

The Trip - A Heart Morning

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I thought this morning, we'd just make it a heart morning. A morning to just open our hearts to God and one another. I suppose thousands of times through my life at least the last 10, 12 years, sometimes seem like people envy me for the position I have and the knowledge of the Word that I share with people. Every time I sense this among people or hear it from their lips, I wish I could put them into my shoes for about 10 minutes sometimes. Because down through the years and even today, I perhaps walk one of the most lonesome lives in the whole world. Because, time and time again, you may be surrounded with multitudes of people and be right in the center of people and be totally lonesome. Because of the ministry God has placed in my heart and life, it's just Daddy and me. Time and time and time again, it's just you and the Father. You may have a wonderful wife, wonderful children, wonderful friends and yet if you're really going to stay put, it's just you and Daddy. And that means from a human point of view it's very lonesome. From a spiritual point of view, it's a high that your heart palpitates a hundred ninety miles an hour or something.

But, I'm truly grateful on this 38th of our ministry today to be able to be here. I was born December 31st, 1916. And in June of 1941, I was ordained in the Christian ministry and have been serving in that capacity ever since. On the day of my birth, I was very sick. Came into this world sick, maybe I was sick of the world the day I was born, I don't know. And my father thought I was going to die, my mother thought I wasn't. And (uh) they immediately called the minister in New Knoxville, OH and asked him if he would come and baptize me. If you're born and raised in German Reformed Church where infants are baptized. And so Dr. Kunz came over immediately that morning or afternoon, I don't know. My sisters have never told me all about it. Maybe they don't know either. But anyways, he baptized me and right after that I started getting better. And I lived because I'm still here in 1980 with you in Great Britain and for this wonderful 25th Anniversary Household. And I'm really grateful and thankful to God this morning perhaps what any other man in the world could be thankful for.

In our Wierwille family, I have 2 brothers, had 2 brothers, 3 sisters. I was the youngest of the family. And I was born into what the world calls a "wealthy family." Wierwilles had lots of money... and gold, I guess. My grandmother made it for the Wierwille family. Because in the days, in those days in the US, when eggs were selling for 10 cents/dozen, Grandma was getting .25 cents. Should have a little Jewish background, I suppose... I don't think so. Our family were Huguenots, came out of France. Out of the town called Wierwille in France. The town where the British entered on D-Day and tore it up. After D-Day, there was very little left except the castle in

Wierwille, France. But, some our ancestors under the relocation of the Edict of Nice, were severely persecuted and killed. Many of them of course, some of them at least escaped, went to Switzerland. As far as we know, they're all gone. Some came here to your wonderful country of Great Britain. I think you have a Harcourt Street in London. The Harcourt's are the female side of the Wierwille clan. The rest moved to the Palatine of Germany outside of Munster, north of Munster, Germany in what is called Lockbergen. And that's where my immediate ancestors, Grandma, Grandpa both emigrated from to the US in 1834, approximately. And settled in area where we have the Way International Headquarters today.

And my Grandmother used to have the neighbors to bring in all their eggs to the Way International Headquarters where it is today. And Grandma would cull them, long before anyone thought of culling eggs. She would separate them into small, medium, and large and box them. She did something else. While they were bringing their eggs, she would have them bring their cream to our place and we would churn it and make butter out of it. And then, Grandma would wrap the butter, weigh it and wrap it and then take it along with the eggs on a horse with a wagon and a horse and drive it 8 miles to the railway station at Botkins, OH. And twice a week or sometimes three times a week, she'd take it over put it on a train to Cleveland, OH. And in Cleveland, her uncle picked it up and he marketed it from door to door. And that's how Grandma got her .25 cents/dozen for eggs and she got .20 cents/pound for butter when it was .10. Because of that and that's how the Wierwille money came. And every time Grandma had enough money, she'd buy another farm. And she did not believe in the banks. She never put .05 cents in the bank as long as she lived. She didn't trust the bank or the banker. And so she trusted herself more than the banker. And so she would buy a farm and all together I think there are 9 or 11 Wierwille farms in the immediate vicinity of where we live today at the Way International Headquarters. And every time one of her children got married, they got a farm plus 20 or 30 thousand dollars of gold as a wedding gift. And all the farms were 120 acres. That was the size of the farm. Except the Way International farm, that's 147, supposed to be 150. How they lost the 3 acres nobody ever knew.

