

1. (Hymn) ...sing back to Him. We're down here on this level, but our hearts are always with Him. I think He must be pleased. And He knows our limitation, that we haven't anything great, marvelous, ostentaciously to offer to Him. But just the little, sweet offering of love from our hearts, singing quietly here in this room. I want His heart to be pleased all the time, don't you? And sometimes I think that as simple a thing as this will give Him as much pleasure and joy as something that we could plan and fix of ourselves. But when the Spirit gets moving, the same tenure of thought, the same thing, it's like BORN OF THE SPIRIT, the Spirit brings it to you, to you, to you, to me, to you, all the way along, makes one, lovely, sweet offering back to God. (Prayer): Our Loving Lord, we thank You that You have given us some little way of expression, our singing and our song, over and against the melodies of heaven, and the singing, and the glory and the worship. Of course it's very broken and seems very shallow, but it's from our hearts, and the best that we have. And we pray that Thou wilt be praised to receive our thanks and our love and our devotion and the sense of our longing. Look at it, Lord, look at our hearts and read them. Read them. You read there what we can not always tell, but we are so happy to let You come in and move about, and receive from us what little we have. We thank You for this day and Thy presence with us. We thank You for this little time of fellowship again tonite, and the songs and the words, and whatever we have; whatever You want to give us, Lord. We want to receive it with grateful hearts and thanksgiving. We think, as we sit together of so many who would like to be with us; there are so many who want fellowship but are shut away, business and all kinds of concerns. Keep them. Give them a share also, Lord. Meet them where they are, and bless them. Bless them, Lord. They don't have to have this little atmosphere, but You can create an atmosphere about them and for them, and as their hearts reach up to Thee, we pray that Thou would put them in tune with Thee, that they may receive and that You may receive also the love and the devotion and the thoughts of our hearts. Bless us as we meditate and move along in the service tonite, for Jesus' sake, Amen.
  
2. Have you had a good day today? Has the Lord been talking to you a little? And did you get some little reactions in your heart from the message? Has it found a new place in you? And has it done something for you? I like it not only to feed you, but I like it to have the power of RELEASING, and bringing you to fresh, new places. Breaking any BONDAGE, or clarifying any       ?      . And setting you free from any traditional patterns which we make. We're such creatures of habit, and creatures of pattern, that before we know it, we arrange even in our RELIGIOUS LIFE, little patterns and little habits. We can't help it; we're creatures of that. We know that. And sometimes God has to come down and straighten us out because if we're not careful, we expect Him to rest in OUR little pattern which we have made. And sometimes He makes it rather shaky because He doesn't want to come in that pattern, He wants to create a fresh, new receptivity, a fresh, new opening to us. So don't be afraid if He comes and disturbs these things. I remember when I was in seminary, we had...oh, the "quiet talk man," what was his name? F.D. Gordan, who wrote the "Quiet Talks?" Do you remember all those "quiet" books? Well he taught our Sunday School class at the seminary very often. And he was not too keen on SET ORDER. If the Sunday School lesson didn't seem to appeal to him, with what was on his heart, he would just stand up and say, "Now, boys..." he called us "boys" because he was older than we were. We were all young men. "Now boys, I can't seem to get very far with this assigned lesson. They've fixed it all for us," But he says, "I just want to TALK to you." Then we always knew we were going to get something. We always knew that when he said, "I just want to talk," well that was plenty. I always glad he laid the Sunday School thing down. And some of the things that he told us then clung to me and it helped me. Now when I said, a few minutes ago, sometimes He comes to DISTURB us and break up some of our little religious, good habits; but they are rather BINDING, and they hinder anything fresh and new that He wants to bring to us because we have that same, little, old pattern that we hold up. He said, "Boys, I just want you to know something." He said, "Jesus is wonderful to us. He is Divine. But He is the DIVINE DISTURBER." Well, it kind of SHOCKED us, you know. "He is the DIVINE DISTURBER." Now, He doesn't come to upset and

disturb anything which He has Himself ESTABLISHED. But we're so constructed that when this Truth begins to grow, habits, traditions, and all sorts of things, grow right along WITH it. And He has to come as a DIVINE DISTURBER to separate those things. So he says, "Don't be afraid if He comes as a Divine Disturber." The disturbance is a DIVINE ARRANGEMENT. We only see the disturbance end of it. It distresses us. We see that end. But he says, "No. He is a DIVINE disturber. The disturbance is a DIVINE ARRANGEMENT." So that helped us. Now you can see how that could be possible, that, I said it only yesterday I think, that when He comes and seems to disturb us in our thinking and in our little theological patterns and doctrines, we call them. But I don't like that word, but we have to have it. It's too technical. When He come to disturb some of that, He has a right to do it for this reason. That when Truth is planted in our heart like seed, and it's called a SEED; He plants it. It breaks, it begins to grow and comes up. Now, that's the time that the TARE will grow up with the WHEAT. Now, they aren't "bad sins," but they are little, traditional things which are so much like the original, Spiritual things, ...now this is hard to say, but there are many, many people, even in our Christian circles, who cannot yet detect between Spirit, the Spirit of God, and RELIGIOUS flesh. They can't. Because it has a RELIGIOUS flair, they think, "It must be God." No, no, no, no. It could be HORRIBLY RELIGIOUS. It can shout! And yet be FLESH. Now, people don't know that. And that's why He said, "When the wheat grows, the thing that grows up with it is a TARE," which is so identical with WHEAT, that only a farmer can tell it, and it's about this high up in the field before he can detect it. It's so clever. So it is, as He sows these SEEDS OF TRUTH, and they ROOT in us, and GROW up, the enemy is very sure if he can't get you drunk, and lying and stealing, he can get you RELIGIOUSLY off the beam. Yes, he can. RELIGIOUSLY off the beam. Not off the beam getting drunk! But off the beam being RELIGIOUS! Or I've seen it, I've had to help people out of those messes for years! I always want to say, "What in the heavens did you get in that thing for?" "Well, I thought God... and the Lord..." I said, "You're 'thoughts' all...don't 'thought' anymore! Don't 'thought' anymore, let God 'thought' a minute." So in this parable, and He says, "The WHEAT and the TARES grow together." And they do. Now this...I said it a few days ago, and I say it again tonight, When we are walking and moving under an impact of Truth, and that is shaping up in our Christian philosophy and our way of thinking and it's governing, and it's shedding light on us and has influence over us, the lovely Truth, right along, parallel with it, very often these strange, religious habits and concerns, which are not of the Spirit at all, but they're all right; they aren't "bad, devilish, and 'go to hell!'" They're not that at all! But you can't tell them in the beginning from your wheat. Very few Christians seem to have, what I would call, very keen Spiritual discernment. They have RELIGIOUS discernment, but not TRUTH discernment. And so it grows. Now, God helped me with something. You move under the power of that Truth, maybe for a few years, for a while, and God wants to bring a fresh concept of Truth from another angle, and deposit that in your heart and life, that now you may live under the impact of THAT. That's little fresh revelation has come. Now, some can't take that at all, because they think, "Oh! That's something that's going to tear up and destroy my Spiritual life!" No, it won't, dear. It won't destroy it at all. It will help to CONVERT IT. And the Lord showed me something, and I've said it before, and I hope you will remember it. When a fresh, new impact of Truth comes; God sees to it that you come under some teaching. It may be quite revolutionizing; don't be afraid of it. IF THAT'S THE SPIRIT OF GOD, IT WILL NEVER DESTROY ANYTHING IN YOUR HEART OR LIFE THAT THEY HOLY SPIRIT HAS WROUGHT. He never will, you never need to be afraid of it. You never need to be afraid of it. You know what it WILL destroy? Those TRADITIONAL things. If you begin to feel "queer" and shaky, don't be scared. It's something God's shaking out of you. Yes, it is. They are notions, and little religious habits, and little ways of thinking that are not the pure things, the REAL thing that He's after. One fresh impact of Truth against that which is established, CONFIRMS the Truth which you ALREADY have, but will shake and loosen any artificial or religiousity that you have in there. It'll SHAKE that. That's always the thing that gets shaky. That's always the thing that gets shaky. The REAL Truth that's in you is always rejoicing, to think you got a new impact! You see, that's right. You REJOICE in the fresh touch of the Spirit and Truth. Well, sometimes it REVOLUTIONIZES you. It upsets a notion that you had for 10, 15, and 20 years, which the

