

“A New Walk”
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What a wonderful opportunity it is to be able to be in worship with everybody. It's good to see everybody's wonderful faces. It's awesome! Y'all can't see it like I see it. Y'all look awesome! Y'all look like the Spirit of the Lord has been upon you. Well, most of you, anyway.

Giving honor to God, who is the Head of our lives; of my life... Our maker, our creator, our sustainer, our provider, our encourager, our bulwark, our shield, our high tower, our sword, our bridge over troubled waters, our way in the midst of no way, our light in the dark place, our answer for things when we don't even know the question, giving honor to Him. Giving honor to our founding pastor, he and his family, for their labor; for our pastor, he and his family, for their labor, on whose shoulders the ministry now resides... Giving honor to all those who have stood in the gap to make up the hedge, who answered the call, who presented themselves before the Lord. Giving honor to all of y'all who say, "You know, there's nothing better than coming to the House of the Lord, saying, 'God, fill me, use me, bless me, God, and then, when You're done with me, fill me, use me, and bless me again.'" Amen.

As I said, Brother Andy Giebler and myself, we are the people who were called to help lead the fellowship, and it's been a blessing. 2014 was huge. So much that, when you see the blessing in other people's lives, it is so encouraging. Have you ever seen a blessing in somebody else's life, and it's like, Wow! That's exciting? Everybody likes a winner; did you ever notice that? Everybody likes to be on the winning team. If your team isn't doing too good, you don't buy their shirts or their shoes; you don't want to spend the money on a ticket. A lot of times, you turn off the game halfway through, because you don't want to get your heart broke. Everybody likes a winner. So, when you're able to see wins and victories over trials, over temptations, over labors, over persecutions; when you're able to see God bring a victory in somebody's life, you've got to take a step back and say, "Go, God, go! You do great, God!" Going along with that Scripture that Kirk quoted, there's a Scripture in Psalms that says, He hath not rewarded us according to our iniquities. He hath not answered us according to our transgressions (Psalms 103:10). So, if God were to just pour out meet punishment for all the things that we've done, this place would be empty, because we all would have perished by now. But, God, in His great mercy, saw fit to bless us, even up to this point, today. What a God! What a God that is. Amen? Our Scripture for the month:

John 5:11 *He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.*

"...Take up thy bed, and walk." That is going to be our theme for the month. Our theme for the month: Taking up our bed and walking.

From the Book of Genesis, chapter 32—we are going to spend some time in Genesis this morning. Our scripture thought for this morning:

Genesis 32:1-3 *And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.*

If you could bow your heads for just a moment. Lord, God Almighty, we thank you so much. God, if we were to name every blessing, truly we could fill the rest of our lives with the goodness that You have poured out on us. We thank You for our time this morning; we thank You for waking us up this morning,

God. We thank You for our eyes this morning; we thank You for providing for us this morning. We thank You for bringing us here this morning, ready to open our mouths and speak Your holy name, this morning, God. We thank You for that; we thank You for our time for worshipping You, the Most High. God, at this time, as we go over Your Word; as we go to teach ourselves and be led by Your Word, we pray that it would do as it spoke in the Book of Isaiah, that Your Word would surely go and accomplish that which You sent and would not return unto You void. So, at this time, Lord, we do come and pray, pray that You anoint, bless, that You use, that You teach, and we claim, as we present ourselves to You. In Jesus' name, and everyone said, amen. Amen.

So, the Scripture thought, again, for the month is, "He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk." We want to spend some time in this month, talking, specifically, about that walk. "...Take up thy bed, and walk." We want to spend some time talking about that. And why? Why do you want to make it so that it's so new and fresh? Because it's 2015? Oh, no; come on. It's 2015, but, let's face it, God wants to give us new, great, and precious promises every day. It just so happens that, when it's a new year, it's a convenient marker for us to say, "Now it is time for us to have a newness about our lives." A new frame of mind, maybe a new body, maybe a new diet, maybe new habits... Yeah, that's something that's really convenient to do at this time, but we realize that God is a great big God, and He wants to bless us all the time. All the time. So, when we can present ourselves, make ourselves ready, he can usher in a blessing. Amen. So, this helps us to set a tone, a tone for the month that would be in our hearts, and in our minds, and in our lives, how God wants to bless our walk with Him. God wants to bless our walk with Him.

