



HEBREWS 13:7-8

» 7 † **Remember them  
which have the rule over you,  
who have spoken unto you the  
word of God: whose faith follow,  
considering the end of their  
conversation.**

II TIMOTHY 3:1-5

» 1 † This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

» 2 † For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

» 3 † Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

» 4 † Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

» 5 † Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

II TIMOTHY 3:6-7

» 6 † For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

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### Exodus 25

35 And [there shall be] a **knop** under two **branches** of the same, and a **knop** under two **branches** of the same, and a **knop** under two **branches** of the same, according to the six **branches** that proceed out of the candlestick.



## II TIMOTHY 3:7

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57-0120E GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_

- From such turn away, for this is the sort that goes from house to house with their little books and campaigns and so forth, and lead silly women laden with sin, led away with divers lust: ever learning, and never able to come to the truth."
- What kind are they? Jannes and Jambres have all kinds of fantastics and everything. "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these resist the truth: men of reprobate mind concerning the Word."
- Trying to take the Word of God and pervert it into something else, **into a fantastic**, or a **religious organization**, or **build them up a great name**, or **make themselves some great name**. From such, turn away. **Stay with the Word.**

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63-1028 PARDON\_ TUCSON.AZ MONDAY\_

- 128 "Having a form of godliness." They go to church. They join church. They try to make a--a long showing, that they are going to church and things, and go out and live different.
- 129 **There's no fire in their soul. There's nothing.** They're not interested in anybody else. "Everybody else can die and go if they want to. We feel that we're saved. Let the rest of them go." **That isn't real Christianity.**

Ever learning, and **never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

Peace if possible, but **truth** at any rate.

- Martin Luther

God *never* made a promise that was **too good to be true.**

- Dwight Moody

If I speak what is false, I must answer for it; if **truth**, it will answer for me.

- Thomas Fuller



Ever learning, and **never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**.

65-0718M TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.BEING.THE.WILL.OF.GOD\_  
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-8 SUNDAY\_

- This was Moses speaking to Israel, after he had been vindicated by God, by a Pillar of Fire, and knowed he was proven to be God's servant to lead them out. And before they went into the land, before they entered, Moses said, "Now, the words that I have spoken to you, I call heaven and earth to witness against you. If you add one thing to It, or take one Word from It, you'll not stay in the land where the Lord God gives you."
- So say I, in the Name of Jesus Christ!
- **Don't you add one thing.**
- **Don't take, put your own ideas in It.**
- You just say what is said on those tapes.
- You just do exactly what the Lord God has commanded to do.
- Don't add to It.

# TRUTH IS OUR MERCHANDISE

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- ...many times, a man, God can deal with them, give them a gift, and the people will squeeze in on those people. If they're not perfectly called and sent of God, he'll cause that man or woman to say something that isn't His will, because the people constrains them to do it.
- **How I had to catch our own little pastor here on it.** Out here in the woods one morning, about three o'clock in the morning, said, "Go tell Brother Neville!" I come to you, didn't I, Brother Neville?
- Everybody, "Brother Neville, prophesy over me. Tell me this or that." **See, you would have him saying things then that wouldn't come to pass.**



- ...I believe in leadership.
- But it is not the leadership of men I believe in.
- I believe in the leadership of the Holy Ghost coming through the Word.
- I believe also, that God has set men in the church, men who are gifted by the Spirit; and they will keep the church in order. I believe that.
- I believe also that **the church is ruled over by men that God sends to take charge.**
- But that rule is **BY THE WORD**, so that **it is not men really ruling but the SPIRIT OF GOD, for the Word and Spirit are ONE.**

» 11 † And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

» 12 † For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

## Shepherds...

- ...occupy the lower rungs on the social ladder.
- Shepherds are lowly people.
- It is a semi-skilled, at best, profession.
- You can replace a shepherd with a dog.

"Let him who is greatest among you become as the youngest and the leader as the servant" (Luke 22:26)



## II Timothy 2

Paul uses **seven different metaphors** to describe ministers, describing **sacrifice, labor, service** and **hardship**.

He calls the minister:

- a teacher
- a soldier
- an athlete
- a farmer
- a workman
- a vessel
- and a slave.

No one dominated by self is fit for this task.

MATTHEW 20:25

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

## II Timothy 2

Paul's description does not make ministry glamorous.

