

19 November 2023 Crossover Part 10: Thorns
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Scripture Reference: James 1:2-3 (AMPC); James 1:12-15 (AMPC); Luke 8:11-14 (KJV); Jeremiah 4:3 (KJV); Hebrew 6:1-8, (KJV); Hebrews 6:1-2 (KJ21); Hebrews 6:3-8 (NKJV); Joel 2:23-25 (KJV); Joel 2:23-24 (MSG); Deuteronomy 32:1-2 (MSG); Job 29:21-23 (AMPC); Mark 4:18-19 (TLB); Isaiah 55:1; Lamentations 4:1-2 (AMPC); 2 Timothy 2:20-22 (AMPC); Colossians 2:9-11 (CJB); Colossians 3:1-5 (CJB); Deuteronomy 30:6 (KJV); Joshua 5:2-8 (NLT); James 4:4 (AMPC); James 4:8-10 (AMPC)

Glory to God Well I certainly am, I always am on assignment, but I certainly am on assignment today. And it's in my heart, it's in the heart of Pastor John, he sends his love to everybody by the way, and please will you all be here on Saturday for Pastor John's very special friend that he's invited to come and speak to us, about our good health and good eating, Dr. Gerrie. please be here on Saturday to hear what the Lord would say to us because He cares for us, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We've only got one body for all of our life to take care of God wants us taking good care of His temple that He has given us, that He lives in for the rest of our lives.

I'm so grateful this morning as I stand here that Pastor John, as I was up very early this morning, and I spoke to him, and he spoke words over me for this day today. For the things that God wants to say today are very deep in the heart of God. And I know it is the desire of the Father that you open your hearts this morning. that you don't come with your soul, but you come with your heart. Thank you, Pastor Christi.

The way the Lord brought these things to my heart with such love and such tenderness, but with all gravity and seriousness I pray that you will pick up the heart of the Father this morning. That you will receive correction and you will receive His discipline, but you will not receive condemnation. God is looking for a people that will completely give themselves to Him and love Him and love Him and love Him completely with their whole heart, not just some of their heart.

And so again this morning I say that I speak to Heritage of Faith people. If you're visiting here, you are welcome, but this is house business this morning. It's God speaking to Heritage of Faith people, this church that He is building in the hearts of these people. I come with the full backing of my Father, and my Jesus, and my Holy Spirit, and my precious spiritual leader. I come with their full backing and that's enough for me, it's more than enough for me.

I encountered a great privilege to speak for God. It's a wonderment to me every time I hear His voice, every time He speaks to me after all these decades of hearing His voice when He speaks. It's like He's speaking for the first time. His voice is wonderful, full of power, full of majesty, full of glory, full of love.

So I come... You might ask, why have you switched things around this morning, Pastor Sharon? Well, when I was preparing, I saw this in my spirit. I don't have to ask God, "Why?" I saw that the A-team and the MiXchangers would be here, on my right, and the rest of the congregation here. It's just one of those things, I saw it in my spirit, and it's that thing that God said to me, "No explanation you need, just My Spirit you heed, that's it." But I come with a mantle today. I'm coming with the mantle that the Lord placed on me on the 23rd of June, Tuesday 2020, He spoke to me and told

me, "Go now to the children of My people." I come with that mantle today. "Go now to the children of My people. Go now, let the children come unto Me."

Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, My Words that I shall speak to you, receive in your heart and hear with your ears and go." Says the Lord, "The things you are to do, the words you are to speak, they are not your choice, they are not of your choosing. Not what you would like to say, they are Mine, and Mine alone, they are assignment specific." So, with that mantle that came on me on the 23rd of June, I thought, as you know my story, that I was going to start Children's Church. Because the mantle of God came on me in my own prayer room, my private prayer room, where I have my times with Him, so strong and so powerful, that I thought, 'I'm going to do Children's Church now.' I said, "Lord, You have to show Pastor John, You have to tell him, You have to show him." And when I went upstairs, he said, "You've been with the Lord, Sharon." I said, "Yes. Yes, I've been with the Lord, my darling," And he said... this is what He said to me, I read him everything, and he said, "No, no, this is for the church. This is for the church, and you will start in Johannesburg."

Well, that was 2020, and God started to draw your hearts. There was a first fruit group that came, and God is speaking to you today with this mantle that I have on me. And then in the second year some more came, God was drawing you and then this year God drew some more. And then when the messages of *'I Will Take the Children'* came there were some of you that became little children. Because God had me bring Matthew 18 verse 1 and 2 and 3, "Unless you become, unless you repent and become like a little child you will not even be able to see the kingdom of heaven, unless you become like a little child." And Jesus was talking to adults. And so then with the *'I Will Take the Children'*, all the little children, all the little children, He took some big children. He took some people that repented of the ways that they were seeing things and doing things. And we've been in a process of repentance ever since 2020 because a new era began. God said, "It's a new open door." God said that 20 years is a completed cycle, a perfect period of waiting, of God waiting to do what He wanted to do, is over. And He started it off with *'I Will Take the Children'*. Speaking out of the book of Numbers, where parents in the wilderness would not go in with God. They said, "No, we want to go back to Egypt because our children will be preyed upon." P-R-E-Y. "Our children will be prey." And God said, God had had enough, and He said, "Oh really? Oh really? After all the promises I've made you to take you out of Egypt and into a promised land. You come now to Me and say after all the miracles you've seen Me do, after all the promises I've made you, now you tell Me you want to go back." They said, "Let us choose new leaders for ourselves that will take us back to Egypt." "And you telling Me your children are going to be prey here with Me. I'm preying on your children?"

He said, "Let Me tell you something, you're not going in. You're not going in. I'll take care of you in this wilderness. You'll have the manna, you'll have the water out the rock, but you're not going to experience the fulfilment of what I had in My heart for you. Your carcasses will fall, and you will die, but everybody 20 years and under I'm going to take. When you're dead and your carcasses have fallen, and you've finished eating your last bit of manna and you've had your last bit of... I'll give you heat at night, I'll give you air conditioning during the day. Your carcasses will fall, and I will take your children that you said I'm going to prey on. I'm going to take them; I'm going to take them." And God said, "I will take the children." And God is still saying today, "I will take the children." Because Satan has set up in his system to take the children, to teach the children. From his system, "No" God says, "I will take the children. I will take the children", says the Lord. And that's it.

So, I come with that mantle. He said this to me, "Your part in this is key. Get to the captives in Babylon. Go to the children of My people that are in Babylon. Go to the children of My people that are in Babylon and speak to them. There are those that will hear My voice. Speak to them and tell them and they will listen, this is My call I had this in store for you, for the new open door I opened for Myself, My new era. I have everything ready, I've been preparing this all along. It is a legacy transfer from Me to you, this mantle from Me comes to you now, it comes upon you." This is the Lord speaking to me on that morning, He said, "This mantle is beautiful. It's exquisite."

