

Hope

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of hope in our lives, highlighting its relationship with faith, healing, and miracles.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the concept of hope and faith in relation to achieving one's heart's desires. He uses metaphors such as a stone in a sling and a DC-10 airplane to illustrate the process of developing hope and releasing it in faith. The speaker also mentions the presence of Catherine Coolman, a preacher who brings the presence of the Lord Jesus and prays for healing. The sermon emphasizes the power of God and encourages listeners to trust in Him for their desires and needs.

Transcript

Have a look at one of the scriptures with me, please. Psalm 71 and 5. So I wanted to have Lionel over here, sharing the fellowship. Praise the Lord.

Amen. Thank you, Jesus. Psalm 71 and 5. For thou art my hope, O Lord God.

Thou art my trust from my youth. Psalm 39, verse 7. Now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee. Psalm 119, verse 81.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation, but I hope in thy word. So you can guess which way I'm going. There are dozens and I suppose hundreds, almost, of scriptures which mention the theme of hope.

Oh, here's an interesting one. Psalm 72. No, hold on.

Psalm 42. Verse 5. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the health of his countenance. And verse 11.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God. And the next psalm, I'll read it right through. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. For thou art the God of my strength. Why dost thou cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? Oh, send out thy light and thy truth.

Let them lead me. Let them bring me unto thy holy hill and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of my God, unto God my exceeding joy.

Yea, upon the heart will I praise thee. O God, my God. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God.

And perhaps the most outstanding scripture of them all, which is in Romans 15 and 13. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. I've been so used to playing hope down.

We don't like a hope-so religion, we want a no-so religion. But I find that in playing hope down, we have lost, or for many of us, we've lost one of the major truths of scripture. As you have already seen, the Bible has a great deal to say about hope.

And we need to put it back into its proper place. Do you ever get discouraged? Do you ever hear the motto, Blessed is he that hopeth for nothing and he shall not be disappointed? It's the way that English people, I think, in particular, think. The idea is to safeguard yourself by not expecting too much.

And the Bible says exactly the opposite. Now isn't that odd? My brother, I had an elder brother, he's a good enough chap now, but when I was a little kid, I was fairly hopeful. And he was always downing me.

I'd have such bright expectations and he'd always have something sour to say. My sister called him Lemon Face. The world treats us this way, it gets us down, it discourages us.

For hope is born in the heart of a child, Lester. This is one of their wonderful qualities. And they're full of expectation until this harsh old world teaches them to drop it.

And then you start getting the negative things and get tuned in on that. And that's what they call wisdom. And it's not wisdom, it is contrary to the God of hope.

Who should fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you should abound in hope. Through the power of the Holy Ghost, to be quite ridiculous about it. It is a bit ridiculous to abound in hope, isn't it? You know, and everybody else is always looking for recessions and so on.

Everyone believes in arming themselves against disaster. How ridiculous for the children of God to abound in hope. But if our Father is a God of hope, then we are in line.

In developing hope to the degree that the Bible indicates. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul is describing the things that pass away and the things that remain. He says there are lots of things that we divide in which will pass away.

Prophecy shall cease, tongues shall cease, knowledge shall vanish away. But there are certain things that remain. Nothing shall ever destroy them because they are eternal.

And he names them as a group of three. He says these are they. They're now abided, faith, hope, love.

The greatest of these is love. But they are all three abiding qualities. You don't drop them when you die.

You take love, or when the Lord comes, or whichever way you make your transition out of this world. You take love over with you. And you take faith over with you too.

Do you know where that text is found? Faith shall be lost in sight. Well it's not found in the Bible anyway. It's found in somebody's head.

It's not in the Bible. Because you'll continue believing God forever and ever. With ever increasing faith.

The more you know Him, the more you believe Him. All the angels keep on believing on Him. They never doubt Him in the slightest.

Wherever they're sent on long errands, they never lose their confidence in their God. And your faith and mine is being tested in this small condition for eternal purposes. It's important.

