

(Godly Home) Part 15 - Father - the Anointed Teacher

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As fathers, we are called to be anointed teachers, loving God, His Word, and our children, and to teach them diligently with the power of the Holy Ghost.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of being a teacher who loves and obeys the word of God. The teacher should not just pass on information, but should have personally experienced the power of the word in their own life. The preacher encourages teachers to constantly talk about the word of God, both in planned teaching sessions and in everyday conversations. The goal is for the students to grasp the truths and make them a part of their own lives, just as Jesus did with his disciples.

Transcript

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We thank you, Lord. You are such a good Father to us. You do overflow toward us with love and blessing and care and instruction.

And yes, Lord, even with spankings. And we thank you for all of it, God. We accept it all from your loving hands.

O God, we pray again tonight that you will teach us to be like you and love our children like you do. Open up our hearts and give us wisdom, O God, to be able to understand your beautiful precepts. We pray this in Jesus Christ's name.

Amen. This evening, the title of the message is Father, the Anointed Teacher. We are now moving into other important aspects of training children.

Very important aspects, especially if you look at it in the light of the Father being an anointed teacher. One of the most powerful influences that you can have upon your dear little ones, you will have when you open up your mouth with the anointing of the Holy Ghost and teach them. My, that's a powerful influence.

God says to you fathers, you are a teacher. Just like God said to Abraham, you are a father of many nations. God says to you, you are a teacher.

There is no difference at all in these two statements. Both of them are true. Maybe the only difference is that Abraham believed God when he said that to him.

And it's still a question tonight whether you will believe God. But you are a teacher. The Lord has called each one of you fathers to preach and teach the Word of God to your family.

You are the leader of your house, and one of the prime callings in this leadership is teaching. The ability is in the call. Amen? If God calls a man to stand in a pulpit, the ability is in the call.

He may be a stutterer when God calls him. But when God calls a man, the ability is in the call. And God calls you fathers to be anointed teachers.

God, who calls for things that be not as though they are, says you are a teacher. Believe it. Step forward, even if you have to stutter while you do it.

God will help you. I promise you. God will help you.

Brethren, this is the nature of biblical faith. If you already sit here feeling overwhelmed by the words that I have spoken, I'm here to tell you tonight, this is the nature of biblical faith. We are to be living on the edge of the impossible repeatedly.

Without this kind of faith, it is impossible to please God. So this is your next assignment. Amen? You may as well get started on the impossibilities right now.

Remember, faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is the evidence of things not seen yet. It is the witness of God's Spirit in my heart that God will take care of me and do what he said he would do with me.

That's what faith is. Why am I speaking so firmly and confidently this evening? Because many men, as they come to grips with the needs in their home, they say, I can't do it. I can't teach.

This is absolutely not true. It may be true that you, in the flesh, you cannot teach. But I'm telling you, in the Spirit, you are a teacher.

Thus saith the Lord. To say the other is like looking at an acorn and saying, it cannot become a tree. You may look at it and say, it doesn't look like it can become a tree.

It doesn't look like a tree. But yet we all know that within that little acorn is all the power and all the ability and everything that God has put in there to make a mighty oak tree someday. And guess what? The ones who don't believe that it's a tree never plant it.

But the ones that believe that it's a tree put it in the ground. And bless God, they see a great big oak tree growing up. Which one are you going to do tonight, brethren? Most men who can't teach, in quotes, grew up without being taught by a father.

Amen? We must break the chain of this disobedience and pass on a legacy of teaching to the next generation of fathers and mothers. I believe God will meet you at your point of need. Remember how God gave the Spirit of the Lord to the craftsmen in the building of the temple.

My dear brothers and sisters, we are building temples for the Lord. Surely we can trust God for an anointing to build His little temples. You do not have to be an apt teacher to teach.

If you have a longing to communicate truth to your family and you start teaching, God will teach you how to teach. When I met that family in Canada twenty-some years ago, nobody sat me down and taught me how to teach. All I had was a desire to make something happen.

I stammered around. I made mistakes. I didn't do it right.

But there was something inside of me that made me keep on getting up and keep on going. And there came a point in time when I realized, as I was sitting in my family's devotion times, that my children were grasping what I was saying. God was making me a teacher.

God has given us a door of opportunity, brothers and sisters, with our children. Let us seize it. We spoke earlier about the natural desire to please parents, which is inside of our children.

