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Kevin Diggs Amen. Amen. Alright, well, I am not speaking tonight. I have no notes. I did wear my glasses, but still I'm not up. But I want to tell you, um, a very important man in my life, my father in law is is a um. I want to tell you that our relationship has grown, um um, these last few. Last few years. And my wife and I are blessed to have two sets of parents that not only support us, um, but love God and have brought my wife and I up And, um, I recognize how fortunate it is to have parents that we have. But, Pastor Howard, you've been a blessing. Uh, you've been a voice of wisdom. Um, you know, a lot of people ask me, what experience do you have running around here? Lots. Believe me, we have lots of experience running around here. And, uh, this is one of the men. He's a man of, um. High integrity. He lives what he preaches and what he speaks. And when you get to truly know Pastor Howard, you're going to realize that the love of the Lord is within his heart all over him. And so, um, Pastor Howard, are you ready? Alright, give him a hand. Pastor Howard C to preach to us tonight.

Howard Walden Hello? Can you hear me? Yes. Awesome. Wonderful, wonderful. Thank you for me. Uh. So good to be here. I, I love just coming. I, I don't have to come and preach and minister the word. I enjoy doing that very much, but, uh, I've gotten to wear my Sunday nights are like here, you know, come a part of this ministry and part of the lives of the people who are here. And I'm so thrilled. It's thrilling, thrilling, thrilling. And I don't I don't know, sometimes I wonder if people realize exactly what God is doing with them and through them at the times that it's happening, I and God's doing a very, very, very, very, very special thing right here at this ministry, right here in the lives of the people who are in this ministry. I felt a little bit a shift within the service as you were getting up and ministering and praying for this young man here. As a matter of fact, I. I had turned before and I didn't know why, but I had turned before over to the book of Romans chapter one. Uh, I'm chapter eight and verse one. And I just said, well, and I just read it to myself there. And it's, it's an awesome, awesome verse. And I think it's just a continuation in the, the life of this young man that's sitting in the front that says that there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. And we read on and it says, for those who walk according to the flesh, but according to the spirit, that's really not in the original, okay. And it says, and there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you free from the law of sin and death. And you know, that's that's a big word. That's a huge word. That is an awesome word that God speaks into our life. And it's for this young man here. But it's for every person sitting here tonight that the the enemy comes to kill, steal, and destroy, not just in our physical bodies, but in our minds and within our hearts. And the Word of God says, no, no, no, no, no. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. Within your life. Listen, it's there for when you do mess up. That's right. You know, if it was a life of perfection and there was never any missing up on our part, there would never be any need to pull that word out for our life. Yeah. But within my life, I have had times where I've messed up. I know Kevin never seen me do it, but I'm in my life the way he spoke about me, I know. But anyway, there are times that I mess up in the reality within those times. This verse is still real. That there is therefore now no. Everybody say no, no, not not some, not just a little bit or just, you know that no, no. There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus tonight by lifting

your hand. How many of you are in Jesus? You receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Well, the Word of God declares to you that there is therefore now no condemnation. And you look at verse two, for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you free from the law of sin and death, even when you mess up, especially for when you mess up. You know, I love first John one nine. Oh my goodness, I, I got a bunch of notes, man, I got I love first John one nine. I do, I love it, I've had to live it too many times. And it says this, that if we confess our sin that he is faithful and you know who that's being written to is being written to believers. Yeah. Matter of fact, if you read over in the verses prior, there's an invitation by John for them to come and fellowship with the father and the son with him. And he goes on to speak, and he says that if you confess your sin. Why would you have to confess your sin? Because you sin. That's it. You confess your sin and that that that word confess there. We usually kind of think it means, well, you know, I sinned. I need to tell you what I sinned. Well, the actual meaning there is that I agree with God that I sinned. That's what confession really is. I am agreeing with God that what I have done is a sin. And in that agreement, he says there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. I'm jumping back that that sin that will come and condemn us and torment us and literally rip our souls apart, right? That is not of God, that is of the enemy. In the new covenant, God is not here to condemn you or to curse you, right? He is here to edify you, lift you up, and to bless you. And you know why? I know that is because he sent Jesus.