And, as it says in Genesis 32, specifically, verse number one, "And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him." Now, if we provided a little background about the story, Jacob had a brother, and they were actually twins. Jacob and Esau. You know how it is, you're twins, and you've got a little bit of sibling rivalry... According to the Bible, one was stronger, and one was the weaker; one was a little more coarse and rough, and one was a little more soft; one was a little bit older, and one was a little bit younger; one was the favorite of the Dad, and one was the favorite of the Mom. And you know how it is with that whole sibling rivalry. You know how that whole thing can get—I don't know if any of you ever had any sibling rivalry, but, when my brother does something, or my sister does something, the other ones just seem to take a bearing, "Okay, that's the standard. If I pass that, dah-ta-dah-ta-dah, I'm the favorite!" That's how sibling rivalry is. Any of you that have had siblings, you know, that you lived in the same house, unless you had a perfect brother or sister, and then, you wouldn't know, any of you, what I'm talking about, but, that is the exception, rather than the rule.

So, this first Scripture, here, "And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him." The angels of God met him.

Part 1: Jacob Already had a Walk with God

He already had a walk with God. The Bible says that he recognized, in verse number two, "And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim." So, he was familiar with the realm of God's stuff, Godly things. When it was a Godly thing, he was familiar with that, and why wouldn't he be? Why wouldn't Jacob be familiar with Godly things, I mean, after all, his grandfather was Abraham, who the Bible says was the friend of God (James 2:23); his father was Isaac, who the Bible says was the child of promise. Why wouldn't he be familiar with the realm of God? Can you imagine what Abraham would have talked to Jacob about? Can you imagine the stories that Isaac must have told his son Jacob? Can you imagine what that must have been like to hear it first-hand? Oh, wow, the things of God; the impressions that was put forth in his life. This is why it is important for parents to imprint their faith and the things of God in their lives on their children, and their families—that they can

recognize the things of God when they are around them, also. And not just them, people that know God need to be imprinting Godliness every place we go. Every place we go.

Genesis 32:6-8 *And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.*

But it says here, “And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau,” and Esau was the stronger one, the more rugged one, “We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee,” to meet you, and, and, and, “and four hundred men with him.” You know, sibling rivalry, how far does it have to go? You’ve got to bring four hundred men out to meet me? Oh, ho, ho, ho. And Jacob, yeah, this grandson of Abraham, this son of Isaac, this man who had a walk with God, this man was afraid. “My brother? I mean, you know, it’s not like we were the best of brothers, I mean, that whole stealing the birthright thing... I’m sure he’s still a little angry, but, four hundred men? Oh, yeah, I’m really afraid, now. I’m really afraid. As a matter of fact, I’m so afraid, I’m going to divide up my family; I’m going to divide them up.” Yeah, Jacob, he would have known, “I’ve been blessed; I mean, God’s moved in my life. He’s provided me with things, after all, I got the woman of my dreams, and her sister. God’s been adding to me; I’m kind of wealthy right now. God has blessed my life! But, now I’m afraid! I’m facing something, and I don’t know how this thing is going to turn out! I’m facing something; I think this is too big for me. I’m up against something; I don’t think I can handle this. I mean, God’s been blessing me, but, against four hundred men? And Esau is still kind of mad. Yeah, I’m afraid, Lord; I’m afraid.” Now, this is what is important to know: As big as this battle—I’ve never had to fight one that big, I wouldn’t know what that’s like. I once had to fight two, and that wasn’t all that great, either. I mean, I—anyway, so, “Four hundred men? I mean, Lord, You’ve blessed my life, but, compared to what I’m facing, I don’t know if I can handle it. I don’t know, being up against this. I mean, God, You’re a great big God, but, God, four hundred?” But God had already intended to bless Jacob, long before the battle was coming. Long before, God had meant to bless Jacob.

I want to set a little bit of the tone for the year, that we can glean everything that God has for us from each chapter and each verse, but not afraid or reluctant to say, “You know, God, we can really delve into a few more verses also.”

Part 2: Jacob Aligned his Attitude

Genesis 32:9-12 *And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And Thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.*

So, you know how it is: You kind of get into a predicament, and Jacob does something that’s familiar, if you’ve been living for God for a little while. He does something that’s a little bit familiar, especially when you face something, or you really need something or you really, really, really, really, want something. He says, “Lord, You know, You spoke and...” In verse nine: “...O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred,

