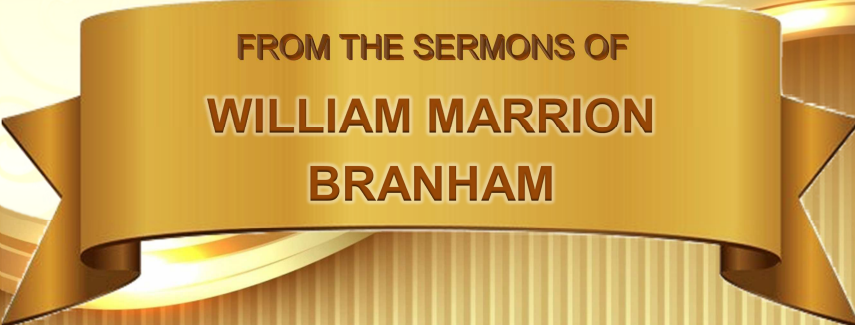




Desperations



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43 Now I'm going to give you my text, while you're—you're—you're turning. My text tonight is *Desperations*. And I...Desperation, and, now, you know what desperations is.

And now we're going to read from Jeremiah the 29th chapter, the 10th verse.

*For thus saith the Lord,
That after seventy years be
accomplished at Babylon I will
visit you, and perform my
good word toward you, in
causing you to turn to this
place.*

*For I know the thoughts
that I think toward you...(Isn't
that sweet?)...saith
the Lord, though thoughts of
peace, and not of evil, to give
you the accepted end.*

*Then shall you call upon
me, and ye shall go and pray*

unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all...nations, and from all the places where I have drove you, saith the Lord; and...will bring you again unto—unto the place which I caused you to

be carried away captive. Back to pentecost!

I put that in, myself. It doesn't say that. That's what I was meaning to the Church.

Luke 16, begin at the 15th verse, or the 16th verse.

The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it.

“Every man presses into It.” Not just simply walks into

It, easily, but It's got to be pressed into. See? Now, "When you seek Me with all your heart, then I'll be found."



44 And He promised that He would return and bring the people, from scattered all over

the earth, after those seventy years, back into Jerusalem where they left from; and He did it just that way. That's right.



45 Now we're going to talk on—on *Desperations* for a few minutes now. Usually, it takes a state of emergency, to throw us into desperation. See? It's too bad it has to do that, but human beings are so slothful in their mind, that it takes an emergency. Something arises, and when they do, then it—it throws them into that desperation. And really, in doing that in desperation, it brings out that real thing that you are. It shows what you're

made out of, in the time of desperation. It usually pulls out all the good things that's in you.



46 In time of death, I've heard people when they knowed they were dying, the

things that they kept secret all their life, they, in desperation, they were trying to confess it. See? And trying, “Take *this* and make it right; go, please; go, do,” see, in desperation. They ought to have done that beforehand, see, not wait till the time of emergency. “Will you do so-*and-so* for me?” The emergency causes desperation. When, we ought to do it without the emergency.



47 Now we notice, tonight,
that we're taking the symbols
of the Passover. And the

Passover was taken in emergency, in times of desperation. You notice in—in Exodus the 12th chapter, and the 11th verse of the 12th chapter, I believe it is, it says, “Eat this Passover with the shoes on your feet, with your loins girded up, and with the staff in your hand,” see, you’re eating it in desperation.

48 They had seen the great hand of God. They had saw all of His miracles, and then they had come under the

sign of the Token. And while they were under the sign of the Token, they've taken the communion in—in desperation, for they knew at that time God was fixing to strike with judgment.



49 And it was a shaking time. It was a time where every man was examining himself, because the Word of the prophet had not failed one time. It had been proven to be true. Whatever he said, it happened just exactly the way he said it. The Pillar of Fire was still there. And, then, the prophet had announced that God would only pass over when He saw the token at the door. And it was a desperation.



50 I would imagine the children were...when they saw those big, black wings drop down from the sky like a smoke settling over the city,

the screams coming from every house, the children might have went to their daddy and said, “Daddy, are you sure that we’re under that token?”



And he could go to the door, look upon the post, the lintel, said, “Son, that’s according to His Word.”

“Remember, I’m your oldest child. Daddy, are you positive?”

