

# Notes used in the Message

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## 16-0210 - Two Sticks (Self Sacrifice) - Bob Black

### JOHN 16:21

» 21 † A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

### I KINGS 17:12

» 12 † And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

### 1) 55-0724 ENTICING.SPIRITS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN DE 79-112 SUNDAY\_

« 121 † What is it? "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," not the Kingdom of God or a little noise, not the Kingdom of God and a little emotion, not the Kingdom of God and a little this or that, but God in His righteousness and all these other things will be added to you. But first... Now, that widow heard that. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the Word." She said, "That's the Word of the Lord for that's a holy man of God. That's God's prophet, and I know it's the truth and that's the Word of God." Now, she didn't run across to ask the neighbors how to do it. She didn't want to go to share her--to tell the neighbor said, "Well, what do you think? The preacher's over to my house saying this. Susie, what do you think about this?" **She went ahead and begin to dump out. She let go.** She let go of what she had that she might get more. That's what the world needs today is a good old fashion letting go of what you got. Hallelujah.

« 124 † She dumped out so she could get filled up. She dumped all the oil she had and all oil she had, and all the meal she had to the preacher, to the Kingdom of God. And when she dumped it all in there, God come down and filled up the meal barrel and filled up the oil jug. She dumped it again in the preachers face and He come back, filled it up again. He dumped it... Every time she dumped, He filled. I'll say today if man will dump out all this nonsense of carrying on and impersonating Christianity and let the Holy Ghost take Its place, there'll be a revival will start on Eighth and Penn Street that'll sweep the whole country. Quit the nonsense. Get back to the Word of God.

**Dump out if you want to fill up. You let go and God will let come. You dump out; God will fill in. Oh, the petty things that you've got to do this, and you've got to do that, and you ought to do this, and you ought to do that. Forget it. Dump it out of your soul.**

Say, "God, let me from this holy, in this day be wholly Thine. Lord, I come with a broken heart. I come with a contrite spirit. I love You. And You know I love You; and I want to forget all this foolishness of all these forty day fasts and see if I can get closer to God, and all this, that, and the other, all of this nonsense." Stop it.

### 2) 59-0810 THE.REACTION.TO.AN.ACTION\_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH MONDAY\_

« E-38 † What is it? When self-sacrifice... When you have mixed the Word with the Spirit, or the Spirit with the Word, and then ready to sacrifice yourself at the cross, and you're ready to say, "Whether I live or die, Lord, I've done everything I know how to do, and I'm coming at the peak of mercy... **Sacrifice my own believing...** I'll not think of it any more; I'll not reason any more. I'm casting out reasonings. I'll just believe it, Lord, because it's Your Meal and Oil, Your Spirit, Your Word, Your Truth. I'm throwing myself as a sacrifice on the cross." That's what it was speaking of.

She picked up the two sticks to go in for the sacrifice. When all this is completed...

"God's a very present Help in the time of trouble. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like an eagle; they'll run and not be weary; they'll walk and not faint." Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, how to wait.

« E-39 † They that wait, don't be weary. If you've got the Word and the Spirit, and sacrifice your own belief, and laid it on the cross, something's got to happen.

**3) 63-0901M TOKEN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-19 SUNDAY\_**

« **64** † I wonder, today, when God leads us to a--a life of complete surrender and service to Him, I wonder if our spirits then sometime don't rebel, kind of showing that, wonder if we are a lambs? See? See? A lamb is obedient.

**65** A lamb is self-sacrificial. It--it doesn't--it doesn't take, claim its own. Can lay it right down and shear the wool off of it. That's the only thing it's got. It never--never says anything about it; just sacrifices everything it's got. That's a lamb. It gives everything to its... gives everything away, itself and all it is.

**66** And that's the way a real Christian is, if they're... self-sacrifice themselves, caring nothing for this world, but giving all they got to God. See?

**4) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY\_**

« **385** † Now, others will go by and say, "Well, you know what, I believe I'll try It a while." You'll choke. That's right. See?

**386** But when you really empty out, say, "Lord Jesus, no more me, but You, from this on." See? Then It's going to bring forth a hundredfold. You believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] I believe It, too, with--with liberty and justice for all. That's right. Yes, sir. I pledge my allegiance to my Lord, see, to preach His Word and to stand on His Truth.