God has placed several things like this in a young child. It is a special period of grace so that we, as fathers and mothers, can teach and guide and train and mold our children for the glory of God. Consider a few of these natural things which God, in His wisdom, has put in our children.

Number one, there is a natural desire in the heart of a child to want to please their father and mother. They feed on our approval and they live to see us smile at what they are doing. We need to teach them how to please us.

And I trust that how to please us comes out of this book right here. Because they want to please. They have a desire to please.

Number two, there is a natural desire in a little child to want to learn. You've noticed it. They don't want to stay laying on their back.

God, they want to be on their belly. They don't want to stay on their belly. Bless God.

They want to crawl. They don't want to crawl. They want to walk.

They don't want to walk. They want to run. They don't want to run.

They want to talk. They don't want to learn how to talk. They want to learn how to read.

And that's the way it is with a child. There is that natural ability in them. They want to go.

They want to grow. They want to learn. Oh, God, what have we done? We are missing the opportunity.

There is a natural admiration in the heart of a child for its parent, because they are ignorant and because God has put it in there. Amen? The glory of children is their fathers. Remember, my dad's the best dad in the whole wide world.

Man, we better take advantage of that. But also because they're ignorant and they do not understand at this point, they do not see your needs. There will come a day when they will see your needs.

But they do not see your needs. Man, we need to take advantage of the opportunity that we have. I remember one time that I, when Elizabeth was about ten years old, I felt like I needed to have a confession in front of my family.

And I opened up my heart and broke my heart before my family, confessing some of my needs. And Elizabeth came to me afterwards, sweet little Elizabeth, ten years old. She said, Papa, you don't need to do that.

There's nothing wrong with you. You're the best papa in the whole wide world. And I said to her, well, dear, someday you will know that's not true.

But I'm glad you feel that way now. And that is how they feel. God has put that in there, not for naught, but so that we can seize that admiration and fill their heart with the Word of God.

God has done it. They have the ability to learn very quickly. They have quick minds.

Their minds are not loaded down with cares and distractions and many other things. They have a mind that is pure from all of these, and they can learn very easily. We should seize the opportunity.

Another one. They are masters at imitation, aren't they? I mean, the little cliché. This is where it comes from.

Monkey see, monkey do. Right. That's talking about children.

Children are just like that. The little child sees and the little child does. Oh, that God would give us the wisdom to show them an example so the little monkey can see and do.

And lastly, they are gullible. They will swallow anything. They believe in you and they believe you.

You can teach them anything you want. They will believe it. I mean, the nonsense of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny are good examples of what a child will believe if you teach it to them.

They will believe that. Oh, they are gullible. Shall we not seize the opportunity and plant the right things inside of their hearts? I think it's very clear.

God has given us a special door of opportunity. We dare not pass this open door of utterance by. It will not always be there, brothers and sisters.

My observation is this. That it lasts for about ten years. For about ten years.

Now, if you do your homework for those ten years, then you will be able to continue to teach and guide for many years after that. But for the most part, if you have neglected and you have not done what you should

be doing, it's very difficult to get them interested in what you're saying. Unless salvation comes to the household and transforms everybody, then you will have another door where you can put something into them.

That's my observation. What is a teacher? Webster says to teach is to instruct or communicate knowledge to one who is ignorant. Our children qualify.

Another definition. To impress truth upon the mind. To admonish or counsel by words and examples.

This is what Jesus did. And he was the master teacher, wasn't he? Another definition of teaching is to catechize. Now, that's an old English word and many of you may not know what it means, but here is exactly what it means.

It means line upon line teaching with questions, answers and open discussions. Here we see a teacher engaging his students in meaningful dialogue with learning in mind. They're not just chattering, they're not just talking, but the teacher is engaging the students in meaningful dialogue and his goal is that they will grasp the truth that he wants them to get into their hearts and make it part of their very life.

Again, did you see the Lord Jesus doing this with his disciples? That is exactly how the Lord Jesus disciplined his disciples in those three and a half years. Isaiah 28 verse 9 and 10 is a beautiful example of this. Of who to teach and how to teach.

Hear these words. Whom shall he teach knowledge and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast. That tells you the when and the who and the how.

For precept must be upon precept. Precept upon precept. Line upon line.