51 “I am positive! That’s according to what the prophet told us, and he has the Word of the Lord. Said, ‘When I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. Take a lamb for the house.’ I’ve brought all you children in. You’re my oldest, but my

firstborn. That's the one that's dying all out in there; but *there* is the blood. That's what THUS SAITH THE LORD was. So rest, my son, rest at ease, because God made the promise. See?"

"Well, Daddy, why you got your shoes on? Why you got the staff in your hand? Why have you got a piece of bread in one hand and a lamb in the other hand? Why is them bitter herbs and things? What are you eating it? What's the

sweat running off your face about?”

“Son, death is fixing to strike.” See, it was in a time of desperation.



52 Now, I believe that we're living in the days that we're...Or, otherwise, the days that we're living in should cause the Church to go completely into desperation. I believe, since the message this morning from God, not me, I believe it ought to throw this entire congregation into desperation, that we have played long enough. We've went to church long enough. We got to do something.

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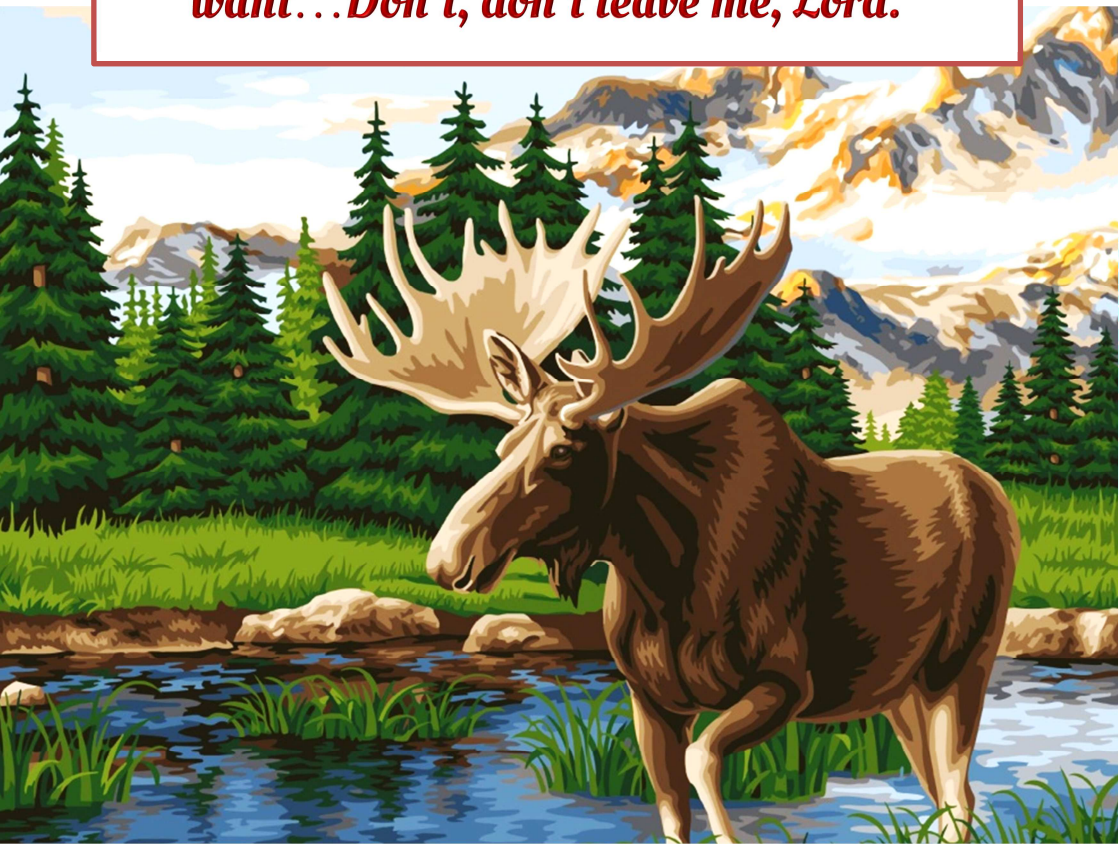
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And to think that if somebody, all of a sudden, there is members of our family gone, and you're left behind! It should throw us into desperation, that, by the grace of God, we'll not be left back behind. "If there's anything I don't want... Don't, don't leave me, Lord."