Leadership in the church is not:

- a mantle of status to be conferred on the church's aristocracy.
- given by seniority.
- purchased with money.
- inherited through family ties.
- awarded to people who are successful in business or finance.
- doled out on the basis of intelligence or education or human talent.

Its requirements are **faultless character**, spiritual **maturity**, a **willingness to serve humbly**, and a **skill in teaching**.

Shepherds...

- feed
- lead
- nurture
- care
- comfort
- protect
- correct





Churches can survive almost every kind of problem *except* the failure of the shepherds.

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G.HIM\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-8 N-3 WEDNESDAY\_

- But, you see, in the church there is the pastor, and that pastor is a special person. **He's built to where he can put up with the fusses of the people.**
- He's a burden-bearer, he's the ox of the team.
- He's a man that can sit down when the... somebody's got something against somebody else, and sit down with them two families (and take neither side) and reason it out and bring it right back into sweetness.
- See? He's a pastor, **he knows how to take care of things.**



- “Pastor” comes from the Latin for “**shepherd**.” Pastors guide, care for, and protect the congregation, similar to how a shepherd tends to sheep.
- Pastors **teach** and **explain** Scripture to help believers grow in their faith and understanding of Christian doctrines.
- Pastors provide personal and spiritual **counseling**, helping people navigate life's challenges.
- Pastors may **visit the sick**, the elderly, and others in need of **personal ministry**
- They are the **administrative head** of the local church.



60-0805 LAMB.AND.DOVE\_ YAKIMA.WA  
FRIDAY\_

- Always honor your pastor.
- He's worthy of every bit of honor you could give him.
- The Bible said that.
- Yes, sir, and don't muzzle the ox that treads out the corn.



50-0110 MOSES\_ HOUSTON.TX

TUESDAY\_

« E-25 † And tonight, so many people can believe God. Sure. **You believe Christ, you believe the Holy Ghost, and so forth. But when a man comes to you and tells something, that's hard to believe.** "I don't know whether I can believe you or not, friend." That's where it's at. See there? That's the reason God can't... That's the reason your pastor sometimes, when your pastor comes to you. **The reason he can't help you, you've got to have faith in your pastor. You've got to believe that he's a man of God, sent of God to do these things for Him.**



« 57 † If a boy was at the door, and knocked at the door latch, tell the ushers, "I have a telegram here for Mrs. So-and-so and Mr. So-and-so." He would be a messenger, a earthly angel.

Your pastor, when he stands here on the platform, ministering the Word of God, he is God's angel to the church, messenger to the church. Therefore, a pastor should never leave that Word, but stay straight with the Word, because He's feeding the shepherd's place, 'cause the--the word "pastor" means "shepherd." Look it up and find out if that ain't right. **A pastor is a shepherd**, and the **Holy Ghost has made him overseer over a certain flock to feed them. What with?**

**The Word of God.** Amen.



## Jeremiah 3:15

- And I will give you **pastors** *{shepherds}* according to mine heart, which shall feed you with **knowledge** and **understanding**.

