

The Crowns in Corinthians – 12 “The Crown of the Uncomely”
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First Corinthians Chapter Twelve, and we’ve been going through with the encouragement of these crowns in the Corinthians. And tonight, we have the crown of the uncomely. Yes, the crown of the uncomely. And what a crown it is, and what a crown it is for us praise the Lord, and we’re so thankful. And let’s just go ahead and begin and we’ll jump in, in chapter twelve right at verses twelve and thirteen. It says, for as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also, *is* Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jew or Gentile, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. I love this and I’m encouraged, we’re all one in Christ; one in Christ. 01:16

I thank the Lord as He lays out here, He’s no respecter of persons. We all have only one new man. We all have only one life by the grace of God, the life of Jesus Christ; Christ liveth in me, hallelujah. And those filled with the Holy Ghost are all filled with the same Holy Ghost., thank You Lord. And we’re grateful to God that He gives us this encouragement, and He tells us these things and that’s why it is one Spirit. We have one praise, there’s one faith, and yes, we are one in Him. So, with that let’s move on down to verse eighteen. It says, but now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. That’s a glorious thing, isn’t it? I just thank God, He said I set the members of the body, and He sets them there to please Him. He’s God, amen? So, I thank the Lord that this is a God that we know that it’s impossible to please Him without faith, right? So, we’re thankful to the Lord. We know if He set you into this body, He’s put you in the exact place to have the most increase and the greatest of faith that you could have; isn’t that beautiful? That’s how exact and intricate He is, and that’s how much He is for you. 02:53

He placed you perfectly in the body to please Him. Hallelujah, that’s the glorious thing to me I’m so thankful that that’s His choice, that’s His determination, that’s for His good pleasure. And the only way that He can be pleased is faith. So, I thank the Lord that truly our Father knows best, and He really does. Ad I thank God, and it’s for Him and His pleasure, but it’s for our best. Praise the Lord, so what a peace that we have in that. Now, as He does that, and as He sets the members in the body as it pleases Him, He knows brothers and sisters what we need, and He knows where we need to be. Does that give you rest? It does, doesn’t it, I think of so many times of what do I need to do, and where do I need to be, and you understand how sadly; I mean, you’re thankful for how ever Christ is preached, and I mean that very sincerely, you’re grateful to God for Christians, you’re grateful to God for ministers that preach the name of Jesus. 04:09

But it does sadden me that man so quickly gets off track and starts to look back to man and again there's different I would say temptations for ministers, and ministry, and all of these different things, and we know the love of money is the root of all evil and trying to get crowds and all those different things. And one of the things that is very attractive for churches is to get people busy to give them a roll, to give them a position. There're cards often times you'll find in churches, let us find your gift. Oh Jesus, that's why I just say help these ones, and Lord, you know if we be otherwise minded, He'll make that known to us. Isn't that a wonderful faithful God that we can look to Him and not fret that we know that He's for us? So, He knows what we need, He knows where we need to be in His body; in His body to please Him and let's always remember this, it's His body. This is His body, and I thank God that we are members of one another of His body, and so Lord help us all to maybe quit trying to choose where in the body we need to be, or where we think we want to be, or maybe we don't want to be in that place in the body and Lord, I'd rather have more of the back part and just trust Him for these things. 05:41

Now, let's read on to verse nineteen, and if they were all one member, so again think of this, so it says that now if God is set the members, every one of them in the body as it has pleased Him, and if they were all one member where? Where, isn't that something, where the body, or where would there be a body if everybody was the same member. You know, if everything on my body was an eye it would look odd, it would just be an eye, or a bunch of eyes; I don't know you would look at that, but He doesn't want us all the same. That's the beautiful thing about the Lord, and I thank God, often times I point that out you know looking at this beautiful stained glass. All of these different beautiful colors, and all the different shapes, and but it's the same light that causes all of them to sparkle and dance, and then they're beautiful individually, but wow when you get them all together and you see the light through it just like these panes of glass over here it's marvelous. Some of the saints were showing us some of the pictures as the sun was coming through the tank during the gathering, and it was just marvelous and it shot the colors upon the ceiling. And I know we had a spectacular time, I believe it's another night the Lord's showing His wonderful work. You look out in the sky right now it looks just dark like there's nothing there, you put your camera up there and take a little picture, and it just shows you what's hidden that's truly there. And it's marvelous the colors that are out right now, and God giving us that opportunity to just see and remember that's His handiwork, and here tonight this is His masterpiece, so we thank God for this. 07:39