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55 Those people had seen the hand of God. And that night of the communion, they took it with...in desperation, because they knowed that something was fixing to happen.

And we know something is fixing to happen. And remember, the Coming of

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**the Lord will be a sudden,
secret going away.**

**He'll come and take Her
like a thief in the night.**



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56 A few days ago I was hearing Mel Johnson sing that song:

**Remember me when
tears are falling down, yes,**

**Remember me when
friends are not around;**

**And when I cross over
this river of Jordan,**

**When You're calling the
roll, remember me.**

57 And on the Lamb's
Book of Life, I want my name
wrote.

I want Him to remember
me when the roll call.



And it throws me into desperation, that is, like Paul said, “After I have preached the Gospel shall I be a—a stowaway, shall I be a—a castoff?” It could happen.

So it throws me into a desperate stage, desperation, to think of, after all these years of preaching, would I—could I...a place come where I could fail Him? What's the next move? What must I do next? And it throws me into a nervous stage. And what can I do? It throws me to the mountains and to the valleys.

And it's hard, because, when I'm with the people, I've

got to be all things to all men,
that I might win some to
Christ, yet with that Token
always before me. See?



***“Let me say only what You say,
Lord. Let me tell them what’s
the Truth, or don’t say
nothing.” It throws me in
desperation.***



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59 Jack Moore said to me one time, “I’d hate to have to answer like you will have to, at the Day of the Judgment.” Said, “God has put these people into your hands, and you’re going to give an account for every one of them. You’re going to answer for your ministry.”



That's been about fifteen years ago, or maybe eighteen. And since then, I've been in desperation. What will I do?

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61 Desperation. Signs of His Coming should throw every member of Christ into desperation now, about our souls, about our—our—our welfare for hereafter. Well, what are we going to amount to if we gain the whole world? What are we, what are we living for? What do you work for? What are you eating for?

What are you struggling for?
To live. What are you living
for? To die. And you're not fit
to live until you're fit to die. It's
true.



62 And we see so many miracles of healing, it should put us into desperation.

63 If that little boy...Am I looking at Mrs. Peckinpaugh now? Is this Mrs. Peckinpaugh? Are you the one that had the boy here, something or another? Why, here is the woman setting right here I was talking about. I just happened to look over and see her.

64 Now if God can do that for that little boy, it ought to throw you into desperation.



65 A man from New Albany, he may be here tonight. He's a friend to my

Brother Roberson. Had a little boy here. I think his wife had cancer once and was healed. And—and now, the little boy has got asthma so bad till he's just in bad shape. Little fellow, almost cancered throat, himself. See? And then he brought the little boy, yeah, I see his hand up in the back, back there, was prayed for this morning, you see.

66 Desperation! When the wife was about to die with cancer, he knowed that God

could heal her. And if God could heal the wife, God can heal the boy. And it throws it into a state of desperation. See? You must come; and when you're desperate, then God is going to listen to you. But if you're just slothful, you don't care whether He does or not, well, then that's different. You say you do, but it takes desperation to do it.

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67 I believe that the reason we don't have desperation is because it's a lack of love, God, the love of God. I think that the love of God causes desperation. If God is in you, the Token inside of you, and you see the conditions of times, and people wading in sin the way

they are, it'll throw you into
desperation. I believe it will.



68 Now the Word plainly states, if you want to put this down, in Galatians 5:6, that, “Faith worketh by love.” See? “Faith worketh by love.” And the only way that you can have faith, is have love first. Because, after all, faith is love’s incentive. Incentive, that’s exactly what—what faith is. It’s an incentive to love. Now, you, if you don’t have love, you can’t have faith. See?

69 How can you have faith in your wife if you don't love her? That's in phileo. Now how about in agapao, to God? How can it be if you don't love God?



If you said you loved your wife, and never tell her about it, and never set down and make love to her, expressed it to her, kiss her, hug her, and tell her she's the best cook in the country, all the things that you know, and how pretty she is, and how much you love her; if you don't do that, she'll never know it. That's the way. If you do love her, you express it.

70 That's the way we do to God. When we love Him, we

tell Him about it. We set down
and we adore Him, and
worship Him. And, see, love
drives us to that.