## I PETER 5:3

- **Feed the flock** of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

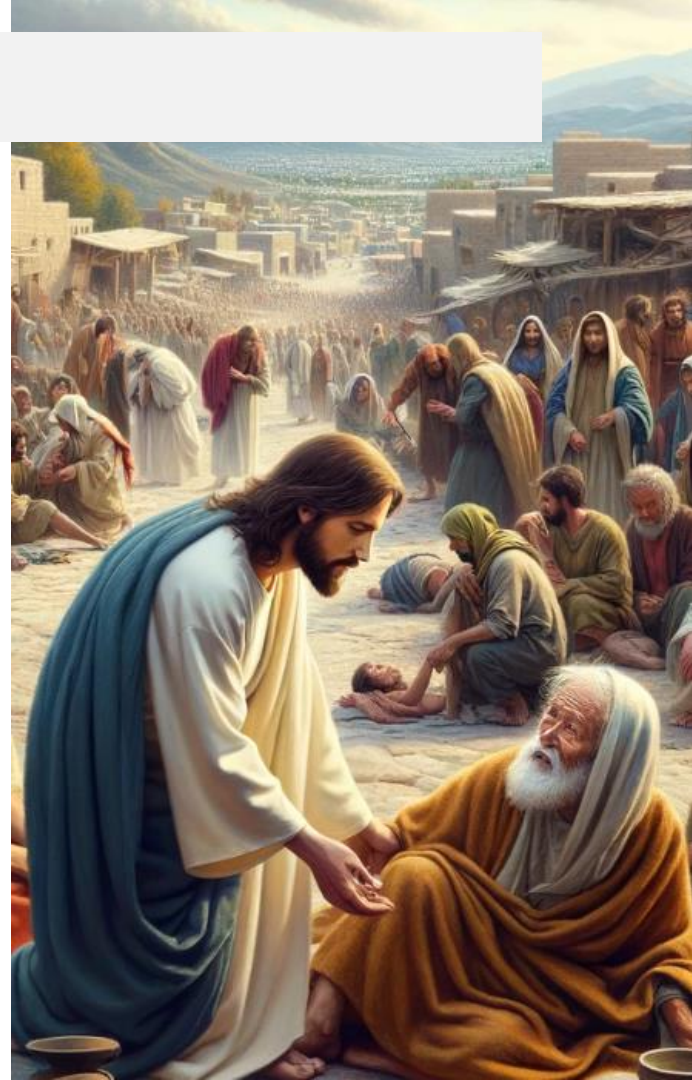




# Without a Shepherd...

Matthew 9:35-38

- But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were **scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**



# Without a Shepherd...

**Neglect of Basic Needs:** Shepherds provide for the basic needs of the flock, such as leading them to pasture and water. Without a shepherd, sheep can suffer from lack of nourishment.

**Lack of Care for the Weak:** Shepherds look out for the weak, sick, or injured sheep, providing care as needed. Without this, the weaker members of a flock may perish.

**Anxiety and Fear:** Sheep can become anxious and fearful without the presence of their shepherd. The calming influence of a shepherd is essential for the well-being of the flock.



# Without a Shepherd...

**Spiritual Stagnation:** Without a shepherd, sheep would be confined to overgrazed areas or poor terrain.

**Lack of Direction:** Without a shepherd, sheep lack guidance and direction. They can wander off and become lost.

**Vulnerability to Predators:** Shepherds protect their flock from predators.

**Scattering:** A shepherd **prevents the flock from scattering**. Without a shepherd, sheep may scatter (i.e. **division** and **disunity** among people) (Matthew 26:31, Mark 14:27). *“...I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”*



# Shepherds Bring Unity

**Acts 20:28-30:** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that **after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

John 10:14-16: "**I am the good shepherd**, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and **there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**"

Ephesians 4:11-13: "...**Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

# Shepherds Bring Unity

63-1226 CHURCH.ORDER\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD THURSDAY\_

- Now, I'm not trying to usurp authority or something like that, but, you see, **a man or anything with two heads to it, it doesn't know how to go.**
- **God never did have two heads to His Church, He never did, it's one head.**
- He always dealt in every generation as we've studied through the Scriptures, **there's always one individual that He deals with.**
- **Because you get two man, you got two opinions.**
- **It's got to come to one final absolute,** and my absolute is the Word, the Bible.

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.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL\_ SHREVEPORT.LA  
V-7 N-2 SATURDAY\_

- No matter how much there's... two--two heads can't...
- **It has to be one head.**
- God has to get **one man** under His control.



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JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FO  
REVER\_ CHATTANOOGA.TN SUNDAY\_

- Then in every local church there's nine spiritual gifts should be operating in that church, **if they're a good praying congregation.**
- **And then the pastor who should be the head of the church** with the wisdom of God **to have that church set in order** so no fanaticism, **no nothing takes place wrong**, just everything proven purely **the Spirit of the Holy Ghost working among the people**, then you got a real church that's an example church to all the regions around about.
- **It's like a hive where the bees come, a lovely church.**



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NG.HIM\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-8 N-3 WEDNESDAY\_

The teacher is a special man.  
He sits back under the  
anointing of the Spirit and **is**  
**able to take the Words and**  
**put them together** by the Holy  
Spirit, that, the pastor or  
evangelist either one could not  
compare with him.



- When you're borned again, God vindicates you. That's how God vindicates all of His nature. What? By their fruits.
- That's the way He vindicates His ministry. That's right. All of His servants are vindicated the same way He vindicates nature. How do you know it's a peach tree? 'Cause it bring peaches.
- How do you know it's an apple tree? Bearing apples. How do you know it's a Christian? Christian signs bear from it; Christian life comes out of it.
- **How do you know he's a teacher? The Word comes from him.**

# Teacher

- Teachers are primarily focused on **explaining** and making Scripture and Christian doctrine **clear**.