Lord lets you have for the time. By and by He says, "Hey now. You've had that long enough. It's never gotten you anywhere when in trouble. Now let's get that out of the way." And on comes FRESH opening of the Word. A beautiful, lovely opening of the Word. It will never destroy anything He's established. It will certainly shake a lot of "funny" things that He wants to get out of the road. We've ALL found it. That is, if you've gone very far. So we don't have to be frightened. No. We can ACCEPT it, and rejoice in it. TRUTH IS PROGRESSIVE, continually, a PROGRESSIVE matter. We have to keep alive and awake, and very RECEPTIVE, so He can do in us what He wants to do. Don't be afraid if He shakes some of these things or helps you to, 5 or 10 years later, see the fallacy of something you thought was tremendous at that time. We thought it was just TREMENDOUS! Well, it was tremendously all OUT of God, but He couldn't come down and tell you! No, you'd all faint away and, "Uhhhhhuuhoo!" He says, "Go on." And away we go. And then later He comes down and brings the revelation, and helps us out. I think He's merciful. I think He's merciful. But sometimes, it's hard to deal with temperments, for we are all temperamentally different. In our disposition, our set-up, we are all so very, very different. One is very slow, the other, he's an extravert, he flies around right into it. Another one's a keen, nervous type. Another one is schematic. He's forever going ?. He's so dramatic, you know. The world could turn over, and the Devil walk through, and he says, "I think I saw something..." Yes, dear. Well now, he can't help that. That's the way he's made. He's slow and schematic. Do you see what I mean? He's...like that. He's whole temperment is that way.

3. Now, God KNOWS that, and so when the Truth comes, God knows it's coming into all these bits of receptivity. And He knows our reactions are going to be all very different. Now what we have to learn is to DISCERN that and then work with it. How many have ever found your temperment quite a problem to deal with? That's one of the worst problems that we have today? It's because none of us know who we are. If any of you think you know who you are, SIT DOWN! It's a display of ignorance to think you do. NONE of us know who we really are. And it takes a long time for that discovery, and great patience, so we have to have patience with people. And haven't you ever had, in dealing with them, said, "I wish I could get inside 'of him?" How many have ever had that? "I wish I could get inside of her for ten minutes!" You can't. She says, "Ha, ha, ha, ha, oh, dear..." she says, "Sweet Jesus..." I say, "Merry Christmas." And MONTHS, and you don't get anywhere at all with them. Oh, they have a "nice" time, but they can't hear....and then they can't interpret the things that come to them. I remember we had a student in school, years ago, and...a good, bright girl, but she always had her own, determinate reasoning, because she had quite a WILL. And you know, if you have quite a will, how many know you can get quite a "distinct" leading? Yes, you can. How many know that? Come on! Well sure. You have a good will and you're always getting a DISTINCT LEADING! Yes, you do. And this girl, she had a "leading," that she was going out into the "work." Well, to cap it off, now, she was only converted and saved, but she went and got a terrific Pentecost. And if there's anything on earth I dread to handle, it's a person who has been saved and got a wonderful baptism! I would rather be with a sinner! There's more hope for them. More hope for them. I wish you were a Spiritual director, to do somethings I have to do all the time. Then you'd know what I mean. That girl, now, filled with the Holy Spirit, with "all the visions of the THINGS TO DO FOR GOD! And the correction in this world that she ? That she was enthusiastic...why, ?!" And she gets going in fits. And so she(comes)for prayer. She wanted Brother Follette to lay hands on her and pray over her. I said, "Oh, Lord, I'd LIKE to pray right over her!" But I didn't dare to, you know! So I prayed, and I said...she wanted to know what I thought, and I said, "Well, I'll tell you. I have no witness in my spirit at all that this is of God. Now, I don't want to put a damper on you. I don't want to hurt you." And I said, "I have no witness at all in my spirit. I think this is a RELIGIOUS VENTURE, because of the enthusiasm YOU have, because of the impact of LIGHT, and it struck you so; why, you got the baptism..." "What do you mean all these people have the baptism? Why haven't they gone to town LONG AGO!? I'm GOING TO TOWN!!" So she dashed out, she was going to establish a MISSION. "Oh...", I thought, "Lord, help the folks that she has to work with!" But that would have been "naughty" to tell her that. She just would NOT listen. She would not listen.

