

The Building of the Masterpiece of Grace in Ephesians - 24
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Let's open our bibles to Ephesians Chapter Six, and on to more of the glory of the Lord in us that shall be revealed in us, and all by the grace of God because this is about the masterpiece of grace that we find in Ephesians, and I'm so thankful we find ourselves right here don't we brethren? We know Who this is for, we know Who this is about and thank You Jesus oh the great love wherewith we are loved. Now when we left off in that fifth chapter, we saw there at the beginning of it especially that there was a deeper meaning than on just the surface of the encouragement that was there, and it was precious encouragement on the surface, but the depth of it that we saw as it concluded that it was about Christ and the church. This is about the mystery of the bride. And the Lord makes it very clear there very known, and it is very evident of what the Lord is mining here in those that believe. We saw the deeper meanings of abstaining from fornication, uncleanness, covetousness. Sure, we want that in our natural physical lives, sure we ask the Lord to continue to help us, and I thank the Lord as I understand more and more about this precious walk of faith that we have. Brothers and sisters, this isn't about the perfecting of the flesh, that will never happen. That cannot happen, it won't happen, that's why you're going to get a body like unto His own. That's why it says, and Paul says so clearly, he says though I groan, I'm groaning, when I'm going to put off this corruptible, and put on the incorruptible so you're never to going to make this incorruptible. It won't happen. 01:47

It's not your excuse to fail, it's your thankfulness to God that you did it. That you don't need to be tripped, that you don't need to be in this continual place of guilt. You need as I am encouraged and you need as well too, we need to live by power; we need to live by the Spirit's power praise God, and in that Spirit's power it's the anointing of that growth of grace in our lives, and what we know even in our natural life, what changes us is love. Love changes us, the lack of love changes you too and you know that. But that fervent love, and this especially that first love it causes you to be the person you could never be. You never even imagine it causes you to do things not even out of duty, but out of willingness, thankfulness. It's a joy and then your mind is so captivated with the love all the things that might still be there you don't even recognize they're there. You might not even have the time to be thinking of such trivial stuff; that's the change. It's heart, it's that attitude, it's that joy, it's that love, it's that relationship. That's the growth and we thank God for it it's just, it's a tremendous thing. 03:09

But we saw, as it was pointing out about the abstaining from fornication, uncleanness, and covetousness. We saw that it was speaking of the faithful heart for the truth. It was speaking of on a level of faithful only to truly Paul's gospel to the strong meat, to sound words, to remaining in the bridal message and remaining in first love. I mean these are the saints that were sadly spoken to at one of the churches there in Revelation.

That was the one thing that the Lord had against them. You left your first love. You divorced and in order to be divorced what did you have to be? Married, I'm not, and brothers and sisters really, really understand this because I think it's so important. You married the Lord now, the wife hath made herself ready, she's a wife. I'm not expecting my fiancée, I'm expecting my Bridegroom. When you read of, and you study of, we've done this many times, don't be confused, I know how people will continually flippantly say stuff. Just like I was mentioning earlier people will say well it really didn't mean that we didn't live by the faith of the Son of God, we live by the faith in the Son of God. No, it says specifically we live by the faith of the Son of God. And just like I've heard people even, and I'm going to tell you even sometimes in this place yeah, God help us not to give our thoughts, and I mention that verse as well too. We don't grow up unto Him in all things, we grow up into Him in all things. And those that want to change those things and all, its self-righteousness. That's exactly what it is, oh it couldn't mean that, it's not for that. I wouldn't do that because He's got to get all the glory. 05:27

Get away from me you pious ones, this is what He died for us to have, and to know, and to lay hold of. This is about glorified together with Him. This isn't about beholding His glory; this is about us who believe to be glorified together with Him. To be exalted to the same glory with Him. To rule and to reign jointly with Him that what's Mine is yours. And the only thing that'll keep you from it is your unbelief. And that unbelief well I'll tell you you'll have no one else to blame but you and I thank God. He lets us know this Lord help us to have an unction to truly go on and to not hesitate, and to take that grace and to continue to be encouraged by grace. I want the blessing; I want the double portion and I'm not waiting praise God we're going in now. we're well able to take it, all of those things that we have heard and thank God over and over, and over, and been encouraged in its time now. above all taking the shield of faith. Plant yourself now, get that shield and let me tell you something I'll give you a little precursor it's not a little round fighting shield, that shield is used one time in the word of God, and we'll get to it, it's one of them big old rectangular ones. You didn't go flopping that thing all over around, you just sat it there and you stood, and you stand, and you withstand. 07:14