Here a little, there a little. That's the teaching program that the Bible reveals. Let's turn to Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy chapter 6 and we're going to read verse 4 through 7. This portion of Scripture is rich with a revelation of God's heart for us and for our children. From this text, we are going to plumb the depths of what a father-teacher is supposed to be. Will you allow me to give the fullness of God's heart, though it may be way beyond where you are at this point in your life? Would you allow me just to give the fullness of God's heart that we can all look at it and say, Yes, Lord, that is what you want.

That is your design. That's what I want. You may not be there, but you need to see where God wants you to go.

I want to give you a glimpse of who you can be. If you will, sincerely, in brokenness, cry out to God and begin to teach your children. Let's read verse 4 through 7. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

In this most famous text, we have a lovely picture of an anointed father teaching the next generation to love his God with all of their heart. We must look at this man with the eyes of the new covenant, which is where you will find the grace to be this kind of a father. You won't find it in the Old Testament.

You'll find it in the New. But I'm telling you, the grace that you need to be this kind of a father is already bought and paid for on Calvary. Hallelujah! I mean, it's already done.

It's a done deal. We just need to believe God and move forward. Just notice these six holy qualities that I would like to draw our attention to.

Number one, this father, he loves God. He loves the Lord with all of his heart. And God has first place in his life.

This dear father has a single eye. And that eye, the eye of his heart, is fixed continually upon God to love him, to worship him, to walk with him. There is nothing half-hearted about this father.

Nothing shall turn him aside for very long. This is the inner foundation that supports every true teacher. If you want to be this kind of a teacher, you're going to have to begin right here.

This is square one. I must love the Lord my God with all my heart. This must become a commandment that bears down upon our hearts and doesn't stop until we can say with an overflowing heart, I do, I do, I do love the Lord with all my heart.

This first point is without question the most important of all. It is the prime reason for most of the devastation we see in our homes in this land. Though this series is on raising godly children, I feel urgent to permeate its contents with this greatest need again and again.

Because it's futile if we don't. Number two, he loves God's Word. These words shall be in thine heart, God says.

These are basic principles for any teacher. We know this. A teacher must love his subject and be excited about the textbook that he is using.

He loves God's Word. We wrote earlier about the power of the human heart. Well, that is implicated here.

These words shall be in thine heart, the most powerful part of your being. Amen. Like John said in 1 John 2, 14, the Word of God abides in you.

We also know, out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. This is the requirement for being a teacher. The natural outflow of a heart that is full is teaching.

I don't care if you stutter. If your heart is full of your subject, you will be a teacher. Amen? Number three, he loves to obey the Word of God.

This anointed teacher is not merely passing on information. Amen. It is so much more than that to him.

He has obeyed what he is teaching. He knows it works and therefore he wants to teach it to somebody else. That's beautiful.

Praise God. He loves to obey the Word of God. He lives his subject.

This is the most powerful tool that a teacher can have to influence his students. He has done it. He has tasted and therefore he is motivated to transfer it to somebody else.

Like it says up in verse three, he has observed to do it and they know it by his life. This is not a have-to thing with a true teacher, but rather it is a I get to teach thing with a true teacher. Number four, he loves to teach the Word.

Here we have the picture of a wholehearted teacher. Teaching is not done in a haphazard way. It is purposeful.

The Word says thou shalt teach them diligently. This father is not merely reading the Word to his children, but he is finding ways to put it into their heart like it is in his heart. He has tasted.

It has changed him. He knows that the Lord is good and now he wants to put it in the hearts of his children because he knows they will prosper just like he is prospering. That's a teacher.

He loves to teach. The word teach means to sharpen or wet, like sharpening of a sword or a stick. And the picture there is to take the Word of God and break it down or sharpen it or simplify it and make it easy to understand so you can take a sharp portion of the Word of God and stick it into the heart of your children.

That's the picture there. The other word we want to look at here is the word diligently. That means again and again.

You see, if this thing is in his heart, he's not going to play around with this thing. I mean, this is what is going to change his children's lives. He's going to do it again and again because he knows what it will do to them.

The next point I'd like to look at is he loves to talk of them. Here I would like to make a difference. We have here a second method of teaching the word to our children.

As I see it, the previous method is planned, prepared for and carried out with purpose at specific times of the day. The father studies. He gets a word.

He breaks it down. He sits his family down. He sticks the word in their heart.