It happened to be in the Wierwille family that the youngest son stayed home and takes over from Dad and Mom. And he gets a double inheritance. And he takes care of Daddy and Mommy as long as they live. You don't let the government take care of you. We were not born and raised that way. And so I being the youngest son in the family, I was supposed to stay home, take care of the farm, take care of Dad and Mom. You see my earthly father was the youngest in his family and received that double inheritance and he took care of Grandma as long as she lived. At our place, where I live today, Grandma died when I was 3 years old but I remember her vividly. And, but, that's just history and family, that's heart. That's how all this stuff got started I guess.

And so, after my junior year in high school, I made up my mind I was gonna apply myself. Before that, all I did was play basketball and mess around. But I started reading and I really had in my heart to go to college. And I started out. I was going to be a doctor cause this woman (Mrs. Wierwille), was gonna be a nurse and thought it be sort

of nice that we'd hook up together. I didn't like some of this stuff so I changed to law. And then I found out that was worse. And I ended up in the ministry which was still worse. But I didn't know that at the time. But all my life ever since I can recall, at 12 years of age, all I've ever wanted to do is help people. And she (Mrs. Wierwille), feels much the same way. You wanted to be a nurse ever since you could toddle. How old were you? Eight years old. She always wanted to be a nurse and she is a nurse, an RN. Well, as many of you know of course, we did go through college and seminaries. Became the minister of a church and had high hopes. But, the first year of the ministry, I discovered I really couldn't help people. And I cannot tell you what happened in my life how disconcerting and how revolting that was for me. After all those years of training, 4 years of college, 3 years of seminary, than 2 extra years of grad school. After all that period of time still not being able to help people when they really needed help. Oh, I could preach nice sermons and all that stuff you know. But when people really needed help I did not have the answers cause I did not know the Word. I could tell you what Calvin said, Luther said, Swingly said, John Knox, Freud, Schopenhauer, Hague, Plato, Socrates, Aristotle... I knew all that crap! But I didn't know God and His Word. So, I really couldn't help people. And so during the latter part of that year, I don't recall when, but sometime, I told God I just couldn't stand it! If there was nothing more I could do for people or help people that I was gonna quit. I was gonna go into business. And it's sorta neat, I'd been to the University of Chicago Divinity School that summer quarter. And (VH) the son of the vice president of the A.B. Dick Company asking me if I would come to work as his assistant, under him. Did you know this (Mrs. Wierwille)? I told you this before... same story. Is any of this in Living in Love at all? Doesn't go that far back. We didn't "Live in Love" that far back [Dr. laughs]! Yes, really somethin'. Well... God told me He'd teach me the Word like it hadn't been known since the 1st century if I'd teach it. And that has started a quest that has brought me to Great Britain on this 25th Anniversary. And to this day, 1980, the most exciting reality to me still is the Word of God!

There is nothing in all the world that equals the Word of God. There is no intellectual requirement in any academic circle that is required in handling God's Word. It is more minute, it is more detailed, it takes a sharper mind to handle this than it does to put a man on the moon who came from the New Knoxville area... Armstrong (laughs). So, I'm still as excited today about the Word of God as I was that first day and I'm just as hot about the Word. Well, really somethin'.

Took me pretty well out of circulation for about 11, 12 years (since I told you this Friday night in the opening). For about 11 or 12 years I did nothing but work the Word from 7:30 in the morning till 2:30, 3, 4 o'clock the next morning. I heard some of you Irish stayed up till 6 in the morning. I asked Bo if the bar was open all night [laughs]. Ah, you're wonderful! And God brought a lot of men across my path who contributed to my learning of which I am truly grateful and will always hold in great admiration. One of whom is who you have mentioned here a number of times, Bishop K. C. Pillai. Bishop Pillai took me personally just sat with me I don't remember how many weeks, 3, 4

weeks, whatever it took. He and I just went to the office every day and we started in Genesis 1:1. Read every verse through to Revelation 22:21 and if he saw an Orientalism, he'd show it to me. We are now... come on you people, you don't have to stand out there. It's gonna last a long time cause we're not going any place until the gathering together, bless. When you get your new library ??????? new outreach services center which is a 3 acre building, it will have a double library in it. It will have a regular library that anybody can get into and then behind that will be a closed corporation library that only you can get in if the librarian opens it for you and it's keyed. And in that library, I'm going to put now my own private research books after all these years. I wouldn't take a million for em, you couldn't buy em.