Stubborn. She "knew" just what she was doing! How many know, you can't do much with them, but let them "bang their brains out?" That's about all you can do. And stand by and say, "Lord, have mercy," and then "scoop them up!" That's all. Really, that's true. So she went out, and what money she had, she started a mission. And she had this big ?, bought singing books, ?, and of course, the Lord couldn't bless a lot of that, that was purely a display of RELIGIOUS flesh. Religious now, she wouldn't... why she would hardly look at anything that was "wicked." I don't know if she had a newspaper; I think she did. She was really "good." "Oh," I thought, "Lord. When will the crisis come?" So it took weeks, and months, and months. Then she wrote, and she said, "Oh!" she said, "The persecution I'm having in this mission! The persecution I'm having!" The Lord's trying to stop her, you know. And she couldn't stop. And she said, "They're throwing tomatoes at us, and we're suffering terribly for Jesus!" Oh, how...you're suffering from SELF-WILL, sister! How many know, she was suffering from SELF-WILL? She was NOT suffering for Jesus at all. She was suffering from SELF-WILL. "NICE" self-will! Good, nice, respectable self-will! And I said, "Lord. Let the tomatoes fly!" I really did. I said, "Lord, let them fly!" And she said, "Pray that they shall come under conviction and all be saved!" Well, no. I can't pray that. I said, "Lord. Have mercy on that poor girl." How many know, you can't help a person like that? No, you can't. You've got to let them run to the end of their rope and hang themselves. That's all. So she went on weeks and months; she used up all of her money. She couldn't manage this thing at all. They persecuted her, and had just the most HORRIBLE time! So months after, she wanted to have a little talk. "Oh," I thought, "Hmmm." "Could she see Brother Follette?" I thought, "Oh...she some other brother." Some other brother. But she, I guess, knew that I knew something, and so I said, "It's all right." And so I was friendly with her when she came in, and she sat down. (undiscernable) I said, "How are you getting on?" Well, she said, "I'm stubborn as a mule!!!" "Oh!" I thought, "Good!" The light had dawned! That was the FIRST thing she said! "I'm as stubborn as a mule!" Well I thought, "You found it out!" Now, you see all that awful stuff she had to do? Well she said she didn't know what to do. But she was a very, very fine nurse. She was a gifted, trained nurse. And had a good position. But she left her GOOD position to SAVE THE WORLD! To "save the world." And she was counting on the "great sacrifice that she had made for Jesus! That she had given all ?" But she got that in her "bean" up there, and you can't get that out of the bean either. So she wanted me to pray and I prayed with her, and do you know what the Lord showed me? And I thought, "Lord, you've shown me this, You've got to show her that too!" She'll not get straightened out until she surrenders this whole episode of "saving the world," and goes BACK to the hospital, and takes up the VERY THING THAT SHE LAID DOWN, AND GO DIDN'T TELL HER TO LAY IT DOWN!! But in her RELIGIOUS ZEAL SHE laid it down! And I thought, "Lord, You've got to tell her that. And YOU'VE got to tell her that. I won't tell her, but I KNOW it." I know it just like the side of my hand. So I said, "You keep open. Let God talk to you." "Well, what is your advice?" I said, "I have NO advice to give you." I wanted to say, "you wouldn't take it if I gave it to you." But I said, "GOD may speak to you. GOD may speak to you." So I said, "Hold that before the Lord." And the Lord SPOKE it to her, and she came and confessed it. She said, "The Lord HAS spoken to me," and she said, "Do you know what He wants?" I said, "Yes," I said, "What is it?" "Well, I need to go back and take up where I left off!" That's the truth. And she laid down this, "marvelous, wonderful calling," and went back to the hospital, signed up, and worked until the LORD released her HIMSELF. And when the Lord released her, how many know, she had peace in her heart? Well, that's only a little illustration to show you what strange creatures we are. What strange creatures we are. Anybody think you know who you are, or I think I know, I DON'T know, you DON'T know. But God is very patient and very merciful. And He takes us along, just step by step. Then finally, after the Lord made her go back, and COME THROUGH CORRECTLY, He blessed her, and the last I knew of, she had a REAL ministry. A sweet, little ministry; laid down her heart. It was rather simple compared to turning the city over, with her mission and tomatoes fired at her. That's was all out of the picture. But she had dissipated much that she might have had for God. I could stand here and tell you stories that would...sometimes I think we ought to be told

these things...because we go and performing all these funny things. Because that's been a part of my ministry, is to DIG PEOPLE OUT and release them and set them free. And it's a terrifying ministry. It isn't pleasant. But they come and say, "Tell me!" I say, "I'm afraid you wouldn't believe me if I did tell you." It would be much nicer to have a peaceful ministry, you know, and oh, "Ho, ho, ha..." Wouldn't that be lovely? Well, I don't think I want it! Too many have that. He wants something that's real.

4. And so, when we come back to our thought...there we are, yes...and yet He's so very patient with us. I don't know, has He been speaking to you today? Did any of you get any new moving in God or didn't you? Did you get a little more moving in God, and can we learn by somebodies elses exploits? Or do we have to have it demonstrated personally in us, and knock us on the head like that, and we come to and say, "Thank the Lord." Or can we say, "I see that. Thank you." God says that all these episodes in the OT were given for our ADMONITION and HELP. Therefore He records FAILURES, horrible failures, BLESSINGS, He says, "All these things happened as an ENSAMPLE," that is, an EXAMPLE or an illustration for your and my ADMONITION. Well then I want to BE admonished by them. I read the OT and see what God did and what happened. I want to be admonished. Corrected, admonished, encouraged, strengthened, illuminated, through those episodes. I read them over and over and over. All those OT stories and the doings; I read them and read them. And everytime I read them I find something new. Always find something new because He says, "It's for your edification. That's for YOUR help. Now read it." So I say, "Oh... Lord." And I read it.

5. Anyone have a little word that God has helped you with, or do we have to talk? Have to talk?

Woman: I wanted to ask you about this wheat and tares growing. Jesus said to leave them until the harvest, and then they will separate them. Is that for Him to do?...

Follette: Well, that is taken on the broad angle of correcting the WORLD'S situation.

Woman: Oh, I see.

Follette: That's why. He's says there's no need of trying to take the gospel to correct the world or field. Now He has to let all of these things grow. That's on the broader scale. How many know that we, as Christians, can't bring in a millenium? There's no need to. It's nice to do those things, but we can't do it. I think of these great organizations. They are good to RELIEVE for a time some part of the distress, but they will never CORRECT it. When Jesus was here, He never started out any campaign of CORRECTION! But it's so much easier, and the first idea is to CORRECT the situation. As soon as you get a little light, you're going to correct everything! That's a normal reaction. Jesus didn't. Did He organize any organization to take care of slavery? How many know, slavery was right there, full tilt? How many know, drunkenness was there, full tilt? Rotten politics was there full tilt! Did He organize a THING for the correction of it? Not at all. But today, in this age, we are so "much wiser" than Jesus. So that we organize all the good things we can to combat it, because we have "wisdom." That's why I can't shine with a lot of things. They say, "Don't you...." I say, "I don't." I just can't. I can't afford to give what strength God has given me into a thing that I know is going to dissipate it. And bring nothing. Money, time, energy---slaving to do a thing HE is not doing! Now He could have organized all this business long ago, but He didn't. He said, "Go out and tell them about the Lord. And bring them into salvation. Give them the message. Now I will bring in the millenium when I get ready. Please don't bother with that now." "But, Lord, You're able! Jesus died for the world!" Yes, that's good, you've heard the argument, you've heard it for years. But that's not the point. The point is WHAT OBJECTIVE HAS HE IN MIND? If He isn't REDEEMING the world, what is He doing? He's calling out some people, out of it, that's all. Calling out, here and there, some people out of this mess, shaping us, and now His great objective is to train them, and educate them, illuminate them, develope them, bring them as far as He can to a certain qualification of Spiritual potestinal powers, and then He'll come and take it and bring it over

into a new age, and start with it in there. Now that's what He's after. That's what He's after. So it takes us a long time.