But then, because it is in his heart, he talks about it all the time. Thou shalt talk of it when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou risest up in the morning and when thou sittest down at night. And what I see there is he's just talking about the word all the time.

He's walking down through life and saying, oh, you know, that reminds me of that verse over there in such and such a place. And do you see how that animal is doing? That reminds me of this verse. Boys, do you see how that one cow over there is pushing all the rest of them away? You know what the Bible says about things like that? Just on and on and on and on and on.

Thou shalt talk of them by the way, because it's in his heart and he likes to talk about it. And because out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. Amen.

And lastly, on this portion, he is anointed with the Holy Ghost. Now, I can't point you to a portion here in this passage of scriptures that says that. But we're living in the new covenant and it's the will of God.

This needs to be done by the power and the anointing of the Holy Ghost. I think this is obvious. He cannot be and do all that we have listed here except the Spirit of God be upon him.

And you can't either. And you know that this is the New Testament standard of a godly father. We fathers and mothers, we must come to grips with our greatest lack in light of our greatest responsibility, which is our children.

Humble ourselves, seek God's face, turn from whatever is standing in God's way. Then God will hear us, heal our hearts and anoint us with the Holy Ghost. To be the parents that God wants us to be on the day of Pentecost and all through the book of Acts, they were filled with the Holy Ghost and they did profit side.

You know what that means? Speak forth the mind and will of God in the power of the Holy Ghost. That's what it means. That's for you.

You say, brother, I can't do that stuff you're talking about. Welcome to the club. Neither can I. But by the grace of God, I can do what I'm supposed to do.

God has made a way. So maybe you say, yeah, well, I'm just a nobody. Well, I got a verse for you.

Nobody's to act to 18, says, and on my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my spirit and they shall prophesy. Beautiful. Hallelujah.

God has provided everything. Dear fathers, do not be discouraged. This is where God wants to take you as a father.

And let me just say to you mothers here. You know, if your husband walks out of here and he goes home and says, oh, OK, I don't know how I'm going to do it. But bless God, brother.

Did he said I am? And so I'm going to do it. Let me give some counsel to you, dear ladies that are sitting in this room tonight. He may stutter and stammer at it.

It may not be the best sermon that you heard. He may not be able to match the preacher that preaches on Sunday morning. But I want to give you some counsel.

You sit on the edge of your seat. You fold your hands. You put your eyes wide open and bright.

You be excited about what he has to say. Enter into the conversations that he opens up and be in there with everything you got. Don't you remember why I invited you all here? Because I need you.

And dear ladies, your husband needs your undivided support when he tries to make this whole family teaching program work. He needs your eyes fixed upon him with a smile and a support. I mean, bless God, give him an amen face.

Right? Listen, there are people in this room. I found they have an amen face. And I look at them very often while I'm preaching.

I do. I find them. And once I know where they are, I watch them.

And you know, when I look their way, you know what they give back to me? You know, that's like, get him brother Denny, get him. So I look at those every now and then, you know. The ones that are frowning at me, I don't look at them too much while I'm preaching.

I just don't look their way very much. They're not a lot of encouragement. I'm not going to let them intimidate me, but I don't look their way because they don't give any encouragement.

Amen. Oh, dear sisters, get behind that man of yours and give him the smilings, amen, and the support that he needs. He's going to stumble.

But listen, if you'll bear with the stumbling, bless God, someday he'll prophesy. He will. I believe it.

Dear fathers, don't be discouraged. This is where God wants you to go. Will you step into the River Jordan and watch the waters begin to part? Will you be one of those who will testify of the God's all sufficient grace in a few years and look back and say, I changed my mind about that and set my heart and God has made me a teacher.

I've seen it many, many times. Brethren, you have too. Many of you have.

In our settings, men are called into the leadership of the church. They're called, they're ordained to preach and lead out in the churches without any theological seminary training. And many times they aren't much when they first get up, are they? But you know what? God has a call on them.

The church recognizes the call. They get up there. We support them.

We give them an amen face. We come up afterwards and say that was a good sermon, brother so and so. We're praying for you.

Keep on going. Guess what? About two years later, brother so and so is holding the attention of the whole congregation. Dear people, that's how it works.

God will do that with you. You have just been ordained to the ministry of preaching to your family tonight. Brothers, you have been ordained.

Go for it. OK, let's look at family devotions at our house for just a little bit. Devotions are very important at the Keniston household.