And into that private library, I'm gonna put all my collection of research books that I have in my private stuff like the great work on the Massoreth by your wonderful man, CD Ginsberg from Liverpool. Who spent almost his whole life doing nothing but the Massoreth. I have a copy of that stuff in my library. Men like E. W. Bullinger whom I respect as one of the great scholars of Great Britain and the world... of all time. Ah, also all of this which I had everything I believe E. W. Bullinger ever did except one copy and I can't remember. If I could remember it, I'd go have you find it. But maybe when we go through it someday again we'll find that one copy we don't have and then we'll let you know in Great Britain and you can find it for us. Otherwise, I have everything in my private library that E. W. Bullinger ever wrote. And so I think maybe ? In the background of my heart when you asked me to come for this 25th Anniversary. That may have been God's great motivating thing in my heart for coming and by passing the 38th at International. Because those three men from Great Britain have contributed so fantastically to my research ability. They were great men of great integrity and great character. Then, the other man that really blew me was not the Methodist fella, what's his name, Wesley. Wesley didn't touch me like the man who did the orphanages in Great Britain. George Mueller had come from Germany to Great Britain and established the great Mueller Orphanages. And that man, and his work, really touched my heart because he never asked for money... he just prayed about it. And that's how he built it. And from him I learned so many principles for which I am truly grateful and thankful. And perhaps that's why throughout all these years, almost 40 now, I've never asked anybody in the Way Ministry for 5 cents, American terminology, I don't know what the British terminology would be. I've never asked a man for anything. I've prayed to God, I've believed God, I've witnessed to people and people's lives were changed and then their abundant sharing started coming. I don't think I have to ask for anything, all I need to do is teach you God's Word and if you love God and His Word, you're gonna do something about it. And if you don't, you take the responsibility for it. And I've just learned that if you don't abundantly share you never live abundantly in the world anyways. So what difference does it make.

Well there's been a lot of background a lot of heart in this ministry that many of you people in these brother and sister countries don't know cause you didn't live there. You weren't brought up with it. You didn't go through this stuff like I did. But perhaps

that's one of the major reasons Robert I think that really in my heart and life I'm indebted to Great Britain. Because of these men who lived and who really worked and were real wonderful God-fearing men and loved God and had the intellectual ability. Of those men, that I've mentioned of Great Britain, of course the greatest was E.W. Bullinger. I had seen in the Word of God the four crucified, I had seen that there were four crucified with Jesus instead of two. The Word of God said four. So, I had a problem. Do I go by the picture or the Word? I had no problem really... the Word. Ah, I knew that he had died on Wednesday instead of Friday. I knew this all from the Word of God and a lot of other stuff. And I was teaching these things. And one night I was teaching at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. And we had some of these great so called world men in that meeting. Men like was it Napoleon Hill that was there that night or someone else I forget. But there were a couple of dozen maybe 3 dozen and many of them were outstanding business professional men, doctors, lawyers, promoters... this stuff. After the meeting, Dr. Higgins (EE Higgins), the great osteopathic physician and surgeon out of Chicago, took me up to her office and she said to me, "you teach like E. W. Bullinger wrote". And I said, What do you mean? And she said, "well the things that you're unfolding, she said E.W. Bullinger wrote some of those things. And I said, "who is E. W. Bullinger"? And she pulled a book out, "How to Enjoy the Bible" by E.W. Bullinger and handed it to me and she said, "read this sometime". Well, I did. I read it that night. I read all night. I read it then I reread it. And I couldn't believe it! It was like having a drink of cold water in an oasis. Here was a man who had worked these same principles and had seen a lot of this stuff in God's Word back in 1920, in that period of time. And I thought, Oh my God, isn't this wonderful! Cause until this time, everybody thought I was nuts. You know, they thought I was off my rocker you know and I moved in the top echelon of my denomination, top brass! And when your top people begin to question your sanity, ha ha, you sorta take a look at it to. You know I wondered am I really workin this Word right or am I scewin it up? Well, here I found Bullinger and he'd come up with the same conclusion and I cannot tell you what that did to my heart that time. It just set me on cloud 9, 199 or somethin. For here was another man and he was a recognized scholar. I had never said I am a scholar, I don't know what I am. All I know is I love God and I love His Word. But he as a scholar, he was, the Queen gave him the highest recognition for his um, the Concordance was it that? The Lexicon Concordance. Didn't he get the highest award from the Queen for that? Oh, I'm sure she did it. Ah, boy see he was just a great scholar and to find someone like that who had seen some of these great principles simply gave me the extra impetus even to today. What you stand up or something or you just lookin handsome? Ok, we need that to. Ah, they used to stand up in the church like that and yell at me for being wrong on God's Word. Well... bless your heart! If you're used to circulating among people and as I said, I worked with the top brass. When you take yourself out of circulation for about 11 years, you sorta lose contact. And that, literally, is what about happened in my life. And so, for the first time we really broke out, was approximately a year after that period of time I came to Great Britain for the first time. And then went on to the Near East and Far East and stuff. That's when I