Speaker 4 That's it.

Howard Walden Because he sent Jesus into this life to live life for us. I mean, the Word of God tells us that Jesus became sin for us. You know, there's one verb. Oh, boy. There's a verse that it's basically a big exchange that takes place. It's the sin of my life that Jesus takes on into his life, that sinful life that I live. And then that sinless life that Jesus has lived is transferred and given to me. There, there are some here that because of true and real mistakes that have taken place in your life. Sin that you have done, known and unknown. I mean, you've just sinned in your life and you know it that God comes with you and says, no, no, no. There was a transfer.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Howard Walden Because out of the love of the father and the love of the son for you and your life, there was a transfer. Jesus says, I took that sin on me and that sinlessness of my life I have set upon you. Now that's pretty awesome. That is an awesome thing for us in our living and in our life. Now that is not me telling you, okay, go out there and sin because God, no, no, no, no, you're going to bring things on yourself. You're going to play them in the ground. They're going to grow up and you're going to be cursed. Not by God, but by yourself.

Speaker 4 That's it.

Howard Walden Alright. But when those things do occur within our life, Jesus has already paid the price for it. Here's the thing. I won't go into this, but they can call future grace. And a thing called future grace. The grace of God isn't just for the moment. The. The grace of God is for the future and for eternity. Thank God for his grace throughout the whole of our life, but

through the whole of our living, now and in eternity. And somebody out here really needs to hear that. That there is no condemnation in your life. You've messed up. I'd have you raise your hands, but people would point at you, you know, like, anybody here ever mess up before I tell you, anybody here mess up before you don't raise your hand. I'm right. My hand up. You know I've messed up before. And thank God for the grace of God.

Speaker 4 Amen.

Howard Walden Thank God that there is now, now no condemnation in my life and on my life because Jesus took it all. How awesome is that? And you, you said something earlier, Kevin. I'm going to get back over here. You said something earlier. Talking about praying in the spirit. Praying in tongues. I'm we're both from kind of the same background. We went to the same church and many years, different times, of course, but, uh, and, and man, I tell you what we say, you know, your tongues and when you speak in tongues, somebody said, yeah, but if you speak in tongues, somebody's got to interpret. Well, sure, but there's two reasons for tongues is for interpretation and for edification. Well, that's just one person praying in the spirit to himself. No, that's talking about an individual. If all individuals together want to pray in the spirit at the same time, go for it.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden Because it's a thing called edification. I have stood by people in my life as they were praying in the spirit, and I'm just listening to them. And edification begins to arise up inside of me.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Howard Walden So when people begin to speak about that and think about that, they sometimes can get their minds kind of messed up with it. You know, it's, it's for interpretation, but it's also for edification, whether it's singularly or in the congregation. So praise God for that. Hallelujah! Whoo! God is so good. I got to midnight. How many verses did I give you, brother? I don't. Yeah. You gotta. You okay? You. And plus, I had something to add. But no, we won't. We won't go there. Uh, okay. I'm going to do two things. Forgive me for for thinking out loud here. Uh, just a little bit. I want to do two things. Some things that the Spirit of God spoke to me, uh, after really I had prepared the message that I have was entitled onward. But, uh, some things that I, I really feel like the people of this congregation need to hear and, uh, the things that God wants to do in you is so very, very special. And so I'm just going to read them out as I read them, as I wrote them down. Is that okay? If you're not, if you don't, I don't shout too much. That's alright. But with but within what God is doing, This is a word that came to me. I was sitting in my office and if you looked at the paper I initially wrote this on, it's kind of all over the place and things like that. And I had to rewrite it to for the sake of understanding. But I broke it down into three callings that God has in life. And one is this that Jesus is capturing. And that was kind of the word that got me. God, Jesus is capturing him. You understand that word capturing many lives and many hearts. And the first thought I said, well, yeah, of course Jesus is out saving people. And it's like a correction came. No, he is out saving people. But I'm talking beyond that. I'm talking about people who are already saved.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Howard Walden He says, I'm going in and I'm capturing the hearts of people who already know me.