Your faith, you're not going to discard it. It's growing up for it to be eternal. Now abide it.

Faith and hope the same. In eternity it's going to be so wonderful. It's going to get better and better every day and in every way.

Every year it will be better. God will always be springing new surprises. He is a forceless in His glory and His grace.

And so one of the qualities in heaven will be an unmanned hope that is always moving into new fulfillments. Praise the Lord. All Jesus said about children who are so full of hope, Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

So you better develop it. It's an eternal thing. Your tongues may vanish away or cease.

And prophecy and knowledge and all that, all your ministry gifts, they'll go. But these three will remain. So let hope have its perfect work.

On the other hand, despair belongs to hell. Absolutely hellish. Have you ever been hit by despair? I have a couple of times.

And it's hell. It's absolutely contrary to God and to life. It belongs to the devil.

And there's a whole lot of it in this world. And what we often do with despair, when we steel ourselves to it, we put the lid on it and say, well, finish. Let's go on from here and try again.

And that's not good enough, either. Because God, who is a God of hope, desires to heal every area of despair. Praise the Lord.

And if we have carried over anything from a past experience that we've put the lid on and we've said, well, that's it, not going to look back on that one anymore, that will be a source of trouble and destruction. No matter how many of Wesley's hymns we sing, it will still be there, a source of corruption. And if there's anyone here who has despair in the past and you've just shut it down, that's not good enough.

Our Father God is a pardoning God, a God of restoration. Hallelujah. A God who not only forgives, but who cleanses to the very depth.

And anything of this nature must come under the healing flow that comes from the cross until once again, with a childlike heart, you hope in God, who is the health of your countenance and your God. No matter how often the world or your own folly or something else has tried to teach you the bitter lessons of despair, hope thou in God, who is the health of thy countenance and thy God. I want to say that hope is the fountain of health.

God is the health of thy countenance, at the health of thy countenance and thy God. Any doctor knows this. That in the natural, if a patient has undergone a major operation and is hovering between life and death, that which will have the most powerful influence on the patient's recovery is hope, related to love.

And if these things can move in, there is every chance that the much damaged body will make a recovery. But if there is despair and no love, then the forces of death stand a good chance of triumphing. Doctors know this.

Do you remember Simon, Simon Peter, coming from the synagogue in Capernaum? He had just seen the first miracle that Jesus had performed in Galilee. He had done a lot down in Jerusalem, but this time he had come north to Galilee, called the disciples, and Peter saw the first miracle in Galilee, a demon cast out of a man in the synagogue. I suppose the man had been quite a regular synagogue attender, but when the presence of Jesus was there, anointed with the Holy Ghost, the evil spirit in him became manifest, he cried out in the conflict, and he was delivered.

And Simon went home hopeful, didn't he? And he said, shall we tell him? Shall we tell him? We can do anything. And Anon says, Mark, they tell him of his mother-in-law. It was hope, bringing them into an area of faith and healing.

Of course it was. Hope was the prelude to the miracle. That's right.

And always, I'll tell you in a few minutes, hope is the necessary build-up for health. Sister Annette asked me, she knew the Lord long before she left the Catholic Church. In her girlhood she read the Bible, and she found the Lord, and she was filled with the Holy Ghost, and she was a Catholic nun.

Isn't that amazing? And then when she realized what she'd got, and now she's an enthusiastic minister, more Lutheran than Luther. She brought one of the girl students to me, and she said Donna had been skiing. We have a lovely ski slope not far from us, a thousand feet direct from the top to the bottom, and the way round, of course, round the mountain is a building.

And Donna had been skiing, and she had fallen and hurt her back. She had been to a chiropractor, and he had put her straight, and she was fairly good. Then she went skiing again and had a second fall, and now she was in really bad shape.