broke out of that 11 or 12 years back into circulation. Ah, and it got so in 1957 I was asked either to recant and really get off of this trip I was on and come back to my senses and agree with what my denomination stipulated as the basic doctrine of our church or they were going to do the inquisition or something, I don't know. And I appeared... they made me appear before the hierarchy of the church for interrogation. And that experience I of course will never forget. They offered me the presidency of our denomination if I would recant... just sensible within a period of 5 years. On the other hand, they said if I did not recant, ah, they were going to have to excommunicate me. And they would have on hell of a job to excommunicate me because of the laws of our church said you could only excommunicate someone if he did something real, real bad like you know cut the head off of another individual or um, it's they couldn't throw you out. Well anyways it's still fear tactics and then the president of the denomination made a statement, it reminds me of Ross Tracey's encounter with the superintendent whatever it was. He stood up and looked at me and he said to the rest of the people looking at me he said, "Look, if Wierwille doesn't get in line, it's worth 2 million dollars to our denomination to get rid of him!" That's what he said! So, I looked at him strait in eye and said, "Sir if you give me a million, I'd resign tonight"! And these are the words he reciprocated with, he said "you goddamn son of a bitch". That's what he said to me. This was you know the president of our denomination! So, you know he was a little touched in the head.

Went through all of that. Mrs. Wierwille didn't, I did. I resigned from the church, I think it was 57 wasn't it? 1957. And we moved to a new location in Van Wert. We lived at 109 South Harrison for 15 years. 14 or 15 whatever it was in the church in Van Wert. We took that little church with 16 members and built it to be one of the great spiritual churches in our denomination as well as numerically. It was a good church.

But, we moved to 649 South Washington and when I moved there, before we moved, I had asked 12 people if they would stand with me for 1 year. That's what I asked them. And they said they would and they did. And that is where it all started. And we were no longer members of the denomination. You would have to be born and raised in the church like I was to appreciate that. And some of you do, because you are English. You were born and raised in the church. You were catechized in the church. You were baptized in the church. All of your relatives were buried by the church. All of that stuff. Well, I to was born and raised in the church. I was educated in the church. I'm a clergyman in the church. Ordained in the church. And I came, as I told you, out of a family that was quite wealthy. The colleges that I attended and the seminary that I attended at Sheboygan, WI. Perhaps my grandmother financed at least a third of that entire operation with Wierwille money. So, I was born and raised in it. And then, all I ever wanted to do was to help and I thought the machinery of the church in which I was born and raised was the way to move God's Word. Well, the church ought to be there to move God's Word, shouldn't it? That's what the church is supposed to be all about, right? I couldn't do it! Tried it for 15 years. 15 years I poured my heart, my soul, every ounce of being that I had into my denomination. To move God's Word through the machinery

of the denomination. But, it didn't work.

Today, as I look back over my life, I'm sorry for those 15 years. If I had it to do over again, I wouldn't spend 5 minutes moving it through. But, I don't have that joy and privileged of doing it. And of course with my resignation from the denomination there ensued a lot of bitterness toward me. And the criticism has not terminated as of 1980. On a number of occasions they've endeavored to stone me, kill me and all this stuff. But I'm still living and the Word of God is still living within me this morning. But, went through all of that.

