

The Third Pull

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From The Sermons Of
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*Title: 56-0101 — Why Are People
So Tossed About?*

13 I had promised the Lord, eight or ten, about ten years ago, when I left in 1946, when I left the tabernacle, that I would serve Him with all my heart in these campaigns, knowing that it was going to be a great disturbance out there, because...and a lot of

money included, and everything like that.

14 So I—I knew that, usually, in reading, that men who get, the Lord bless them just a little bit, there is about three major things that usually brings a minister to...back to the rut. And noticing them: one of them was money; women; popularity; and those three things.

15 I notice in the Scriptures, that where it, money, was the prophet Balaam who sold out his

gift, to go af-...on account of money, when Balak offered so much money. Many of you are acquainted with the story.

16 To Samson, it was Delilah, the woman who wooed him in her lap until he give away the secrets of the Lord, to her.

17 And Saul, it was popularity. He was a prophet. The Bible said he was numbered with the prophets. And through popularity, he wanted to be big

and above someone else. He fell by this.

18 And this is the three major causes that I seen in the Bible, that cause men to fall. And I asked our Heavenly Father to please let me shun, at all times, those things, especially, those three major things. And I kept a covering over them.

19 I made a promise to God that I would never beg for money in the meetings. And I made a covenant with Him, if He ever got

to a place where He didn't supply my needs in the meeting, just by passing the collection plate, which I knew it would take tens of thousands of dollars to do it, in great massive meetings, and then I—I told Him that I would leave, and come home off of the field. This He miraculously did, without making one stress at any time for money, or, press.

Three or four managers lost their jobs because of making a little press for money, which I

would not permit it. I don't believe in it.

20 The people around the city here might think...Well, the Lord gave us a little home up there. That was taken up in one night, that I... Someone think, "Well, he's a multimillionaire."

21 I wish you only knew the truth, see. You know different from that. That, I could have been, that's right, but I...not even begging, but just people come, say, "I'll give you this, Brother

Branham.” But I refused it. I don’t want it. I want nothing to do with it. It—it’s filth. I—I want my inheritance to be *Above*, up *here*.

22 And, that, knowing this, that day by day the gray hairs is coming into my head and—and I’m not the little boy that I was that started preaching here twenty-three years ago. See? And I know one thing, that no matter how much you got of *this*, “what would it profit a man if he

gained the whole world, and then lose his soul?”

So, I seen that cursed thing.

And the last few days, ministers and people, calling, of different family disasters, and things.

23 A lady called me, other night. She said, “I won’t tell you my name. My husband is one, a well-known, healing evangelist, on the field.” And said, “I caught him right in the act of living in

adultery with an eighteen-year-old girl. He—he confessed to me that he had been doing it for two years.” Said, “What shall I do, Brother Branham?”

And I said, “Lady, I don’t know.” I said, “I pray for my brother, his soul.”

24 And such as that, we try to shun it. And He—He miraculously met me and helped me, until about the last couple meetings. In my last meeting, in California alone, in the last two

meetings, I went fifteen thousand dollars in debt. That the...

They said, “You have to beg. You have to tell the people. They want to be begged.”

I said, “That’s not my promise to God.”

Some man said, “I’ll underwrite it.”

I said, “That isn’t my promise to God.”

So to keep my promise, as I would to my fellow man, I did to God.

25 And I didn't want to tell my wife and boy on the road home, come, California, that I would be stopping the evangelistic services. I said, "I'll go back, I'll rest up a few days, and see what the Lord Jesus says. If nothing else, I'll come down and help Brother Neville pastor the tabernacle." I said, "I'll—I'll do something, preach the Gospel.

Then go to work like I used to do, patrol along the lines, the Public Service Company, or something. And, yeah, preach on, let him have Sunday's morning or Sunday night, and I'll take the other service. And him have Wednesday and I'll have Tuesday, or something like that, or..." I said, "We'll go right ahead with the services." And I said, "I'll get me a job and go to work."

26 I did. I got me a job, Brother Wood, back there,

moving houses and things. So I just went to work, got me a job. It hurt my wife and Billy. They said, Billy said, “Dad, I’m sure you’re doing wrong.”

27 I said, “No, I’m doing right. I keep my promise.” See? I told Him, I said, “My promise, that no matter what it is, if a man is not as good as his word, I don’t want to...you can’t trust him, because he’s not no good.” See?

28 And so, one thing that a person must always be, that’s

honest. Be, tell things so that—that you can go back and tell it a million times, it'll be the same thing. You see? Just be honest. No matter if it's bad, or whether it's good, be honest. And if it's against you, say it anyhow; or keep still, don't say it at all. See?