He's given you everything, He started this wonderful Ephesians, the hourglass with all spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ, what are you lacking, what are you deficient, what hasn't been given to you? Nothing. You have it all, now it's the embracing of it, that is already apprehended you, that has fully given you this because of love, because of graces divine choice, and now praise God the grace for grace that we give that back to Him in the fullness and assurance of believing and thanking Him Lord praise be to God. It's no longer my thought, it's Your mind. It's no longer my feelings, it's Your faith, and it is His faith; I live by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for us. We are fully equipped, fully, not lacking at a thing. 08:21

So, I thank God that in that absolute we move now into chapter six, and now we get more of a meaning than on the surface. There is a metaphor here and the metaphor we see as we go into chapter six is another rank. We were just in the rank of the bride

the adults, the fully grown sons, and now we go into another rank, the second rank it's the children and the same encouragement is here even in that. God's faithfulness, whatever we receive in the truth walk in love. Walk in love. I thank God, sister said pray for this pastor, he has a heart for God, that's sweet, and what he may know and stay in I thank the Lord, walk in love in it and that's what I would say. You still pray for people, you know there's more, but it's going to be that decision. 09:16

Now, let's go ahead and read the first nine verses of chapter six. It says, Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ, and notice that it says your Master; isn't that something? A lot of times we think we want to be under somebody else, under this, or whatever. The Lord said let Me tell you something, I put up whom I will, and He puts up who He will for your life. You begin to buck against those things I'll tell you, you'll never end well not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. See, there's the willing, there's the willingness, it's not the duty. There's the love, it's not the work. There's the grace, it's not the flesh; it's just, it's so beautiful with good will doing service, as to the Lord, isn't that beautiful? So, in all of what we do it from the heart with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men. 10:58

So, there again is such another game changer of life. Don't be a man pleaser. Just be thankful, that pleases God. Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free. And ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. So, to begin with as we start into this section as I mentioned we're into another rank here with these children, I want you to know this, no one starts in the bride of Christ. No child of God starts as an adult. Nope, we all begin as infants, and we all must grow up. Amen. And so, what we have here is here's how to grow up and it starts right there in verse one obeying the fathers in the Lord. 12:04

Okay, let's turn over to First Corinthians, and let's understand the deeper meaning of obeying and being in harmony with the fathers in the Lord. We'll get to these precious mamas too here in just a second, but here's the fathers in the Lord and that's we understand in the Lord there's neither male nor female that we're speaking of here truly. This is the depth of the meaning and of truth. So, in First Corinthians turn on over to chapter four and we'll begin reading from verse fourteen. This is Paul, I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*. For though ye have ten thousand; ten thousand instructors in Christ yet *have ye* not many fathers: there's a lot of instructors in the Lord, there's a lot of people that preach Jesus. It's wonderful, we thank God however Christ is preached, but what it's saying here is that there is a famine, there

is so few that are the fathers in Christ. And in Christ Jesus, and then it says, for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. This again is Paul, Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. So, he's just presented himself that he begotten, and in the gospel, so he is announcing himself as one of those fathers. And He's saying here again, you be followers of me. And he said this earlier in the word of God, he said, be followers of me as I am also of Christ Jesus. Right? 13:55

Now look at what it says after this. For this cause, meaning the cause that you need a father in the truth, I have sent unto you Timotheus. Now that's a young man, a very young man that he sent to us, alright? But he was a father in the truth. It had nothing to do with age, it had to do with maturity, and understanding all that maturity didn't come from the man Paul but was given to, it was the message that was given to the Apostle Paul was that mystery that was revealed. This is so clear and so evident. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of what? My ways. He's my beloved son who has grown up in the truth under me, a father in Christ, amen? This is real simple if you really want to grow up this is the kind of teaching and a pastor and a minister that you need because you won't get it any other way. You could have tens of thousands, but you're not going to have this; you will not have this. This is why Paul is so specific be a follower of me. Me didn't mean again to idolize him, it was a message that was given to him, the grace, the same grace; be partakers of my grace. That's what he said to the Philippians, you're partakers of my grace. 15:28