Then, in 1961, we moved to what today is the Way International Headquarters and the reason we moved there was cause Dotzie and Uncle Harry had put in the house that I was born and raised in. They had remodeled it. And Mrs. Weirwille and I had united our hearts and said, look we've had it with Christianity, we're finished with it as far as falling in line with their unbelief. If we never have over 50 people in the Way Ministry, we no longer care. This was 1961. And we said that we were going to give the rest of our life to 40 or 50 people if that's all we ever had. And that's why we started at New Knoxville in the basement of our house with the teaching ministry. And today, we have a little over 40 or 50 people around the world! But, we had come to that place we were going to give our life for what we believed. God's utmost for his highest, His Word. If we had 40 people, fine. If we had 50, fine. If we had 30, we would have most likely gone right on. And that's when we moved to New Knoxville. That was still in our heart and mind. After we came to New Knoxville, you see I had resigned from the ministry of the denomination. But, Mrs. Wierwille and all our children were still part of the church. Because a minister does not have a membership in the denomination in every church. The wife, the children do. And therefore she wanted to transfer her membership from (well I wanted to do it for her) her membership and children's membership to the church in New Knoxville. It is in that church that I was born and raised, confirmed, ordained, went to catechism, all of that. So, we were going to go back to the church there and we did. We went there every Sunday morning for a while until one Sunday morning when I walked out of the church. The head elder of the church shook my hand, who knew me before I was born. Shook my hand and he looked at me and he said to me, Ah Victor, he called me Victor, he said, "you know I think it might be best for our church here if you and your wife and children just didn't come to church here". And that's the been the last Sunday that I've attended that church. It was the following Sunday that we did our first 10:30 Sunday morning fellowship. And the ones that came were Dotsie, our children, Uncle Harry and Grace Bliss. Grace Bliss had just recently moved from Columbus, OH. I believe to New Knoxville. And she just happened to be there that morning. But Uncle Harry also was there. And the 10:30 meeting is a meeting a lot like this morning, still is. We meet every Sunday morning at 10:30 at International no matter whether I'm there or not, doesn't make any difference. And there's thousands of places today around the world where everybody meets at 10:00 or 10:30 in the morning. Every Sunday in their twigs, in their branches. They just open the week that way. Uncle Harry has said many, many times that the greatest time for him all week was

the 10:30 hour on Sunday morning cause that's when we open with prayers that's when we believe God for the week, that's when we lift so many things.

But that Sunday we began in our living room in our house. And we read the Word, we prayed together, shared our hearts and it's still that today. Every Sunday morning, wherever I am, like with you this morning, I'm still doing it with you what I would be doing if I was sitting at International this morning. And in our Sunday morning fellowships, no holds barred. I call it, take off your shoes. See, what I mean by that is we just sit down and we open our hearts. We read the Word. We pray together. But if anybody has a thing to share, they share it. Used to be in our living room there and if any of our children had a thing to share and they want to talk about it, we talk about it. And so the 10 o'clock meeting or 10:30 the way I've always run them is not to run into competition with the church. We're not tryin to compete with the church. You see, I don't care what they do. And that's remarkable that a man can live like I'm living and have no animosity, no bitterness, I have no envy. I have nothing negative in my life like this. I don't care what people do. They can go to Buddhism, Shintoism, Roman Catholicism. I have no criticism for any of them, not one of em, and I have no envy. But, I just believe in God and His Word. And for those who want to walk this way, that's wonderful. And if they don't, they just have to walk the other way cause all men are going to stand before God someday. And so it's wonderful to be able to live this way. With all the junk I've gone through you would of thought I'd be bitter. I'm not bitter. Haven't got a bitter bone in my body! And I'm real excited about life. I'm excited about the Word. You see, the Word of God's the will of God to me if nobody believes it. It's still God's Word and it's just that big for me. And if you have to walk alone on it, you walk. Cause eternity is a lot longer than 60 or 70 or 80 years on this earth. And I'm staking my life on eternity not on this baby! Cause otherwise, this damn life wouldn't be worth livin, right? You know all you do is get up in the morning and you go to work and then all that other junk that you go through in life, all the problems with which you're confronted with. If this life is just it, oh God, I'd quit! I think I'd join the Irish and get drunk or something... yeah, well.

Never been drunk in my life, you know that? Would you believe that? It's the truth! Better believe it. It isn't that I didn't try. It's just that I always get sick before I got drunk. And I hated the morning after. Hated being sick. So, I tried it too frequently. But anyways, bless your heart.