71 Now what if something has got to be done for your wife? Why, it'd throw you into desperation to get it done. What if somebody says your wife's got cancer? What if somebody says your—your wife's got TB, and she is fixing to die? Yet, you, you'll—you'll do anything. See, it'll throw you into desperation.

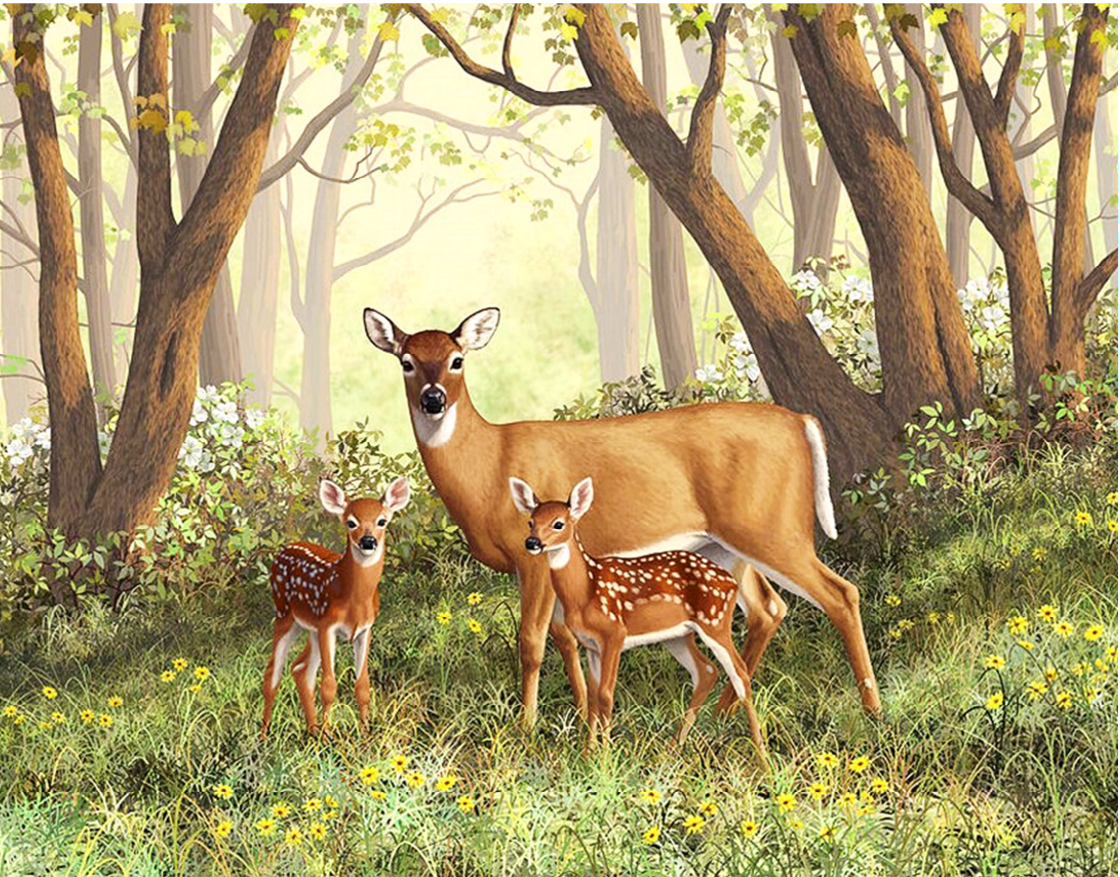
72 And that's the same thing that it is. We must have love before we can have faith. And faith...When we have

genuine love, what does it do?
It pushes our faith out on the
battlefront for God. See?



Genuine godly love for
God and for His Word and for

His people, will push faith out there. Love just takes a hold of faith, and just, “Come on, let’s go!” And out it goes, ’cause that’s what love does.



73 John 14:23, Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he'll keep My Words." Now you can't keep His Words without having faith in what He said. So, you see, if he loves God, then he keeps God's Word. If He said, "I'm the Lord that healed thee," he believes that. Love makes him believe it, because love dominates all. "Though I speak with tongue of man and Angels, have not love, it's nothing, see. Though I have faith to move

mountains, and have not love, it's nothing." Love dominates all, 'cause God is love, a God of love. Now, yes, sir! If Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My Words."

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Only believe,
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All things are possible,
Only believe.

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