Speaker 4 Right.

Howard Walden And I look in this car, I look at Kevin and I look at Carla. Jesus has captured their hearts. It's not about just now. Let's wait until we all go to heaven kind of thing. It's a matter of how can I have heaven here on this earth right now, within my life? Jesus has captured me. I want more than just the regular. I want more than just what is the common. I want the super common. I don't want what's just natural. I want what is the supernatural within my life. And Jesus is capturing the hearts of people. And this is the thing that came into my mind when I was doing this. I think it's biblical. We'll see. After I say it, we'll see. But how many times have we in our time of worship? Said, Lord, I want more, I want more. And that's a big good. If you do that, that's awesome, because God always has more. He has an abundance. He always has more. You can say, Lord, give me more. And you know what? He'll give you more. And I said in my mind, I said, just lift it up, saying, I want more, I want more. And I wrote this down and I said yes, in that more Jesus is grabbing you and he's saying, you have asked me for more. Now my call for you is this I want more.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden Jesus is looking. You just happen to be looking at me at just the right time. Okay? Jesus is saying to you, I want more. Wow. And I said, I said, that's amazing. I asked him for more so often, and all of a sudden I'm realizing he's asking me for more. He's asking for me within my life for more. Over in the book of Matthew chapter ten, verses seven and eight, very familiar verse, and Jesus is speaking to his disciples, and he says this. And as you go preaching, saying these things, the kingdom in heaven is at hand. And he says, now I want you to heal the sick.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden I want you to cleanse the lepers. I want you to raise the dead. I want you to cast out demons. For freely you have received. So now freely give. That's Jesus to his disciples who had spent time with him in their life, and they have seen him heal the sick. They have seen him cleanse the lepers. They have seen him raise the dead. They have seen him cast out demons. Now Jesus is saying to them, I want more from you freely. You've seen me do this now freely. I want you to go out there and do the same thing. That's my biblical statement. Okay. He's doing that for us within our life. You know, how many of you have ever watched some famous preacher or whatever it may be? And I mean, someone who's real really loves Jesus. And you say, man, man, I'd like to be able to do that. I'm like, well, you know, all it takes is for Jesus to come and say, hey, I want more. I want more for you in your life. And tonight, Jesus wants more. And the truth is, I, I look around in this congregation anytime I come and I see more and more of people who have been captured. And I also see another group, and that is that group that God is in the process of capturing. Yeah. Do you

think you got away, didn't you? Yeah. No no no no. You're just in the process. You're in the process. There is a capturing that is taking place in this church. And I just believe it's going to be something that's going to take place in the whole of the body of Christ. I think I've said this before. Maybe the last time I taught what's taking place here so much reminds me of what we experienced back in what was called the Jesus People revival. Anybody been alive long enough here to remember the Jesus People revival? There's a few of us here. There ain't many of us left. I mean, that's the truth. So some of em are saying, well, you just heard him. Anybody ever heard saw the movie Jesus Revolution? Yeah. You need to go see, it's a real movie, man. That's. I mean, how many times have I seen that movie? Oh, John. Just walk in and she'll go, oh, did. She just goes back. I, I just love it. It's a reminder of that and what I'm seeing happening here. I promise you this is.

Speaker 4 True, right?