Jesus telling me, "I'm giving you a mantle, and this mantle I'm giving you, it's beautiful." He loves this mantle that's on me, He gave it to me. He said, "It's beautiful, it's exquisite. It has a particular fragrance, it has a particular anointing." What a shift Lord, what a great change in me, I didn't see this coming. I see myself in the church of children. A church of children, a church of little children. Matthew 18, little children that Jesus said, "Unless you become like a little child." "How can this be?" I said to Him. "The spirit of holiness will fall upon you." And that spirit of holiness is upon me today, it's the Holy Spirit. It's the Holy Spirit upon me. His Spirit is upon me to set the captive free, to deliver the captive. He's here this morning to deliver everyone that is captive to anything. "And that's why the children born to Me will be holy, they will be called sons of God."

This is amazing, I said, "As Your servant, I accept this mantle, I receive this anointing. May everything You've told me," Oh yes here; "The Spirit of holiness will fall upon you and almighty God will spread His shadow of power over you in a cloud of glory." He said this to me. Wow Lord, very personal, very public this morning, "With long life will I satisfy you, Sharon. You are anointed, with long life will I satisfy you in this, in this mantle that's upon me. You are anointed and I am with you." I said to Him, "I am a woman given the highest favour and a privilege to do this with You." This work is destined to bring God great delight. "Lord, I believe every word spoken to me by You, I sing this song to seal this today;" it was just a simple song that came out of my heart to Him. I think it was very off-key, but He doesn't care. I just said to Him, "You're my Father, I'm Your son. I'm walking with You, I'm working with You, in Your time how You go, when to go, what to say. I'll wait on You now, You will show, I'll watch and pray. I speak forth, to come forth, to go forth." This is the mantle that I come with today. This is what Jesus put on me. I never thought, I never asked - 2020 with "A New Open Door."

So, thank you. Then He gave me this, His grand design. His particular plan for me, His direction I seek, His voice must speak. His voice will speak today. My own desires I forsake, I give Him my life to take. To the cross I come, let the past be done. I dedicate, I consecrate today. Then I finished with this, out of my spirit, "Parents, enquire of the Lord and seek Him for your children. Amen. Amen."

May the great God, Jehovah, be merciful to us today. May He pour out His mercy upon us and His great grace. May He change us today. May today mark us. May today mark us as a people. Amen. And Holy Spirit, I've said this already, "Thank You, Father, thank You, Jesus, that Your Holy Spirit will have His say today, He will have his way today, and He'll have full sway in Jesus' name. And we all say, Amen. You might be seated, you can be seated."

Thank you, Denholm, thank you Riaan, thank you Nicholas, Melissa, Sunel. Thank you very much. Garth, when you're done there, you can come and sit here, I want you sitting here, by Pastor Christi, and that, when you finish, thanks, my son. I know he has got to run off to the loo. *[Pastor Sharon laughs]*

Alright, so I have been ministering to you. As I said to you if I'm going to keep you a little bit longer than usual, I know that you will be glad. I know you'll be grateful. I know you'll be very grateful to be receiving everything that needs to come from me today. And I probably will take some of this afternoon, this afternoon too to get everything out that God wants to say. Last Sunday we had a wonderful time of refreshing, and this week it's like this.

The temptation, I've been ministering to you on temptation; *To be asleep, to not take hold to see, to not pray for this time, your part, to continue to play. To be spiritually dull, giving so much of your time to the natural realm. To not be spiritual, speaking natural words, thinking natural thoughts, busy with natural activities, and giving so much attention to yourself, what you want to do, where you want to go, what you want to say, just not changing. Still, the same you when there's all this new. When He is here to take us in, to cross over, to transform us for this, His time in history.*

Jesus our Saviour, our Liberator, is building this Church. He is constantly watching over us. He loves us. He purchased this Church with His own blood. He builds a people according to His plan. He's building us according to His purpose, He is our Master Builder, Heritage of faith people, here. He's a master builder, He builds in our hearts. It's always for victory, it's always for triumph, it's always for us, it's always for His kingdom. He walks among the churches. He knows them all, He knows their condition, He knows what He wants to say to them, when He wants to say it to them; by His Spirit through His messengers, He knows. He knew it through Moses, He knew it through Joshua, He knew it through his prophets, He knew it through Apostle Paul. He knows it through Pastor John and He knows it through me this morning.

Pastor John over me said, *"She will be flowing in an anointing that will be new, it will be sure, it will be strong. It will reinforce and bring insight and revelation to what God has given us as a momentum. She will have the mind of Christ, she will follow all the ways of God, everything that needs to be done."*

So, he asked me to speak to you, particularly about temptation, temptation and the tempter and temptation. It comes as a warning to us, right? And I read, I gave you many scriptures, I gave you, you don't have to put these scriptures up. I'm just going to remind you that James 1 says, ² **Consider it joyful when you are enveloped in or fall into various temptations.** ³ **Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith (James 1:2-3 AMPC).**

Every temptation brought to you in your life is to absolutely squash and kill the Word in you, because that's where your faith comes from. It's to kill the Word in you. Take it out of your heart, every temptation. And God is going to have me minister to you this morning, particularly about demonic distractions. Distractions. Distractions. God wants you to know that every day you will be confronted to be distracted. Every day you will be confronted by this world system, you will be confronted by your self-life of you wanting to do what you want to do, to be distracted off God and off His Word, so that nothing of His Word comes to fruition and comes to life in you.

So that everything that is of the natural life will be alive in you. Even to the point where you will be content with that because you've developed that and you like that. You like your natural life. You like to have your things so, to do what you want to do, to go where you want to go, to eat what you want to eat, to say what you want to say, so have men developed and they like it. Not even giving any mind to the spirit realm and spirit life that God has designed for mankind.

¹² Blessed is the man or the woman or the boy or the girl who is patient ... and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor's] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, very, very big deal, James 1. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted I am tempted of God. Let no one say that I am tempted of God; for God is incapable of being tempted by [what is] evil and He Himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But every person is tempted, listen carefully. If you've yielded to temptations of your flesh this is what you did. This is what I did. ¹⁴ But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, and distracted and enticed *and* baited by his own ... desire (his own lust, his own passions). ¹⁵ Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death (James 1:12-15 AMPC).

It brings forth death. But I've been sinning and I'm not dead." You are stone cold dead. That does not mean physical death, it means spiritual death. It means you have no spirit life with God. You're not alive in Him. You're not living and moving and having your being in Him. You're having it in yourself and in the world system. Sin fully matured brings forth death. It means the opposite of what life God has got for you. The God kind of life. The zoe life. The life that is God - pulsating, vibrating through your very being, through your very heart - pumping. The very life of God pumping through your very thoughts, your very thoughts are His thoughts and your ways and your very walk. You walk like Him. You look like Him. You feel like Him. You taste like Him. You're totally absorbed and caught up, caught up, all caught up and intertwined with Him. Your whole being, every day of your life, for the rest of your life is what He has for you and me.

Yes, I think I must go here now. Let me go here now. Thank You, Holy Spirit. Thank You, Lord. I'll share that with them this afternoon. Alright, let me just go here now. Right. I'm going to go here now, thank You, Lord. I'm going to go here now. Thank You, Lord.