**Augustine's Experience**

**5)** Thus soul-sick was I, and tormented, accusing myself much more severely than my wont, rolling and turning me in my chain, till that were wholly broken, whereby I now was but just, but still was, held. **And Thou, O Lord, pressedst upon me in my inward parts by a severe mercy, redoubling the lashes of fear and shame, lest I should again give way, and not bursting that same slight remaining tie, it should recover strength, and bind me the faster. For I said with myself, "Be it done now, be it done now." And as I spake, I all but enacted it: I all but did it, and did it not: yet sunk not back to my former state, but kept my stand hard by, and took breath.** And I essayed again, and wanted somewhat less of it, and somewhat less, and all but touched, and laid hold of it; **and yet came not at it, nor touched nor laid hold of it; hesitating to die to death and to live to life;** and the worse whereto I was inured, prevailed more with me than the better whereto I was unused: **and the very moment wherein I was to become other than I was, the nearer it approached me, the greater horror did it strike into me;** yet did it not strike me back, nor turned me away, but held me in suspense.

**6) 61-1231E IF.GOD.BE.WITH.US.THEN.WHERE.IS.ALL.THE.MIRACLES\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-15 N-1 SUNDAY\_**

« **170** † Act upon His Word, and you'll see a real miracle. Something will take place when you act upon His Word. Like Gideon did, he did what He told him to do. Like Noah did, he did what He told him to do. Like Moses did, he did what He told him to do.

Said, "Throw down your stick." In other words, "Get rid of everything's around you." Amen, "Let Me have it." **Say, "I got an awful temper." Give it to God; He knows how to quieten it. "I got a lot of lust." He knows how to take it away. See? Just put it in His hands and watch what a miracle can do.** That's right. All right.

**7) 62-0628 A.GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE\_ SANTA.MARIA.CA THURSDAY\_**

« **E-21** † If you want to be a Christian, you be borned again. **Die to yourself, and start from the bottom and come forth.** There won't be no blow-ups along the road. You'll--you'll--you'll be able to hold the charge that the Holy Ghost puts in you. That's right. If you don't, you'll never be able to stand it. That's all. The Lord bless you.

That's a rude thing to say, isn't it? But I hope you get what I'm talking about. I believe that you've got to die so dead till you're no more yourself. That's all. And then, be borned again new, a new creature in Christ, built from the very bottom of your soul all the way through, a real borned again Christian. Then the Holy Spirit knows what kind of load to put in you. That's right. You'll be able to pack it.

If you try to impersonate somebody else being a Christian, you're going to blow up somewhere. There's going to be a blow somewhere in it. Don't try to impersonate. Be a real genuine article of God, or don't--just stay the way you are. See? That's right. Just don't make any confession. All right.

**8) 59-0412A BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SUNDAY\_**

« **E-29** † Then she goes and gets the oil. The oil represents the Spirit. That's we--why we anoint with oil, it represents the Spirit. And she put the Sp--the oil and the meal together and begin to prepare it. And when the Spirit and the Word gets together, something's going to take place. She was at the end. So she got the Word and the Spirit and begin to mix it together. Now, it's ready for baking. She goes out in the yard to pick up two sticks. Did you notice the Bible said, "Two sticks?"

Now, in the old days... Jimmy, I guess we've done it many times ourself. You take two sticks and cross them and you put the fire right in the middle. And as the sticks burn, you push them in, if you're camping out at night. It keeps the fire going all night long, pushing it in; the fire was in the middle. **If you notice, the two sticks represented the cross: self-sacrifice.**

**INSULATORS**

**9) 61-0117 THE.MESSIAH SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY**

« **E-34** † Now, not conductors... Now, not all theology is the right kind of conductor, you know.

**There's a lot of theology that's an insulator from it.** Got a lot of churches says, "The days of miracles is past; there's no such thing as Divine healing; only devils speak in tongues." Now, that's an insulator. You don't want nothing like that. Get away from that. Get back to the Word. The Word is God's conductor. A man that believes in God's Word, has God's Word, stands as high as these buildings around here when he walks out on it. It's the boss. It conducts the man. It conducts the spirit. When in there...

**A man's made up to have a great faith.** What makes...? I've preached here at this tabernacle some time ago on "Thirsting For Life." What makes a woman want to get out here and rock-and-roll? What makes a boy, young teen-age kid, want to do that? And not only that, but grandpa and grandma? What do they do it for? What makes them go out here? Why does people want to act the way they do? Is because they were made to thirst for something and... They was made to thirst, but to thirst after God. And they're trying to hush that holy thirst by letting the devil pile what he calls pleasures on it.

You'll never, never, never satisfy it till God comes in and takes control of you. You can dance; you can drink; you can commit adultery; you can do whatever you want to; and you'll wake up headache, and someday in hell. But the reason you do that is because you were made in the image of God to thirst after God. God wants to get in there. God wants to let His Word come into you and use it as a conductor.

**10) 61-0117 THE.MESSIAH\_ SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY\_**

« **E-70** † Then if you say... If you can take that, and connect the Word with the dynamo, then if the dyn... Then if the current comes back saying it's right, you've got a connection. If you put up there and nothing happens, you got an insulator somewhere, got a broken line somewhere. See? But put it up against the dynamo; if the current comes through, then you got a straight conductor. You got a conductor. And if you want to believe it's so...