and I will deal well with thee..." "God, I mean, Lord, you told me that if I would trust You, that You would see that my needs would be taken care of. God, You said that, if I would follow You, You said that You would direct my paths, and..." You know, Christians, you know, when you're a person of God, you get to a place sometimes where we think, "Well, I didn't think I was going to face of a situation like this, and it seems like it's too much, and I'm going to try to bargain with You a little bit. God, I've tried to live right; I've tried to do the right things. God, you know my testimony; You know that I try to put up with people that get on my nerves. Lord, you know when the boss yells at me, you know what I want to say, but I bite my tongue anyway. I try to do good by my family, Lord. You know I don't have much understanding, but I open my Bible, and I read that, too. God, I need Your help. I've been living for You, and I'm trying to put up with this, God. HELP ME!!! I've been a god guy, really; I mean, mostly. More often than not, You know. Please?" So, this was his plea. This was Jacob's plea, "You said You would deal well with me." And I love verse number ten. I love verse number ten, because, long before there was the internet, and long before there was Cineplex, and long before there was the multi-movies and the newspapers and the televisions and the radio, long before there was that, this verse speaks. And long before our Lord walked on the earth; before that. Before even Daniel's visions, and before David's battle with Goliath, even before Moses and the Ten Commandments and the dividing of the Red Sea, before that, Jacob steps on the scene in verse number ten and says, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewed unto thy servant..." Man! What was God showing him long before Moses even stepped on the scene? What was He showing him even before David stood up to Goliath? What was He showing him that he could say, "I'm not worthy of Your great mercy and Your great truth?" Well, that tended to be between God and Jacob, showing us that we have access to those wonderful things of God. So, we see this situation that gets familiar, and he goes over promises, and he says, "Lord, I've made my plea," but, the truth is that God had intended for him to be blessed before the battle came. And, sometimes—we've been there—we can get sidetracked, we can get distracted, we can think that, "This time—I mean, God, You've been blessing me. God, You've been good to me, but I don't know about this one. I don't know about this one, God. I don't know.

Genesis 32:21-24 *So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

Part 3: Jacob Had To Recognize His Opportunity

Yes, this is how he felt: "I had to divide my family up, because, if my brother finds one and not the other, maybe, if he slays the one, I'll still have half a family, if I, myself, am alive." And it talks about how he (Jacob) had sent gifts to him (Esau), trying to assuage his anger. He didn't know if he was going to receive it or not. Here he is, in verse number twenty-four—and we're familiar with this—"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." Jacob is left alone. He's alone, now. His family's gone; his servants are gone. Nobody's with him. All his stuff has been divided and sent out; he doesn't have anything there with him. It talked about how he sent them out at nighttime. It was dark out, and he sent them out. Then, all of the sudden, out of nowhere, there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. Who was this man, anyway? Where did he come from? How did he find him, and why are they wrestling? What is going on? Jacob, he had Abraham for his grandfather; he had Isaac for his father, and he was familiar with this realm of God. Jacob knew, now is not the time to take a nap; now is the time to grab a blessing. He knew that; he's familiar with it. This thing that he

knows now is now's the time to look for opportunity. "I don't know exactly what's going to happen, but I do know now is the time to look. So, there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

We can find ourselves in a similar place, that we know God's been blessing us, but there's something about when God blesses us. You know, when God blesses you a lot, and you get comfortable in God, you kind of, if it's enough, and you're happy, you kind of don't look for a whole lot of more blessings. Because, after all, looking for blessing is *work*. If I'm happy, and things are going well, and even-keeled, why do I need to work for more blessings, when the blessings I've got are enough? Why do I need to look for more? And this is why God has to send what is called incentive. God has to send some sort of stimulus. You know, if you're real comfortable in the chair, you might not get up. You might stay in the chair until you're no longer comfortable. If you're laying on the couch, laying in the bed; if you've got the greatest food right there in front of you at the table—thank You, Jesus—if you've got the greatest thing going on in the meal in front of you, you tend to not get up from the table until you're done with that blessing. Right? So, the point is, when God's blessing you a lot, you don't look for anything else, until He has to give you an incentive to look. He has to give you a reason. This is the reason why, so often, the reason why sicknesses, and illnesses, and debts—so many times we find ourselves in trouble. Because, the truth of the matter is, Christians pray—we pray—but we don't pray like we pray when we got a need. When I'm in trouble—oooh!—I'm going to call down the smoke! Oh, you're going to see it come up off of me. I better take my watch off. I'm going to do something, I'm going to have some prayer; yeah, I'm going to pray. But, when you have a need, it will drive you to your knees. It will make you call on—you won't question what name to call god, you will call Him Lord. "Jesus, Lord, help! God, I need—"and you'll be specific when you have a great need. If you have pain, you have no problem finding out what to pray for. If you've got a bill that's due, and it's too much to pay, if somebody's made you angry, or you're in jeopardy of losing your job, you know specifically how to aim that prayer. You know how to do it, because the need is that great. So, when you're comfortable, when we're comfortable, we don't tend to do that. But, when we have a need, and for this cause, God so often has to give us an incentive; something for us to focus on, and that will get us hot. So, this battle that was coming to Jacob made him focus. "Yeah, I got two beautiful wives; I got a bunch of kids. I've got all these things, so how hard am I really seeking God. But, now, when my brother's coming after me, and, you know what? we didn't part on too great a terms, and he's bringing four hundred men. Wooo! Yeah, Lord, I know how to pray about this one. I need You to move." So, Jacob prays. In the midst of all that, in the dark time, he finds himself having to wrestle. Now, it didn't say he had to fight. Fighting, you say fighting, everything goes. Fighting, you say fighting, if you're bigger than me, I'm going to get a bigger stick. Or, nowadays, you get a bigger gun. If we're fighting, I'll throw a kick, and then, after the kick, I'll bite you. If we're fighting... But, it says that they wrestled. Now, wrestling is an art of grabbing somebody. It's an art of holding on and not letting go. It's specific, it's specific about grappling. Yeah, Jacob, he had to grapple with this guy. It said it went on until the breaking of the day. Now that's important. Because, you know, in wrestling, if you—anybody here wrestle?—in wrestling, if you're strong, you can go for a little while, but after a while, you have to get a little bit smarter about this. You know, if their as strong as me, we might be going for a little while, and now I've got to figure out a certain move, I've got to figure out a certain maneuver. Yeah, wrestling. So, he wrestled with this man, according to the Bible, until the breaking of the day. Something has to happen here.