But many in a church sadly, they want to make everyone the same. Sometimes you get into a meeting and things of that nature, I appreciate and we all should be ministering saints, but as we'll see in the word of God, and as the first eight verses of this precious chapter conclude, it's of the Spirit to give the gifts. It is, it's not man to manufacture them. I've been burdened at times, you see certain churches trying to make a bunch of missionaries, or they have a goal of making teachers, or if you come here, you're going to be a preacher or something of that nature. Only the Lord can do that; only Jesus can do it. Now, we all need to know the word of God, it's not just neutral, it's essential, and I thank the Lord we are grateful to God in all thy getting, get that

understanding, get that knowledge of the things of God, it's everything, and isn't that wonderful He gave us the Holy Ghost, and He gave us that power to know all truth, and most importantly in that all truth to know the love of Christ, so you're grateful in that in everything, but brothers and sisters I am so thankful to God that we can rest and truly know you know the Lord places us in that body in that body perfectly, and I'm thankful I've been instructed all my life to just trust God. Just trust God and He'll do it. He'll put everything where it needs to be. Oftentimes it doesn't look where it needs to be. Sometimes things look pretty chaotic like oh my goodness, what's going on. Gods got it, He's a God that brings beauty out of ashes, He's the One that I'll tell you think it's destroyed, and He just says oh no, no, no, I'm making it new. 09:36

And so, we just rejoice tonight, and you put your hope in God and you'll never be disappointed. And so, it's of the Spirit to give gifts to the church. Remember that, it's not man, man can't manufacture any of this stuff. And you try to make people different things, you try to force them to be different things, and I'll tell you one thing, I've been around it long enough it destroys life, it really does. You need to let God, let God make that individual. Let God work in that person. And then it's a beautiful thing. You talk about the ministry of the Lord, and how the Lord has again put us in these perfect places to have such a hope that people come, and are drawn to, to ask and inquire about that hope that lies within you. I mean, and again it's not to magnify people in here, but I think about Brother Dwayne, and you think about Brother Maa, and you think about Brother Scott, and the different things. Brother Alex, and all of us and but for God where would we be? But think about how the Lord puts you perfectly where you need to be. And the lives by the grace of God that God has allowed you to witness to and the different things. And it's not about how many, don't ever get into that, by the grace of God it can be how mighty, and how wonderful it can be just that one person that God allowed you to witness to. It could have a multiplier effect, I don't know, but what is that one soul worth, and you're just grateful to God, amen it is. 11:10

And who knows if that life will take ahold of the deep things of God. And most times brothers and sisters you know that the Lord has those kinds of things out of events in your life. You know oftentimes in your life when you're looking to give people the word of God it never happens. But it's when you're in distress and despair even a crazy time that's when the Lord's got a ministry coming, and so I always just kind of smile and say Lord, You're the One that does it. So, God, again we've heard this so much in this meeting and so wonderfully. God loves an organism. God does not, and He's not about organization, that not what God is. Gods about an organism and let's read verses twenty and twenty-one which is beautiful because this really points it out. But now *are they* many members, yet they're one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, that I have no need of you. So, what the Lord is telling us here is how necessary every joint of that body is. You have to have it all, and I thank God, He actually gave us an actual body. 12:29

We have many medical people in here in different things, and matter of fact we have people that actually have bodies in here, can you imagine? And aren't you thankful all those parts are connected and that they work most of the time together, and when they don't work you really appreciate it one time, they really did work. And then the Lord will have it to ache and to hurt and you'll say wow, I didn't even realize I had that part of my body. And you're just sitting there but it is the truth that the Lord again, He's given us one another for a beautiful purpose, and that's really to understand that we're all necessary. We're all needful, we're all vital to this, and by the grace of God without the entirety of that body, that body cannot be made perfect. I pray we really know that, and I do believe we do, and I do believe we understand that going forward, especially with what we're going to read you know we highly esteem one another as unto the Lord. 13:31