The title of my message today is; *The Crossover part, whatever it is, Demonic Distractions, Temptations and Seductions of this Age, Thorns and Briars*. Actually, I was just going to call my message; *Thorns* and you will see now why. We're going to go to Luke 8 in the King James Version. We're going to go to verse 11, please. This is Jesus' speaking. We have spoken in times of temptation, I spoke to you about the rocky soil where you just have no root and you endure for a little while and then when temptation and trouble comes you just give up and fall away. You just walk away from God's Word. Right? But now this is the thorns. Here are the thorns and God wants to speak to us today about the thorns. He is going to answer some questions for you today. Some of you are asking the question, "But I'm putting the Word in, Lord, but I don't seem to be getting much result out." You're going to see why. You're going to see why you are counterproductive in your walk with God.

Now the parable is this, this is from Luke. Right? It's not Mark 4. It's Luke. ¹¹ **Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.** So, these are the messages we get

here. This is the precious Holy written Word of God that you're in. It's the prophetic word. Right? The seed is the Word of God. ¹² **Those by the wayside are they that hear; then comes the devil, and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.** So then ¹³ **on the rock *they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while they believe, and in time of temptation they fall away.** Right. They fall away from the Word. The Word comes right out, nothing, no more word in them. Which means no faith in anything that God says. And then ¹⁴ **they that which fell among thorns are they, which when they've heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection (Luke 8:12-14 KJV).** They bring no fruit to perfection.

Jeremiah 4:3, in the King James, ³ **Thus says the Lord to the men of Judah in Jerusalem, break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.** Sow not among thorns. Break up, break up your fallow ground sow not among thorns. ⁴ **Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskin of your heart (Jeremiah 4:3 KJV).** This is something you do, this is something you and I do. This is not something the Lord does for you, He does it with you, if you want Him to. He comes and He helps you with His Holy Spirit He comes to help you, to heal you, right.

So, God says, ³ **Thus says the Lord to the men** and the women, the boys and the girls, **break up the fallow ground** hard heart, hard ground, hard, hard ground. It's got rocks in it. It's wayside soil, it's got thorns in it, it's got clods in it, its hard ground, because you got it hard, and you made it hard all by yourself. Today you're going to see how you did it. It's in the Scripture. You got cares of the world, you worry all the time about things. You got pleasures of this world and the desire for other things, desire for other things. The Lord says desire for other things chokes the Word of God in you.

He wants you to see this scripture, He tied this scripture up, the thorns... If we look again, I'll read to you again the scripture in Luke 8:14, that word which fell among thorns, the thorns are in the heart. ¹⁴ **They which when they heard go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life (Luke 8:14 KJV).** I'm going to read you out of Amplify just now. So, here's, so thorns fell among thorns because of cares, riches or wanting riches, wanting stuff. The Message Bible says, so busy with what they want to do and where they want to go. So busy with themselves.

Here it is New King James Version Hebrews 6:1-8, listen to this. This is a scripture that you should already be familiar with. Why do you think God has brought *Message Moments* into our congregation? Why do you think He's done that? Why do you think He's put such emphasis on listening to what He's saying to the churches? He wants those messages growing in your hearts, so that you can become what He has created you to become. And so that you can do what He's purposed that you should do in the earth. Right. In His time. Right. So, ¹ **therefore Leaving the discussion of elementary principles of Christ Let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works (Hebrews 6:1 KJ21)** – not having to say to you over and over and over it is not about performance, it is about intentional relationship with God. It's about not doing your own thing, not doing what you want to do, going where you want to go, but it is living your life for God. Repentance from dead works. Your dead works are dead. They're dead. They're works that you want to do, they're things you want to do, they're places you want to go, they're your plans

you want to make. Those are dead works. Why should we have to lay again, Pastor John and I this foundation, when this is all we have been speaking about for 23 years? Let's not again have to lay this foundation. Let God not have to keep us in elementary school and kindergarten for the rest of our lives.

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to maturity – that word means maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God. (Hebrews 6:1 KJ21) You repent from your ways. of doing things and you go towards the Word of Faith and living your faith by faith like Abraham. Right?

... of faith towards God of the ² doctrine of baptisms. (Hebrews 6:2 KJ21) Well, we do need to remind you time and time again you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you have been baptized into the body of Christ, and those are the two most important doctrine of baptisms that you can have. You have been baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. You've been taught the power of praying in your heavenly language. Shall we again lay the foundation of this elementary principle? Shall we again? How long is it going to take for Pastor John and I to tell you about the power of praying in the Holy Ghost – praying out things, how long must we again lay the foundation? And teach you over and over again what 1 Corinthians fourteen says, what the book of Acts says? Appropriate words, what Romans 8:26 says? Do we again have to teach you over and over and over again? Until you make it part of your life – part of your life, but then the pleasures of this world and the distractions of this age, they are more exciting. I am quite bored with this message of spirituality. I am quite bored, because I find the pleasures and the distractions of this age far more exciting than God. Far more exciting than spirit life and God. I find it that way.

So, right, I am really before God with this, I am not wanting to bring my personality here today. But there is a fire in my belly from God and I thank You Father, that You just help me here.

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go onto perfection (maturity) not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God (Hebrews 6:1-2 KJ21) and the fact that we are bapltised into the body of Christ. To isolate is to violate. And **² the doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands and of the resurrection of the dead (Hebrews 6:2) KJ21...** Did Pastor – how many times must Pastor John teach us about the resurrection of the dead when he spent almost a whole year on baptism – baptism and resurrection life and resurrection from the dead? Well, we will constantly remind you. But you need to have those messages already bringing you to maturity. Right? Resurrection life, all those scriptures in Romans that he brought us for months.

Ok, we will keep reminding you. And we've got Discipleship 101 that will be starting up next year, fresh and new, that you are invited to go to, to learn all these things from scratch so that you can have the foundation laid in your life of Hebrews 6. Because when you're living in the resurrection life of Christ you don't even have to worry about eternal judgment. It's taken care of. It's taken care of. So now, verse 4, okay verse 3. **³ And this we will do if God permits. ⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened,** if you've been once enlightened about anything. **...those who've been once enlightened, ⁵ and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit and have tasted**

the good word of God and the powers of the age to come (Hebrews 6:3-5 NKJV). If you read about the powers of the age to come, it's already with us, the powers of spirit world already is. The Passion Translation says, it's already crashing in on us. The powers of the age to come, it's already crashing in on us. I've been enlightened. I've been a partaker of the Holy Spirit. I'm tasting the good Word of God and the powers of the spirit realm, the powers of the spirit realm of the heavenly realm that I'll be living in permanently one day. But God wants me living in it now.

Right? **It's impossible ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, Since they crucify again for themselves the son of God, and and put him to open shame. ⁷ For the earth.** This is a very big deal. I've got it in big bold from the Lord. **For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it.** The earth. Just say this with me: *My heart is God's earth. I am an earthen vessel.* So, your earth is where your seed of God's word goes into.

⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it. How often? We're going to see just now what the rain is. But I'm telling you, it's not just raining in this place, it's flooding with rain. There's a deluge in this place. And yet you are living, some of you, like there's a desert. That this is a desert place. **⁷ ... the earth which drinks in the rain where that often comes upon it and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated receives blessing from God. ⁸ But if it bears thorns, if it bears thorns, it is rejected and near to being cursed whose end is to be burned. (Hebrews 6:6-8 NKJV)**

Joel 2:23 and 25. We're talking about the earth that drinks the rain and thorns. **²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, that's the church, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. ²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten. (Joel 2:23-25 KJV)** So, we hear. Especially those of us that have been Christians for a long time.

Oh, the former and the latter rain. The former and the latter rain. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. And our hearts jump, and our hearts jump about. But I want to show you something. I want to show you something from Joel 2 verse 21 to 25 from the Message Bible.

Actually, I want from verse 23. Verse 23. Thank you, Leanne. Joel 2:23 from the Message Bible: **²³ Church, celebrate! Be glad in your God. He's giving you a teacher to train you how to live right - Teaching,** I give to you teaching. I present to you the rain. I present to you the rain.

²³ Teaching, like rain out of heaven, showers of words... How often is the rain falling on our hearts? Very often. How often does the rain of God come to us? All the time. All the time. **²³ Teaching, like rain out of heaven, showers of words to refresh and nourish your soul, just as he used to do. ²⁴ And plenty of food for your body – (Joel 2:23-24 MSG).** All right. Showers, that's it.

Deuteronomy 32 The Message Bible, **¹ Listen, Heavens, I have something to tell you.** This is God speaking. **¹ ...Attention, Earth, I've got a mouth full of words. ² My teaching, let it fall like a gentle rain, my words arrive like morning dew, Like a sprinkling rain...** What does the former and the latter rain? They are the

teachings in the time of God. They are the timely teachings from God. That is all the rain you and I need. It's a flood right now. God is flooding His... it's not just rain like it used to be, it's a flood. ² **My teaching, let it fall like a gentle rain...** Let's just have a look at that again, ²... **my words arrive like morning dew, Like a sprinkling rain on new grass... (Deuteronomy 32:1-2 MSG)**. Will you ever be confused again when you hear, and the former and the latter rain? Will you always forever now know what it is? It's the timely messages from the Spirit of God to the *ecclesia*'s that He is building. That's what the rain is.

Job 29, 21 to 23. Let it be confirmed out of the mouth of three witnesses here. ²¹ **Men listened to me**, from The Amplified Bible. ²¹ **Men listened to me** when I spoke **and waited and kept silence for my counsel.** ²² **After I spoke, they did not speak again, and my speech dropped upon them [like a refreshing shower].** ²³ **And they waited for me as for the rain...** Right? So, we come here every time God has got something to say, in this *ecclesia*, we come waiting for the rain. But if the rain is falling on thorns. God wants to help us today. God's really wanting to help you if you're wanting a rich full yield of the messages that are coming. There's going to have to be some big change and God is going to help us. ²³...**they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths wide as for the spring rain (Job 29:21-23 AMPC)**

So we're going to go now and look at thorns again. Mark 4, 18 to 19 The Living Bible. Mark 4:18 and 19, The Living Bible. ¹⁸ **“The thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen... These are the Scriptures as He told me to bring them to you.** ¹⁸ **“The thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen to the Good News and receive it,** ¹⁹ **but all too quickly... (Mark 4:18-19 TLB)**. Can you see what happens? The attractions of this world and the delights of wealth. I got some money, I can do something with it. Money, money, money, money, money. When's the next money coming, that I can do something with the money? Money, money, money. I just recently found a Scripture in Isaiah that says to **you that have no money, come buy, come buy gold... to you who have no money come drink (Isaiah 55:1)**. To you who have no money... God couldn't care less. Of course, of course He cares. He's made full provision for us, but that comes because the rain is falling on our hearts we're not trying to accumulate for ourselves. Right; you understand the balance of this?

So, the thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen to the listen to the messages, yes oh; the 300, yes glory to God, I exchange.

¹⁹ **but all too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced. (Mark 4:19 TLB)**

Mark 4, so now I'm coming into what I've titled here the distractions of this age. Mark 4:18, Amplified Bible ¹⁸ **the ones sown among the thorns are others who hear the word.** ¹⁹**then the cares the cares and anxieties (Mark 4:18-19 AMPC)** Should we lay again the foundation of fear not? How many years of your life and my life do we want to have again laid the foundations of don't fear, do not be anxious for anything. Don't worry be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving continue to make your request known to God and His peace the peace which passes all understanding will garrison in God your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7) Be anxious for nothing, be anxious for no thing. But I am anxious, and I've been born again for a long time and I'm still anxious.

Let's lay again the foundation, because you're not coming to maturity with those thorns in your heart, it's counterproductive to the kind of fruit that can come off the Word of God. The glory of the fruit that can just be. The one translation says, it's just what? Is it fruitfulness is just flowing? Fruitfulness is what flowing out of my life. It's like just so fruitful the Word the Word, glory to God. And so it says here, the cares and anxieties of the world I'm worried again, choke, choke, choke suffocate, suffocate, suffocate the Word of God in your heart. Choke, choke, choke because you're not casting your cares, you're not casting your cares. You're controlling your cares and you're so afraid and you're so anxious and you make your own plans.

You're anxious see here, thorns. The cares and anxieties of the world what's going to happen to us what's going to happen to me and ¹⁹**the distractions of the age and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the word and it becomes fruitless. (Mark 4:19 AMPC)**

So, giving yourself... listen to this. Well there will be hearts that will hear. Giving yourself to the distractions of this age is counterproductive to your Word harvest. The distractions of this age go directly against the Word. Thorns grow up beside the Word and choke it and suffocate the Word. thorns kill our harvest. We find ourselves, I've got some Word in me, but I've got distractions of the age and I'm also worrying and I also got desire for other things. I've got desire for other things, right.

This is to receive correction not to receive condemnation. This is to hear what the Spirit of God is saying. So, thorns grow up beside the Word and choke it and suffocate it. Can you see our thorns are harmful to our harvest? Can you see that it's not the Word? Because we choose the desire for other things and the distractions of this age to enter in, it's not the Word that chokes it. It's your choices to be entertained. There we go, that came out of my spirit. *It's your choices to be entertained by the world.* So, you contain it within yourself and it chokes the Word. Right, so here we go. We find ourselves spinning our wheels, spiritually speaking. Why am I not making the progress I'm supposed to make? We're making no real progress. What happens with the distractions of this age and all your worries is you become dull, spiritually dull. Just dull, it makes you dull. Dim, spiritually you just, you dull, you dim.

Lamentations 4, 1 and 2 Amplified Bible. ¹ **How the gold has become dim!** Because God has created you and I for gold. I'm bringing forth the gold, He says He's created us for the gold. ¹**How the gold has become dim! How the most pure gold has changed! The hallowed stones [of the temple] are poured out at the head of every street.** ²**The noble and precious sons of Zion, [once] worth their weight in fine gold—how they are esteemed [merely] as earthen pots or pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! (Lamentations 4:1-2 AMPC)**

2 Timothy 2:20. So you see there, we're supposed to be our worth, our weight in fine gold. But gold is purified in fire, it's purified in the fire of I'm not going to do what I want to do. I'm not living my life for myself. I'm not going where I want to go. I'm living my life for God. Everything I do is because I'm living my life for God.