Genesis 32:25-26 *And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*

So, Jacob is wrestling with him until the breaking of the day, and now they're having a conversation. Now they're talking. He said, "Let me go; we've been doing this for a while," and he says, "I won't, until I get a

blessing.” So, this whole thing was about a blessing. Jacob recognized that there was a blessing in the middle of the battle. Not just a little blessing. Jacob had to recognize—see, this is the great camouflage that Satan does to God’s people: He makes you think that, in the middle of the battle, that it’s not the great victory; the great blessing. He makes you think that the battle is all there is. “This is all there is, and, you know what? just get out from underneath the battle.” Truthfully, when that happens, you’ll find yourself in another battle, because God still wants to bless us. So he says, “Let me go. Let me go; I prevail not.” So, if he was all about a blessing, why didn’t God just leave a blessing on the side of the road? Jacob would have gotten it. I mean, he was out there; there wasn’t a whole lot of other stuff out there. Somebody would have told him about it, “Hey, there’s a blessing over there, Jacob, go get it.” Why didn’t God just leave it over there? because if were just on the side of the road, Jacob would not have known its worth. If it hadn’t been a struggle, if he hadn’t had to fight for it, then he wouldn’t have known how important it is. He wouldn’t have known how great a blessing it could be. If he hadn’t had to wrestle to the breaking of the day—but he recognized how important it was to go through this entire battle. So, he enters into the realm of contending. Contending.

This is why—you have to notice that, whenever you go to pray, whenever you go to fast, it’s like climbing in the ring. When you go to pray, before you even get started, the devil is right there to just knock you out, first. If he can’t stop you from praying, he’s making sure there’s a time limit on it; he’s making sure the distractions are there. He’s trying to pull you out. He’s trying to turn it off. He’s trying to push you off from prevailing in the battle. And, as far as fasting, you know what? whenever the word, ‘fast,’ comes up, you can almost feel your flesh just shudder. “We’ll get around to fasting later; I mean, there’s a lot of eating to do before I get to fast.” I know; I’m a witness. You know? But the devil knows. The devil knows; your adversary knows that if you go through this, the blessing that you will receive, it’ll shake things loose. In fact, in fact, it will be so big that the blessing in it, everybody’s going to be able to see.

Genesis 32:28 *And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel...*

Now Jacob literally means, “heel-catcher.” According to the Bible, when they were in the womb, as Esau came out, Jacob caught him by the heel. But Esau was first, so he was the one deserving of the better birthright. Because he wrestled, because he would not let go of the blessing, this man, this one who wrestled with him, said to him, “Your name shall be changed, from now on. You’re going to be known differently. You used to be known as heel-catcher. You got the left-over blessings. You got the blessings on the rim of the plate. But, now you are going to be known as Israel. Israel.

Genesis 32:28 *... for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*

Now, now, now you have power. Now you have power. I do need to make one point in verse twenty-five.