Don't you love people that love the truth? I mean I'm so thankful to people that love the truth. I appreciate these ones coming out from far and wide, and different things, and you're thankful. You're thankful to God that you know, the core of what the Apostle Paul has given us. There are different things, a little bit here and there that people fear whatever they might enjoy of it, but I thank God that we have the core of what all of that just made perfect. We have that precious truth, there is the word of His grace that builds us up and gives us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. There are little nuances here and there and I'm not making light of the truth, and these paramount truths that we have, but the paramount truths that we have by the grace of God we enjoy those together. We stand upon those promises, and I'm thankful to God that He, I'll tell you what, He is able and He will do it. So praise His name that we can look to Him with absolute confidence of what He will do. 14:34

Now, here we go, this is the crown of the uncomely, and now we get to verse twenty-two. This is beautiful. Now, it says as the eye cannot say unto the hand I have no need of thee, nor again the head to the feet, I don't need you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary. One of the most beautiful verses in the word of God, and it really is. And I'm glad by the grace of God what Jesus Christ has us to preach in this place, and to hear in this place. And I thank God that that has been fed upon in this place because the evidence of what we just read is in this place. And especially to those that have been in this meeting for some time, you think about how gracious God has been to us. You think about those vessels, especially now; truly how we highly esteem one another to the Lord, but that's everyone. You're thankful for all, you're thankful for the young, you're thankful for the middle, you're thankful for the elderly, you're thankful for whatsoever state they're in. You're thankful for those who have been made low. You're thankful for those who have been lifted up. You're lifted up for those that have manifold temptation. You're thankful for those that know it doth not yet appear what it shall be. But we're a group that we know; we know, and I'm thankful to God that I know because the bible tells me so, the treasure is in the earthen vessel. 16:24

I thank the Lord, I was grateful to God to be able to witness today. Yes, praise the Lord, I got me a camel, and this is the only camel that's going to make that journey and this is the flesh I've got. And it is, and it's beautiful. It's very weak, it's sinful flesh and it's the perfect sinful flesh for Jesse, and it's the only perfect sinful flesh that I've got to ride by the grace of God to get, praise the Lord to get off that camel and into the arms of my husband Jesus, and that's a glorious thing. But all the way through the concentration and the focus isn't on this thing; it's what's inside, because this ain't changing for what's inside, oh my as it's ministered to by the Holy Ghost. It grows brighter, it grows more rich, it just gains in inheritance. I'm getting ready to give glory to my bridegroom. Praise the Lord, and that's what we know, that's what we have, and that's what we rejoice in so see, as we see here in verse twenty-two it says to us, nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble are necessary. So, see, if you look on the outward appearance and you don't understand what the treasure is on the inside, it seems to be that they're more feeble, but yet the Lord's saying no, they're necessary. 17:57

And what this is really saying is that the feeble means the ones that are weak and are sick. And that word necessary really has a more powerful interpretation; it means they're indispensable. It means they are invaluable, it means you can't do without them. Did you hear that? DID YOU HEAR THAT? Praise the Lord, you can't do without me. Praise the Lord I can't do without you, and I thank God for this. I Thank the Lord that we have this. What treasure that we have in our precious assembly that you know what? Other assemblies they wouldn't want? It's too weak, it's too feeble, and you get into that weak and feeble it's even shameful. I'm so thankful I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, it's the power of God unto salvation unto all them that believe. I thank God to be at bed-sides with ones that really, their flesh is flamed out in shambles then really treat their bodies real well; a lot of temptations and different things at being at that bedside and glorying about the treasure in that earthen vessel. To be able to lift a hand and say aren't we thankful for the crown which we hold fast. 19:23