Howard Walden What I'm seeing here, what I'm seeing on the face of the people that are part of this congregation, especially when I come and I'm seeing everybody laying all over the floor, which I think is so awesome, is such a reminder of what we were doing and what we were seeing during the Jesus People revival. And God is beginning to stir that up again, but he's going to go beyond that. And he's going to do the more because he's calling you for more. Amen. That's number one. Number two, this is kind of a hard one. People misunderstand it, but this is kind of a hard one. And I and I heard these words as I was sitting on my desk, and it was really to me. And it was get the warring out. Warren w a r r I n g. And that means to do war. He says, get the warring out, get the warring out. And I had to stop and think, Lord, what are you what are you talking about? The Word of God says that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but principalities and powers. And he said, I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about you. Too much warring, too much warring. There's too much warring. And we, we have we have no justification ever within the body of Christ with each other to have that warring taking place. And he spoke to my heart and he said this. He says, get the warring out and get into the victory of surrender.

Speaker 4 Amen. Amen.

Howard Walden And so we mean surrender, not surrendering to the enemy or even surrendering to the people you're warring to, but surrendering to Jesus. You know, he had he had a call that he gave to us in life over in Matthew eleven twenty eight and he says, come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give to you. Rest that word. Rest there comes from the Greek word ana paso. It's where we get the word pause. You know, everybody ever say, hey, take a pause or whatever. Well, it comes from the Greek word ana paso. And it means this to get relief, to be refreshed and also to stop and rest. And Jesus is saying.

Speaker 4 Stop it!

Howard Walden Surrender! Find the victory of surrender in your life. Because when you do, you're going to be coming to me and I'm going to give you the relief. I'm going to give you the refreshing. You know, it takes two people to fight. It does. It takes two people to get into this.

And you understand what I mean by that? I'm not just beating my knuckles together. I mean, I'm talking about that's what people do to each other. And so often they do it with this. We get to become so critical or so natural, or we just do it with our attitudes, whatever it may be. AM I saying the wrong things? I mean, y'all get it. Maybe I'm in a church and nobody has those issues or whatever. But you know, those things are there. And Jesus is saying, stop the warring. It's up to you if any of that's going on, it's up to you to stop. Well, they won't stop. I'm not talking to them. I'm talking to you. You stop. And when you stop, you step into the victory of surrender with Jesus. Number three kind of goes along with that. And it's this that Jesus is our victory even before we see it over in John chapter sixteen thirty three. And the second part of that verse says that in this world you're going to have tribulations. That word is temptations, tests and trials. You're going to have temptations, tests, and trials in your life. But he says this, but be of good cheer because I have already overcome the world. Man. You're good, I didn't know you had that going up there. Look at that, I love that. That's awesome. He says, I have already. I have already overcome the world. We have to get a hold of the truth for us that when Jesus hung on the cross and those final words that he spoke, it is finished, were words of truth.

Speaker 4 Yes.

Howard Walden That the victory that you need in your life is all ready there.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden The victory that you need in your life is all ready there. Because Jesus is your victory before you can even see it. We become so dependent upon what are what I see, what I hear, what I feel and such. And the reality is this is a thing of trust and the thing of faith. And we say, Jesus, you are all. My victory. You are already that within my life. And I love that so much. He's here to capture you. He's here to stop the warring with you in your life. And he's here for you to know him as victory in your life. God is so good. God is so awesome. He's so wonderful. And he wants to touch us in ways that we have not even begun to imagine within our life. He wants to do in you. That made me move. I see she's she's doing this and smiling and I'm going, alright, alright. We got baby movement here. Just. That's enough though. Okay, let's don't do it. Let's don't do anything. If you start shouting, Amen. We got, you know, so and so. Thank God for what he wants to do. And again, I'm going to say it again to you, God. God is doing such special things right here in this place. Please know that. And this is not words of condemnation or words of criticism to other churches, as God will do and desire with all of them, right? But I know in this place he's doing something so, so very special.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden Again, every time I come in, I'm usually sitting back there with Ronnie and Kim and Charles and Holly are my friends. Took my seats right back here. I'm usually sitting right back there in such and I and I and I come, Kevin, I'm just saying this to you, but you made such awesome words about me, man. You, you you've been doing some mean teaching up here, and I and I say mean I don't mean it in a negative way. You've been doing some mean teaching up here, man. I've sat back there and I thought, wow, it's like I just got saved again. And I and I'm hearing something that I have never, ever heard before. My goodness. You