And it's so wonderful, and ye shall bring unto you remembrance of my ways. Isn't that glorious, which be in Christ as I teach everywhere and in every church. He didn't size them up, did he? He preached that whole council in every church, wherever he went he preached the same thing. Wherever he went he did not withhold. Praise be to God this is it. and we see a deeper layer in here when we're speaking about children, obey you parents as unto the Lord, and these fathers we have in the truth. These are the ones that the Lord has given the anointing of the truth in love in Paul's gospel. These are the ones that are the ensamples to us to follow Paul as he followed Christ. The whole purpose of this wonderful journey that we have is to grow up. We're born of God and He wants the mature sons, He wants the ones that are peculiar sons that grow up to Him in all things into the measure, and the stature, and the fullness of him. And this is the teaching and the only teaching there is, the only fathering that there is, the only ministering that there is that will grow you up, grow you up fully into what Paul is speaking of here and that's the truth, and you can see it right there. You can try to wrestle with it, you can try to reason it, you can say well that's a very arrogant statement. I'm just giving you the scriptures and you can do with it what you want but that scripture's not changing. And that word has a meaning and that meaning is very clear and I thank God that He makes His truth known to those that want to believe. 17:20

Now let's move over to the mothers in grace and I love that. As you go through the word of God you see these ones like a Rebekah. Like a Sara and all. They represent

grace, amen. That is grace, that is grace's choice, it was going to come through grace amen? So, we see as we were talking about obeying parents that we are so thankful too that we have these mothers of grace and they're in the same spirit and truth, and it says to honor them, and the Lord says to highly esteem them as unto the Lord. And I'm so grateful today to be able to witness about yes, I'm talking of ones that are naturally females that have been in my life that have encouraged and continue to encourage that are truly. I'm surrounded by these mothers of grace, and I thank the Lord for you. and I am so grateful to God I'm surrounded because of God's grace by ones that are truly fathers in the truth. They minister, thank you Jesus to the depth of Paul's gospel. And there isn't anything else, it's the first love and that's what causes us to be there. This is why Timothy was sent by Paul to help these ones to grow up in the truth even though he was a very young man. And I don't even believe he was a father at this time or anything, or maybe it didn't even matter, but he was young. He wouldn't be perceived that way when you look at him in his appearance, but I thank God it had nothing to do with that. It had to do with what was in the heart. How many times does the Lord hit us with that, amen? Praise God. I think we'll get it someday, amen. 19:03

Alright, we have such a debt in a way that we owe to those who have stood in the gospel of first love and have not moved. That's such a beautiful thing, that truly loved this with the perfect love, and you think about that. I mean I'm thankful to God for my natural parents, I know that they love me, I mean they love me beyond, they showed it in everything they did; everything they did. Well, that love caused me to want to basically to love them back by the things that they had supported to my life to enjoy and to be responsible for, and I didn't want to cause my parents' pain. I wanted to give them joy, I knew it would bring them joy. And what would bring them joy were the things profitable for me. I wanted to work hard in school. I wanted to work hard in life, I was thankful that the Lord at the young age none of us are perfect kids in any way, shape, or form. I didn't mind, I'll tell you we won't even go into the things I did wrong. But I thank God I did not want to hurt my parents; I loved them. How much more so our Father, you see what I'm saying? And then I thank God as the Lord has put together these parents in a sense in my life that have given me such love and tenderness. I mean I was testifying to a brother that I was eating with today. Two of the ones that were just so instrumental in my life as a young person there was Sister McGuire and there was Brother McLamb, and you talk about such encouragement in the truth, I was a little guy and just the love and the more love and then even the more love that they brought, it molded and helped shape the man of God I am today. It's a debt I could never repay. I thank God for all of those things, I thank God how could I ever repay any of these like precious Brother Hill and all that wondrous truth, and the love and all of these things that came forth? But brothers and sisters I still know, and all of those lives it's not to magnify the person. It's the grace of God that was with them and I thank God that we carry on in that same grace hallelujah. 21:19