6. We were talking today about these DEGREES. I don't think we need to tape what I'm going to talk, because I've talked along this line on tapes before, and I don't think we need it. No, because what little message is on my heart concerning these DEGREES OF DEVELOPMENT, I've told before, and I suppose there's six kinds of tapes, and the tapes are never the same after I do give the message. Because I don't write any sermons. I never can preach a sermon identical as I did before to save my neck. I couldn't repeat what I gave this morning to save my soul. And yet I could give you the general teaching philosophy. How many know that? You've heard me enough to know that. I can't write a message, a sermon, and preach it. Others can; I'm not quarreling with them. I can't because I'm not made that way. But I have a bit of Truth sometimes it shines up through this imagery, and illustration, and sometimes it shines up through that. And in teaching along the same line, I may not use exactly the same story, but I still have it. I felt maybe it might help you, since we are talking about these DEGREES, these degrees that we found in this DISCIPLESHIP; you remember a talk I gave once with these circles, and the fellowship of the people moving about Jesus? Well, would you bear if I bring that out for a little while tonight? Maybe some have not heard it and maybe some are a little hazy on it. Well, it is a bit of Truth that the Lord made very real to me and it's helped me to interpret the things in God very often, and to help pacify and not be upset. He have it to me with this sort of an illustration. Now, Jesus is the center of all things. He's the center of this universe, to tell the truth. BY HIM all things consist. He's the AUTHOR of it. He's the SUSTAINER of it. He's the REDEEMER of it, and in time, will be the KING of the whole thing. Now that's that position. So I made a dot right here, like this. (on blackboard) That would be the CHRIST. Now let's take this idea of being the CENTER and the development of all these things about Him, take it over at the time when He is living, and use this pattern to show you the DEGREES or LEVELS of SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP which were very present right at the time when Jesus was here. Now this illustration will show you what was very common even while Jesus was here. There were circles of, groups of people, manifesting certain RECEPTIVE powers all the while He was ministering. All those people were not on the same Spiritual level at all, neither had they the same Spiritual receptivity, not at all, neither was their response in the heart the same. Not at all. And yet they were all moving about Him. All moving about Him, continually. So I make this dot. This is Jesus as the CENTER. Now, as He moved, we'll make this great, big outer circle like this. This is the great, big, outer circle. That will represent the MULTITUDES of people who milled about Him. Sometimes a thousand, two thousand, three thousand, four thousand, five thousand, six thousand. That's the great multitude of people who moved about Him. Now, generally, I had put down here certain characteristics marks of each group, so that you could pick out the different people who moved about Him and classify them. You can say, "That one belongs in this group, and this one belongs in that group." And so I put for my outer circle...take this for instance, in Luke 10:1. "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself would come. Therefore said He unto them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the harvesters are few...,' and so on. But He's beginning to sense and detect the question of DISCIPLESHIP that we have.
7. Now this I call the MULTITUDE. It (the writing) looks like Eskimo, but it's really English! That's the MULTITUDE. That's a great circle, a whole multitude. They knew about Him. How did He minister to them? Well, we heard today how He ministered to them. Through a simple message of stories and parables and miracles. Now, He won't use that technique when He commences to deal with the disciples, but that's His technique when He deals with them. Now what was the general word that would characterize them? They were drawn to Him because of CURIOSITY. Is that still in vogue, or isn't it? How many of you think in these great, big, overwhelming meetings, that all those say, three, four, eight thousand people have gathered around that man because they are so terribly hungry for God? No, now you couldn't make me believe that at all. I think many of them, out

of curiosity, to see and hear something as phenomenal as that. So they say, "Have you heard Him, have you seen Him? Have you been?..." Isn't that common? Certainly it's common! You wouldn't want to say, say 5,000 people hearing the evangelist tonight were all there because they were "SO hungry, and they all got saved!" They didn't! They were drawn there because of a strange CURIOSITY. I call it the "cosmic curiosity," that's born in man. And they always like to be satisfied with something. Do you know that a lot of them would go to a PARADE just as quickly as they would to that? A lot of them would. Don't be deceived and think, "They all went because they were starved to death for the Lord!" When He gives a call, how many know they don't come rushing? It's just curiosity, coming out. I would say, here's CURIOSITY characterizes them, and you have a MULTITUDE gathering about Him.

8. Now where does He find the DISCIPLES? OUT FROM AMONG the multitude, He began to call and bring a group of people in. This is the DISCIPLE group. Multitude group...OUT FROM the multitude He CALLS. That's where His source is supplied, from the multitude. But He hasn't any idea of bringing the whole multitude through. OUT FROM the multitude He begins to call DISCIPLES. Disciples. Disciples. And so we find His DISCIPLES, and if you want, I think we have...you can have that verse if you want to. That will coincide with our message that we had today. This is the circle of disciples, or "taught ones." And they are given a MISSION. "Go and do, go and teach." They were divinely appointed with a mission. So I would say the characteristic mark here is that they are SERVING. Serving. Multitude--CURIOS. Disciples, coming from the multitude, a whole bunch of them; we don't know how many hundreds of disciples He had. They all had a simple ministry. Now, out from among these disciples, how many remember, He called another group? I'll give a verse for that. Here are verses you can put under this disciple one for your study. Matthew 5:1, are the "rules" of the Spirit concerning the kingdom. "And seeing the multitude, He went up into the mountain and taught." Now, here is the Sermon on the Mount. He won't give it to this multitude, He gives it to this (disciples) group. And what is the Sermon on the Mount? It is a MANIFESTO OF THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES to be manifest in the kingdom. And if the kingdom of God is in your heart, everyone of us should have a miniature millenium. Yes. Everyone of us should have what we call a "miniature millenium." Because it is a kingdom in which He reigns and rules, all the while beasts are taken care of, and the conditions are proper because of His redemptive power. All right. Now, you'll find that that's a good verse to take in there, and then, ...oh...Luke 14:33, and look up, when you study that. You'll get all the verse that go with that with this morning's lesson.
9. Now, out from these disciples, we'll say He has these APOSTLES. Well, the circle's going to get smaller. Multitudes are thousands; this we'll put in hundreds, then in here we find, even in the TWELVE...do you find a GRADATION in the twelve, or don't you? Who are they? (Peter, James, and John) Uh, huh. How many can see that right away? Yes, Peter, James, and John. Now that will characterize a new circle within in circle. This is what we call wheels IN wheels. Wheels within wheels. Now here we will find Peter, James, and John. Now He will have some special doings with them that He won't have with the rest of the disciples. (Man: Is there a circle for that?) Well, the apostles are included; you don't have to have a special circle for them. You don't need to. But I call this in with the apostles. Yes, you can call it apostles here. That isn't your great, general circle, but they are three out of the disciple group. For OUT FROM AMONG the disciples, He calls the twelve who are apostles. Now, OUT FROM AMONG these apostles, He will get THREE. Is that right; now do you get it? He will get three. Peter, James, and John. That disturbed me a little; when He was opening this to me and showing me how this thing went and He made me make circles and lines; I just have all kinds of contraptions going when God talks to me. I make figures and all kinds of things. Because it makes it clearer to me. And He told me how to make these figures and circles, and what to put in them and what to eliminate so that I could see it for myself, and it has helped

people to see how there's a GRADATION. A GRADATION, continually. I thought, "Well, what would characterize these people that He should find in them what He didn't find perhaps in the other twelve?" Well, was it because they were "better?" No. Well, I said, "Lord, what is it?" Well, then He showed me that He works with people according to RECEPTIVITY. According to whatever RECEPTIVITY you have, He will MEET you in that. And that will classify you with those who are able to receive. Now, don't be upset if you don't get everything as Paul! And don't be upset because we feel rather limited. Take what capacity that you have and I have, and we offer it back again to God and say, "Here, God, is my little capacity. I didn't make it, I woke up with it." And You didn't make it; you woke up to find it." Get this idea out of your heads that we are made thus and so because God made us, "God made us this way." He didn't. God DISCOVERED US in our fallen, broken mess. He didn't MAKE us that way. That would make God a very unjust God and a God of partiality, and He is NOT. He doesn't sit up before the babies are born and say, "Now the baby's going to be born, I'm going to make a musician out of her, and this one over here, I don't like the looks of...I think I'll just make a common thing of her. This man I'm going to make a drunkard, and that one, alright, he's going to be a thief." Well, what kind of a God have you!? But you hear people say, "Well, this is the way God made me!" I said, "Well He certainly made a MISTAKE!" Well, they do. No. How many know, you are not what God MADE you? You are what God DISCOVERED when He FOUND you. The MOLD of Adam was perfect, but it was BROKEN, and all humanity has poured down through a broken mold, and every born creature has the MARKS of a broken mold. The marks on some are thus, and the marks on others are thus, and the marks on others...but everyone BORN in this world has the marks of a broken mold! God didn't break the mold. MAN broke it. God never said, "I give you the power to generate and bring forth. I'll breathe the breath of life in it." And what does he bring forth? MAN ONLY BRINGS FORTH FLESH. That's all, he brings forth BROKEN FLESH. He brings forth BROKEN HUMANITY.