And in...

- **educating** the church in biblical truth.
- and **deepening the understanding** of faith.



64-0319 CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE\_  
DENHAM.SPRINGS.LA THURSDAY\_

A teacher, he can explain  
the Word **so you're bound  
to see It.**

If you got any eyes to see  
with, **you'll see it.**



« E-34 † Oh, please, church, have faith, just a little while. See. You must come under teaching. You say, "I don't need no one to teach me after the Holy Ghost is come." My friends, that--that gives me just a little room to doubt whether you've really got it, or not, then. See? See? The way you're acting with it. See? See, the thing you're doing. Now, why, if there is no... **if the Bible says the Holy Spirit is the teacher, why did the Holy Spirit put teachers in the church then, to set the church in order, the same Holy Spirit?** Sure. We don't need any seminaries to go around, a big bunch of men to look out, these things: the Holy Spirit is a teacher. See? **It's a teacher, and It gives some fellow a gift of teaching,** then you must be subject to that gift.

65-1031M POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION\_  
PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY\_

Most anybody can make a tape, that's got the intelligence to turn on a tape recorder, or can sell. But it takes guidance of the Holy Spirit to guide a little group together like this, this morning, and keep them together in harmony and unity, and still clinging to the Message.

## II Peter 1:10

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

# How Do I Know I'm Called to Preach

61-0112 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD THURSDAY\_

« 52 † So always do this, brethren, **whenever you feel that you're supposed to do a thing, first find out if it's Scriptural for you to do it**, if it's in the Scriptures, not just wrote in one place, but I mean completely Scriptural through the Bible for you to do it, your position, say if you'd be an evangelist, pastor, teacher, prophet, whatever that God might've called you to be. You see? Or if you have the gift of tongues, gift of interpretation, gift of any--any kind of the nine spiritual gifts in the church, and the four spiritual offices of the church, any position, **first see if God called**. Then, usually, way I watch it for myself, just... This is me. **I watch the nature of the person and see what kind of a gift that they're professing**. See, God will work with His creature the way He's made him. See? He'll make a creature...

« 54 † If you see him real flighty and going on, you--and he says, "The Lord called me for such and such a--to be a pastor." Now, a pastor can't be a flighty person. A pastor's solid, sound. See?

"God called me to be a teacher." And watch him how he interprets the Word. **See? He gets It all mixed up and everything, then you can tell**. See?

But then, the thing to do, **your position is usually known whether you can do it or not**.



## HEBREWS 13:7-8

» 7 † **Remember them which have the rule over you**, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

» 8 † Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

# 64-0410 SCRIPTURAL.SIGNS.OF.THE.TIME\_ BIRMINGHAM.AL FRIDAY\_

- But, remember, our God is still the God of Elijah.
- He is still the God that He ever was.
- He is still the same God.
- He moves in the same cycle.
- He does the same thing.
- He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I've seen them stand dumbfounded, paralyzed, and taken off the field.
- God still remains God.

65-0120 LEAN.NOT.UNTO.THY.OWN.UNDERSTANDING\_  
PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-3 WEDNESDAY\_

If I had have listened to reasons, there would probably have been thousands of people died, years ago. But I carried a Message exactly like He said, around and around the world.

« 190 † And I'm going again, by the grace of God; not by reasons, but by a commission. Hallelujah. I leaned not... You say, "You're fifty-five years old." If I was ninety-five, that don't mean a thing. **He is still the same God that He was with Abraham.** Yes, sir.

He is still the same yesterday,  
today, and forever. He is still the  
same God, to any man that's been  
called to take the Word of God. God  
will stand by him if he don't be a  
coward.

Now, He is still the same God tonight, just the same as He was. We may have changed, but He hasn't. Now, whatever your trouble is, He will take it away, if you believe it. Will you believe it?

## Hebrews 13:9-12

» 9 † Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

» 10 † We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

**Hebrews 13:9 — New International  
Reader's Version (1998) (NIrV)**

Don't be carried away by all kinds  
of strange teachings.

It is good that God's grace makes  
our hearts strong.

Don't depend on foods the Law  
requires.

They have no value for the people  
who eat them.