know, and I, I, that's, that's a big deal, right? Cuz I, I, I spent a lot of time in school. I was supposed to learn all that stuff in school. And I learned just how much I didn't learn in school instead of what I did learn because it is by the revelation of the Spirit of God. Oh, just popped into mind. Yeah. Look, look over in Jeremiah chapter thirty three. If you got your Bible, Jeremiah thirty three, y'all going to love it. I, I can't get to what I'm going to do. Is that is that right? I'm sorry man. There's like four pages of stuff here. It would would be midnight. I'll do it next week. No no no no. I'll do it next time. I'll do. I'll do it next time. I, I spent a lot of time on this. Ask Donna. And so matter of fact, I had about six pages and I had to whittle it down just a little bit. But over in Jeremiah chapter thirty three, in speaking about those things that we don't even know what God's going to do. I'm going to tell you this story. I feel like I've cheated y'all just a little bit, but I want to tell you a little bit of a story. There was a night that I was I was laying on our couch and we've got a puppy. How many of you love puppies? You notice I didn't raise my hand. Okay. I love puppies. If somebody else has got them, you know, and such. And this puppy something, he'll eat, she will eat. I keep saying we had a he before, but, uh, he will eat anything. I mean, literally, you know, rubber balls. And she. What's that ball she just threw up. I mean, you know, she will eat just about anything. And I was laying on the couch and she was laying on the floor and I was reached down there. I was just kind of just kind of getting her calm. And I was and everything. And I fell asleep at some point in time and in the middle of the night or something, she finally jumped up and she decided this would be a good time to jump on him. And she. She woke me up and I got her and I put her back down later and I started scratching her and stuff again. She got quiet again and I thought, well, I'm just going to. It's like three o'clock, four o'clock in the morning. And I said, so I think I'm just going to lay here and I'll just turn over, stay on and just lean and look into the side of the couch or lay on the couch. And you turn to the part where you can't see the TV, you know, the other direction and such, and I'll just pray myself to sleep. Literally. I'll just pray myself to sleep. And, and I, I begin to pray just a little bit. And immediately these words shot into my mind. It was almost like someone was yelling it into my ear, God will move and do something and surprise you like you cannot believe. At times you could never think or anticipate that he would say, I'm taking care of the dog. And God said, this is a good time for me to speak to you.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden And he said these words, things which you do not know. That was it. Things which you do not know in my half sleeping body laying there. I immediately woke up. I mean fully, totally and completely. And in my mind I thought, well, that sounds like Bible. And so I grabbed my telephone, which is always pretty close to me. And I googled those words, things which you do not know. And immediately the very first reference came up in Jeremiah chapter thirty three, and I'm going to read this to you. And it says in verse one, moreover, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time while he was still shut up. And that was not like, oh, shut up. No, that was like he was shut up. Literally. He was in some some small cage or some small room. He was shut up in the court of the prison and was saying to him, thus says the Lord, who made it? It's God saying, I made the world, and who formed it? I formed the world who established it? I established the the world. And it says, and the Lord is his name, and that is Yahweh. Okay. That is what you literally find within those words is translated Yahweh or Jehovah, depending on what side of the tent you are, as far as what you believe about Yahweh

and Jehovah. And in verse three, and it says to, he spoke to, to Jeremiah the second time. And he says, and call to me. And that word in the Hebrew is a word, Kara. And it literally means to cry out. It literally means to shout. It literally means to speak out. When you cry out to me, the understanding is that he will hear you. And he says, and I will answer you and catch this, and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know. And if you study that part that says which you do not know, it literally means that which is above human intellect, meaning you can't think it if you wanted to think it. It's beyond you. But God says, I'm going to come and I'm going to speak these things that are beyond you into your life because you need to hear them. You need to know them. He was speaking this to Jeremiah, but on that night he was speaking to me because we were praying about some pretty hard things that were taking place that we had been called upon to deal with and to address. And God says, I'm going to begin to speak things to you that you do not know, and there's no way that your intellect is going to be able to get it on its own or even comprehend it's on its own. He says, I'm going to come with my voice and I'm going to speak to you. And in that time he has.