10. So in this great mass of broken humanity, there are different levels. Don't quarrel with it, accept it. How many of you were pleased when you found out really who you were? Well, SIT DOWN. Wasn't it a day when we found out a little of who we were? How many want to crawl under the bed and never come out again? Well, why? Because God was just giving us a little peak, a little peak, just a little squink, and we say, "Oh, God! How can You do it?" But He takes up with us. He just takes up with us because He loves us. So don't quarrel about your TEMPERMENT, your DISPOSITION, who you are and what you are. It takes a good while to accept it. Then when you accept it, lay it right over on Him. Say, "I accept it Lord, that's the way I am. I can't do a thing with it!" He says, "I'm a specialist in WRECKS. Are you a wreck?" I say, "Yes. Perfectly wrecked." "All right," He says, "I'm a specialist in that. Now, come in. Now, get out of the way..." "But... Lord...this..." "GET OUT OF THE WAY. DON'T EXPLAIN THIS WRECK TO ME." "But Lord, You know I wouldn't have been that way if it hadn't been for..." Do you know that old lingo, or don't you know that old lingo? DON'T TRY TO DEFEND THE OLD, BROKEN WRECK. Don't defend it. Accept it as it is and say, "Lord, without You, that's what this mess is." But He says, "I'm a specialist in messes and wrecks. Now you take your hands off and let Me come in. And I will reshape and recast, and I'll bring this thing through." Now in these strange creatures that we are, are all these dispositions; now some have capacity for one thing, some have capacities for another. Here are three that I think had unusual, Spiritual awakening or openness. Do you think that's so? There was something in Peter... (end of side 1)
11. Isn't that right? It's the same today. God can move in a meeting and bring the precious power of the Spirit, and Truth illuminated. How many know, that maybe three out of ten will respond? There is just no receptivity. He doesn't say, "Go to hell." He will take us on the level we are on, and take us just as far as He can. I put this SPIRITUAL APTITUDE, Spiritual aptitude...and here are places; did you ever notice where they went, these three that he had? The raising of the damsel, Mark 5:37. We won't go into that, but there's where He took Peter, James, and John. Luke 5:1-12, the miraculous (catch) of



fishes. Mount of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-17. Mark 14:32-33, in the garden. Now there are four places in which He deals especially with these three disciples. And it's something for them. I think, as I say, because it was something, a SPIRITUAL OPENNESS that characterized them. So I said, "Well, maybe they were more Spiritual, or maybe ?" He said, "No," He said, "If you look at the story, every episode in the four stories will show deficiency, a lack, deficiency, a lack. It was not perfection." Never let, for instance here, where He has the drought of fishes. That's never the miracle. And He had been ministering to them. That's a good story. That's a good story. Did you look at the MOTIVATION that prompted those people gathering there? It says, "And when the people pressed upon Him TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD," then He sat down and began to TEACH. It says distinctly He TAUGHT. That what you think of other groups? Yes. A group of four of five thousand. And He worked a miracle, and He gave them fish. Didn't He? Uh, huh. You don't find Him teaching anything. You know what you find? You find them leaving them alone eating the fish. That's right. That's right, He had a right to. Because when he saw that group, where He's making the fish and making this miracle; and that was a real, genuine miracle. A real, genuine miracle. And they were hungry, and He had mercy upon them, and He fed them. But what did He discern in them? While they were enjoying the miracle that He has given them. It says, "And He PERCEIVED...," that's where that awful perceiver comes out. It just goes out like that and perceives, and you don't have to say a word. Haven't you noticed when the Lord deals with you, He doesn't allow too much talk? How many know, He just goes like that, and He knows plenty? Don't explain anything to Him. "Lord, You know..." "I know plenty." "Now, Lord, You know if it hadn't been that she said this and did that, I wouldn't of. Of course I wouldn't have God. You know that I was provoked to because ba, ba, ba...." "Be still, dear." Why? Because His PERCEIVER discerns more than our prayers could ever SAY. When they sit there on the side of the mountain eating a real, genuine miracle, and He had them right, as we say, in His hands, He got up on a soap box and He said, NOW is your opportunity!" No, He didn't. That's what the public people do. They say, My! What a chance to get at Him!" Why didn't He stand up there and...? Do you know why? I asked the Lord about it. He said, "They had stomachs, but no ears." Isn't that right? He said that. He said, "They had STOMACH CAPACITY, but not HEARING CAPACITY," therefore He didn't speak anything, but they got a miracle because they are on a miracle LEVEL. And they have stomach capacity. And while they were eating it says, "He PERCEIVED that they would by force make Him a king." What was going on? All this. "Making fish like this! He's says He's the Messiah, why doesn't He "messiah?" That's it. That's it. Do you know that or don't you? Jesus knew it. Jesus knew, and "when He perceived that by force, of their own manipulation, channel this lovely thing into a political thing..." How many know, people are still channeling the Lord? And His power. It's IN man to do it. I know a lot of ? is marvelous, and it's purely MAN channeling the thing for God. I know it. "He perceived that they would by force make Him a king." He got up and said, "THIS is the psychological moment that I've been waiting for! I AM your king! Now we will institute the kingdom!" He did not. "And when He perceived that they would by force channel this thing into a kingdom episode, HE LEFT THEM, and WENT ALONE up in the mountain."!! Well, what were they doing? Eating a miracle. "Good fish, isn't it? Marvelous. Great." Where is He? Well, THE MIRACLE is gone, dear. How many know, the Miracle went out of the picture? Do you see that or don't you? You don't care if I tear this picture apart and show the real thing do you? You have so many preachers preaching. "Oh, the power! He made bread and fish! Hallelujah! Can you make fish?" I said, "No. I make bread." How many of you get something? Do you care if I unmask all of it you, or don't you? Do you care if I tear it all apart and show you the real thing? Or do you want the Sunday School charts? "...and angels flowing out, "Oh, glory!" No. I can't do that. I'm a realist. You don't care if I unmask some of these things? When I go through New Testament when I write my ideas on it, pray for me, I'll ?! Because I like to dig it out and expose it. When I see these things, I'm scared too. You never heard any preach about that multitude that way, did you? No, I know you didn't. Because that's not popular way to present the Truth. How many know, this is really the honest way, because it got down to the ROOTS of the thing? He never stayed with them to have that miracle at all, it says, "He left them and went away up in the mountains." And

I've often said, "I wish I could have been up there and said, 'Oh, Lord, keep away from them. Keep away from them. They'll kill You.'" How many know they did finally kill Him? Yes, they finally killed Him.