Praise the Lord. I want to believe in Jesus and trust Him even the more. But see, we desire brothers and sisters by the grace of God, we desire what He desires. You want to desire what He wants desires? Well, you know what He desires? He desires that they're feeble, the weak, the sick, the unseeingly. Did you ever? I know we did, you kind of see that in the word of God; Jesus was always strong today. Jesus was drawn to those, that they knew they had a need. Don't ever leave that state, don't ever leave that place. And see, the Lord's faithful because Paul would have left that place. Remember, as the Lord said, Paul if I didn't send that thorn to you son, you would have been puffed up because of the knowledge in revelation that you have. But I love you too much, you're going to win son and I've got just the ticket for you. I've got this messenger of Satan, and he's coming and he's got a thorn, and it's not going in your soul, it's not going in your heart, it's going to hit that flesh son. It's going to sting it. it's going to bring out bam, what I'm going to bring it out; and by the grace of God, it's going to have you cry out to me. You're going to say oh Lord, what is this that's happened to me? And then the Lord is going to come in and minister to you. 20:47

Who do you want strong in your life? Who do you want magnified in your life; whose strength do you really want, huh? Do you want the grace of God magnified in your life, or was it your goodness, was it your you know parading around however you wanted to be seen? By the grace of God, I want that magnificent mercy to be seen in my life. Sometimes that a hard picture, sometimes it's a real hard place to be. The Lord brought some beautiful things in my life that I would have never called up, I never would have wanted, but He's shown me a lot of things about myself that He knew a lot better than I did that had to be brought out that I had to see. That I had to say Oh Lord; that's disgusting, how could you love me? But yet He even said I love you even the more. In Jesus' name, Lord help us to embrace this mercy. So, when you desire what He treasures, do you know what you're going to desire, you're going to desire the weak, and the unseemly, and those that are without. And I thank God, I believe truly if we really are these vessels of mercy, we've got a motherload of it in this place. Can you embrace it and thank the Lord for it? You know, there was the Apostle Paul that he was about as straitlaced as there could be, but he could cry out to the Lord and say Lord, thank You, I'm the chief of sinners. Everything I was doing I was trying to be the most perfect one keeping the laws the best as I could. Matter of fact he said no man has ever kept the law like I have. 22:21

Now Jesus Christ did, and beyond. But no man could compare to Him. So, what He was after, was again, was the most putrid thing that could ever be. That mark of having the greatest appearance of flesh, that's what the Apostle was about when he was Saul, and that's why he came to realize and I was focused on my outward's appearance; on my goodness, that made me the very chief of sinners that I only be found having His righteousness. What a beautiful song to keep and, and in that then there'll be a glow that'll come though that truly will be the magnificence. As they would say about Sister McGuire, as they came in, they didn't know her name. Well, just know her as Jesus' lady; there's my Jesus' lady because she just magnified the grace of God, and we thank the Lord for it; we're going to see her soon. 23:18

So, he goes on with this and even more to magnify this crowning of the uncomely. He doesn't just give you verse twenty-two; this is important saints, and I really tell you to take note of this. And those members in verse twenty-three it says, and those members of the body which we think to be less honorable. So. see, Paul's coming at us, he knows, because you know why? Because Paul can identify with this because you have to grow through this, you have to grow up. So, you think that this is the honorable one, and you think this is the dishonorable; don't ever size people up in a church like that, don't ever do that. And brothers and sisters I thank the Lord; He took us through. He took this meeting through that. And matter of fact those that were highly esteemed in different places in this meeting, they washed out. I'm sorry, it hurts my heart to say it, but those even with the gifts gone. Thank You God for the vessels that have the gifts today in here. Oh, and they've been questioned by people, and all that; how could that one have it, and this one isn't real, and that isn't. You know I'm thankful as a pasture, I just be still and know He's coming, and He's teaching me that more and more all the time; honey, just be

still Don't magnify those things, you don't need to throw gas on that fire. That's all the enemy wants us to do. We just focus on the lovely, and the good report and true. Now, I'll tell you what, He'll take you along, it'll be just fine. I thank God by His grace we're growing up in the Lord; it's a beautiful thing. 24:56