So I said to Donna, I think Donna, with that pain in your back, you'll find it very hard to believe, won't you? So I said, well look, I gave her these scriptures about hope, and I said, supposing you just hope, don't worry about believing, because here I'm going right across all the great experts, you know, in this area. I said, don't you worry about believing, you just hope. I gave her several of these scriptures which I'd given to you, and she brightened up, and she said, I didn't think hope was important.

And I said, well you can see it is now, can't you? Will you hope, Donna? Yes, she said, I can do that, because hope is so much more easy than faith, isn't it? Especially if you've got a little bit of a child left in you still, you lucky people. So she got the idea, and then when I saw that she really had it, we prayed. And

I said, Heavenly Father, we are hoping that when we pray that Donna's back will get straightened out, you'll do something about it.

In fact, we're hoping that her back will really get right. I said a few more words to this effect until we were really all in tune, and then I said, now, faith is the substance of things hoped for. So we're taking what we've hoped for.

I felt the bones go tick. And so we thanked the Lord for it, and when she got up, she didn't realise what had happened, she put her feet to the floor and stood up. Oh, she said, it's gone! The following day, Annette met her down in the hall.

She said, how is your back, Donna? Fine, she said, no trouble at all. But, can I go skiing? So Annette said, how is your hope? Oh, she said, Donna. Went away and thought about it, and then went skiing.

Had the worst fall that she'd ever had. Came through with a few bruises, but no other trouble. Hope thou in God, who is the health of thy countenance, and thy God.

Oh, if only God's children would take this childlike and yet eternal thing and put it back into its proper place, how much more miracle we would see. I've had the privilege of being in a couple of Kathryn Kuhlman's meetings. I didn't intend to be there.

I went up to Peterborough to minister and visit some friends, and lo and behold, Kathryn Kuhlman was there for her first Canada meeting. They took the great stadium, and long before she was there, the whole place was jam-packed with 10,000 people. My friend and I, the vicar, got in by joining the choir.

A couple of practices, and we played for our seats. And one of the things that strikes you in those enormous meetings is the completely different atmosphere. For here are 10,000 ordinary folk, all expecting God to do something.

And it's the most exciting atmosphere in the world. There are those folk in their wheelchairs, and everybody's looking down to see what's going to happen to them, and every new case that comes in, instead of thinking, oh, there's another one, I think I'm going to have a bad thing, I wonder if that one's going to be here, and so on. The whole atmosphere is tingling with the excitement of expectation.

And when Kathryn Kuhlman comes in, she's about 70. She looks like 40, trying to be 25. Silks that get blown around by the family.

Yet she brings the presence of the Lord Jesus. It's just Jesus. I can't explain anything that happens here.

It's just God. She says, I'll be preaching for a little while, and when I feel that God is moving, I'll pray for you. And so she goes ahead, and she packs everybody on the back, all her assistants, and the choir leader, and the choir, and the fellow who plays the piano, and the chap on the organ, they all get their adulations, until everybody's feeling happy.

And presently, she'll say, I feel that, and he's moving among you. Let's just pray. And then she'll start to pray.

And then she'll say, there's someone over there, God's healing you. Would you come forward? Someone behind me, she says. With a serious heart it is, and you're being healed now.

Come and tell us about it. And in a few moments, people are coming from all parts. Serious cripple cases, cancer cases, hopeless cases.

Moving in on the atmosphere of faith, and hope, and love. That's it. Thousands of ordinary folk, hoping, and believing, and loving.

And God has his kingdom there, because this is the very nature of the kingdom of God. And so they move in and receive the children's bread, which is healing. It's just as simple as all that.

This whole cynical, doubting world is outside, and Jesus has an open road through those blessed three eternal things, faith, hope, and love. A friend of mine, Ode Warnigo, the Norwegian singer, a man who was converted a few years back, told me that he went into those meetings, and he said, I could scarcely believe my eyes. They nearly popped out of my head.

The miracles that were taking place. But when he got home, he found that he had been healed of three chronic diseases. While he was sitting there, gazing with childlike excitement at the blessings that others were receiving, he was healed of chronic alcoholism, and a kidney disease that would have killed him, and a third disease which he didn't name.