Now, the jewel I was thinking too that I will be in their crown. I always remember Brother Austin as he would say, he was my Sunday school teacher, that's Dwayne's

daddy, and I was so privileged to become his pastor before the Lord took him home and he's look at me every Sunday he'd come up to the altar here he'd hug me and say, he'd look at me every Sunday and say oh, you're a jewel in my crown. I'll never forget it; never, and I'll never forget it for eternity, and now that's what God makes us to one another as we yield. I can testify to that, and I don't mean this syrupy I wouldn't be the man of God I am today without you, and you wouldn't be the men and women of God without me, and I thank the Lord for it beyond what I could ever express to Jesus. And then I'm growing into the knowledge of it in appreciation of His jewel. The thankfulness to God of what He has assembled. The ordering, the cutting of the perfect stones that will never have to be cut upon again they will fit perfectly in their place. And that city praise God oh and her glory and her light oh my goodness. Oh Lord even come Lord Jesus. It is, it's marvelous, isn't it? But there's the love of Christ, I have to restrain it and I thank God we're in it in Him. 23:06

But I love as it says here if you notice it says that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. Get this. That word be well if you look it up it means to be finished; that we may be finished. That's why we are here, and this is why praise God we yield. We yield to Him; we yield to what He has ordered in our lives. We don't try to change and manipulate things. Don't do that, we'll get to that God willing later on tonight, and how damaging that can be, but you take from the hand of the Lord. You don't tell Him you don't want this, or you don't want that, you don't do that with God. You tell Him thank You, can I have another? and sometimes that's the way it's going to be, and we know that, we're living that right now. But it means to be well it means to be finished and complete, and then isn't that beautiful as it says that thou mayest live long. That interprets long live. And I was thinking long live the kings; long live the kings. Oh, praise God, you can take it for whatever you want but what a song we can play in our hearts as He continues to minister the truth to us. 24:24

Now, teachers of Paul's doctrine as we go on here, they do not provoke their children to wrath, and brothers and sisters really know that. God set a watch before our mouth, God let out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. We can bring truth, sure we can, and I understand that, and the truth is the truth, but let me tell you something you want to bring it in love. Because without love it's not going to work effectually. It will not, and matter of fact I'll tell you what it can work in a way that you didn't want it to work. And it's telling us right here do not provoke to wrath and it's speaking to fathers and to mothers, these ones that have been put into those places, and I'm talking about the places in the church, and I'm talking about you. I'm talking about with what you have, to who much is given how much is required? Much. And we're talking the much of God that is required. This is an awesome responsibility, and you know it's beyond you, and it's beyond me, but it's not beyond Him and He can do it in us and that's where brothers and sisters that humility, that's what mercy, and show mercy, and be merciful, and the more merciful. If you really want to grow and grow up in the Lord God help me never leave the place of lowliness. You've heard me testify that many, many times. Don't ever leave the

place and if you've never gotten there, you better get there real quick or you don't have time. 26:00

Take it from the Lord and I know He's put every one of us there. Every one of us He divinely in His faithfulness He afflicts us, divinely brings us to a place where wow, I didn't realize I was that weak, I was that infirm, I was that selfish, huh? Thought that highly of me; I'm looking at you, and you're looking at me and God help us family. Take the place of lowliness how ones that know this truth can provoke, and it's not only our natural children, it's the spiritual children, and I'm so thankful to the Lord and I do thank God for my mom back there, and I testify to this time, and time again I grew up under love. I grew up under the encouragement of grace, I did not grow up under condemnation. I did not grow up in a household oh you don't do that, and you can't do this and do it; it wasn't that, and I thank the Lord I know I came along at the end, and I know my brothers and sisters had a little different experience. I know that this parent has grown up too; don't get me wrong. And I pray we grow as parents, and I pray that we are sincere as parents but even go to our children when we make mistakes you can tell them you know what, I made a mistake, I was wrong. I'm still your dad but I was wrong, and I want you to know I am sorry about that, and I didn't mean to hurt you. 27:37