12. So, there was one picture. How many see a FAILURE right away? Well, take another one, With this drought of fishes...when He says, "Cast your nets for another drought..." and Peter says, "Thank You, Lord! That's just what I'll do! In obedience to Your word because You know much more than I do; quite a little more. And therefore I will be obedient to You. And You say, 'Cast the net.'" And Peter said, "Yes, Lord, thus will I do!" He did NOT. He had to have a little set-to with the Lord, to tell the Lord a few things! "Well, we've fished here all night! And we haven't got anything! And now go and...? All right...All right..." How many get the point or don't you? Now, do you know what that is? That is a thing that I've told you before. FLESH must always have it's FLING, before it will release the SPIRIT to move. Before He can work that miracle, FLESH has to have an argument with Him! "You say cast? But I know Lord, but You know, I think we're all right...and I know these coves, and I've fished, and there are no fish..." Do you know the biggest thing that he ever said in that conversation? "NEVERTHELESS." That was the biggest word He ever uttered. He got in the middle of it and he says, "Even though I know more about this than You do, Lord, NEVERTHELESS, at Your word, I'll let the nets down." Well, I want to say, "You better!" Don't let the bottom fall out of the boat! Some people have to and be dragged to the shore by an ear and they say, "I think something happened..." I say, "Yes it did." No. How many see, FLESH performing before the Spirit can do anything at all? "NEVERTHELESS," is the biggest word he spoke; he said, "Nevertheless...even though I know more about this than You do, NEVERTHELESS, I will condescend to Your wisdom, and I will cast the net." How many see perfection? No, you don't. No, you don't. And here, at the last, which is always so pitiful to me; I have wept over it. Some of these things I get crying about, because I think they are so pathetic.
13. Now, the next one is when He is going up into the garden, just before Calvary. Just before Calvary. He going alone to pray. So He takes the whole band of disciples and says, "Now you'll pray this thing through. An all night meeting! You get a promise, and I'll get a promise, you get a promise, and we'll put all our promises together, and we'll just pray this thing through! One, two, three!" No. That's the technique of the day. And I don't want that technique. No. He called to Him James and John, and He's very heavy in Spirit. He says, "Go with Me, we're going up to pray on the mountain. A place we had prayed before." He says, "We'll go." What made me feel bad, and I cried about it was this. Now, Jesus hadn't any idea that they were going to "pray Him out" of that condition. You know that, don't you? Do you think Jesus had any idea that Peter, James, and John would pray Him out of this Calvary episode? NO!! Well, then what's the matter? Personally, and you can take this for what it's worth, I feel that it was that purely human instinct in Him that desired the fellowship of a human touch. He was a HUMAN BEING doing that. Now, He was the Son of God! But He was under the whole power and concept of a perfect HUMAN creature. And how many know, the human creature likes a little fellowship, a little understanding? It waits for it and invites it. I don't think he had any idea or took them up there because they were going to "pray Him out of it." But in His HUMANITY He liked to sense, "Here are some who know Me and understand Me. They will pray with Me. I like to feel that they're there. That they're there." I told you before that I'm very sensitive, and very often when I'm in a mood like that, I feel like I'd like to be by a saint who could touch me. Actually just touch me. That's all I want, because I'm very "strange" that way, because I have known myself to relax out of a real, nervous tension from someone who was in sympathy, touching me. Now, that's strange, but it's true. I've been under tension that if a person who knew me, understood and sympathized with me would just touch me like that...now that's something, I've told you, with good psychology in it, but how many know that's real? That's real. That's real. Because I've received it more than once. More than once. Some have gifts in that direction. Well I think that was a sweet picture of the HUMANITY of Jesus. The HUMANITY of Jesus, that He should desire the sweet fellowship of an understanding spirit. It was their spirit that He sensed. Now, do you find PERFECTION in it? No, because they all went to

SLEEP! God would let something happen everytime, like Peter with the fish; going to sleep; every episode will have a MARRING thing so we won't bank on the thought that they were perfect.

14. The Mount of Transfiguration, did they understand it? No. So stupid that they thought that they would make tabernacles and stay there. And yet how He loved them. It wasn't because they were so smart, because they were so deeply spiritual, because they discerned. No. But they were the nearest, in the human set-up, of anything Spiritual that He could take with Him. And when He sees SPIRITUAL CAPACITY, I've seen SPIRITUAL CAPACITY in people who are extremely limited, that God has honored. Have you ever seen that or haven't you? Well, I'd like to take you to the foreign field, I've been in Africa among the heathen, where I've seen the poor, dear negros who have been wonderfully saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, who had more response in Spirit than some of the most educated people that you'd ever want to see. I've handled with them; been with them. Been with them. Well, what is that? They had a sense of SPIRITUAL RECEPTIVITY that was attained, something of a repoire, you see. They had that. And He likes it. And so we'll find that here are the three, Peter, James, and John, and I would call it SPIRITUAL RESPONSE, SPIRITUAL APTITUDE, whatever you'd like to put in here. Now, almost parallel with that; I wouldn't make a distinct circle, but there's a circle almost like it in here; I wonder if you could detect what that would be, where He had special fellowship? The BETHANY HOME. How many remember Bethany home. It was special. Well, who was in it? The little "trinity" is in there. The little trinity. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. That is a pretty story too. That's one of the lovely pictures of Him in the SIMPLICITY of His HUMANITY. That He would come into the human aspect of things so much that He would discuss just the common, everyday things like food. I like Him to do that. I like my heart to be like that, don't you? That He could come into my heart and say, "(undiscernable)...did you see that?" I LIKE that. Is He real? He wants to be real. That's the way I live with Him. You see, I'm living alone, I have to develop some kind of companionship. You have husbands and wives, and sons and daughters...well, I don't have any of it. But I have HIM. I have HIM. And we have sweet fellowship, and we have an understanding, I think just as good as a man or a wife or a daughter and son could have. How many have little secrets with Him? Come on, own up! Don't you? Well, surely! "Well, He is just a HOLY man..." Well, He IS holy, and I love Him, but I love Him in His humanity, in His understanding. So you will find that HOUSEHOLD.
15. Well now, from Peter, James, and John, let's close the circle down a little bit more. You find anybody in that little Peter, James, and John group that seems to have had a fellowship closer? JOHN. Well of course. How many see it automatically divides itself, and reduces. Automatically. You don't make it up; it's there. You discover it and love to talk about it, but it's there; it's been there for two thousand years. But it's nice to find it and talk about it. So now we'll find another circle, I would call this the fourth circle, the Bethany Home. Here's the FIFTH circle, with John. Oh my! Do we get to go home now? All right..,I was going to say I got some little things jotted down here I'd like to tell that goes with that, if you'll take up with it. Here is the fifth circle, and we find John, very close indeed. Now, how close does He come? Yes. He comes so near that he's very close to Jesus and puts his head over on Him. Don't you think that's quite close? Now that's what I call the LEANING position. Some of you have asked me to develop the theme I've suggested, oh, a couple of years ago, and I've never written it out yet. God woke me up in the night one night. I get many of these things when I'm very still and perfectly clean in my thinking. That is, I'm not thinking of anything mundane or depressing. He lets me go asleep, so that sleep has washed out my own thinking I'm not thinking along any special lines at all. I'm "dead," asleep. He comes to wake me, and I know when He comes to wake me up. I know when He comes to wake me up. I just know God's around. How does He look? I haven't any idea. I've never seen anything of Him. I've never seen the Lord; I don't want to see Him. I have Him in my HEART. I want to see Him as He comes. That happens. It's part of an atmosphere that's created between us that I know that He's going to say something or do something, so I keep very, very