So, we started as I said with that 10:30 and so pretty soon other people said can we come at 10:30? And we said, sure. And then our living room got too small. Then we put it down in the basement of our home that we had built for the originally for what we thought 40, 50 people. Well, we used to crowd 165 people in our basement of our house. The last people in had to bring their chairs and then sit down. And then nobody could get out till I finished. It's out of that experience that the phrase or this terminology came along that even lives in America today that the Way people have the best bladders of any people in the world! Cause sometimes I'd teach 5 hours. Your Dad said (or somebody), you know you can't go to the bathroom if you can't get out. Most people didn't do it on

the floor so out of that came some interesting experiences. Well we finally built the BRC and we still run the 10:30 service, a teaching and fellowship just like this one.

But it's heart people. Unless you've got real heart for people what's the use in living? Unless you really love people, what's the use? Anybody you know could make money I guess, or keep body and soul together. What's the use of it unless you've got real love and real heart? And this ministry's got it! I said the ministry's got it, that doesn't mean every individuals got it. They should have it but the ministry's got it. And Proverbs 23:7 says, "for as he thinketh, as a man thinketh as he thinketh... in what.. heart, so is he." In other words, as a man thinketh in his heart, so is the man. Man doesn't think in the physical heart, you think in your head, right? Therefore, that has to be a fantastic figure of speech. And it is. But, I forgot the figure. But, like the heart, the reason heart, your heart, heart is the thing that pumps the blood and keeps you living. Circulates all the food, everything else through your whole body. It is the one thing in your body that feeds the whole body. That's why the word heart is used here. As a man thinketh in his heart, in his whole being, in your whole head, as you really think, so are you. That's what Proverbs is talking about. And in chapter 4 of Proverbs, another great truth. 4:23 of Proverbs, listen to this, "keep your heart with all (what?) diligence." And the word diligence means systematic prayer. Systematic prayer, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. So, if you don't keep your heart you're not going to have life.

Philippians 4, verse 8, read that Robert: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things." Yeah, lists all of that and says think on these things, think on these things. Think what is lovely, true, honest, pure. That's just the opposite the way most people think. They think negatively, they think doubt, they think fear, they think evil. People, it's just as easy to think love as it is to evil. But, you and I have all been brought up on a diet of thinking evil. You always look for the worst in people. Why not look for best? It's just as easy to think good thoughts as it is to think evil thoughts. It's a matter of renewed mind. As a man thinketh in his heart, he is. Here is says, "...think on these things", well, think on them than. Quit arguing about it, think about them, things that are lovely. Come to the place in my life many years ago where I only see the best in people. I have a remarkable mind for forgetting. You can renew your mind to forget. And I've even done that. Because one of the things that I've learned through all these years is that if you really love people, you have to forgive and forget. It's gonna take one hell-of-a-lot of forgiveness to live with people, to love people and to work with people. And so you have to be very forgiving, very loving. And you just learn to forget. Things at times that I have forgotten people bring up out of their life and I totally forgot they ever told me.

Second great thing I do is whenever anybody shares anything, I put it in my "lockbox" and I throw the key away! Nobody ever prays it open... nobody, just nobody! I never say a darn thing! See, that's how you have to love. Perhaps 1 Corinthians 13

ought to be noted. For I think the verse in there says, “thinketh no evil.” How do you like that baby! When I look, it’s like Robert said last night, “would God ask us to do something that we couldn’t do?” He said it last night. When he says, thinketh no evil, then it’s possible to so live that you don’t think evil.

The reality of the Word is so simple. Remember Friday night I gave you that one maybe you did to last night, Matthew 22:37, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with (what?) all thy heart.” Doesn’t say with your stupid intellect, your stupid egotism. Love with (what?) your heart. With tenderness, with love. Love God with your love, love God, love God... with all your heart, all your heart, all your heart! And the word “all” means all. Love Him all... the heart. For out of the heart come the issues of life. As a man thinketh in his heart so he is, remember? So, we’re to love God with all our hearts. And that answer of Jesus came to a highly educated man who was a trained lawyer. The lawyer I think said to him, “what must I do” or something. And Jesus said, “get off your intellectualism and just love God with all your heart, soul, mind and your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments he said “hang the law”. So, if you want to hang the law, you hang it on those two commandments. That would be a great one at a public gathering where you have all lawyers. You could quote em, “hang the law”. The Bible says, “hang the law”. So, you got the proof! [laughs]