That's what a man does, that's what a man of God is. A man of God doesn't just sit there stoic and act like nothing's ever been done wrong and they never say they're sorry; that's a disgrace, that's a cold-hearted disgrace and I know people like that, I have never heard them say they were sorry, I've never heard them say they're wrong. Don't be that person. Do not be that person, you'd better be quick to buckle and say Lord I am sorry, and I was wrong. I know He's forgiven me but my goodness, amen? I want to grow up and be useful in the Lord, this is the tenderness we need saints. But I am so thankful for that. God's working in us brothers and sisters is always in lowliness and mercy. Jesus was drawn to the prostitute, the adulterer; huh? That's who He went after. Who did He rebuke? The Pharisee, the ones that were condemning those, the ones that were throwing the stones at them. He was condemning them, but oh they were right there, they were reading the rules, this is how it works. Slither away you snakes, go on, you're not going to take anything of Me. I want the one who knows who needs Me and even said that in a way to His own disciples as He left them there to go to the date that He had that day with the woman at the well. That's the one, that's My girl, you guys can debate about yourselves who you think you should get together with, and who you think you shouldn't be supping with together with. That's My girl. 29:35

Nobody wants her, she's so despicable, I mean she's on her what, fourth, fifth guy and she's living with another. And He talked to her in a way and told her everything she'd ever done, and she did a lot of bad stuff; horrible things, despicable things but no one would go even from the lowliest Samaritan to the well with her, you get out there in the high noon of day honey, we ain't going with you, huh? But He said it to her in a way where she went back to her family with a joy she never had, with a thankfulness to God that there's a Man that told me everything I ever did. He loved me with a love I never knew,

never experienced and I want you to have it too and her whole household; it was her whole household. Now He could have told her those things in a different way, and she could have taken that rope that was probably on that bucket whatever to let it down in there whatever however they did it and hung herself. The same thing, He could have said the same thing but it's the way and the way of Christ is love, mercy, grace. 30:56

Now, once again who did He rebuke? The Pharisee. The ones that judged, the ones that were critical, and all I can do is to say oh Lord, don't ever let me ever get puffed up, don't let me ever get vain in my imagination how great I am. It's all because anything we are, is because Jesus loves us. He just loves us; you want to grow up Jesus loves you. Grow up in the knowledge of that, that's the reality again, that's what changes everything, that's what influences a life and a lifestyle at every change if you have a life is to know that they're loved. That's how these things work, that's how ones make that break, it's not criticism when you know you are loved you want to please that person. I want to please Jesus, I want to please Him, and I know how I please Him, and I just thank Him, and I just thank Him for His grace, and I want to know more about it, and I ask Him and I say Lord I want to please You. I don't want to just sit here and okay I got to study, I got to do this; that's not how it is. I just love You Lord. I don't know where to begin sometimes. I don't know, and I tell you all the time this is austere. There's nothing preconceived, I might have a few notes here, my boast is in the Lord, and I want to have complete confidence in Him. Not just in this part, but in that part; that part. I know nothing but I know He knows everything. I have no strength, but I have the power that's far greater than anything that can stand against me, and I know whom He's called; oh my. I'll leave it there. 33:08

Okay, come on now. It's hard when He sweeps you off your feet time and time again isn't it, praise God? Now brothers and sisters condemning and judging in a life, and I've heard it many times, oh you got to dress this way, you can't listen to that music, don't go see that movie, you can't do this. I kind of remind people, now wait a second here, I think there was a guy named Joseph He put right in the heart of the evil. He didn't take him out of it, He didn't tell him to be part of it. Don't get me wrong, but I want you to know that it wasn't about the location, it was about the heart; that's what it was about. Where is your heart? That's it, if your heart is trying to design your life as to how you're going to live godly, your heart is about you and about your strength. I'm so thankful to God, I mean we're in a city, this city ain't growing more godly. We're on an accelerated path to hell and that's the truth. But it's so glorious we're on an accelerated path in here praise God. Are you hearing today, I'm hearing right now, do you hear the fluttering of the trumpet? I honestly do, I mean when we have this kind of fellowship don't you feel a flutter on your back? Are you not flying and this morning you almost couldn't get out of bed. The bed is like I don't even need to get out of bed, I'm so far away from that bed it doesn't even matter. But see, this is what His truth does, and this is that quickening power and I thank the Lord with you, and I do. 34:54

Thank God for your liberties in Christ. Don't try to be like anybody else, let the Lord encourage your life. My liberties are treasures that I have with Him but I'm talking about all those things that are under the hand and the encouraging of God. But see, when we're harsh in placing children in fear, those that are under us in a fear you will watch something happen, you'll watch them buck up; I've seen parents do it, and I'm talking about parents in the Lord that had just so nick picked their kids with dress, with music, with this, with that they've gone so far from the truth it's shame. You're not there to compromise in your house with your kids, that's not it but let me tell you something you've got to let them live too. They need to understand to make their own decisions, they have to live their life under the hand of God too. You're going to understand those things. Like cutting from hurting themselves I wasn't going to cut deals to how we were going to responsibly sin in the house, don't get me wrong, but I'm so thankful what my mother encouraged me in the Lord, and it wasn't the do's and the don'ts, it was honey, just fall in love with Jesus. And I fall in love with Him and He would tell me what He wanted me to be sharing with Him. 36:19