29 And so then, I—I feel that way, that God will bless an honest heart. And knowing the position that I stand in, to defeat sickness and stuff for people in prayer, to the Lord Jesus,

according to His Divine Word, and His—and His calling, then I must be honest in heart to do that. Cause, the devil knows whether you are or not, he—he—he won't pay no atten-...I don't care how loud you holler, or how much you make up, he won't pay no attention to you. See? That's right. But God will, if you're honest.

30 So I said, "I'll tell them when I get to Arizona," after I left California. I didn't have the

nerve. So after...I said, “I will, in New Mexico.” And on and on, till, I told them coming right down here in Indiana. Well, they—they understood it, pretty well.

Billy didn’t get it too well. He said, “Daddy, I think you’re making a mistake.”

31 But I went home, tired, weary, upset, crying, went to bed that night. And after the wife got to sleep, I went into the room, knelt down, said, “Dear Jesus, I don’t know what I’m going to do.

Here I am right back where I started from again. See? I guess I made a failure.”

32 About two hours from then, He appeared to me. And He showed me a vision of such a panoramic view of people, I never seen. I was talking to my wife in the vision. Now, you people that know me, know I’m not a fanatic. I don’t say these things ’less they’re the truth. That’s right. And I—I seen it.

33 And I seen Brother Arganbright standing there, and I went up to him. He said, “Brother Billy,” said, “we’ve give out all the prayer cards, and everything is ready now for the meeting. We got a way, take you in and out.”

I said, “Thank you, Brother Arganbright.”

I walked over to see some more brethren. And there was another brother preaching. I said, “Who is he?”

They said, “*They* put him up.”

34 And I said, “Who is *they*?”
And they just turned around,
walked away. And the men, they
just dismissed the audience and
let them all go. And I said, “Oh,
he shouldn’t do that, because
there is—there is no altar call.”

“Oh,” he said, another fellow,
spoke up and said, “we done
took up the offering.”

I said, “When is the offering more important than souls, before Christ?” See?

35 And at that, the Angel of the Lord taken me out then, and He taken me to a real bright stream of water. It was the most beautiful blue water, and great fish was swimming around in it. He said, “I will make you a fisher.” And He said, “Now cast your lure into the water. When you do, pull it slow, first time. Next time, just give it a little jerk,

not too hard. And the next time, set your hook for the catch.”

36 And I started, throwed my line in the water, I pull, and everybody begin to rejoicing, and saying, “That’s wonderful. That’s wonderful.” I got all excited, and jerked it hard on the next one, was out, I pulled the fish, and all, out of the water. Well, what it was, is a little bitty fish, and it, just about size of the lure. And I got my line all tangled up, and I was straightening out my line.

37 And the Man which was talking behind me, walked around in front of me, dressed in Palestinian clothes, and a turban on His head. He had a white robe. He said, "Brother Branham, that's it."

I said, "I know I didn't do right." I said, "I jerked it when I oughtn't to."

He said, "Don't get your line tangled up in these kind of times."

And I said, “Well, I’m running it straight as I can. I’ll be very careful.”

38 And He said, “Now, the First time I spoke with you, you put your hands on the people and told them what was wrong with them. And the Second Pull, why, when you did, you would know the secrets of your hearts, and I made you a seer before the people. But you was always trying to explain it. You oughtn’t

to have done that.” Said, “You made a public show out of it.”

I said, “I’m very sorry.”

39 Then He taken me from there, and I seen a great, huge tent. I never seen such a—a tent. And it was packed and lined everywhere, with people. And I walked out to the...look like I was standing above the people, looking down, where I just made an altar call, and hundreds and hundreds of people were weeping and rejoicing after they

had accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. And I looked.

40 And then I heard a man get up and say, “Call the prayer line.” And people begin to line up over on *this* side, the left, from where I was looking down towards the platform. And they lined all the way up and down the street, for a prayer line.

41 I noticed to my left, which would been to my right if I was on the platform, a little wooden building. And I seen that Light

that al-...they have the picture of, you know. It's always in the meeting. I seen that Light leave me and go to that building, and go in that building. And a Voice said to me, "I'll meet you in there. That'll be the Third Pull."

I said, "Why?"

He said, "Well, it won't be a public show like the other."

And I came to.



He said, “It will not be a
public show, this time.”



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69 Now, I might tell you a vision that's just recently happened. And so that... Brother Joseph asked me to do this, so that the people that's here in the building that couldn't get the—the issue of this magazine, would understand. I made... When I first become a—a servant of the Lord, to pray for His sick children, you know the story,

how He told me that I was born to pray for sick people.