So, again, and those members of verse twenty-three, those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor, and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 25:13 Praise the Lord, don't ever forget chapter twelve. It's an amazing, beautiful thing if you really want to love and esteem with the Lord loves I think it's just flashing out mercy, mercy, mercy, mercy, huh? Yes, it is, you can't deny it. He's not about the proud, He's not about the outward appearance. This is the God that looks upon the heart. We bestow more abundant honor is what this means; this means exceedingly absurdly honor. This means more superior honor on the uncomely, because in the Lord the uncomely, they're more comely which means they're more elegant, they're more beautiful, and they're more magnificent. You think that's why Jesus was drawn to the well of that Samaritan woman? She was stunning to Him; she was dazzling and beautiful. Those disciples were wondering why would You ever want to leave us? Why would you want to go over there? We're here Jesus, we're Your buddies, we're Your disciples, we're the godly guys. You know, that's a Samaritan, that's a this, that's a that; that was treasure. Yeah, those ones, there was the woman at Jesus' feet and anointing His feet with her tears, and those ones said oh if you knew who she was you wouldn't even let he touch you, and I can interpret exactly what He said. She couldn't touch me enough. She couldn't. 26:50

See, the critics come out and they try to size up because of the outward appearance. The Lord knows the heart, He really does and you have to be satisfied with that honeys and just trust Him, and don't try to size up your brother or sister in the Lord. God knows the intent of the heart. Sometimes we think we can perceive, and sometimes we think we can you know, this is what this person meant or whatever it was. No, just trust the Lord. Believe God, He'll make it evident. See, the Lord will make it evident, He'll let it be known, He'll let you know what's lovely, and He'll let you know what's not; yes, He does. He knows, oh yes Jesus knows. So, here's why the Lord has this passion in case you didn't know in verse twenty-four, here's why. He tells you for our comely parts have no need, but God hath tempered the body together having given more abundant honor to that part which lacks. Isn't that interesting as people? You know, no matter how stunning you think you might be we still have we know a better side, a better part. Well, you need to accentuate your blah-blah or whatever it is, and maybe we cover up this more. But we're always trying to try to what? Magnify our strength, and then it's kind of what it always is. But that's man, man always wants to magnify strength, the Lord wants to magnify weakness. The Lord loves weakness; the Lord can work with weakness; the Lord believes that weakness is where all the glory is. When you're weak, then you're strong. When I glory in my infirmities because the very power of Christ rests upon me. 28:57

Yeah, we're crazy like that. Bring it on, count it joy in manifold temptations. You see how He's drawn to that? Through man's nature He's been magnified strong; what it looks like, what it appears like, what it feels like, what it sounds like. The Lord's not about that. The Lord looks at that little a Gideon strapped his chest and says Lord, have mercy on me a sinner. The Lord looks to it and is drawn to a Gideon and he's the less of the least of the least in his household. The Lord is drawn to these ones that have been castaways, and cast aside, and said OKAY, now watch Me make the masterpiece. That's our God, and that's our God with us, and we all know that, and you thank the Lord no matter how you came into this precious gospel of the bride and the bridegroom. You know if you really love it, and you really receive it you know it's the mercy with the Lord. Where would we be without it?

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So, we see that it really is the vessels of mercy that truly are bestowed with the riches of His glory, and the reason is, is you know you're needy. As they said about precious Brother Mark, He's up in heaven now. But Mark Cordova, there wasn't a time you would ever hear him pray at this altar; Jesus; I need You. And it was a pleading, and it wrenched your heart to hear at times because you knew some of the things going on, but you didn't know the depth of it but isn't that your song to Him? Are you any different? Are you not as needy. If you don't think you are, ask the Lord to make you needy; to make you know you're needy, and I'm needy. And a lot of the needy that He gives me, Lord, I don't want to take that, but Thy will be done; His is the faith of the Son of God. Isn't that something that can even overrule me; praise God, it's marvelous? So, you thank Him that God would give you a heart. I think about Brother Dean. I never heard that man ever criticize anybody, ever; ever. What a glorious testimony of this thankfulness of the needy. That was a man that was drawn naturally speaking to men of low estate. To children, but even especially children that might have been forgotten, that had been despised, and being always by the grace of God made you know that you were the most valuable thing in the room.