²⁰ **But in a great house,** this is a great house this, this is a great house, **there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware,** you see didn't we read that earthen pots and pitches in Lamentations.

There's gold and then there's earthen pots and pitches. ²⁰ **In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable *and* noble [use] and some for menial, menial *and* ignoble [use]. Menial, menial.** ²¹ **So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble *and* unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart *and* useful for honorable *and* noble purposes, consecrated *and* profitable to the Master, fit *and* ready for any good work.**

²²**Shun youthful lusts.** This is not just for young people, there are some older people that developed youthful lusts in their youth and they're still in it. They're still in it. ²²**Shun youthful lusts.** Shun. Shun that's not something God does for you, that's something you do, you shun, you shun, you shun, you shun, you shun. God says you can shun any of your lusts, any of what you want to do so much. Right? Shun ²²**Shun youthful lusts *and* flee from them, (2 Timothy 2:20-22 AMPC) flee from them. Flee from them!**

Now I'm going to speak to you a little bit about circumcision. So, there's no great mystery. Pastor John knows I'm ministering on circumcision this morning, so don't, you know. There is no great mystery about circumcision. There is no great mystery to the circumcision aspect of our cross over. There is no mystery to the circumcision aspect of our cross over. Are we crossing over? Have we had a mandate, and have we had command from the Lord? Do we have opportunity from God to be crossing over from old to new? From natural to spirit? Right now, us, that's why I'm speaking to Heritage of Faith people. Do we have opportunity now? Has God invited us to cross over now? Are we crossing over on our own? No. Are we crossing over with the Holy Spirit very present in us? Yes. Shun youthful lusts.

There is no great mystery to the circumcision aspect of our cross over. The choice is mine. It's your choice. It's your decision to undergo God's circumcision. It's your decision and my decision to undergo God's circumcision. And it is the circumcision of the heart that we permit God to do in us with every message that comes. We say yes Lord. Today, today your yes is, "I shun. I shun youthful lusts. I shun." Right? I flee from them.

So, it's my choice and your choice. It's your decision to undergo God's circumcision. The cut, the cut. How deep, how thorough and how complete, is our personal choice. The cut, the cut into our lives, our self-life. I want to do what I want to do. I want to go where I want to go. I want to have what I want to have. I want to say what I want to say. I'm not coming under the Word of God. I want to be worried when I want to worry. I want to be anxious when I want to be anxious. I will be anxious when I want to be anxious. Right? How deep, how far, how complete, Pastor John said. How far are you going over this bridge. How much are you going over this bridge, is your choice.

Here is what we do now. We come to His throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in our time. Our time of crossing over. Our time of circumcision and temptation, to find help. Right? Come Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit. Say this. Say this. Say this if you want to. Say this if you want to. Say, "Come Holy Spirit." (congregation repeats after Ps Sharon) Come Holy Spirit. "Work in my heart." Work in my heart. "To convict me." To convict me. "To pierce me." To pierce me. "I'm not able to cross over without your help." I'm not able to cross over without your help.

Right. The choice is ours. So, I'm here to tell you today that everything with us in Heritage of Faith is overlapping now. Everything. His love is coming rushing towards us. I'm giving you sequence to Pastor John's 1st of October message. I'm giving you sequence. There was sequence in it. There was a progression in the message from beginning to end. His love is coming rushing towards us. He's pouring it out to us. He's working everything out for us. A great flow of money is coming. What do we need to be worried about? What do we need to be anxious about? Why do we need to be anxious? Why? Why?

Okay. I'm going to go from the top again. I'm going to go to the top because God told us be in the 1st of October's message. It's got a sequence and an order to it. His love is coming rushing towards us. He's pouring it out to us. He's working everything out for us. A great flow of money is coming. It's going to blow. We're crossing over. God's chosen to do some things with us.

We are being formed into something new. We are ready to hear what He's saying and not what we think He ought to be saying to us. New things are flowing. We will have messy, but He'll move us to marvellous. We're growing up. His touch is upon us. We've got to be ready. The way we're moving on the earth is not quick enough. He said that to me this week. "The way you all here in this Church are moving on the earth is not quick enough. So, My overtaking anointing is available to you with your own faith." Wow, Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, you see? You see? You see? Overtaking anointing? Overtaking time? Right? Some of you don't even know what I'm talking about. But came by the Holy Spirit through Pastor John. It was part of the rain, falling often on our hearts. But if there are thorns in your heart, it's not going to be able to grow up because I'm worrying about everything, I'm anxious about everything. There're other things that I want to do. The pleasures of this world are attractive to me, still, still. I'm doing both. I'm living in between. God's helping us to cross over.

The blessings of God, the glory of God, the power of God, the wonder of God, the goodness of God is overtaking you. It's overtaking us. If you'll trust Him and you'll keep your faith exercised and active, the blessing of God is going to overtake you and the things that are happening in normal time in your life, that includes our spiritual maturity. It includes our spiritual maturity. It will be said of them, Kenneth Hagin prophesied, that some of them, it will be as if some of them virtually matured overnight. But that's because they're drinking in and they're drinking in the rain. They're drinking it in. They're giving themselves to it, right? All things happening. God's going to speed it up. It's going to overtake you and have them done in supernatural quick time. The blessing of God will literally overtake you. It will bypass the natural time. Why? Because we're moving too slowly on the earth for His timeline.

We have to live in the faith of these promises. To be experiencing this. You want to experience the overtaking anointing, you have to have faith that it's happening to you. Which means that the other things that you're interested in doing, that are taking up your time, that are just little plants, then the other things that are taking up your time, choke, choke, suffocate. Right? Because you read it once. You said it once. You said it once. You read it once. Right?

The blessing of God. It's not that you have to go faster. Here's what came out of Pastor John by the Spirit of God. It's that God's power, His glory, His anointing, His wonder, His goodness is just going to go faster than you can. So that's what I say. "Lord, Your goodness, Your power, Your glory, Your anointing is just going faster than

I can, Lord. It's more than I can even think, Lord. It's better than I can imagine. It's just here. It's just here." I'm not even putting it into the future tense of it's just going to be there, one day. No, it's just here right now for me. It's overtaking me. That's why all of these things are happening already to so many of us, overlapping because the Word. Right?

So, we're ready to... new things are flowing. We will have messy, but He'll move us. We're growing up. His touch is upon us. We've got to be ready. The way we're moving on the earth is not quick enough, so He's just bypassing it with His goodness and His power in us. He's changing time for us. This is all about the next generation and the young in the place where God is. It's about obliterating an entire system. All these things that I'm reading to you now are currently overlapping. The old is dying. Quickly they must die. We've started crossing over bridges and a mountain to climb, a veil to pass through, from natural to spiritual, from old to new. We're carrying the stones of this event in our hearts and in our hands. We have the ark of our covenant in full view. We're building a memorial to God and for ourselves for generations to come. We will not forget. Circumcised we will be. Circumcised we will be.