Yeah. He wasn't conscious of exercising faith. He had just moved like a little child into the kingdom, into the place of hope and expectancy.

Oh, the joy of the Lord was there. And in his body, those things were cleared up. Daughter of Fred Poole, Pastor Poole's daughter, was in the choir with us at Peterborough, and she had been a hole-in-the-heart case from childhood.

And she was one whom Catherine Pullman called forward, and she didn't think it could be her. She had to lie down about three times every day and take all her housework in little pieces. She had been God in her heart, and she didn't think it could be her.

And Catherine insisted, will that person in the choir, who has been healed of a serious heart condition, come forward? And still she hesitated. And Catherine dealt with other people, and then she said for the third time, will that person please, I know you're there, in the choir, just behind me on this side, come forward? And then this good lady came forward. She was gloriously tremendous.

All her life, a chronic invalid, just able to carry on. And from that time, doing all her housework, running up and down stairs, not troubling a thing. Magnificent.

Hope thou in God, who is the health of thy countenance and thy God. And hope, as we begin to see this now, is the groundwork for faith. Faith being the substance of things hoped for.

We're always struggling to get faith. We tie ourselves in figure of eight and double bow lines to try and get faith. We climb the walls to get faith.

We read books all about it, and get all tangled up in this area. But don't you see, that if you develop your hope, which is so much easier, if you're a child, a child of God, it's so easy to hope thou in God, who is the health of thy countenance and thy God. If you will develop your hope, then faith will come very, very simply.

Like that woman who touched the hem of his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. That's hope.

That's real strong hope. It's not really in the area of faith. It's just before faith.

It's in the if condition. And so it was her strong hope in Jesus. I don't think she was conscious of trying to screw herself up to that mysterious thing called faith.

She just, in simplicity, hoped in Jesus. She defied, whether she thought about it or not, all the levitical rules about not touching people and not letting them touch her. She pushed her way through the crowd.

And she turned that miserable negative thought about nobody touching her and her not touching anybody. She turned it right round. She turned that negative thing into a positive.

And she said, If I may touch but his clothes, Mine is his hope at defying the negative and insisting on the positive. And then when it came to that contact, daughter, thy faith. You often talk with kiddies about David and his sling.

You know, he got the stone, put it in his sling, and then he slung it, but the giant and the stone slung into his forehead, sunk into his forehead, and he fell to the ground, stunned, and David cut off his head. How do you teach the story? How do you show the kids how he used the sling? These sort of go... Just like that. Is that how you teach it? I don't think so.

You show old David doing this sort of thing, don't you? Getting up to speed. Long before he lets his stone go. Think of that stone as your heart's desire.

Oh, I met Dr. Kelly's lad. Praise the Lord. It was a bit wonderful how that heart's desire went that day.

And that poor little crippling boy told God that he wanted to go to school, get a normal education. And he's a colleague. Doing fine.

Praise the Lord. Now, when you've got your stone at heart's desire, and you drop it in the sling, just spin it round with a bit of hope and get some speed up. And then when you've really got the speed going, then let it go in faith.

Or to use another figure, which I'm getting more and more acquainted with in my travels, that great big DC-10 that we came over to Britain from Toronto in. Enormous thing. How many people cross it in one or two? Imagine ten people in armchairs and two aisles with plenty of room.

That's the width of the thing. How on earth it got off the ground. You wouldn't think it would ever get there at all.

Like sitting in a church. It is really alright. I don't know the capacity.

About 300 or more. How does it do it? It gets up speed on the runway. Of course it does.

If you try to get in the air all at once, if they did, they'd crash. And then what a mess we'd all be in. But the pilot gets his speed up on the ground.

And then when his indicators are right, then he pulls his fancy lever. I don't know if they still call it a joystick or not, or whatever it is called. And away they go.

Now then, you develop your hope. Get it on the ground, this ordinary sort of thing. And when it comes there, when you know that your speed is right, then you can take off in faith.