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That's the love of Christ saints; that's by the grace of God I hope that what is fostered in that we receive more and more. The more mighty men really are as the word of God says, they're the ones in debt. The mighty men are the distressed, the mighty men are what the kings say, get those guys out of here. But those mighty men are the ones that went with David, and David was thankful for them, and think, if David was a man of war, David knew what war was all about. David could tell if that was a man that was ready to fight, but think of what God gave him? He said no, that's perfect, and all of those three hundred that came and were with David; all of those became his mighty men. Isn't that glorious? The Lord is just too much, but see saints, help us not to be ones that don't think that we really believe we're needy. Help us to not be that way. I pray that the Lord cause our heart to ache to really cry out to Him to thank the Lord that we are needy; don't never thank the Lord that you're not as needy as another brother. Don't be like that man that says well I'm glad I'm not like this guy. I'm glad I don't have his problem, I'm glad you know such an awful person as this. Lord, help us to really stop our mouths and those types of things. it's shame, it really is, and its ignorance, and it's prideful when we don't

realize what is valuable to God. Now, the more honor in the word of God is always to the part that lacked. So, I'll tell you, if you really do feel like the part that lacking, you've got the most honor. 34:07

Be thankful, rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice. Just thank God. I'd rather go with God's word. I want to go with God's word, you can't go with what it looks like, or what you feel. You just go with God's word, if He be for you, who could be against you? And that's for all of His children, just trust Him, go with Him you'll be thankful because I'll tell you He tells you those parts that lack they get the much more grace than mercy. And you be thankful because God has blessed us in what we have here. I do, and I boast in the Lord. And I thank God as Brother Hill would say, I boast in the Lord. I thank the Lord for what He's done, I thank God for what He's given and it's all to Him, and it's increasing in the mercy in this place and I thank God because what is preached here is the word of His grace; it truly is and I thank the Lord for it, and God help us to be more and more appreciative of it. I thank the Lord for these ministers that have come out and these different saints that come out; they're thankful to be in here. I hope that we even increase in thankfulness to what God has given us in here, in giving us one another. It's everything, everything as you turn to Romans Chapter Nine, it's everything to be clothed with the riches of His glory. Isn't that what it's really all about is to be clothed completely with the riches of His glory? 35:38

Well, let's go over to Romans Chapter Nine, and I know we know these verses well, and I'm thankful we do, and in verse twenty-three we'll begin to read that. And it says that He might make known, and actually that translates that He would, or He shall make known the riches of His glory, and again think of what He's magnifying here, this is the fulness of His riches. He going to make it very apparent, He's going to make it known; isn't this wonderful on the vessels of mercy, on those vessels of mercy which He hath afore prepared unto glory. See again, take such comfort in that, brothers and sisters, He's got you. Whom He did foreknew them He did predestinate. Before anything He prepared you, your life for the Lord; you trust Him. I'm so trustful to Jesus for that. I'm so thankful to Jesus, I do hold that fast Jesse which thou hast that no man take thou crown. Reading the word of God is it a possibility that I could lay that down? Sure, I understand that; I could discard that crown. He wouldn't have told me to hold the crown if there wasn't any, any chance that if I went in my strength that I could lay that thing down but see I'm confident in His grace. I'm confident in His grace that He's going to perform the good work which He's begun in me. I'm going to be confident in His grace that you know what? He is my keeper, and I commit that; I do, I know Whom I've believed. I know He's the God of all grace; all grace. I know nothing can separate me from Him. I know that He's promised because I know He's called me, and I know He's called you. 37:39

And He said He that calls you also will do it. So, I do, I step into that boldness of grace, and I thank the Lord, and no, I'm on that racecourse. I know I'm still running all by the grace of God, but I'll tell you what. I'm confident what I'm after Him intended of. I'm confident of what I'm after Him intended for. And I do believe by the grace of God that

He'll perform it all unto that day. There's not going to be a gap in there. I'm trusting in the grace of God and that's where He has me safely and sweetly abiding, so we give Him all the glory in this because He says that He'll make known the riches of His glory on His vessels of mercy which He hath prepared afore unto glory. Even us, so He's not talking about somebody else. Here we are, even us whom He hath called not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles. 38:46