Only circumcision will show that we are His. This thing that we have to do, this is in the order of God. It's all from Pastor John's October 1st message. The circumcision, a whole lot of pain, a pain to your self-life. A whole lot of pain. It shows I'm committed to the Most High God because it's vulnerable, it's private, and every single day I will be reminded that I am God's. A cut is painful, but it's a mark on you that you are His.

Deuteronomy 30:5 and 6, King James Version, verse 6. Just put verse 6 on. ⁶ **And the LORD thy God...** this is in the wilderness still. Here's Moses talking and saying the Lord your God will circumcise your heart to love Him. Oh Jesus, He will circumcise your heart to love Him. What? What? What? What is the circumcision for? Will you love Me? Will you love Me? Will you believe Me? Will you listen to My promises? Will you believe them? Will you? Will you? Do you love My Word? Do you love Me? Do you love My Word? Do you love Me? Do you believe Me? Do you love Me? Do you love My Word?

He circum our hearts, to be circumcised to love Him. And we're going to look at Joshua 5, verse 2. I don't know if...right. This is the Scripture Pastor John brought to us. I'm reading from the New Living. ² **At that time the Lord told Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites."** ³ **So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.** ⁴ **Joshua had to circumcise them because all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness.** ⁵ **Those who left Egypt had all been circumcised, but none of those born after the Exodus, during the years in the wilderness, had been circumcised.** ⁶ **The Israelites had traveled in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were old enough to fight in battle when they left Egypt had died. For they had disobeyed the Lord, and the Lord vowed he would not let them enter the land he had sworn to give us - a land flowing with milk and honey.** ⁷ **So Joshua circumcised their sons - those who had grown up to take their fathers' places - for they had not been circumcised on the way to the Promised Land.** ⁸ **After all the males had been circumcised, they rested in the camp until they were healed.** ⁹ **Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt."** (Joshua 5:2-9 NLT) He wants to roll all of Egypt. He wants to set you free from all of Egypt so that you can love Him and only Him completely. Right?

Are you still with me? Are you still with me? Right? Can I finish here? It will be another maybe, I don't know. Right? So, He wants to say this to you like this from this Bible. It's called the complete Jewish Bible. Colossians 2: 9 to 14. He wants to speak this to your heart today. Speaking this to your heart today. ⁹ **For in him, Heritage of Faith people, in him, bodily, lives the fullness of all that God is.** ¹⁰ **And it is in union with him that you have been made full - he is the head of every rule and authority.** ¹¹ **Also it was in union with him that you were circumcised with a circumcision not done by human hands, but accomplished by stripping away the old nature's control over the body.** He wanted me to read it to you out of this translation. I want to read verse 11 again to us. ¹¹ **it was in union with Him that you were circumcised with a circumcision not done by human hands, but accomplished by stripping away the old nature's control over the body. In this circumcision done by the Messiah.** ¹² **You were buried along with him by being immersed; See that, you've been baptised into Him, and in union with him, you were also raised up along with him by God's faithfulness that worked when he raised Yeshua from the dead. (Colossians 2:9-11 CJB)**

He wiped- okay let me just see where we are going to go from here, no now we are going to go to Colossians 3 verse 1 from the same Bible. So, this is how He wanted me to read it to you. ¹**So if you were raised along with the Messiah, then seek the things above, where the Messiah is sitting at the right hand of God.** ² **Focus your minds on the things above.** He's talking to us about distractions. Demonic distractions that are going to cause the Word in you to be unfruitful. They're going to cause you to continue to have thorns in your hearts. ² **Focus your minds on the things above, not on things here on earth.** Okay? ³ **For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in God.** ⁴ **When the Messiah, who is our life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory!** Therefore, therefore, therefore, therefore, ⁵ **Therefore, put to death.** Is this something that you have to do? ⁵**Therefore, put to death the earthly parts of your nature - sexual immorality,** sexual immorality. God is speaking very specifically today about the distractions of this age. About the fact that you want to worry and you want to be anxious about things. About the fact that the distractions of the age are choking the work. But God is saying today to us, ⁵ **put to death the earthly parts of your nature - sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed. (Colossians 3:1-5 CJB).** There's the money, the wanting things. Right?

We're going to do that again. **Put to death the earthly parts of your nature. Sexual immorality.** Who puts that to death? Who chooses for it to die? Who wants it to die? Who wants to shun? Who wants to flee? Who wants to leave Babylon, completely? Who wants to shun? Who wants to flee? Who wants out of Egypt, totally? Who wants? Who wants? Who wants? Who wants? Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Who wants to flee? Who wants to shun? Oh, hallelujah. Yes. God says that today it can be done.

Today, He wants to speak to us all, as a people, about what we're watching in our homes. What you've been watching in your homes for years. The Lord says today He wants to speak to us among other things. What are you watching? What are you watching on television? What are you watching on your tablet? What are you watching on YouTube? What are you watching? What are you watching? What are your eyes gazing on in your home? What are you watching behind closed doors? What are you looking at? Distractions of this age. What are you looking at? What are you watching? What have you been watching with your children in your home for

years and years and years? What have you exposed your children's little eyes to? What have they seen? What are they still looking at? What are you not protecting in your home? What have you not protected?

God says that today there's freedom. There's freedom for you to turn around because repentance is not an emotion. Repentance is a decision that you make. It's a change of mind, it's a change of heart, and I change my lifestyle right now. And God empowers you to do that when you make the choice.

He wants to speak to us all today as a people about what we watch in our homes. What are we looking at? What have we been watching in our home for years? What are we looking at in our bedrooms? Movies. Worldly things that are choking, choking, and suffocating any kind of Word that might grow. Entering in. Desires for other things come in from what you're watching. Desires for other things come in from what you're watching. Chokes the Word. Right? We are movies, worldly things. We watch things with great delight that the Bible is against. Right? We watch all the stuff. God hates violence. He hates violence, but we watch it, and we learn to love it. God hates it because it harms us, because it chokes His plan for our lives, what He wants to have happen in our life. It is counterproductive.

So, then we watch people having physical stuff that God says is going to hurt you. But if you watch a movie, you like it. You've learned to like it. You've trained yourself to like it. You watch the worldly ways on TV, and you like it. The things that the Bible is against, the things that God says, "it's hurting you", you watch that. You watch that.

And you look at it and look at it. Thorns, thorns, thorns. Can you see that? Desire for other things, desire for other things. This is going to depend on you how deep you want this cut to be. Because it's, Lord, I actually understand here what I've been doing, what I've exposed my children to for decades, what I've let them watch.

Pastor G, I'm going to ask you... It numbs us, we are oblivious to its impact on our lives. So, we don't actually do those things, but we watch them. And then you think because you're exposing yourself to it that you don't want to do them? Because you learn to love it? So, it numbs us and dulls us to spirit life. We become seared in our conscience, because we have reasons, and we justify ourselves.

Justify and reason. What's the difference between justify and reason? What did Pastor John say? Nothing! We justify ourselves. Everybody else does it. I deserve it. I work hard during the day. I'll come and watch everything that's against God's Word. It's my right to be entertained. Enter-tain-ment, the meaning of that word means I will let it enter me. I will contain it in me. It's not harming me. That's the biggest lie. That's the big lie. No, it's choking - suffocating the Word that you're putting in your heart so that you'll... Okay. It stimulates our soul and spirit-life is not as exciting. Spirit life is not so exciting because this is exciting. This grabs me. Choke, choke, suffocate. Right?