And see blessed and wonderful things. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. So when you start moving in this direction, you may expect the blessed Holy Spirit to enable you to hope until you're quite ridiculous.

Like Abraham, who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations. There it is, his faith. And he is the classic example of faith.

His faith got off the ground by hope. And against hope he believed in hope. And that's how he became the father of many nations.

He didn't mind the neighbors laughing at him when his name was changed. Those old sheiks who had their herds of cattle on the hills around, they must have had many a laugh at the campfire of Abraham changing his name. It had been a bit of a joke when he had no child and his wife was past childbearing and he was just called Abraham, high father.

But when he had a little interview with the Lord and he came back again and he said, God has taken over my name too. He's now the God of Abraham. So please call me now the father of a multitude of nations.

Thank you. He didn't mind them laughing. He was quite ridiculous in his hope.

Praise God. If only we know who our God is, this God of hope, we will learn even to be ridiculous in our hoping. Hope thou in God, who is the help of thy countenance and thy God.

Don't think it's wisdom not to hope too much. It's not. That's a devil's lie.

Hope is a companion of love. We saw that. And look at this, Romans 5. Very familiar scripture.

The early verses. Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so but we glory in troubles also knowing that trouble works patience and patience experience and experience hope and hope makes not ashamed. That's the thing you're always afraid of if you hope for too much. But hope makes not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us.

Now, Christian, you see why you can afford to be ridiculous. Because the love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost which is given to us. We are moving in God.

And so we can be extravagant in our hoping. Amen. Hallelujah.

I like the way old Jonathan stripped off his garments. The garments and the uniform and the accoutrements that showed that he was the heir to the throne. And gave them to David.

Why? Because he thought his father would kill David? No. But because Jonathan's love was mixed with a great big hope that his dear friend David would take over the throne. That's right.

And so hope and love are companions. When Hannah brought her little boy back to the tabernacle and put him in the care of Eli, she didn't say goodbye to him in despair. She did it in hope that God was going to do something greater than anything she and her husband could ever do with a little lad.

And that the contract she had made with God would be more than fulfilled. Thank God for the hope that was mixed with her faith that enabled her to do that wonderful thing when a little lad couldn't. She surrendered him to the care of an angel who was weak to say the least.

She did so in hope. She hoped in God. And her hope was fulfilled.

Rightly so. Here's another area. Hope.

How's this one? Almost afraid to spring this one on you. I'd better just give you the scripture. Galatians 5 and 5. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by saying tell your wife what does this mean? It means that there are areas of righteousness which are still future.

That's right. Thank God for that blessed transformation we have tasted and entered into. But God has big plans for you.

Amen. And one of the things that keeps us from trying too hard like the Galatians were doing with their rules and regulations to force themselves into an artificial holiness which would never last. One of the things that was to keep them from that kind of legal error was that blessed waiting upon God who imparts his holiness in days which lie ahead.

We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. And then the next verse says for in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision but faith which worketh by love. Once again you have faith, hope, love uniting together in the new creation.

Compare again verse 15 of chapter 6 for in Christ Jesus a parallel verse neither circumcision availeth nor uncircumcision but a new creation. So part of your righteousness is not to think that you can't be improved. Hallelujah.

But to know that there's better on before. Still there is a hope in the New Testament which is transcendent above all those other things that I have been trying to share with you so far and that is the hope associated with the appearing of Jesus Christ. And always Paul has this hope in view.

It enables him to make tremendous sacrifices. It enables him to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. It is a hope on which both Paul and John concur and it is mentioned in 1 John 3 familiar scripture Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God.

Therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God and it does not yet appear what we shall be but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure.

That is the hope. Not that when Jesus comes I'll be whisked out of the tribulation but the hope that when Jesus comes I shall be fully transformed and conformed to his image. That's it.

It's the hope of the consummation of new creation in me and you. That is the grand hope that keeps the Christians steady in this world.