You got to read twenty-five to get this, it really just wraps it all up. As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. Hallelujah. Aren't you thankful. just been rejoicing about you know there's the lineage of Jesus there in Matthew they list those five sweet women; you ever really thought about that? I've just been rejoicing in that. You got Tamar, you got Rahab, you got Ruth, you got Bathsheba, and then you got Mary. Those first four, those are all Gentile; Canaanite, Hittite, all that. How did they get in there? Not by birth, they got in there by marriage. What line did they marry into? The line of Judah. Let Him flood you, let Him just be thankful. Time. Oh, you can have another little treat here. See, you get to Mary. The Lord is just dancing in my heart about that. Lord, here we are in the New Testament. Now this is different because Mary's from the line of Judah, but you know Joseph is from the line of Judah. 40:16

So, wait a second here, we got into the New Testament you got this woman, she's from the line of Judah, and then we got the man who's from the line of Judah. But it's a little different here because this is a specific short story of a husband and wife. Yes, it is. Mary is Joseph's wife, and I'll tell you what she has not known a man at least in Joseph's mind; even him and uh-oh, he's going to have a baby. And Joseph's contemplating whew, I better put her away quietly and call a divorce. Kind of interesting because that the word that's used to the church of Ephesus; you have divorced your first wife. Isn't that something? Interesting the words that the word of God uses, don't be afraid of them. Listen to them under understanding, and so you know you see as that goes forward with those two it's a beautiful thing, and I'll give you a little tidbit since you're so beautiful to my heart, and I want you to know this sermon, this study, and all of this is on my heart for last week. 41:40

I'll give you a little bit tonight, I don't know when God will send it out fully, but you know that we've been thankful at the time of Joseph and Mary. Yes, some people have a problem with it; I've got one on my wall in there, it is a ketubah which is a contract that they signed at the beginning of their relationship and all their guarantees by the men. Please bear with me, give me grace if you will, and so it was interesting to my heart because I was thinking about those Gentile brides. I was thinking about well Lord, You know there was Isaac and Rebekah. You know that was back in 2000 BC, right in that area. So I thought to myself, I said to myself well Lord, would You show me, I really want to understand this. Is there something different, and you know it's a beautiful thing, and I believe Brother Scott you gave me that book, and it was either you or Brother Ty. It's an addition to Vine's, and it's a manners and customs that are in the bible. It's a beautiful

book, it talks about the different encouragements. You gave me the McIntosh study. Don't ever think I didn't appreciate the things you both of you have given me through the years. You had hope in your scope for a long time because you knew I was marrying your sister, and gosh you got to help him. But it was beautiful because you know I said well Lord, I do, and saints I want you to understand something. I'm thankful for what the Lord gives, I'm thankful for what the Lord brings to us in encouragement. There's no new truth, but He allows you to see the magnificence of grace. Why do you think it in the eighties to come He's going to show us the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness to us.?

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I mean, we're going to have to have a body like unto His own glorious for that one, but do you think we're just flat lining Him? Oh, no, no, no, no, no. Well, it was beautiful because He brought me to that book, and I looked it up to the manners and customs, and it was so sweet because it took that to Abraham himself. And it makes this reference right there, it says there was this time in 1930 that these archologists; yes, believe it or not, so this is an archeological fact. Sometimes I do present our precious Lord and Saviour that way to people is that's an historical fact. Did you ever read about Josephus? Great historian, and he wrote about Jesus in His little merry men of twelve disciples and, and He did present Himself as the Christ. So, you can't deny that that was a fact, okay? Well, they found this, and matter of fact what they found was the tablets that Nuzi was in Mesopotamia, and they found those and truly; you can read them, this s an historical fact, and they found those and it was the same period of time between 1500 and 2500 BC. And it had many of the beautiful customs and the things that were going on at that time, and it was very detailed, and about how the oldest in the family would get the double portion, how a woman if she didn't have any male descendent, she would still get the inheritance and wouldn't be left out. Very specific, but this finally gave the encouragement of such a beautiful thing; the Hurrian; it's H u r r i a n, it's called the Hurrian marriage custom. Yes, that's what it was called, alright? and it was really the precursor to this computer.