Pastor G, please come and speak to us. Please come and speak to us about what the Lord has just recently shown you about pornography.

Pastor Garth:

Well, I'm going to just keep it short. In a nutshell, it's something that we've listened to as part of addressing families and helping families, mothers and fathers, and it's something that was put on the Learning Centre group which I listened to, and

Marcelle and I listened to it together. But it's someone who's spent a lot of time researching and analyzing data about young people who have smartphones. The statistic is that young people who have smartphones, it doesn't matter at what age, but if they are allowed to take a smartphone into their room and close the door, the statistics show that 100% of young people have been exposed to pornography. 100%.

So this person who has analyzed the data and done this research goes all over the world, to rural places, to industrial places, to third world countries, first world countries; and one of the things that he does is he gets invited to go into schools and then you'll talk to the students first and ask them how many of them have smartphones. Between 80% and 100% of them put up their hands that they have smartphones. It's quite interesting, he says, even in very poor, rural places these children have smartphones with access to internet. So obviously that's the premise as well, that they have access to internet. Between 80 to 100% of them will put up their hands and then he later has a meeting with the parents, and he'll ask the parents, "So how many of you have given your children smartphones that have access to the internet, and you allow them to take them into their room behind a closed door?" Only a much smaller percentage of them will put up their hands, and then he will show them the image. So, he or somebody else will take an image of, a picture of the students putting up their hands and he will then show the parents how many of them are allowed to; they have, and they are allowed to take a smartphone into their room.

So, then he asks them the question again, "How many of you know your children have smartphones and they're allowed to take them into your room?" Then a lot more of them will put up their hand, in honesty, which is an indication to him that the parents know that their children shouldn't have a smartphone with access to the internet, taking it into their bedrooms because the research shows that if you have access to the internet with a smartphone, 100% chance you have been exposed to pornography.

I don't know if you want me to talk about the consequences of that. (Pastor Sharon: I want you to talk). So, part of the consequence of that, for a young man, is different to how it affects a young woman. A young woman then believes that this 'way of sexuality' is how they love, so that is the case for a woman. "So, I must then behave like this because this is how I love and this is how I receive love." For a young man, "This is how I lust, this is how I live my life. I don't need to commit; I don't need to love a woman in a Biblical way because this is how I express sexuality and this is how I express love to a woman."

So, for a woman, "This is how I love," and for a man, "This is how I lust, I don't need to show any commitment, I don't need to love in a Godly wholesome way." Then they live their lives that way and this is then how sin and the tares that are sown into a young person's life, this is where we find ourselves generations later where young men...

In fact I was just listening to another statistic yesterday which they've done in Japan, that men at the age of 30 are still virgins, a massive percentage of them. The statistic is, because they would rather give themselves to what they're looking at on their smartphone, or whatever the device is, than commit to a woman. So they're still virgins because they prefer to commit to a smartphone. And I mean that's just a study that I've heard about that was done in Japan but I'm sure that would be a fairly

normal thing worldwide. That for all of what Hollywood shows that men, you know, are promiscuous. Actually, in our current culture they prefer to have 'fast food' and to not commit to a relationship. Partially because they're also afraid to do that, they don't know how.

Pastor Sharon:

I read something very interesting about, well, [*speaking to Ps Garth*] pardon, no just stand here by me, my son. So, what we are talking about, sexual promiscuity; to be sleeping with someone that you're not married to is hurting you more than you realise. It's desensitising you completely. And actually, you know what I read recently about the effects of sexual immorality and then you have a child born, that that child is unsupported, spiritually. That child is defenceless, it has no support because the mother or the father is sleeping around. The child born in a situation of that is unsupported, spiritually. They're in a spiritual nothingness and they're fair play to the devil. They're fair game.

Here, look what it does to us. All sexual promiscuity stains the root of our identity in Christ. It exploits the deepest aspects of our emotions, produces guilt that cripples our confidence and authority in Christ. It compromises the foundations of life's deepest human relationship, marriage. It gives place to appetites that beget further immoral behaviour. It breaches trust with the whole body of Christ. Your transgression of sexual sins breaches trust with all of us. It impacts the whole body because you're not able to be who you're supposed to be. You're not able because the Word's continually being choked because you're not shunning and you're not fleeing. And so, Pastor G, it assaults the pure Lordship of Jesus Christ. Is there something you want to say, Pastor G?

Pastor Garth:

Well, one of the major consequences of sexual sin is that it produces shame. And that's what the Holy Spirit was saying to me when Pastor Sharon was talking now, is that when you are ashamed, you want to hide and inevitably you hide from God because you think, "how can God love me when I'm in this condition?" Which is exactly why Jesus came to die and give us the Holy Spirit so that He can help you out of that condition. It's not like He doesn't know. He knows every time and He's there every time and He want to help you every time and yet the shame that it produces is one of, I want to hide from God and from one another. So, it's that distrust, distrust of God, which we then bring into our family and we bring into the church where we distrust God and distrust one another, we don't want to be vulnerable with one another either because how can I be because of the shame that I experience from this sin? And He came to take all of our shame. Praise God.

I think we just need to have a few cords. I think the gentleness of God needs to just come and flow a little bit please my son. Hallelujah. So this is not for condemnation. It's not for shame and it's not for guilt. It is for freedom. God wants to set you free. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Lord. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. God just wants us to have a moment of realisation. A moment of realisation so that we can just say, "Help me, Lord and forgive me, Lord. Forgive me as a parent for what I've exposed my children to." It's a time of forgiveness because if we acknowledge our sin and we confess it. He's faithful to forgive us and cleanse us. He's faithful. He's faithful. He's faithful. Hallelujah. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord, for what we've exposed our children's eyes and ears to. Forgive us, Lord, for leaving our children unsupported in the Spirit, Lord, because we've transgressed Your beautiful commandments, Lord. Your

wonderful ways for our protection, Lord, to protect us. Father, we desire purity. We desire purity, Lord. We desire to be clean. We desire cleansing, Lord. Hallelujah.

