwelling place. You'll be protected and guarded and guided by the heavenly Father. He will cause your paths to be made straight. He will give light to your path and lamp unto your feet. We declare that your ways are made prosperous and your business is safe, your income is safe. God is blessing all the work of your hands, in Jesus' name. May joy and peace be your portion, in Jesus' name. Amen. Thank you.

Pastor John and Sharon.
Bye. Bye, everybody.