still. I always keep very still, and I say, "Well...what does He want?" I've had this to happen two or three...three or four times distinctly. And everytime He gives me something. And this time when I was ? myself, He said, "I want to say to you something. In the Word of God you will find there are given in the flesh, in the natural, with a person, the activities of the BODY. There are SEVEN POSTURES OF THE BODY." There are SEVEN. Seven is COMPLETION. There are seven postures of the body. We have, say, SITTING, STANDING, RUNNING, KNEELING, and so on; there are seven, I can't go into this NOW, but I'm just going to give it to you as a little picture, picture for you. And the last one is LEANING. Now, all these postures are mentioned in the Word with an EXACT ILLUSTRATION of them, and the very words! I never heard such a thing in my life. And He says, "Now listen..." And He started with, "Standing," say, and He would show me the illustration in the Word of God where the person was standing, and where the word, STAND would BE. "Sitting," and what it would mean, and the person sitting, or the word, "sitting," or "sat." Right on up till we came to LEAN, and there was an illustration of a person illustrating it every time, and scripture verses with it. Now for instance we have touched on some of this already. We are going to talk about, for instance, SITTING. Do you know what the SITTING POSTURE is? The SITTING POSTURE is RECEPTIVITY, acquiescence. The sitting posture. Receptivity. Acquiescence. Now, as a teacher, it is the outpouring, the teaching is a sitting position. Now, you don't HAVE to sit to teach, but in the Word of God it distinctly says so. When you find Jesus teaching, you always find the word, "And He sat and taught," or "He was seated and He taught." Now, I never heard such a business! I've just casually read it for 50, 60, 70 years and it never stuck with me. Well He said, "Then stop, you read too fast." In the Sermon on the Mount, He was distinctly teaching, what does it say? "And when He was in the mount and SAT...and when He was SEATED." Sat down. Relaxation. These people with Him, "He TAUGHT them." Do you get that or don't you? Now all the little technicalities are in the Word of God; I like to see them, personally. Because they show such a strange, sense of God's carefulness in all of the menisua. (?) The little menisua (?). He is interested in it. Now we had it in tonite's lesson. Sitting...where was it? You see, when the multitude PRESSED UPON HIM, get your MOTIVATION. When the multitude pressed upon Him in the fields to have the miracle of bread and fish, the motivation? That was all motivated. Was it deep hunger for Him? No. A deep hunger for a miracle and a kingdom picture. They had developed a KINGDOM COMPLEX, psychologically, and it had become a FIXATION. And there it is. Now. Now, He's down by the lake, resting. "And as the multitude pressed upon Him to HEAR THE WORD OF GOD..." How many can see the MOTIVE right away? Do you get it? How many can see that? And when the multitude, now down by the sea shore, pressed upon Him TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, He SAT down in the boat and taught them! He didn't preach! Isn't that perfect? It's ?, but isn't it good? I think it is. I just have a grand time digging these things out, I say, "Lord, ? think about, but when I get on paper, it's rather evasive." I don't think anyone wants me to find anything. No. Because I lose track of it, and it makes me think of a rabbit, or a woodchuck or something, and you see him behind this stump and you say, "Oh, I have it now, in this place, right here!" And he's gone and he's over behind that tree. Then you have to go way over there in the Old Testament behind some "tree" in the Psalms. Then I say, "Now, here's a tree..," and I come over and notice in the New Testament; by that times he's jumped way over Galatians! Then way over in Revelation. How many noticed what I mean? The inkling of the Truth that I'm after has all these strange "hiding places." And I find them in maybe six different books. Isn't that good? How many like to study, or don't you like to study? I like to study, I don't know, it's some kind of a burden, but it works! But I get things. I get lots of them.

16. And so it was here. He simply said that, "Do you see that?" When the people pressed upon Him to HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, how many get your MOTIVATION right away? What was His reaction? He SAT in the boat and preached...NO. He SAT DOWN AND TAUGHT. Well, I could go through those postures; it would take me a day I guess to do it. But don't you think their interesting? I have SCRIPTURE for them. I have verses which illustrate it exactly with the VERY WORDS! Now, what is LEANING? He LEANED on Jesus' breast. (people in group guess) Well, some of it's right...if I STAND, how many see I have sense enough to

MAINTAIN my POSITION? But if I get down where I have to lean, how many can see a relaxation, and a sort of a collapse of my being that I need to be SUSTAINED? How many can get that? Yes. That LEANING POSITION. Leaning. So I said, "I see that, Lord." Now, get this too. All of the disciples are going up to this fellowship room, this Last Supper. They're all invited. They're all invited. This is Jesus' last little time of conversation with them. And His heart is already heavy. "Yet with longing have I longed to have this hour with you, even though I know it is My last hour. And my last time of communion. Even though that's so, I long for it." How His heart hungered for that fellowship with them. So they go up in this upper room. Remember, it's upstairs. They've gone up in the upper room. It's a little supper that they're going to have. Were there any PLACE CARDS? Were there? Well, doesn't that mean that you have a right to sit where you choose? But I mean there was no designation when they went in, "This is for Peter, and this is..." No, no place cards at all. They find their own place. Now, when Jesus sits there, it's the privilege of anybody that WANTS to go and sit by Him. That's their privilege. It's not, "You sit here, and you sit..." No. You know, anybody can sit by Jesus who wants to? Uh, huh. And so they go up, and I like to think them, I visualize them, I see them climbing up the steps, you know, it was upstairs. They go clattering up those stairs, and old Peter was talking, and Matthew, and they were just going, you know, and talking, and going up the steps, up to supper, and when they go into the room, you know, they just go in and sit down and continue the conversation, and "the Lord's there, you know." Like that. Well, I know one who didn't do that. I know one who didn't. Do you know why? Well, this is an old bachelor talking. How many know LOVE is very quick sighted? Or didn't you know that? LOVE is very quick sighted. It detects, and discerns, and sees, where a clumsy one would just, "Ha..ha..ha..sit here, yes, what did you have for supper?" No. Dear, dear, Lord. Isn't it terrible how people are? No, when they go in, LOVE is quick sighted. And the heart of John wants to be very near the heart of Jesus. I know he does. How do I know? Because he saw to it that he found a place right next to Him, which was a privilege for any who WANTED it. So he said, "I'll sit here. He was ? that he could do it. So he sat down by Jesus, (undiscernable) I call it repoire, there was an INTERCHANGE. How many know INTERCHANGING SPIRIT without WORDS? How many ever talked without words? Have you ever loved anyone, "I thought she knew everything about love!" I (undiscernable) I've lived, dear. I'm not so dumb. I don't wear my heart on my sleeve, but wouldn't a lot of folks want to see it? Ha. They say, "Follette, when you write your memoirs, give me an auto-graphed copy!" They think they're going to find out a lot of things! You know, like how old and everything like that! But I love this sweet picture of Him. I love that lovely, lovely picture, because I feel love is very quick sighted and discerns where no one else is. Two people that are in a room and in love, how many know, they will see things that nobody else sees? Certainly they do! They see little "looks," and little (undiscernable) They discern a lot of things that nobody else is seeing at all! No. "Oh," they say, "Do you know anything about that?" Oh, dear. How many know, we're real after all? I'm glad I know something like this so I can help people. I say, "I've lived too honey." Yes. I've suffered too. I've suffered too. I've suffered. So I (undiscernable) How many know that's good? That's good. That will help you. That will help you. That will help you. Don't be afraid of any experience that He brings you through. He will USE it. He will use it. He will BLESS it. He will help you to INTERPRET, He will help you to PENETRATE, He will help you to SEE. He will help (undiscernable)