It is up there on the top of the priority list, right next to eating. How many of you have eating pretty high on your priority list at your house? Let me see your hands. Come on.

Come on. Let me see them. Yeah, you all do.

Every one of you. It's right up there. Well, this is right up there with eating.

And that's something none of us miss very often. We spend about 45 minutes in our devotional time, and it often goes longer. It just depends on the fellow who's leading it, how much he has to say, and how much everybody else has to say.

I mean, if the thing is rolling and the children are talking, we don't stop. I just keep my eye on Mama sitting over there. She has a lot of things going on, and she's watching the clock.

But bless God, she sits right there and supports right through to the end. When the children start talking, it's not time to stop. Recently, we have gone to morning and evening time of sharing.

After studying all these home histories, I was convicted that we should follow the twice-a-day pattern that so many of these godly homes that I've studied was following. So we've changed that at our house, and it's a real blessing. Right now, we are reading and meditating on the daily light for the whole next year.

Daily light is a compilation of scriptures put into categories, morning and evening. So the whole family reads the morning meditation, writes down their thoughts about it. Then we all come together and have a beautiful discussion, and Papa takes the teachable moment.

And you'd be surprised how many different subjects come up as the children share what God said to them as they read those verses and wrote their thoughts down. We can go ten different ways in one meeting. Bless God.

This is a morning and evening reading, and we enjoy it very much. Let me say this about family devotions, fathers. Be a bulldog on this one.

Somebody has to be the bulldog. You know what I'm talking about? Make it a priority. Everything in our society fights against this.

There is always something else on the agenda that could be done. But whatever those exciting things are, brethren, we all eat, don't we? We need to put this up there on the priority list like eating. And I believe if we get filled with the Holy Ghost, we will.

As I travel, I meet very few families who actually have this whole thing down on a consistent basis. I meet very few. And many times I'll ask for a raise of hands, and I'm not going to do that to you here today, but I'll ask for a raise of hands.

I see very few hands ever go up when I say, how many of you have consistent family devotions with your family? I mean, day after day after day, in the thick and in the thin, in the good and in the bad, in the high times and the low times, you're right there. Not too many hands go up. We must become a bulldog, Dad.

Somebody has to direct the thing, and I believe it's us. This has to change. It is a danger sign.

Every now and then is the norm, and that won't get it. We have a good time during devotions in our house. It is not a dry ritual.

It's not a have-to thing. We are free. We share.

We have a good time. We have sharing times. If one of the children has something interesting to say, they say it.

If somebody says something funny, we laugh about it and get right back into the Word. It's a good time. We have a good time of wholehearted singing.

And when the children were younger, we sang 25 hymns. I had them marked out. This one, this one, this one, and we just stayed on those 25.

You know, you can move around quite a bit, but we stayed on those 25 because I wanted the children to know how to sing 25 songs very well, and because I wanted the doctrines in those 25 hymns to be sunk deeply inside of the hearts of those children when they were small. So we have a good time of singing solid hymns full of doctrine. When we had little children, we often sang children's songs, you know, everything's alright in my Father's house, you know, and the wise man built his house upon the rock, and the wise man built his house upon the rock.

We sang songs like that. Children love it. I mean, they sit on the edge of their seat.

They can get into those little songs. And we sang some of those. If singing is extra worshipful, we'll sing longer.

Then I sit in front of the family like a teacher and preach the Word of God to them. That's the way that I do it. It doesn't matter to me how you do it, but that's the way I do it.

The family is here, and I am here sitting in a chair with my Bible in my hand to teach my family the Word of God. That's the way that I do it at our house. It's an open time like I described.

We have dialogue. We have questions. We have answers.

We share struggles. We have confession meetings. We do all kinds of things like that in our times.

I use simple object lessons to teach important truths on the level where the children are. I do this continually. One time, I got up right in the middle of family worship and disappeared out into the shop.

Just left them all sitting there. Well, you can be sure they were watching when I walked back through the door. I came back through the door.

The children didn't have a clue where I was going. I came back in with a rope in my hand. I grabbed little David, put him down on the floor, took the rope, wrapped it around him, tied him up, and Josh was looking on wishing, Boy, I wish I could be there.

I mean, he wanted to be there. And then we had a lesson. While David laid in the middle of the floor tied up with a rope, we had a lesson on how sin can bind you and destroy your life.