70 Now, you say, “Oh, I’ve heard that many times, where, of different people.” That’s all right. See? That, they, I—I can’t answer for someone else. I have to answer for my own, and you have to answer for yours. Now that is true.

71 And then when He told me that, I knew that there was, in this ministry, there would have to be

a lot of things under consideration; money, for one thing. Well, I made a promise to God, that I wouldn't take the people's money. And I asked Him... I didn't want people's money, but I knowed, in that, there would be a lot of money given to me, and I'd have to refuse it. So, I told Him, as long as He prospered my ways, so I wouldn't have to beg for money, I would stay on the field as long as He prospered me. But when He got so He failed me, to where

we'd have to beg, or take hours, or whatever they do to take up offerings, as I had seen it many time in my own denomination church that I belonged to then, then I said I—I would come in off the field. He blessed me for about nine years. But in California it...

72 My ministry, looked like, begin to drop down, somehow. Mail fell off. Looked like that people wasn't interested. "Well," I thought, "God, that's all in Your

hand.” Where, I used to get around a thousand letters a day, or something like that, and be down there, would drop down to six hundred, then five hundred, then down to four hundred, three hundred, a hundred, to seventy-five, somewhere. Got down to about like that, a day, seventy-five letters a day, maybe.

73 Well, I thought, “Well, wonder what’s happened? I don’t know as I’ve done anything. If I have to—to, for the people, why,

I—I'm—I'm sorry.” Course, I thought, “Well, I haven't got...I don't sell things. And the only thing people writes to me for is to get prayer cloths. And we don't sell them. We give them to them. So, well, Lord, maybe You're fixing to change things.”

74 I went to California, went about—about fifteen thousand dollars in debt, in a meeting. And that night, when I left, I asked Billy to tell me. And the dear people who was sponsoring it,

they underwrote it, and was very, very fine. But that wasn't the promise. I promised God what I'd do.

75 And when a dear brother taken me home that night, out to the little cabin where I was staying, I went out upon the mountain, to myself, about two o'clock in the morning. And we was to leave around four-thirty. And I prayed, and the moon shining down, bright. I can just see it. It was last fall. I said,

“Heavenly Father, now I—I leave the field. I go home. And whatever You want me to do from henceforth, You just reveal to me.”

76 And so I couldn't tell Billy and them. I didn't want to tell them, didn't want to tell my wife. But, “Oh,” I said, “I'll tell them when I get to Arizona.” Well, then I said, “I'll wait till I get to grand old state of Texas, where my mother come from.” I said, “I'll tell them there.” And then I got

there. I told them as I come in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Well, Billy, he said, “Daddy, better be careful what you’re doing.” Said, “Don’t the Bible say, ‘Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel’?”

77 I said, “I never said nothing about preaching the Gospel. I mean the evangelistic service.” And I said, “Look, Billy,” I said, “God has got men on the field, everywhere. He don’t need me

out there. I can go back and get my job again, and—and go to pastoring, and pastor the tabernacle, or something. I may go down, rent the old theater down there, have a Sunday afternoon international gathering, and a broadcast or something.” I said, “I can’t stop, all at once now, because my expenses runs about a hundred dollars a day, at home. So, I—I can’t, with my office and things.” I said, “I just can’t shut right down, because I can’t do it.”

And so my wife said, “Billy, I hope you know what you’re talking about.”

I said, “Well, now, I—I know one thing.”

78 When I come here one time in a convention, for a convention, and you know the story, because I promised this dear little Swede friend of mine here, Brother Boze, that I would come and preach two days for him, in the Philadelphian Church,

after that convention is over. And I was told, if I didn't; if I did do that, I couldn't be a speaker. I could take my choice. I said, "I'll stay with my word." And I went to Brother Joseph. Exactly. Because, I'd do it again. A man that won't keep his word isn't very good.

79 That's the way I take God. He give the Word, and I believe every Word of It. And if He wouldn't keep It, It wouldn't be God, to me. I... He has to keep

His Word, I believe. And He will do it, and I know He will. Now, then I...

80 That night, I went to bed when we got home. My wife was crying. She said, “Billy, I’m afraid you’re making a mistake.” Said, “You know I want you to be home with the kiddies and I. But,” said, “Bill, look what it’s done. It’s started a worldwide revival, and I can’t see where God would bring you in, off the field.”

And I said, “Well, I promised Him. He said...”

“But—but—but He never told you.”

81 I said, “But, I promised Him. See? That’s it. I promised Him. I’m going to keep my word to Him. If I’ll keep it to my brethren, I surely would keep it to my Saviour.” So I went in and slept very well through the night.