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And what was so beautiful about it was it was very detailed how two families would come together. And they would agree that their son and their daughter was going to marry. Those families would do that. And sometimes they would just have an oral agreement, and sometimes it would be a written agreement, okay? Again, all of this is historical fact. Go please look it up. I give you the book which, again Vines and all of that, so it's historical, and it's beautiful, and its encouragement because you know God will use these different things to show you a little bit more magnificence of the beauty of His word in the faithfulness of God. So here these two families would come together, and if it was oral by the way they would show proof of that by the exchanging of earrings and jewelry to the women. Boy, I think I remember a young lady at a well one time. Well, at that time after that would happen because that was the dowry that was agree upon, but before all that agreement, and that was the very first part of it would be agreed to. The last thing they had to do was go to that actual woman and see if she was agreeing to marry that

man. I will go. At that time, they were legally bound in marriage; that's a historical fact. Please look it up. That's for that age; that's for that time. 47:10

Okay, I'm not trying to fight anybody, I'm just giving you historical facts; you can take it for what you want and it's okay, and I appreciate as I say the subtleties of what God gives us. I enjoy of what I see of the word of God. How could I not preach the things that I have seen and heard, okay? So, after that what would happen was this second part of that marriage. The man actually would have to prepare the place; it6 wasn't always prepared, there would be a delay in time if you will, and then there would have to be the consummation of that, and that would be the second part of it that they had to come together for that consummation, alright? But then the third part was just as important, maybe the most important of all. There actually had to be a peace, and the reason there had to be a peace is because the society had to receive and understand I should say and come into the knowledge of that man's wife. And I will make known to all that I have loved her. And I sit there and I go this is incredible. 48:23

But then there's one last part that just blew me away. A man, or a husband could give the wife even more. Again, before God, only God could do this because it's only God that does. He knows what you need, not what I'm looking for, but just what He wants to give you. A man could give the woman even more, and how he could give her more, and I'm talking about security, and making sure she's taken care of. That man could actually adopt that woman into the family as his sister. It would give her more security, think of this. She's no longer an in-law, or an out-law; she's a sibling. Anything happened to the man she had the same rights, my sister, my spouse. But even more so think of this. Now I look at Abraham and set on a whole different light. As he was out there with her and said you know? This is my sister. Maybe he wasn't lying, matter of fact I'm confident he wasn't because I'm confident he so adored Sarah that he gave her everything he could. 49:45

So, let's go on back to Mary and Joseph. Do you see the doubled portion there? Yeah, she was born the line of Judah; born into it, yes as sister, but then she had to marry you too; Imagine that. I think I love you honey. I do, and I want you to understand, to me it's if deliver to, I pray. I love the meeting in Kansas City; the Lord has always expressed that meeting the Lord has always expressed that meeting love in Kansas City because of the love of the truth, because of the love in truth that's preached, and I know that we'll go to the twenty-four elders before we're ready. Brother Smith always used to always come out every single time, have to kind of talk about them, capable. You understand, you see those things a little bit differently, but in the light of the bridal truth it doesn't matter. You're thankful for what you see, you're thankful for what you believe, you're thankful for what you've taken from the things of God. And I'm thankful the same way that I wouldn't have the heart of your pastor if the Lord would reveal things to my heart that I was afraid to give you. I have to trust Him, I have to or I wouldn't be a pastor, and I certainly wouldn't be a pastor who has followed Paul as he followed Christ. 51:40

This wraps up in verse thirty-one, and we'll read this together because it all leads to this. Covet earnestly the best gifts and yet show I unto you a more excellent way. Isn't this wonderful? It's just love, love, and more love because I believe we all know what's all coming in chapter thirteen; there's a wonderful thing, but if you miss the best part, you missed it all. I'm here and I'm available to you saints; I am, I want to search the scriptures with you, I do. It's the most valuable thing we could ever have. But to search the scriptures in love; in love. You don't have time for anything else. We'll search these things to see if they be so, huh? Not who's right, who's wrong, but to be in agreement with our precious Lord and Saviour and Bridegroom Jesus Christ, amen? Even so Lord, come. Perfect night, and by the grace of God a perfect day. Hallelujah, Let's stand and be dismissed.

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