I tell you how I received it. I come just the way the Bible said it. I never varied for any denomination. My own Baptist church put me out because I wouldn't ordain a woman preacher. It's not Scriptural, and it's not right. And I said, "You might as well put me out, 'cause you have to sooner or later. So I'll just walk out before you do do it." All right.

**62-0401 WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-17 SUNDAY\_**

« **535** † Now let Them soak down into that Church. That copper wire, that's a conductor. Now, aluminum wire isn't a conductor. See? It isn't. No. **A rubber hose isn't a conductor; it's an insulator. Wood is an insulator. We don't want any insulations. We got too much of it now, and makes isolations.** So we--we want... **We want conductors, born-again men and women who believe the Word of God.**

**11) 60-1207 THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 229-285 WEDNESDAY\_**

« **96** † O God, take away the doubt from among us, just circumcise our poor human hearts till there will be no doubt at all among us. That's my prayer. Just roll away every doubt, Lord. Let me live sweetly, humbly, and walk as a--as a lamb of God on earth. Let--let me walk like He walked. Let me speak like He speaks. Let my motives be like His motives. Let--let me... Let others find Jesus in me. Let me lose myself and find it, Lord, in Thee. **That's it, let me just lose myself and find it in Thee; just so enshrouded into Christ till there's no room for no doubt, just what He says.**

Now, don't go out here and say, "Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise God! You see what I can do? Glory to God!" You haven't got it yet. That's not the way He did it, no, stick His chest out and say, "See what I can do? Yes, sir. I'm the so-... " Nah. He never taken praise for nothing, He gave it to God and walked humbly and sweetly, with such a air around Him till people just loved to be around Him. Only His enemies... And He loved them enough till even He prayed for them constantly, all the time. And that was your example, my example, to do to others as He's did to us.

## Criticisms

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### **The Bible Ignored Christ's Instructions?**

I'll--I'll tell any person that'll bring me any Scripture where anybody was ever baptized in any other name besides the Name of Jesus Christ, in the new church. Or, if he was baptized any other way, he had to be baptized over again in the Name of Jesus Christ, to get the Holy Ghost. You come show me. There's not no such. There's no such a commission. When Jesus said over there, "Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Father, Son, nor Holy Ghost, neither one's a name, none of them. Peter turned, right ten days later, said, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." And everywhere in the Bible.

### **60-0518 ADOPTION.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY\_**

#### **Christ was unrighteous**

And Christ was... He never... God wouldn't have sent Him to--to hell pure. He had to send Him to hell condemned (See?), because He took our sins. **And Christ died, not righteous; Christ died a sinner. See? Christ never sinned Himself, but He took our sins on Him.**

#### **The Law became greater**

### **58-0928M THE.BAPTISM.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-2 SUNDAY\_**

« **35** † How horrible sin was. How horrible, not was, but what it is now. And if that was under the law and Christ come to magnify the law... He said, "You've heard them say, them of old times, 'Thou shalt not kill,' but I say unto you, "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause is killed already": magnified it. "You've heard them say, them of old times, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery (that was the act)', but I say unto you, whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery": magnified it thousands of times. Well, if it taken fourteen generations for that to fade out then, what about when the magnifying glass of God's throwed on it?

ISAIAH 42:21

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. and Matthew 5 "but I say unto you..."

### **Jesus was not Joseph and Mary's son? Jesus was his own Father?**

### **65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY\_**

« **121** † Now notice, now, we see Melchisedec and why that Mary wasn't His mother. That's the reason He called her "woman," not mother. "He had no father," for He was the Father, the everlasting Father, the three in the One. "He had no mother," certainly not. He had no father, for He was the Father. As the poet said one time, speaking a great compliment unto Jesus, he said:

### **Esau was a moral man, good church member?**

### **In the beginning the Word WASN'T God?**

God is an object of worship

### **Have to read more into your Bible?**

### **53-0512 SPEAK.TO.THE.ROCK\_ JONESBORO.AR TUESDAY\_**

« **E-20** † But when she writes me a letter, she might kind of hold a little back, refrain. And she'll say certain-certain things. But now, while she's talking, I--in the letter, I'm reading that letter, but I read between the lines too. I know what she's talking about. I can read between the lines.

Now, there's a whole lot of that so in this great love story of the Bible. Read between the lines. There's the--there's the structure work. The Bible is the structure, but the Holy Spirit's building the building now. Certainly. It's got toss frame together and look like this, and like that, and like that, but the Holy Spirit's putting it together.