82 The next morning, about six o’clock, we woke up. And—

and I just getting out of the bed. She was on the other side. I just rubbing my face, like *this*. I said, “Well, I’m going to call the Public Service Company today, and ask if I can have my old job back again.” And I said, “If they don’t give me my job, Mr. Wood is a contractor, I’ll just go with him. And he and I will go out and wreck some buildings, or something. And I got to work, because I got to go to work. And so, ’cause this money has got to be met, and I’m fifteen thousand

dollars in debt.” I said, “Then what can I do? I got to pay that back, no matter how much they underwrote it, I—I’m going to pay it back. That’s right.”

And so she said, “You’re going to call Mr.—Mr. Bar, this morning?”

83 I said, “Yep. I’m going to call him and ask him if I can have my job back. And if he... If that job, someone has got it now, and they can’t give him a better job,”

I said, “then I’ll just... I’ll go with Brother Wood, and we’ll go to building buildings or something another. I’ll help him.” And so I said, “If I come off the field, course, that’s going to bring him off, too, and he can go back to contracting, and we can go to work.” So then as...

She said, “Well, I—I sure hope you know what you’re speaking of, Bill.”

And I said, “Well, I...”

And I looked. Coming, moving down from the ceiling...Oh, I just maybe...

I couldn't expect you to understand it. But that's something that, when we meet in the...face to face with Jesus, you'll...?...on the Word.

Here come something, moving. I seen two little, dark-faced children come, moving down, pulling a little wagon.

I said, “Sweetheart, look, coming *here*.” I was done gone then.

And she said, “What’s you talking about?” I could hear her, but I couldn’t answer her.

And these little children was walking towards me, little, kind of long hair; and black, dark eyes; brown face, coming, walking to me.

84 And I—I seen then, I started moving. On beyond the

children, I seen Mr. Arganbright, my brother, that's went overseas with me many time, seeing him standing there, looking at me. I moved on, to him.

Now, I could still hear my wife walking around in the room.

85 I'll say it this way so that you'll understand it. Might not be the right words, but so you'll understand. That one dimension I was in, I had moved out then

into another. I couldn't hear her walking no more. It was gone.

86 And I seen Mr. Arganbright. He was his peculiar little way, the way he holds his head and kind of smiles as he looks at me. And he said, "Brother Branham," he said, "we've put out cards, everywhere. And we got a way for you, get in and out. And everything is ready."

I said, “All right, Brother Arganbright, which way shall I go?”

He said, “Just keep on.”

I walked on. I passed some ministers.

Then, I walked a little farther. I came into a great panoramic affair, and all kinds of, looked like, seating for thousands of people.

And just then I heard someone say, “The meeting is dismissed.”

87 “Well,” I said, “who dismissed it? How did it come to be dismissed?” And I was discussing. I said, “Why is it dismissed? What’s happened?” And it was sprinkling rain.

And Something said to me, “By this you’ll know.”

And then I said, “Well, I don’t...”

88 And then I went in, farther into the vision. And when it did, I was standing with, you know, a little baby's shoe, of about a year old. You know, the little bitty eyelets; not a bootee, but a—a shoe. And I had a—a string in my hand, trying to lace this little eighth-of-an-inch hole in this eyelet, with about a half-inch string. Just working fervently, trying to push that string through, that half-inch string, through an eighth-of-an-inch eyelet. And I was breaking the threads all

over, the string, trying to push it through like that. And it just wouldn't do it. And the string was being all broke up, on the end.

89 So, just then I heard Someone say, behind me, "Don't you understand that you can't teach babies supernatural things?" I looked around. And It was behind me. And I recognized that Voice. He said, "You're using the wrong end of the string."

90 And I looked down at the end of the string laying on the floor, a great pile of string, and it was laced down to a nice eighth of inch, so it would go through the hole. I said, “I understand.”

91 And as I reached to pick up the string, I was taken again. Now, you mark this down. Watch it come to pass. See? And as I—I started to reach down, I was gone again. Then, when I come to, I was standing by the side of a beautiful lake, something like

your lake out here in the summertime when it's real pretty and green. And there were fishermen all around the lake, and they were fishing, but they were catching small fishes. And I looked out into the lake, and those great, beautiful rainbow trout out there, and I said, "I know this is a vision, but I can't understand those trout. But," I said, "you know, I believe, right down in my heart, I can catch those." So, I picked up the string,

but, instead of it being a string, it was a fishing pole.

92 And just then, the One behind me said, “Now I’ll teach you to fish, how to catch those.” And so He took... And He said, “Tie on the lure.” And I snapped the lure on. He said, “Now throw way out,” now listen close, “way out into the deep.” And He said, “When you do, now let the lure sink down, first. Then,” said, “pull it slow.” Now, that’s really fishermen’s technique. So I...