Than I was thinking of Romans 10:9, “if thou wilt confess with thy (what?) mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine (what?) heart, that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be (what?) saved”. For with the heart, verse 10, man does what? Believes unto righteousness with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. What you believe in your heart, you say with your mouth. See, Christianity people is really heart. True Christianity, not religion, true Christianity. You know taking a can of peaches, you know what peaches are, sure, and labeling it tomatoes doesn’t make the peaches tomatoes! The label on the outside is not important, the fruit on the inside is. And labeling it tomatoes on the inside doesn’t change the peaches on the outside, doesn’t change the peaches on the inside, right? But when I’m talking about Christianity, I’m not talking labels, I’m thinking fruit, what’s on the inside. And people, if you don’t have heart, what’s the value of it... nothing. Oh sure you’re gonna go to heaven cause that’s assured because you’re born again but you’re gonna have one miserable time goin, cause nobody can stand you! And you can’t even stand yourself. And secondly, sometimes I wonder how you could ever enjoy it after you got there. But God sorta changed that around to because He said He would give you a new body fashioned like unto Jesus Christ. Also said could never stand it in heaven because you’ve been so damn miserable down here walkin for Him... not much walkin! So well, heart people.

You know in John 14.... what time do we have to go to lunch today? I have 11:12.08. What you got? The best thing they gave me is my fountain pen. It has a clock in it. And that’s the handiest thing I’ve got cause I don’t wear a watch. But even has an alarm in it. And I haven’t got it set for 12:30, so. John 14, bless your heart! Jesus Christ gets right down into a wedding ceremony, the liturgy of a wedding ceremony in John 14. And he taught a tremendous truth from it. He said, “Let not your heart be (what?)

troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me". Gives you the Orientalism of how the wife is placed over here and the man there and how he says to his little ole bride, his honey, he says, "honey don't let your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe in me your husband. For in my father's house are many apartments, mansions. If it were not so, I've would of told you long ago. I'm just goin away for a while to prepare another mansion for you, a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself. That where I am, you my bride, may be also. And whither I go, the way you know. Right out of the wedding ceremony, beautiful! The great truth of Jesus Christ building a place for his people. Like the husband would go back to his Daddy's place and add another room, another apartment. And come back and pick up his wife and take her over there. Let not your heart be (what?) troubled. Regarding the return, regarding what Christ has prepared for his people. Don't let your heart get troubled. Isn't that beautiful, golly sixty!

In Acts chapter 2. There's so much we could do. This is just some of this stuff in my heart this day... Acts 2. Talking about David here in verse 25. Says in verse 26, "Therefore did my heart (do what?) rejoice. My heart rejoiced.... "and my tongue was glad". I believe the original text reads, "... and even my tongue was rejoicing". And my flesh also shall tabernacle in hope, of the return of Christ. That's why your heart rejoices. If you'll notice the word hope, that's its first usage in the Church age, the word hope. That's its first usage right there. First usage of the hope and look at the context of it. The hope, the hope of the return. Boy, no wonder our heart rejoices. Verse 37, after Peter gets through. He said, "... when they heard this they were pricked in their (what?) hearts". And the first question when they were pricked in their heart was, "... what shall we do?" What shall we do about this? And, in verse 46, same chapter. "And they continued daily with one accord in the temple breaking bread from house to house and did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of (what?) heart." Singleness is undivided loyalty. Undivided loyalty of heart. That's the early Church! The body which you and I belong to today. They had heart! Undivided loyalty, heart. They stood together, they believed together, they worked together. They didn't fight. If they did any fighting it was to the enemy on the outside, not within. They had heart, undivided loyalty. Boy, you see... if I didn't stand for you, wouldn't be worth God ever having called me. If you didn't stand for the rest of the believers, wouldn't be worth God ever callin you. You ain't got heart! I fight for you honey, I stand for you. Lift you up. You gotta do the same for me. We are a household, the family of God, household. And with undivided loyalty to each other. People, I wanna tell you if we don't stand together, the Adversary is gonna cut the hell out of us! We've got to stand together as a body, moving the Word, moving the Word with the heart, honey, the heart... of the love of God, right!

Boy, look at chapter 4:32. Yesterday it was (is it you or was it Karen that talked about the place being shaken (Karen) prayed about scripture about the place being shaken where they prayed). She read the next verse to I think... she didn't? Ok and it says in verse 32 of Acts 4, "... and the multitude of them were of one (what?) heart." There is is.... "our hearts beat together" (sings). One heart. Imagine, a whole body, one

heart! If you have one heart, you speak the same thing, you voice the same thing, you love the same love. One heart, one heart, that's the Church, one heart!

