

Closer walk
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John 16:7 KJV

[7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

147 Another one, the night, if you didn't get the tape, I preached here one night, on "A prisoner of Jesus Christ." Paul, a prisoner! See? When God gets you to be His prisoner, then you can't do nothing but what the Spirit says do. Paul, with all of his great intellects, he taught...he was taught by Gamaliel to be a great priest or rabbi, someday. And he had high ambitions. He was intellectually a great man, great authority, great man in the nation. But he had to sacrifice every bit of it, see, to become part of the Word, to express Jesus Christ. He knowed what it was to say...

148 He had a notion to go over some place, some brethren had called him, but he was forbidden by the Spirit to do his own will. Oh, if—if people half spiritual can pick that up! See? He was forbidden to do his own will. He only could do..."The Spirit forbid me." See? He was a prisoner to Christ.

149 Then, this little fortuneteller one day, who he knowed, Paul knowed he had power to cast that devil out, but he could only do it as God willed it. Day after day she followed him, crying out after him, but one day the Spirit give him permission. Then he rebuked her, the spirit that was in her. See? He knowed what it was to be a prisoner.

150 Moses, his intellectuals, he had to lose them in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God got all the world beat out of him, and all of his mighty man that he was, and stand in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He didn't even, couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner then. See? You won't try after your own searching. Then God had to endue this man, or, endow him with power enough that he could go down there.

151 And he said, “Lord, I told Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn’t do it.”

152 He said, “Then take this, thy rod,” God speaking, that’s God’s Word, “go out there and point it towards the East, and call for flies.” And flies come into creation, because He had a prisoner that Pharaoh couldn’t pay off with nothing. Nobody else could turn him no way. He was a complete prisoner in the chains of God’s Word, bound up only to THUS SAITH THE LORD.

153 Oh, if God can get Him prisoners like that! Now, that’s when He can express the preeminences, you see. He, He’s got the man, or the person, so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] All right. That’s secondly.

63-0728 - "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed"
Rev. William Marrion Branham

288 I was having a debate the other day with a...not a debate, just an Assembly of God minister and associate, said, “You’re wrong, on That.”

291 “Then where is that certain animal? Now, God said, ‘Let everything bring forth of its kind.’”

292 I waited just a minute. And the sweetness of the Holy Spirit said, “Tell him, ‘It’s here.’”

Now, at first I said, “Well, it may have become extinct.”

He said, “But, Brother Branham, that, we are talking about the Word, aren’t we?”

293 I said, “Yes, sir.” And I said, “They, course, claim that the other things, like dinosaurs and—and mammoth, and so forth, mammals, or mammoths, rather, they are extinct, and so forth.” I said, “It could have been that.”

294 He said, “Brother Branham, we are talking about proof of the Word. If sin is here, then, the original sin, it ought to be here also.”

295 And I said, “Lord Jesus, You said, ‘Take no thought what you shall say when you come before man, because it’ll be given to you in that hour.’ Lord, what shall I say?” He said, “Tell him, ‘It’s here.’” Just the same as I see the visions on the platform.

296 I said, “It’s here,” not knowing where.

He said, “Where?”

And before I could even think, He said, “It’s the serpent.”

65-0221M - "Marriage And Divorce"
Rev. William Marrion Branham

163. How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord...How do you—how do you feel is the best way to find the Lord’s will in some important matters?

Now, let...I don’t believe I...Let me see if I can get the continuity to it. “How do you feel is the best way (I see it should be a comma there, I suppose)...How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord’s will in some important matters?”

183 I tell you, dear friend, the best way to find the will of God in some important matters is prayer. See?

184 Now, let me...Here’s a wonderful little thing here. If you—if—if you have a matter that’s very important...Now, here’s the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it’s always been my strength; I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And I just let myself neutral to it, don’t take either side, and say, “Now, heavenly Father, it—it can...”

185 Course now, in my case most of the time, if it’s very important, I wait on a vision. But many people, God doesn’t deal with in visions. So therefore, I wouldn’t advise you to do that. See? Because it’s just some people that has visions and some does something else. Where you do something else that I couldn’t do, maybe—in your way of serving the Lord—I do something that you couldn’t do. See? God deals with us different.

186 And so I would if I was in your place and didn't have visions from before the Lord, I would just wait upon the Lord and say, "Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make." And then, way you feel led to do it, then wait just a little bit, then wait a little while longer, and see which way, which side you lean towards, which way the Spirit... Say, "Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; but I—I want to know what You want to do about it."

187 That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kind of led to go this way or that way, then I'll follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; you're doing the best you can.

188 And I believe this, my friends, as Paul was in the—in the New Testament in days gone by. He was between two straits, which way he should go. And he started on the wrong road, and he got a Macedonian call. And I believe if you are making a decision for God and do it the best that you can, I believe God will correct you and don't—see that you don't go wrong. I believe God will do it.

61-1015M - "Questions And Answers"
Rev. William Marrion Branham

350. How can a Christian get deeper in the love of God?

206 Read the Word and pray. Read the Word of God and pray. I'm going to hurry, just get as many as I can.

64-0830M - "Questions And Answers #3"
Rev. William Marrion Branham

82 And His character was, that, He did everything that pleased God, and He stayed with the Word. That's what He wanted us for, we'd stay with God's Word, find our place, and then know where we were at. Stay with His Word! And, think of it, we are invited to shape our own character to His. Now we're going to find out what we've done. Shape our character to His Own, by His Own Spirit. Then we, by Him, are sons of God, just what I've expressed, by having His mind in us, to shape our character to His, His

mind. "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you." If that mind is in you, then, you see...

64-0216 - "Identification"
Rev. William Marrion Branham

10 So that was it. Expectation! See? You...If you get to a place where you just humble yourself, don't ask, just—just be humble, then God will go to work. He will; it's His...when He will really work.

61-0210 - "Abraham's Covenant Confirmed"
Rev. William Marrion Branham