93 He said, “Then, when you do, now, you’ll feel some nibbles at it, but don’t tell nobody what you’re doing. Keep it to yourself.” And said, “Then when you—when you feel it nibble again,” said, “pull it just a little, a little bit, but not too hard,” He said, “and then it’ll pull it away from the little fish. And when they scatter, that’ll attract the attention of the big fish, and they’ll grab it.” And said, “That’s the way you’ll catch it.” Said, “Then, when they bite,

on the third time, set your hook for the—the catch.”

And I said, “I understand.”

Said, “But keep still. Don’t tell nobody. Keep still.”

And I said, “All right.”

94 And I had the lure in my hand. And all these fishermen turned out to be ministers, and they all come around, saying, “Brother Branham, I know you can catch fish.”

95 Oh, of course, that made me feel real good. I said, “Oh, yes, I’m a fisherman. I can catch fish.” And he said... I said, “Now, here is the way you do it.” And I said, “You throw it way out.” And I went way out, in to the—to the deep water. I said, “Now, those little fish are fine, brethren, but we want the big ones, too.” And I was...let... I said, “Well, see, when it sinks down, now see, there it is, just about where it should be, now, see there’s, see,

there—there, them is little fish.” I said, “Now, when it sets again...”

96 I give it a great big jerk, and, when I did, I pulled the whole lure out of the water. And when I did, I caught a fish, but I wondered how he ever got the lure in his mouth. Cause, looked like the skin just stretched over the lure, about the same size of the lure. And I thought, “Oh, my!”

97 And just then, this One Who had been talking, behind

me, stepped around in front of me. It was Him, the Angel of the Lord. He had His hands folded. He looked at me, said, “Just what I told you not to do!”

And I said, “Yes. That’s right.”

98 He said, “You see, that First Pull was when you used to put your hands on the people and tell them what was their trouble.” Said, “The Second Pull was when you’d know the secrets of the heart, like I told

you.” And said, “Instead of you keeping that to yourself, you tried to explain all about it, and tell people. And when you did,” said, “you didn’t know nothing about it, yourself. And how could you explain it? And you’ve caused a big bunch of carnal impersonations to rise up, and you see what you’ve done.”

And I said, “Lord, I’m sorry.” And I—I said, “Oh, I’m so sorry! I don’t know what to do.”

99 And I was pulling the line, like *this*, and I was trying to straighten my line out. And He looked at me, said, “Now, don’t get your line tangled up, in these kind of times.”

100 I thought, “Maybe He’s going to give me another try.” And I was... I said, “I’ll sure be careful.” And was winding my line in, seen it taken up all right.

101 And then when He said that, just then I felt myself go

higher, way up. And when I was set down, then I was beneath, and standing up above, a great tent. I never seen such a tent!

102 And I had just made a altar call, seeming like, down at the altar. And when I was down there, I looked, and there was hundreds of people standing around the altar, weeping, because they had accepted the Lord Jesus. And they were just weeping, out loud. And I said, “Oh, that’s more like it, like that.”

103 And a real kind
gentleman walked out to the
platform, said, “While Brother
Branham is resting, just a few
moments,” he said, “we’ll call the
prayer line.” And said, “Everyone
with prayer cards beginning with
a *certain* number, stand over, on
to the right.” Well, I noticed the
prayer line, seemed like it went
all around the tent, and out, and
down the street. Such a prayer
line!

104 And I looked over, which was then to my left; and that would be to my right, if I was standing on the platform, would be *that* way. There's a piece of canvas stretched there. And in behind this canvas was a little, square building, about twelve-foot across and twenty-foot long, something like that. Well, I stood and looked at that.

105 And I seen them bringing a lady up, on a stretcher. And there was a lady there taking her

name and things, with a...on a—
on a paper. And so there's
someone come and got her, and
pushed her through. And the
next man come through, was
with crutches. I see them go
through that little building.

And on the outside, the lady
come out, screaming to the top
of her voice, pushing this
stretcher. And the...

Then there was another lady
on the other side, looked like

kind of a dark-haired woman, and she said, “What happened?”

106 She said, “I just don’t know.” She said, “I couldn’t tell you what happened.” She said, “I have been paralyzed for twenty years. And, looky, I—I feel like I—I—I never was sick.”

And just then, out come the man, leaping and jumping, with his—with his crutches in his hand. And I—I looked at that. And just then...

107 Now, here is something. Notice close. There's a difference between the Angel of the Lord and that Light. Because, I heard something moving, as It does when It comes here at the platform, at night, kind of like a "Whew! Whew! Whew!" and like a Fire whipping around, licking blaze. And It left me, and It went right down over the top of that audience, and went and stood over the top of that little building, then settled down on top of it. And then, when It did, this One

that was standing by me, behind me, the same Voice, the Angel's Voice, He said, "I'll meet you in there. And this is the Third Pull, but nobody will know nothing about it."