Speaker 4 Yeah.

Howard Walden Things have come up that I ever thought about. Some of you sitting out here tonight. You may have situations and circumstances taking place in your life. And you. You may be saying, I have no idea what the answer is. I don't know how to deal with this. I don't know how to address this in my life. It seems like, and this is how it usually happens with me. Everything that I do goes wrong.

Speaker 4 Right?

Howard Walden I try to deal. I try to deal with this situation and no matter what I do within my own self, it never works out right. But God is saying, I'm coming and I'm going to do things that you can't do. I'm going to give you thoughts that you can't have without me. Right now, I believe there's people here tonight. You're living some of those situations within your life. It may be marital, it may be something within your family. It may be some physical condition within your life. It may be regarding financial situations, whatever it is God is saying to you tonight, I'm going to do those things that you do not know, that he's going to begin to speak those things into your life and give you answers to those things within your life. You not only don't know it, you and your natural man can't know it, because they are going to be within the realm of what is called the supernatural.

Speaker 4 Wow.

Howard Walden Thank you.

Speaker 4 Father.

Howard Walden Thank you father. Lift your hands with me just for a second.

Speaker 4 Okay?

Howard Walden Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank you for your awesome word. We

thank you, father, for those things that you do for us within our life. And sometimes we fail to realize it's things that you do, because we could not in any way in our own lives do it. And father, it's with expectation as we read your word, it is with expectation, my God, within these things that we can't do anything about it, and we can't think the right thoughts, and we can't get about the right resolutions or the resolve that is needed for us. But Lord, our expectation is this you're going to do it. Our expectation is that you are going to do it. And Lord, our hands are lifted to you right now. And we're saying, thank you for that, father. Thank you for that, father. Right now, if you're sitting there and there's some things taking place in your life and you don't know how to answer it, you don't know how to deal with it, just begin to say, Lord, thank you that you are doing these things in my life. You're giving me thoughts and resolve that I could never have without you doing it, father, and I thank you for it, Lord. I thank you for it, Lord. I thank you for it, Lord. I thank you for it, Lord, in Jesus name. Being here tonight and you're in this place and you are in one of those circumstances, you are in a challenging circumstance right now within your life, and you don't know the answer right where you're sitting now. I want you to stand up. Anyone at all? Anyone. It all. You've got situations in your life you don't know how to deal with them. Wow wow wow. Thank you father. Thank you father. Thank you father. I want the people who are around them to reach over and touch them. And you begin to do this. Begin to pray. And if you are able to pray in the spirit, begin to pray in the spirit over them, speaking those words that you don't even understand and they don't understand, but there will be in it an impartation of the answer that they need for their life right now. In the name of Jesus. Just begin to pray. Begin to pray out loud and just say, father, bless them. Minister to them. Speak to them, my God, in Jesus mighty name. Show them the great and mighty things that they don't know right now. Show them those things, my God that they need to answer to. Yes, father, in the name of Jesus. Yes, father, in the name of Jesus. Yes, father, in the name of Jesus, yes, father, in the name of Jesus, just begin to speak right now. Lord, we are joining ourselves together as a body, praying one for another. When one hurts, we all hurt.

Howard Walden Father, in the name of Jesus begin to bring those answers. Father, begin to speak those great and mighty things into the lives of the people who are in this place right now, in Jesus name.