Genesis 32:25 *And when he [when the man who wrestled with Jacob] saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.*

So, the hollow of your thigh is supposed to be a strong point, one of the big muscle parts. I had to look that up. So, the strength of him was out of joint. He put a move on him; I don’t know what it was, but it must have been a bad one. He put a move on him, and, now, now, his leg is out of joint. Usually, about that point, “Tap! Tap! Tap! I’m out!” But, no, he continued through, because he realized, “Even though I took a hit, even though I took one, there is more that God has for me than this. So he says, “for

as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.” So, now you’re going to have power; both with the Lord and with men, and you will be a prevailer—you will be one that prevails.

Before we go, I’ve just got one more scripture here, and one more point. But, I had a situation, years ago; I was younger in the faith, and I was in the service. We had a wonderful night of fellowship and praying. We would do that when I was on the ship in the service; we had a few brothers and we would pray. We had some marvelous times. One particular day, we’d been fellowshiping, and we’d done a little Bible study, and we had a pray, and I had to go on watch. I had to go on watch at ten o’clock; I had the mid-watch. We finished about eight or eight-thirty, and I was thinking, I need to hurry up and get some sleep because that mid-watch is a killer! So, I took my little tired self and I threw myself in bed—a little rack, really, it wasn’t a bed. There I was---shush!—and you know how it is when you start getting that good sleep. Wooo! I was getting a power nap, in its truest form. Oh, yeah, it was sweet. And then something woke me up! Something woke me up! As it woke me up after, I don’t know, twenty or thirty minutes—and I know I’m not the only one who’s ever gone through this—it was a whole spiritual thing going on. It was as if I could hear angels round about my rack, and the call was to seek and pray; seek and pray. After a little thirty minute nap, with me about to go on the mid-watch. So, I did; I began to pray and seek, and I was tired, but I prayed, and I was seeking God, and I was blessing God, and I could feel myself getting stronger, spiritually speaking, but, on the other hand, I could feel that, “Man, in less than a half an hour, I’m going to have to go on watch, and I kind of would like to finish this nap, and I, you know, maybe I could get back to this later,” on the other hand, I could feel the presence of--the angels just were there, and I could feel it. I had a decision to make. Continue praying, and miss my nap; seek God all the way through—who knows what might happen. After a couple of minutes, I don’t know, maybe ten minutes, I said, “Ah, that’s enough. I’m tired. God, I prayed. I’m relieved; I did my duty. Now I’m going to finish my nap, because You know I’ve got to go on watch.” That next nap was not as sweet. That next nap was not as long. That next nap, my soul was screaming at my flesh. Before the person came around that woke you up to go on watch, I was woke. You know what the word was? The word was straight, straight from angels themselves, it must have been, “You missed it! God had something for you, and you stopped right there!” I had no idea what it was, but the presence telling me that I blew it was unmistakable. And, yeah, God knew that we had fellowship, He knew that we had Bible study, He knew that I had to go on watch, He knew that we prayed, and that was the time that He said, “I have something for you. Just go ahead and wrestle this thing through. Continue; hold on and don’t let go until you get it.” I have no idea of what it was, but I’ll tell you what it was for me, and that was a lesson not to ever let an opportunity slip before us again. Never let an opportunity that God has for you slip through your fingers again.

Genesis 32:30 *And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

Part 4: Forever Changed- A New Walk

To anyone just looking with the naked eye they would see Jacob—they didn’t see him wrestling the man in the middle of the night; they didn’t see that. Because there was nobody else around. There was just Jacob, and then there was the man. Nobody else saw that but Jacob and the man that was there. Nobody else saw that. But, if anybody else had seen the residue, they would have said, “Wow! Somebody really hurt this guy!” If you were looking with the naked eye, you would have seen that he walked with a halt, or he walked with a limp ever after. You would have thought, “His flesh is weaker. He somehow suffered loss. But if you were able to look at it from a spiritual eye, you would say, “Man this guy’s got some power now! Man, this guy really knows how to call down things that I needed! Anybody have a need? Get over to Jacob’s house. That’s where it’s going on. He ain’t going to win no races, but, if you

have a need, that's where you go. So, if anybody would have seen him, looking from a spiritual context, they would say, "Oh, yeah, that limp that he walks with now? That represents power. That limp, that change, that difference that he walks with now, that represents a new name that God gave him. That change that you see in his life, that represents prevailing. That represents victory. And, so, that's what they say about Christians. You don't do what you used to do. Your flesh isn't the most powerful thing going on anymore; anything to give more over to the spirit. Hallelujah. What a change God has wrought. "When you became a Christian, seems like, all of the sudden, all of your friends, you just cut them loose. Some of the things you used to do, you just push them aside. You seem to find some sort of, I don't know, power that you didn't have before." Great God in Heaven, yes. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes. So, this walk, this new walk represents that we will never, never be the same. We will never be the same. Amen. Give the Lord a praise.