And I said, "Well, I don't understand. Why in there? Why there?"

He said, "It will not be a public show, this time."

And I said, “I don’t understand, going into that closet like that.”

108 And He said, “Is not It written by our Lord, ‘When thou prayest, be not like the hypocrites who like to be heard before men. But enter into the secret closet and pray to the Father Who seeth in secret; and He Who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly’?” It’s perfectly to the Scripture. Every time, it is.

And I said, “I understand.”

109 Then He took me to this place, and set me down in this room where I was at. And then He told me what to do for the third time. Now, Christian friends, that will, when I leave this world, that will still be in my bosom. When I... But, you mark my words, what’s going to take place.



**He said, “I’ll meet you in
there and this time it won’t
be a public show.”**



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Title: 56-0219 — Being Led Of The Holy Spirit

But when I was first born, this Light that you see on the picture here was standing over the bed, five o'clock one morning on April the sixth. That's my mother and father's, and the ones' that was around testimony in a little cabin up in Kentucky. They didn't know what it meant, and none of the rest of us did. And I didn't know

till just about ten years ago. All my life, it was visions.

9 And then after He told me and sent me into the work, I knew that there would be things that we'd have to watch. And one of them is money, the other one's popularity, and women. There's three things that man falls with, and ministers especially.

Now, notice in the Bible, seers. We find out that Balaam fell because of money. Samson fell because of women, and Saul

fell because of popularity. So I had to notice those things. I knowed popularity, and—and women I shunned, but...?...He...I don't...Sisters, I don't mean a brotherhood, fellowship, but I mean in the—in the way when I was a kid, I...A voice spoke to me. You've read my life story, all of you, haven't you? When He told me, "Never smoke, drink, or defile my body," well I, that I kept reverent.

10 And I didn't...wasn't much afraid of that, because...But the test of money, that was the thing that bothered me. And I was raised so poor, my, I thought money will just be...So I said, "Lord, going out in the meetings, I'll certainly keep money in the background. And if You'll help me, and if I'll never let anybody beg for money in my meeting. And then if there's ever a time that You ever fail me, just by taking up the offering, and You fail me, I'm coming off the field."

Well, for nine years He kept me going.

And then recently in California on a meeting, I lost five thousand dollars in one meeting. The next meeting I lost ten thousand dollars; I'm still owing it. So then, the...That the meetings didn't pay out...Now, that...I come...I went home that night. I went to—went to the cabin where I was staying, about two o'clock in the morning when we finished up. I told the wife, "I want to go out

and pray a little.” So I went out and prayed. I come back in, almost towards daylight. We were leaving for home, face red, tear-streaked. She said, “Billy, what’s the matter with you?”

“Oh,” I said, “I was just out talking to the Lord.” And I couldn’t have the nerve to tell her I’d quit the meetings. And I told the Lord, I said, “This is my promise.”

11 On the road home I said, “When I get over and out of

California, I'll tell them when I get in Arizona," Billy and—and my wife. And he's...And then I said, "I'll do it when I get over in Texas." And then when I get to...Well, I told them when I come in home in Indiana. And—and my wife couldn't understand it. She said, "Bill, I'm afraid you're doing wrong."

And Billy Paul said, "Now look, daddy, that's what you promised God. God never told you to do that."

I said, “Yes, but a man of honor will keep his promise.” And that’s one thing true.

Said, “Well, you...I don’t believe you...You just couldn’t do it, daddy.” Said, “Don’t the Bible say, Paul or somebody said, ‘Woe to me if I preach not the Gospel’?”

12 I said, “I’ll preach the Gospel. So I’ll rent the old theater down there, and get a broadcast, and have the people come in here to Jeffersonville

and pray for them, whatever.” I said, “But on the field, no, where you have to have a lot of money through this time.” And so I said, “I’ll pay this off, and I’m going back to work and get me a job. I promised God I’d do it and I—I’m going to do it.” And then that was in my heart.

And then went to bed that night, and the next morning got up. I just got off on the side of the bed which we never got in till rather late. My wife said, “We got

to get the little girl off to school, Billy.” And I said...

And so I got up on one side and she was getting out on the other side. We always go and—and kneel and pray by an old chair there every morning when we get up. It’s been a custom all my life of doing that since I’ve been a Christian, and it was she also. And so then when she was just setting on one side of the bed, one side. And I was rubbing my eyes like that.