17. So John comes in and he sits down by Jesus. And he LEANS upon Him. Now, LEANING you see, is, I would say, EXHAUSTION. Do you know the illustration that He gave me? This is one of the finest pictures of the BRIDE OF CHRIST. Did you know that? The Bride of Christ is not pictured out in this circle, running around in circles, doing tremendous things in the world. No. That's for all that group. How many know, the Bride of Christ is hidden away within the hidden of the way within the hidden of the way...how many know she's completely hidden away inside? Completely. Hidden, hidden, hidden. And so, the Lord used this illustration about the Bride of Christ LEANING, illustrated by John who is closest to the heart of Jesus. He gave it to me with the two pictures of the Bride

given in the Word of God. The OT, with Israel pictured as a Bride for God the Father, you remember; Israel is the wife of God, is pictured as such. Well, as a BRIDE, where she is stripped and everything is taken, and she goes into the wilderness, do you remember? He says He takes her into the wilderness to speak to her. But in your Hebrew, it's, "I will ALLURE her into the wilderness that I might speak comfortably to her." Now, to speak comfortably, in your Hebrew are, "I will speak the words of love to her." That's what it is really. So, there comes a time when God ALLURES us, He fascinates us; I mean Jesus. He FASCINATES us. He ALLURES, that is, your attention is drawn from all the other things until there's a FIXATION of your attention and your love in Him. How many follow me, or don't you? He ALLURES, and still, when He does that, He goes backwards into this wilderness, drawing her this way. That's the picture. "I will ALLURE her." To CHARM. That's another word, "I will CHARM her." How many have had Jesus to charm you so that you would just follow wherever He was. Sort of fascinated by Him. Yes, He charms you. I want Him to. It's GOOD for you. "I will ALLURE her." And your side interests are all gone. Their not misleading. You've got a vision of Him. And you say, "Oh, Jesus...Oh, this is life! This is reality! Oh...oh...oh..." And it just ...His love in your heart, and you'll never be happier or contented on earth once you partake of Him. (undiscernable) You never will be. Now you never will be! You CAN'T be, until it's consummated in HIM. And you find your answer THERE. So, He ALLURES her. And under the fascination of His love, and of His power, and His beauty and His wonder, He brings her into a WILDERNESS. Now this isn't (undiscernable) Him (undiscernable) the babbling brook. You know, the (undiscernable) brook and green pasture? And the singing birds? How many know that fellowship? That's nice too. That's a lovely fellowship. The green pastures and the babbling brook, and the flowers and the fields, and the songbirds, (undiscernable) But when He allures you and gets you, do you know where you are? You're no where near a babbling brook. No, you're not. You're in a WILDERNESS. Sand and brush. He wants it so. He's not going to be detracted; there's no detraction. He's not going to be (undiscernable) If you go to get a vision of Him, you don't see anything but SAND. (undiscernable) You got there by following what the Lord wanted. You got a vision of Him. "I will allure her into the wilderness that I may speak comfortably to her." Now, that's where the REAL LOVE COMMUNION will take place. It will not take place in a green pasture. No, it doesn't.

18. Now, that's the whole picture, how she gets into this wilderness. Now, what is your next picture of her COMING OUT? That's in the Song of Solomon. The other one is in Hosea. Hosea. This one is in the Song of Solomon. And He looks out and says, "Who is this that cometh up OUT of the wilderness?" She's had this episode. She has this episode. The love is made. It's settled. "Who is this that cometh up OUT of the wilderness LEANING on her Beloved?" Oh, ho, oh, ho...what's that word? What that word? Leaning...say it again...leaning...say it again...leaning...say it again...leaning. All right. How many get the point or don't you? How many see her self efforts and her flesh and all that which is not (of use) collapse? She has no strength of her own. She can't take it. Nature can't take it. No, no, no. God EXHAUSTS that. He lets you go through a thousand things to EXHAUST it! To EXHAUST it! To EXHAUST it! And when it's EXHAUSTED, all you can do is...is to LEAN. To LEAN. Lean. I like that, don't you like that? Are you afraid to lean? To pray to be REDUCED, pray to be EXHAUSTED? No. Who is this that cometh up OUT of that wilderness LEANING ON HER BELOVED? SELF-EFFORT. All that HUMAN ELEMENT is WASHED OUT, exhausted, and she LEANS on His strength. Now here's John. How many can see him doing that. That's the very thing. He LEANS upon Jesus' breast. He's found a resting place where he belongs. Now, I won't talk anymore, only I want to leave this little thought with you. When he leaned there, his head upon the bosom of Jesus, Jesus gives most comforting words to the disciples. "Do you believe in Me...do you believe in God, believe also in Me. And take these words that I have given you." These are the most comforting things. He tries to help them. "In my Father's house there are many mansions. It's all right. I go. I'm going; I can't stay. It is expedient that I go. But I go and prepare a place, that where I am, you will come." Oh, the most comforting things when He knows that their hopes are

blasted. They're discouraged, and upset, and confused. Confused...and here's poor John, close to the heart of Jesus, listening. Well, they are hearing...is John hearing? Yes. He hears the same words, but listen. John is hearing something that no disciple ever heard. He heard THE HEARTBEAT. He heard the HEART that in a few days will break-- a few HOURS. A few hours that very heart will break. John heard the last beatings of the very heart of Jesus. Why? Because He DARED to be reduced to such utter weakness. Law of flesh; energy is the same. And only that which is of the SPIRIT remains. And He hears the heartbeat of Jesus. You're not afraid to be reduced, are you? You mustn't be. Do you still maintain the presence that you had a hundred years back? No. I don't want to maintain a thing. No. Let that go. Let that go. Come with Him.

19. Now you can see that even in our fellowship with the Lord, demonstrated in His own, actual life, how many can see the DEGREES OF FELLOWSHIPING WITH HIM? There in the outer circle had a certain DEGREE of fellowship. But it was so feeble, so meaningless. It had no FRUITAGE to it. These then had fellowship, and fellowship, and fellowship, and fellowship; and all in degrees. Sometimes it's good to sit down, quietly with the Lord, and say, "Lord, what degree of fellowship is this? Take a hold of my heart and my life and bring it into a fellowship that You yearn for, that You want." Shall we pray?

Our Loving Lord, we thank You for Thy great love and for Thy great patience with us. We thank You that Thou has ever found us and sought us out. There's nothing on our side commendable at all. But it's all from Thy side. You have sought us out; You have given Your life for us, and now You are drawing us back again to Thy heart. For every need that You may use, help us to be glad and to shed and let go. Anything that would hinder in this DIVINE PROCESS, this marvelous moving of God in our inner being, the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which will make that fellowship deep and rich and all that Thou hast desired. Take this lesson tonite, and seep it down into our hearts and may we offer back to You something that would be pleasing, for Jesus' sake, Amen. God bless you.