This is just a moment for you and the Lord. And if that's not where you're at, then in your heart you're praying for a brother or a sister. You're praying for a mother or a father. If this is not, you know, if your heart's been circumcised to that degree, you know, to say, "Lord, as a parent, what have I done to my child?" You know, there is a scripture in the book of James, though, Garth, that says that we can feel heartfelt shame for our sins. You know, it says we can even weep, but weeping is not a sign of change of mind and change of heart. It says here, ⁴ **You are like unfaithful wives, having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God! (James 4:4 AMPC)**

He says here, ⁸ **Come close to God and He will come close to you. and [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, distracted.** You've been distracted by the distractions of this age. Right? And then it says, **purify your hearts, divided interests, purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery].** And, ⁹ **[As you draw near to God] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [over your disloyalty]. Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection and heartfelt shame [for your sins].** ¹⁰ **Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant]. (James 4:8-10 AMPC)**

Hallelujah. You know, because we're a house of prayer, people, you are the people running into this house saying to be clean, to be clean. It's us first to be clean, to be clean. There's a fountain opened in this house for cleansing. Hallelujah. Glory to God. He's just a heartbeat away from you acknowledging, acknowledging it to Him. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

Forgive me, Lord. Forgive me, Lord. Forgive Pastor John. Forgive us as parents, Lord. In the past, for things we didn't, we weren't as watchful over as we could have been, as we should have been. Little eyes, little boys at school with big brothers bringing things to school, showing our little boys things at their school. Oh, Lord. Lord, forgive us. Jesus, thank You that your mercy is here today. Not realizing the impact that the enemy would have on their lives with images. Lord, our crossover is for generations. It's for our children and our children's children, Lord. Thank You, Jesus. You keep us from the evil one. You keep us from the evil one, Lord. You forgive us, Lord. That we sat and watched movies with them, Lord. Forgive us. Forgive us, Lord. Jesus. Cleanse us. Cleanse us, Lord. Cleanse us. Jesus. Jesus. Our children, unsupported and unprotected. Lord. Thank You that You remove from all of us images, Lord. You blot it out with the Blood. The Blood, the Blood, the Blood, the Blood, the Blood. The Blood cleans us, Lord. All those images and those pictures, Lord. Your Blood, Your Blood, Lord. Your Blood. Hallelujah. Jesus. Thank You. We receive the washing of the water of Your Word, Lord. We receive Your grace. We receive Your mercy because we come to Your throne of grace to obtain mercy. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Lord.

This is not a time for self-righteousness, people. Really, it's not. It's a time for righteousness. Righteousness. Hallelujah. Glory. It's a time for acknowledgement; saying, "Yes, Lord." Just like David, he didn't justify himself why he did those things. He just said, "Yes, I've sinned. Yes, Lord, I've sinned. I've sinned." Can you say that

to the Lord today? I've sinned. Yes, Lord, I've sinned. I've sinned. I've sinned. Yes, Lord, I've sinned. I'm in Your hand and I'm in Your heart. Thank You for Your mercy. You're merciful, Lord. You're merciful, Lord. Hallelujah. Thank You. Thank You. We receive Your forgiveness. We receive together. We receive Your forgiveness. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Together we receive Your forgiveness.

The Blood has never lost its power. It washes me clean this very hour. And together we come to You as a people to say, Lord, we have sinned. You know, Daniel said that even though he never sinned. He came to God saying, "We have sinned. We have sinned." Forgive us, Lord, we have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. We have sinned. Hallelujah. We have sinned.

We ask that You purify our homes, that you bring a new fresh wind of Your Spirit into our homes, into our lounges, into our bedrooms, Lord. Just a new fresh wind of Your Spirit, Lord, into our hearts, into our minds, Lord. Clean, clean, Lord. We receive cleanliness today, Lord. Hallelujah. Right? We're not troubling our minds about how we're going to get free. Hallelujah. Lord. Glory to God. Thank You that our children are free. Thank You, Lord. We receive cleansing for our children today, all of them, Lord, as grown up as they are. Our grandchildren, our children and our grandchildren, we receive cleansing. We receive cleansing, Lord, today for our children. It's so good to say, yes, we have sinned. It's good, it's good to say, I have sinned like David. God says when there's repentance in the world, all is well, all is well. All we have to do is say, yes, yes, yes, we have sinned. I have sinned, Lord. That's all. Thank You. I receive Your forgiveness.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. I receive freedom. I receive wholeness. I receive purity. I receive purity. Purity, Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We receive deliverance, Lord, from the work of the enemy. We receive deliverance from the work of the enemy, Lord. He'll do no more work on us. He'll do no more work in us. Hallelujah. Glory to God. It's good. It's good. Just the washing of the water of the Word. It's good. It's good. It's good. We receive Your freedom now. We receive freedom now for ourselves and for our children and for our children's children. You make a way, Lord, with that. Hallelujah. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord.

We call on the power of the Blood this morning. The power of the Blood to wash clean, Lord. Our children's minds, Lord. Oh, hallelujah, to wash clean and make clean, Lord. Glory, Glory, Glory, Glory, Glory. Oh, Jesus, thank You. We receive no condemnation, no guilt, no shame, no guilt, no shame, just a washing and a cleansing and a renewal and a renewal. We receive no guilt and no shame, no condemnation in Jesus' name. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

We are free to praise You. We are free to praise You now, Lord, because we believe Your washing and Your cleansing is so real. It's Your love for us is so amazing, Lord. Your love for us is so amazing, Lord. Oh, hallelujah. Glory, we can start fresh and new, start fresh and new. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Oh, with a new song in our hearts and a new spring in our step. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes. Yes, Lord. Hallelujah. I'm not leaving this place without joy. No, no, no, no. I'm not leaving this place without joy. Hallelujah. Because You love me. You love me, Lord. You love me and You cleanse me, Lord. And Your word is that powerful that it forgives, You forgive immediately,. Lord. Because from our heart, from our heart, we've let Your cuts go deep, Lord. We've let Your cut go deep, Lord. Hallelujah. And we're grateful, we're grateful that we can have our hearts circumcised. We're so grateful. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. And we can be healed from that circumcision. Oh, hallelujah. We can be healed, we can be healed. No guilt, no shame. No, no, no. No, no, no. No blame. No guilt, no shame, no blame. No guilt, no blame, no shame.

Oh, He cleanses us all, together, now. Ah, I'm just taking a bath. Aren't you taking a bath? It's just wonderful. In my heart. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Oh. [*Pastor Sharon laughs*] I'm free. You're free, you're free, you're free. Go free, be free.

And that's it. That's a sample, we had today, of experiencing circumcision. It's personal, it's private, it's painful. It's personal, it's private, it's painful, it's vulnerable. It's so vulnerable, Lord, You're touching these things. Oh, but yes, Lord. I say, "Yes, Lord. I've sinned, Lord. I receive washing and forgiveness, Lord." Oh! I'm lighter. I'm lighter. I'm being refreshed and renewed in Your love. Right? Some lifestyle choices, now, that I'll make - different lifestyle choices, some loving conversations I'll probably be having in my home, between husband and wife, some loving, heavenly, holy conversation. Hallelujah. We're making some changes around here because we love Him. Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Hallelujah. I'll rather watch *Escape to the Country*, you know, a little bit of *MasterChef*, a little bit of *Love It or List It*, a little bit of, you know, some gardening, some house construction, you know. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

Well, I can't close this. This is a beautiful thing that we've been able to... because now, God can work in your children. Now, He can go to work in your children, your big, old children. Right? He can go to work now. So, have a blessed... may the Word and blood of Jesus surround you and protect you and be with you and have a wonderful day until I see you a little later. Have a good lunch, right? Right. Are your spirits lifted up? Good. Good.

Now, when there's any guilt or shame or condemnation that wants to come on you, or regret, it's his slime. It's from the devil. It's not God. It's not God. This is done today. This is settled now, right? You go on, now, into the fresh and the new. Don't let the devil come and slime on you. Right? So, be blessed and have a day filled with joy, in Jesus' name. Bye-bye, everybody.