13 And I looked coming down out of the wall, and here come two little dark looking children half naked, pulling a little wagon with wooden wheels. And I said, “Now, Meda, that’s what I’m trying to tell you.” And I could hear her, yet I was done too far into the vision; I couldn’t—couldn’t understand why that she didn’t an...She come around. And now, when them visions strike like that, well then, you’re just then in a coma like. And so

then, she went on out of the room.

And I started walking up, and I met Mr. Arganbright, and he told me that the meeting was already in session. I should go in. So when I went to the meeting, oh, my, I never seen so many people. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]...of people. And they looked like kind of dark people and smooth though. And I thought, “Where are they at?” And then there was someone else

speaking in my place and in the vision. And I said, “Who’s speaking?”

And he said, someone, minister’s standing there, said, “Oh, they put him up.”

I said, “Who’s they?”

14 And just then he said, “You’re all dismissed.” And oh, about maybe twenty, thirty thousand people started leaving. And I said, “Why, they never made no altar call.” And I said, “That’s not right.”

And another minister, kind of blond-headed, raised his hand up and had some sack in his hand, said, “But we got the offering.”

I said, “When did it come to a place that the offering was more essential than the altar call?” And so then just then, well, I said, “There won’t be—there won’t be twelve people out.”

They said, “You’re to speak this afternoon.”

I said, “What time?”

Said, “Just any time.”

“Why,” I said, “there won’t be twelve people out.” And I said...

He said, “Well, wasn’t Christ left with twelve when He told them the truth?”

15 And just then I was taken off into a—another place. I set down by the side of a—of a—of a little place, and I seen a little baby shoe, little moccasin. And I had a great big string almost the size of that post there, trying to lace through that little eye of that

moccasin, trying to lace up the shoe. I hope this don't hurt anyone. I never put it in the magazine. How many people here are saved, let's see your hands, really borned again with the Holy Ghost? Yes, all right. Then I'm sure you'll understand me. I never put—placed it out in the magazine like that.

But I was trying to thread this little shoe up with this string and, oh, the little eyelet was about an eighth of an inch and this shoe,

the string I had was about a half inch. And I was breaking the threads, and it was trying to push it through just with all my heart. And a Voice spoke from behind me. And It said, “What are you doing?”

And I said, “Lacing this shoe.”

16 He said, “You’re using the wrong end of the string.” And I looked down on the floor and there laid the, truly, there laid the—the string, oh, went out to a nice eighth of an inch and taped

down real nice. And He said, “You can’t teach Pentecostal babies supernatural things.” Said, “You’ll cause carnal impersonations.” Now, that’s true. I can only say what the vision said. See? “Can’t teach Pentecostal babies supernatural things. You cause carnal impersonations.” And so, and I—I stood there.

And just then, seemed like I went off into another dimension. And when it was...Now,

remember, watch these things. They'll come to pass word by word. It's—it's perfect. And I was standing by a lake, looked like. And He taken me and set me down there by this lake. There was lots of ministers around a fishing. And I looked and there were great big fish. And some of them was just catching little bitty fish. And just then I said, "Oh, my." I said, "I'm a fisherman. I'll—I'll catch the fish."

17 So I picked up the pole that was laying on the ground. And just then, this One said to me, said, “I’ll teach you to fish,” the One that had been talking behind me to my right side.

And I said, “All right.”

He said, “Fasten on the lure, but throw way out in the deep.” And I went way out in the deep. He said, “Now, when you do, let your bait settle down. Pull slow first.” He said, “The small fish will follow the lure.” Now, that’s really

fishing technique all right. He said, "Pull slow." And said, "The small fish will follow. When you get a strike," said, "just jerk it a little bit, not hard." But said, "Don't tell nobody how you're doing it." Said, "Keep it still. Don't tell nobody what you're doing." Said, "Pull it slow. And then," said, "when you feel your strike, just pull your bait far enough to scatter the little fish. It'll make the big fish run for it, and then when you get a strike, then set your hook for the catch."

18 I said, “I understand.” And I threw it way out. And just as I did, all these ministers and people run around, said, “Praise the Lord. Brother Branham will really catch fish.” They was just going on like that. And I felt real big about it, because they were telling me I was a fisherman. And so when...

I said, “Now, I’ll tell you how it’s done. Here’s the way you do it.” And I said, “The first, you’re supposed to pull slow. And then

when the little fish goes to following,” I said, “you set it like this.” And when I did, I jerked bait, hook, and everything out of the water. And I looked. I caught a fish, but I was wondering how he ever got the lure in his mouth, ’cause it looked like just the skin of the fish stretched around the lure. It was such a little fish. And just then I said, “Oh, my, look.”