**New Living Translation:** "We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat".

**English Standard Version:** "We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat".

**Berean Standard Bible:** "We have an altar from which those who serve at the tabernacle have no right to eat".

**Berean Literal Bible:** "We have an altar from which those serving in the tabernacle have no authority to eat".





## HEBREWS 13:11-14

» 11 † For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

» 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

» 13 † Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

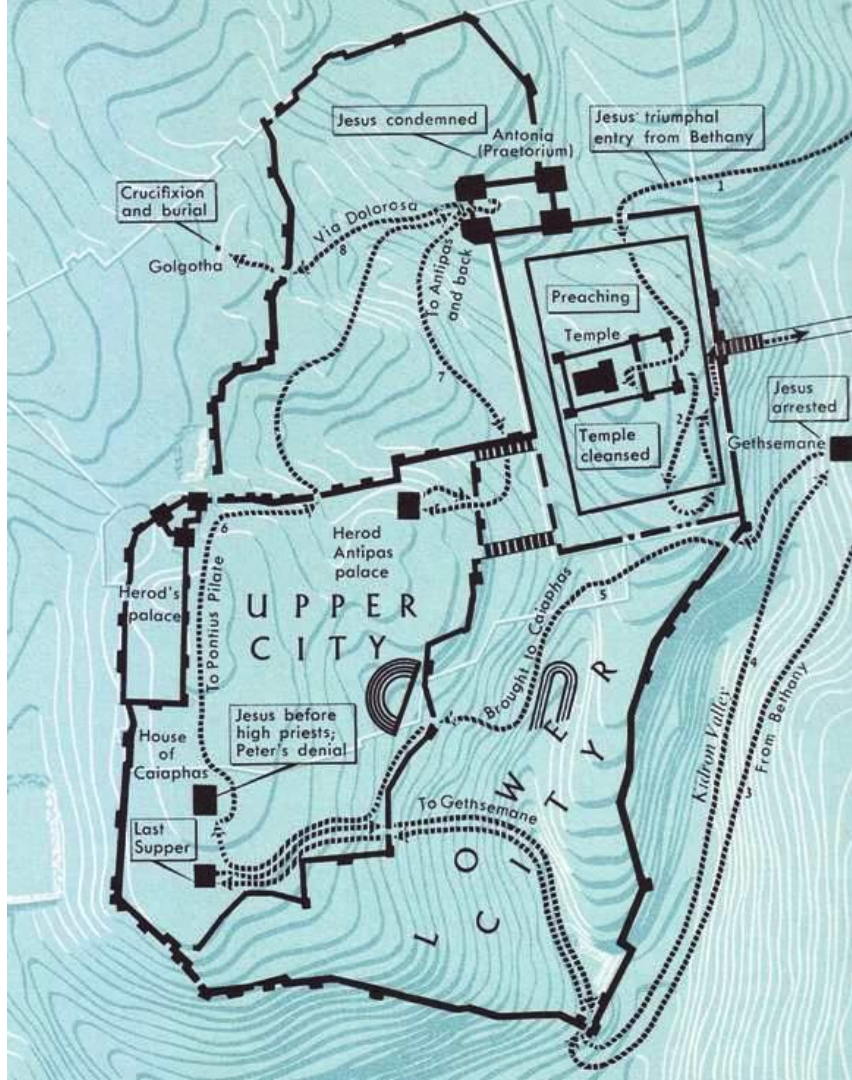
» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

LEVITICUS 16:26-27

» 26 † And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

» 27 † And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.





64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6  
N-3 SUNDAY\_

When He had to leave that camp, then, of that whole gang of people that He brought up out of Egypt, He only dwelt among His prophets, to whom His Word came. The Word came to the prophet, to vindicate the hour. He dwelt among the prophets, and revealed to the prophet. How they cursed, the people, and cursed the thing. And God taught them His commandments and the way of life. And the people was always against it, and persecuted the prophet, and finally stoned him, or sawed him to pieces, and got rid of him.

64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6  
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87 So, notice, He rebuked them, and they put Him out of their camp.  
"Jesus suffered without the camp." They put Him out of the camp,  
outside, way beyond their camp.

88 We find out that the Bible said, in this last day under this Laodicean  
Age, they would do the same thing. They would be put out of the camp.  
Now watch what He says to do now, in closing.

"Put out of the camp," where the sacrifices was burned. That's where He  
belonged. He was the Sacrifice.

« 89 † Now, brother, sister, do you know that each one of you  
all must sacrifice? You must be God's sacrifice; sacrifice the things of  
the world, sacrifice your own pleasures of this world, sacrifice the things  
of the world? You know the reason that people won't do it?