Chapter 8 gotta a few dandies in it also. There's so much in the Word on heart. This is relative to Simon who had bewitched the whole city and given it out, talked it up that he was the great power of God. He had the whole city of Manchester in his control for instance. And into that city walks a little fellow named Phillip. Starts opening the Word and (laughs) when he's confronted by Simon he says in verse 21... "thou has neither part nor lot in this matter" or ministry, "for thy heart is not right in the sight of (what?) God, right. So, your either gonna have the right heart or the wrong heart. Verse 22 he said, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness pray God the thoughts of thine heart may be forgiven thee". And in verse 37 when he turns to Phillip, Phillip said if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. He answered and said, "I believe Jesus Christ is God... No!

In 16 of Acts. And you talk about our ministry being disruptive because we break culture, tradition. I think Jesus Christ and the apostles were greater radicals than I've ever been. I think Jesus Christ was a fantastic radical. He was a real revolutionary. And he just didn't fit the status quo. And anybody that doesn't fit the status quo is always a revolutionary. He was a little out of tradition, a little out of step with the people who are totally out of step. And in verse 14 it says, "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul". You see in verse 13 it says the Sabbath we went out of the city be a riverside. You don't do that! Tradition says you gotta go to the synagogue. But it was a nice spring morning in Great Britain, or wherever it was and so instead of going to the stinking synagogue, JC (Paul) dared to go to the riverside. And you know he did it with women! In that culture you don't do that with women. JC (Paul) did it with women! They were talking yesterday about our boy that just got out of Iran. Havi is with you in Germany right now. Among the Muslims a woman is nothing but a tool. A sex machine, a slave, that's all. Doesn't even see her husband until they open the door for him to walk in. And once she is married she can only speak to the relatives of the family. If Mrs. Wierwille would talk to any other non-relative, for 3 minutes, I would go in and get the gun and shot her right on the spot! Muslim law. Hey, Christianity is a little more tender. Christianity is the only thing that has set women free. That's women's lib, Christianity! Boy, and I love this, because I can back it up with the integrity of the Word. And here you have a great one! He (Paul) sat down and spake to the women. Boy, I'll bet all the Rabbis were biting their fingernails to the third knuckle! And made em mad. How we gonna crucify that dude? He's upsetting all our systems. We gotta get rid of him. Imagine, imagine, he just taking women and teaching them? Totally contradictory to all tradition and all culture. But you want to know something, he had heart! JC (Paul) had love. He had heart. And when is obstructed by tradition, you forget tradition, you live heart! For out of the heart come the issues of life. God looketh upon the heart of a man. He doesn't look on how much theology you know or whether you graduated from Oxford or Cambridge or the great school of music

in Manchester. They're wonderful but He looketh on (what?) the heart, the heart! People, this Ministry's got heart! Has had heart and it's got to continue to have heart or it's not worth messin with! The future of the outreach of the greatness of the Word thru this Ministry depends upon how much heart do you have for God, His Word, and people. Does your heart really go out to people or are people like pawns on a chess board, simply to move around? They're not! People are to be loved, things are to be used. You can move the pawns on a chess board but you cannot do that to people. People are to be loved, things are to be used. And most of the Christian world, even today, uses people as things. You're just a stepping stone for something someone wants. That's totally contrary to God, contrary to the truth of the Word.

Therefore, you and I in this ministry as we continue after this Twenty Fifth Anniversary occasion, we gotta see that the heart stays in the ministry. It stays there if you've got it. If you have it, it'll stay cause you are the ones who will be witnessing, you are the ones who will be sharing it. And I thought this afternoon, maybe at 3 o'clock, when we get to the final service of the day, and I thought I may develop this further, about heart. Cause this in my mind today the 38th Anniversary is the greatest thing I see is heart in our ministry. You can't have heart without love, that's right! And the Bible it says is love that covers a multitude of sins. And most of us need some covered. So, we walk with that love with that heart. People, this ministry is the most fantastic in the world, nothing gets close to it! We don't own a lot of buildings, we don't own a lot of hospitals, we don't own a lot of old age homes, none of that stuff. But what we do have is a little knowledge of God's Word and a fantastic love of God and His wonderful son, Jesus Christ. And that's what has made this ministry so alive for you and that's what's made it alive for thousands upon thousands of people around the nations of the world. And that's why on this 38th Anniversary I just want to keep the heart of the greatness of the love of God central in the ministry.