19 And just then this One had been talking behind me stepped around in front of me. It was the

same Angel of God that's always spoke to me. He said, "You've done just what I told you not to do, standing on the platform, and trying to explain it, and telling the people, and I told you to keep it to yourself." And said, "Look what you've done. Look at the carnal impersonations you got rose." See? And I hear people say that.

And I hear people say, "Brother Branham, oh, the Lord's give me a ministry." You got

probably greater...?...Yeah. But just like that? No. Never will be as long as I'm on earth. He told me that in the beginning, never will be (See?) as long as I live. Now, He told me that. And I hear people say that, and I know it's wrong, but I just don't want...?...how to tell them that. But then when they...

20 He said, "You cause impersonations." And then I started weeping. And I took the string and was trying to

straighten it out. And just then He looked at me. And I wondered what He was going to do. And He said, “Keep your line straight in these kind of times.”

I said, “Yes.” So I got the line ready to throw again, and just as I did at that time, He taken me away again, and He stood me up in the air over a great auditorium up or—or big tent. Oh, I never seen such a tent, spread way out. And in that there was a, look like I’d made an altar call and

hundreds of people, real softly and sweetly were weeping, setting by the altar, receiving the Lord Jesus. And I said, “That looks better.”

21 And then He said...There was a nice, smooth speaking gentleman stepped out and said, “Now, while Brother Branham’s a resting a little bit, we’ll line the prayer line up.” Said, “You all with prayer cards beginning at a certain place line up to my right.” And so, I looked over, that would

be to my left from where I was standing. And there was a little building setting in there, little—little building that's built like that.

And all the people were, oh, just looked like went around the tent, and out a city block or more, a great line of people. And they were all standing around there with their prayer card. And just then I seen a woman in an ambulance stretcher was laying, and a man behind her was standing on crutches. So they

were standing there waiting for their turn. There was a lady taking down their names and things. And then there was a canvas stretched here that no one could get around that tent.

22 And just then...Now, I want you to watch this and listen how it is now. So you watch the difference. Then I heard something whipping around. Whrrr, whrr, whrr, like that always goes every time we have a healing service. That's just

what happens. That's the way it has always sounded. Sounded that way in the bush that time when I heard it. It's always been that way. And I felt it. I heard it, rather, going, moving. And I looked, and here went that real soft Light moving away from me and went down and went into that little building.

And then there's something different between the Light and the Angel, 'cause He was still here with me, and the Light had

went into the building. And this Angel still speaking behind me, which is a big Man, and He said, “I will meet you in there.”...

So then I said, “I don’t understand why in there.”

23 He said, “Watch.” And this woman when she come out of there on the ambulance stretcher, she was pushing the stretcher out the other side.

And she said...The lady asked her with the—the...Said, “What—what happened?”

She said, “I don’t know. It just happened.” She said, “I’ve been in this stretcher.” Said, “I’ve been down in bed for years.” And here come the man out packing his crutches. And they asked him what, said he didn’t know. And he was coming to the platform to testify.

And I said, “I don’t understand that in there.”

24 And watch, He’s always Scriptural. He said, “Did not our Lord say, ‘When thou prayest be

not like the hypocrites that like to make a show.’ Said, ‘Enter into the secret closet, and when you’ve done so, close the door. Then pray to your Father what seeth in secret and He that seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.’”

And He said, “You remember that name that you were hunting that time that you dreamed about?”

And I said, “Yes.”

He said, “I’ll meet you in there and this time it won’t be a public show.” And the vision left me.

25 Now, we got the tent in making. And then in there I’ll be able to carry a prayer line right on through. Now, you remember, I speak this before it comes to pass. The exceedingly abundantly is fixing to take place. I can’t wait till I get into that place. I just... My heart’s a yearning and burning.

And these things here that you see now will be amateur to what our Lord is fixing to do. You just remember that with all your heart. And live for Him now and be reverent. And just be yourself. Just—just be Mrs. Doe or Mr. Doe and—and love the Lord and just move on with a true heart before Him, and love Him. He will take care of the rest of it. You see?

26 But then it'll be no end to the prayer line for it'll go hours

after hours. And watch what our Lord is fixing to do. Now, the thing that happens in there when He told it...Now, remember, the Bible is laying open. I did it first, my hand over my heart. A human being in this world will never know it. I made a show out of the other, but God being my Helper...

The reason I waited till this night...It's the first time I've told it in public. I waited till this night to tell it. God being my helper,

they'll never be a human being know this till death sets me free to go home to be with God. I'll never make a show or a—a public thing of this. It's too sacred for to be given out the way I did the other time.

27 And I ask the people, and trying to explain something that I didn't know nothing about myself, you forgive me. You're not supposed to explain God. You just believe God. There's no way to explain Him at all.





The Third Pull

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