There were things that yeah, I did lead my life, but it wasn't because I intentionally say well this is got to go, and that is got to go I'd say no, I thank God I just didn't think about them any more you know. There're some sins that I've told you and tell the Lord all the time oh Lord, I have to be a better Christian if You take that one out. Oh, if I take that one out honey, you'd be puffed up. Huh, you believe that? I pray you do because you'll really never really get it without it; you'll never ever get it. You'll still think somehow someway you'll arrive because you got yourself better and all that does is keep you away from ever getting there. Well, you better be there because you don't have time to even get there. 37:16

Now, we thank God for this don't we that it's not out of duty, it's out of love. You move on over to verses five and six of that sixth chapter now we get to obedience. Well, we learn that as well in the encouragement that we have here in five and six is the key is the singleness of heart, and the singleness of heart what that means is sincere, simple, pure heart that is just sincere and simple and honest before the Lord. I like being honest before the Lord. I like telling Him I need more of You in this. I can't get this done, I made another mess, and Polly hears me saying telling myself, I'm just so stupid. I did it again. She comes in would you quit telling yourself you're stupid. Ah, it's alright honey, I just know. It's not to get down on me, it's just to get more in Christ. Just to really understand why would I sit there and complement myself when I can't do a thing? I just want to admire Him, want Him to cause my life to praise Him more. The simplicity that our life is so beautiful because it's all by faith; it's all by believing Him. Him what He's already finished for us, what He's already done for us, what He's already given to us, what's He's already afforded to us and all it truly is, is the simplicity of saying Lord I believe that. 39:01

You in a trial. I believe God You made the way of escape. Lord I really messed up the way that I just went, the thing that I just got myself into wasn't just a mess, it would look very sinful. It was very wrong; it was terrible, and we know all things work together

for them who are the called according to His word. Without it I couldn't have it all working together, I've got to have all of that. Now if that doesn't stop me in my tracks to just say just more Lord, just more of that grace it's just what it is and he will give you the more grace. And He'll show you that He abides faithful. You understand this is a life all about safe in His faithfulness and understanding. You have no faithfulness, and you will really begin to bring a lot of joy out of the Lord. Isn't this contrary to what you thought what Christianity was all about? I thank God this is what I've grown up into and grown up with and growing up more into. I didn't have to unlearn too much; I didn't. But I sure had to learn a lot and there's a lot more to learn and I don't want to get sidetracked. And this is the same old enemies right there to defeat us at any time. 40:58

What God puts over us brothers and sisters don't see it with an eye service because you don't like this one or that one, or you want to be under another one don't do that. We trust God who He puts in place for our lives don't we and especially as I'm telling you here in the body of Christ. This is what this is about. I think about ones like Absalom, he thought he should be king, not his dad. Saul had that same problem, he thought he should remain king and not David. Joab, he thought the king didn't know what he was doing, and he knew better, and I can tell you about every one of those ones it was all destruction, and it was. And I've seen ones like that, the characters that we can be and sadly I see them today and I'll tell you what, stop. How about having a heart like a Jonathan? You see what I'm saying? You see what the Lord's trying to encourage you? A heart like a Jonathan. Jonathan, he would be heir to the throne to be king, but he loved God's choice over about what he could have naturally and rightfully had as a man to take from His dad's side to be the king of Israel, but he loved God's choice more. He wanted to preserve David's life, he wanted to help David because he knew he was God's choice. David was the arch enemy of his own natural dad and his dad wanted to kill him, he didn't go along with his dad and say well I've got to be honorable to my dad and I'm going to stay right with my dad, no. He took God's choice over his family. That's the heart we need. 42:54