Somebody heard a story like this somewhere, and I got a letter from some dear lady reproving me. She said, How dare you do that to your poor little boy? She didn't have any idea. He loved it! He loved it! One other time, I just jumped up, just like that, right in the middle of studying the book of Proverbs and took off into the kitchen.

Came back with a butcher knife in my hand. Everybody was watching that morning. Here came Pablo with a butcher knife, and they're all watching.

And we had a lesson on how evil it is to use our tongue and how we can hurt people with our tongue. And it's just like a knife sticking it into their heart when we say bad words to people or about people. And we had a lesson like that.

And I'm telling you, they remember things like that. And by the way, Jesus used objects all the time to teach, didn't He? And He did that with grown men. Surely we can find ways that we can break the Word of God down to our children so they can understand what we're saying, so that they can take deep truths and grasp them into their little hearts.

And those truths will grow like beautiful plants in their heart into beautiful, beautiful portions of Scripture in days to come. We do that. We have had confession and repentance meetings where we all fell on our faces and wept together, confessing our needs one to another and praying one for another.

It's good to have a family revival meeting every now and then. We also have a time of prayer. This varies in length depending on the time and depending on the circumstances.

Sometimes it will be a longer season depending on where we are at as a family. If we're facing some very difficult things, we may take more time to pray. Sometimes there's difficult things going on in the church and we'll take more time to pray.

And sometimes our loved ones who are missionaries are facing very difficult things. We take extra time to pray at times like that in our devotions. Well, I must draw this lesson to a close.

I want to encourage you fathers to begin. God will help you. The whole motivation for this message right here is not only instructional, but it is to create a desire in your heart.

I do believe if you have a desire, you will find a way. Where there is a will, there is a way. But we must first have the desire.

And where the desire is there, God will make a way. I promise you He'll make a way. He'll make a way through the wilderness for you.

He'll make you something that you never thought you could be. In fact, some of you men in this room, God has a call in your life to be in the ministry someday, but that call will never take place if you don't give yourself to the responsibilities that you have in your homes. God trains ministers in the home, brethren.

Not in Bible colleges where you sit in a classroom and hear a bunch of words. He trains men in the home. Some of you are going to miss your calling if you don't start facing your responsibility with your family.

I'm telling you. I don't know who I'm talking to, but I know I'm talking to some of you. You're going to miss your calling if you don't wake up and take care of your family.

And by the way, if your family is not in order, you won't have a calling that way either. I'm just pleading with you. Let God stimulate desire in your heart.

And with that desire and the grace of God, God will make you a teacher. Even you. Even you.

Say, Brother Denny, that's too much for me. Listen to me. The first time that I stood to speak, I was supposed to give my testimony in a Baptist church.

They gave me 30 minutes to speak to the youth and give my testimony. I got up in front of those youth. Maybe there was 60 youth there.

I don't remember exactly. I stood up behind the pulpit and looked at those youth. And I was scared to death.

I stuttered and stammered around for about three minutes and sat down. And my wife got up and saved the day. She got up and shared, you know, and just opened up and just shared all kinds of things with them.

And she saved the day. The preacher was glad she was there. And I sat down in utter humiliation.

I didn't know how to do it. I didn't know how to talk. I didn't know how to teach.

Bless God, I was a social misfit. But you'd never know it today. God can change you.

But you've got to step into the water. You've got to step into the water. Let's stand for prayer.

In fact, all you sisters, you sit down. All you fathers. All you fathers.

Let's just pray. All the fathers. Oh God, our Father, we come to You as fathers.

To You, our Heavenly Father. We don't know what we're doing, Lord. But we want to.

We don't know how to do it. But we're willing to learn, God. We repent right now, Father.

God, forgive us for our unbelief. We have not believed Your Word, Lord. We have held back.

We have not done our responsibilities, Lord. Would You forgive us? Would You cleanse us, Lord, from our disobedience and from our unbelief, God? Would You do that right now, God? Would You impart into every one of these fathers a spirit of faith and confidence and belief in You that You can take them through, God? I commit each one of them into Your care. And I pray in the name of Your precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, I pray, work in these men, Lord. Bring them to the place where they are surrendered and full of the Holy Ghost. And I know the rest will take care of itself.

God, I commit each one of them into Your care. I thank You for hearing our prayer in the name of Your Son, we pray it. Jesus Christ, Amen.

Amen. You may be seated.

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