Look at it in Hebrews chapter 6 verse 17 Wherein God willing more abundantly to show the ed and promise, the immutability of his counsel confirmed it by an oath that by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie we might have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil whither the forerunner is for us entered even Jesus made an high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek turning back to the previous chapter chapter 2 it became him for verse 10 of whom are all things and by whom are all things in bringing many sons unto glory to make the captain the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings for both

he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren saying I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the church where I sing praise unto thee he is the pioneer the forerunner of our salvation he went through death he tasted death for every man and he went on to the shores of eternity our forerunner and our high priest and our guarantee that God will bring not just one son to glory but many sons to share that same glory so in chapter chapter 6 the writer uses a nautical illustration this man who wrote the book of Hebrews must have been a man who crossed the Mediterranean a few times who had fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and

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emergencies if the ship was heavily driven by storm and they were in the treacherous waters of the Aegean where there are so many islands the rowers would do their utmost to bring the vessel under the shelter of an island under the storm and when they had brought her there they're struggling, struggling, struggling they need a forerunner and then the volunteer who was a strong swimmer with a light line tied round his waist dives into the surf oh how anxiously the crew watch him as he disappears into the boiling water and then maybe they catch a glimpse of head or shoulders and they watch him as he dives into death and makes his way through the cruel breakers and up through the rocks and onto the shore and then on the far shore he signals back to them he is their forerunner then they pay

out the line with the great wooden beam overboard it goes, there is their hope and it goes overboard and he pulls that one across through the surf that he himself has passed through until it reaches shore and

then he fixes it in the rocks on the shore, steadfast unmovable and now they can ship their oars, hallelujah they enter into rest because the forerunner has provided them an anchor sure and steadfast which keeps their ship true to the wind and sheltered from the storm and that's what he's talking about when he says which hope we have as an anchor for the soul both sure and steadfast and which enters into that within the veil wither the forerunner is entered even Jesus made an high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek we used to sing a chorus years and years ago which some of

you may remember I know Lionel would remember it someday I shall be like him someday like him changed to heavenly beauty when his face I see, someday I shall be like him someday like him, hallelujah this wonderful promise he gives to me, let me get hold of it and let me count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord and Paul says I have a certain ambition I don't count myself to have apprehended but in that great day of resurrection he tells us and John tells us we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye but he said I have an ambition I want to come alongside that's what he means by attain same word of a ship, coming alongside an island, he says I want to come alongside I'm not there yet he says but I want to be so alongside that

resurrection life that I live it here on earth and when that great day comes to change what we know as the world that's what he's after in Philippians chapter 3 getting alongside that glorious hope praise God it's not just ambition it's hope it's not just me trying to apprehend something out of my own concept, it's me laying hold of something for which the Lord Jesus has laid hold of me for, he's laid hold of you to be numbered among the sons who are changed to his likeness now you say that's it Lord that hope is dominating me, I wait for the hope of righteousness by faith and every day I feel the tug of the line, every day it's keeping me true, every day it's keeping me in a place of rest and yet a place of service right there on that chart praise the Lord, God wants us to abound in hope

Satan likes to inject a little bit of despair and you and I can choose which we take and the unhappy thing about despair is when you swallow it, it's a job to cock it up again, it needs some pretty big repenting and heart searching and if there's any of us having a battle in that area and God Jesus is able to loose us completely from the whole miserable business that satanic is devilish it must go before the authority of his name no matter how deeply its roots are tangled around our circumstances it's got to go it has no right in the life of a redeemed child of God dwell now may and may your heart respond to it may the God of hope, it's his nature that which he gave to little children he has in his own heart, hallelujah he's so big, he can be childlike he's the God of hope, isn't he he's

the most hopeful person in the universe hallelujah just as he's the most loving and the most believing he is the fullness of all these things, wonderful God the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace and believing that you may abound this is where you ought to jump off the floor but I'm too sedated you may abound through the power of the Holy Ghost

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