The heart that went into his dad in a certain way he said it like this. Dad. David is God's choice, it's evident. This is the one God is lifted up. The lowly, the nothing, the shepherd boy. But all that matters, and all that matters about anything this is what God has did and this is for all our lives brothers and sisters. This is everything that we have, and in every aspect of our lives. So once again I appreciated the Lord really hit my heart with this. See, everything unto Him, and as I said not too long, and especially as this is geared to towards ones that don't come to the meeting anymore, or don't want to come to the meeting. Why did you come here in the first place. Those that have been in this meeting for years you know this message is the same message. And I thank God, and it is the faithfulness of God. And I thank God that we go on growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and this meeting is about one thing and that is to win Christ Jesus as Bridegroom. 44:06 And the insults still fly is that all you preach, and I can say this, yes by the grace of God, yes, it is. That's it, that's it. 44:20

So once again as I will say it, and I'll say it boldly because people need to awaken. Why did you ever come here? Why? It best be because of the love of the truth, or it never was. And we can say the same thing, why would I leave it if it's the whole council of God? It's because I don't love the truth in the first love, and that's the truth as the Lord makes it evident, this you'll go after what you love. You'll give your ear to hear what you first love is. And the only excuse that you didn't give it to Paul's gospel is because you loved something that affected yourself more that you loved Christ Jesus as Bridegroom and that's the truth. And God help any of us because it's all by the grace of God, and it's but for the grace of God we'd be all right there but I thank the Lord in that. 45:36

Now let's move to close this up tonight. Our walk is not for man to prove, or for certificates, or pats on the head. Notice the thing here, it's all unto the Lord, as unto the Lord, as unto the Lord. Is your life as unto the Lord, did He make a mistake on you and not the other one? Lord, You put me in this un-un, no, no, no. You better trust God. I better trust God; I've asked Him a couple times are you sure? He smiles because He's patient, but I know He's sure because He doesn't make a mistake. And finally, as it says God help the master's too in verse nine just like the fathers in faith, oh the responsibility that we have saints. I pray we see it. I believe our hearts have been touched by grace, we want to influence, not to magnify ourselves but we want to influence and to encourage others to go on in the Lord. You don't encourage ones to go on in the Lord by fear and threatening; you don't do that. You don't do that with to grow up someone. I speak again of my own household I grew up in. There was never fear in that household. It wasn't that at all, it was love, there was respect and honor. I got my spankings, you know, and I didn't want to get a spanking, but I honored my parents because I knew they loved me, and I loved them. 47:19

It wasn't because I feared I was going to be cracked in the head if I didn't do the right thing. And I know some of us in our natural lives that's how we grew up and I'm sorry for that, but I still know Romans 8:28 got you too. And I know that without that sadness in your life you wouldn't be here tonight listening to this, and that's the truth. We all have our shoes, and only those shoes are going to fit for the race winner. Don't be looking for another one. But the thing that we need to build one another up in is grace, mercy, forgiveness. Ye that are spiritual restore, amen? That's what motivates the heart. Love changes the life like nothing else can. Naturing, edifying one another in the word of His grace we want everyone to win. We're not a respecter of persons in here are we? I pray we're not. Anybody who walks through that door whether it's their first time or if they haven't been here for fifteen, twenty, thirty years they better be met I tell you with what? With the coat, the ring, the kiss whatever it is. We got the feast awaiting here, it's a feast every time we come in here praise be to God, come on in and let's eat strong meat together. That's what has been prepared. That's what we rejoice in. We don't say oh well now you got to just get in line; there is no order in that. 48:47

There's nothing there, my goodness we fellowship with one praise, and one faith, and one body hallelujah. One spirit in one accord thanks be to God that's the purpose.

And I know it surprises ones that haven't been around that kind of a thing, and I thank God it does because that's the love of Christ. You want everyone to win just as much as yourself and even more you get that love that Paul had, I'd even give my own life. You begin to get that because it's Christ in your life and what you do is you take the more grace to win, and if I'll take the more grace to win, you know what will happen in your life, you'll run harder. You will. And as you take more grace, I'm going to run harder. Amen. And I'll tell you what, that's what the grace of God, "not" can do, that's what the grace of God will do, and I'm glad it's doing a mighty do in here, praise His name. Alright, love being with you, and I'm sure going to love to be with you at the first trump sound, what do you think amen? The arms of our Bridegroom. Crowns, crowns, crowns, hallelujah, long live the king. Let's stand and be dismissed praise God. 50:14