And I said to the church the other day, I
said, we've heard that we should never question
the Lord, as if that's the unpardonable sin,
that's why evidently you've never read the
book of Psalms, over and over and over and
over again, why Lord, how long Lord, my enemies
are all around me, it's one thing to question
the character of God, but it's another,
it's a natural thing, especially if you're a child of God, God, you're my father, why,
why, what is happening?
But those are also some of the places where
the sweetest songs arose, that he learned that
he had a father who walked with him and a shepherd
to keep him, heard somebody say, never waste
a trial, never waste a trial.
God can speak to those things.
This was on my heart just all day today.
Church culture has made a grave, grave mistake.
And that is, we have turned preachers into celebrities.
They have their own YouTube channels.
They vie for the next conference, the next place.
The more popular you are, the more successful you are.
Church, there's only one room, room for one
celebrity in the Church of the Living God, and that's
Jesus Christ himself.
But we've got some young people here, and I want to encourage you to do something.
Find somebody that's consistent.
And watch them.
Call them.
In humility.
I need a little guidance.
That's why God put those people in your lives.
Amen.
Amen.
He told me the other day, I got a phone call
from two young preachers in one week, and I
hung up on the phone and said, you know what's happened to me?
She said, what?
I said, I'm not a young preacher anymore.
I'm an old one.
That's right.
That's right.
My old one's right there.
Brother William, I thank you for your consistency, and I thank you for me.
He helped preach my ordination service.
New Bethel loaded up a bus and drove to Rose, Alabama, and y'all were there.
And it turns around.

God bless you.
And it's 69 years old.
You're still consistent, and I respect you.
Ms. Bethel asked me the other day, she said, are you a Joshua man or a Caleb man?
I said, well, I've never been asked that question before.
I said, let me think.
I like Joshua.
I like Joshua because Joshua was not scared.
He was not ashamed.
He was willing to play second fiddle.
He was willing to walk behind Moses for as long as Moses was leading the way.
Yeah.
Yeah.
But I love the picture of the old man Caleb said, give me this mountain.
Yeah.
Yeah.
He says, for I have wholly followed the Lord.
W-H-O-L-L-Y.
Yeah.
Amen.
He never preached any of Bibles.
He didn't write any books of the Bible.
He didn't accomplish any of those things except he just wholly followed God.
Old men, old women, don't stop.
Young men, young women, find you one to look at and learn from.
And thank God for it.
Brother William, I thank God for you.
I truly do.
Sister D, congratulations on 50 years of marriage.
I said this the other night, I'm getting down.
Everybody knows Brother William can preach,
but I'm fully convinced now Sister D can sing better than Brother William can preach.
She's never sat behind me before.
She let her rip the other night.
And so with that, you come take the stand, Brother William.
God bless you.
God bless you.
You're too kind.
It's a blessing to be back in the house of the Lord tonight.
I'm like the Apostle Paul said, I am what I am by the grace of God.
And I'm grateful for how good he's been to me.
But the song that Sister Casey sung about that
song in the darkest times, y'all know what smudge cells are?
It's when you're diagnosed with leukemia and
the doctor looks and they look through there
and they see the smudge cells.
I didn't know what that was until they said, you need to go see an oncologist.

And I go to an oncologist and he hands me this
paper and he shows me what smudge cells is in my blood.
And I looked at that and I said, okay.
I said, what is that?
And he said, well, that's leukemia.
And all I could think about was six months, three months, right off as he spoke.
And I said, is that good news or bad news?
And he said, well, he said, depends.
So he looks at it, takes all that blood work and he looks at all that stuff.
And he says, well, I got good news though.
He said, it's not a acute, but it's a CLL leukemia.
And he said he called that an old person's leukemia.
Some of you probably sitting out here in the
auditorium that has that and you don't know it.
A lot of people have it and they just don't know it.
They're never being diagnosed with it.
But that was a dark hour in my life.
It was dark.
My little sister passed away with leukemia
and daddy had lymphoma and leukemia with that.
And here I am with it.
And it was a dark hour.
But in the midst of that dark hour, God give us a song.
And I rejoiced over the fact that we're all in the hands of God anyhow.
And God's still in control of every one of our lives regardless.
But in that dark time, God gives us a song.
And I'm still singing tonight and rejoicing in him and what God has done in my life.
And what a blessing.
What a blessing it is.
I didn't ever ask God to let me live a long time.
I just said, could I live to be 70?
And I got one more year.
I'd like to live to at least be 70.
Three score and 10.
I read that in the Bible.
And I just wanted to live Bible days.
Three score and 10.
Today's a song in a dark season in our lives that God gives us to sing.
And I'm grateful for that.
Chapter number 18 in the book of Jeremiah.
Chapter 18 in the verse of Jeremiah.
In the book of Jeremiah.
I appreciate your pastor.
He's too kind.
I think he talks too good about us too much.
But I love him and I appreciate him.
Far better preacher than I'll ever be.

Chapter number 18 in the book of Jeremiah.
Stand with us if you would and we'll honor the Bible.
While you pray for us for a few minutes this evening.
The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying,
Arise and go down to the potter's house.
And there I will cause thee to hear my words.
Then I went down to the potter's house.
And behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.
And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter.
So he made it again another vessel.
As seemed good to the potter to make it.
Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, O house of Israel,
Can I not do with you as this potter saith the Lord?
Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand,
So are ye in mine hand,
O house of Israel.
Our Father, we bow in your divine presence, O Lord, again this evening.
We thank you, dear Lord, for every blessing.
We thank you, dear Lord, for this church and these that are bowed with us.
Father, I pray tonight, God, that you'd help us to,
Lord, take an inventory of our heart and our lives
And help us, Lord, to have a greater desire to just be what you'd want us to be.
Lord, that our lives might bring honor and glory to your son, Jesus.
God, that we'd be made vessels of honor.
I ask you, dear Lord, that you'd just help us tonight and help us to preach your word.
Anoint us afresh with fresh oil and let preaching be easy for us.
We ask you, dear Lord, to help us tonight not to be hearers only,
But to be doers, to respond to your word.
Lord, your words are life.
And Father, I pray, God, that you'd stir our lives tonight with your precious words.
We ask you now to go with us in what you do for us.
We'll be careful to give you the praise and the glory for all you do.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.
Amen.
Amen.
I want to preach tonight, if God will help me, for
just a few minutes on the potter and his house.
I want to talk about that thought for just a few minutes this evening.
And then I want to give you an opportunity to respond to the word of God.
I know that the Bible is written spiritually.
I understand that.
But it also demands a response.
For us to respond to the word of God.
To do what God says to do.
And so tonight, I want to challenge you that
whatever the Lord puts on your heart to do, to do it.

And it'll be in order in the house of the Lord.
That God is in the business of changing people.
That's what he's in the business for.
Is to change lives and make them different.
Make them brand new.
The Bible said, if any man be in Christ, he's a new creature.
And so therefore, in the Lord Jesus Christ, we're made brand new.
And so when you think about that, then we look
into the potter's house for a few minutes tonight.
And I want you to just notice a few things here tonight that
might help us as we tour through the scriptures tonight.
Discussing about and preaching about this potter and the potter's house.
The Bible said it was given to Jeremiah from the Lord.
And in the potter's house.
And I want you to know that sometimes there are people that
come that are just spectators over at the house of God.
There are people that have an unction to be able
to come to church and just sit down and to watch.
Isn't that amazing?
I don't want to be that, I used to be that kind of a person.
I used to come to the house of God just to be a spectator.
The first time that I entered into the house of God, it scared me to death.
How people began to testify and the church began to move
and people began to shout and preachers began to preach.
More than one on the floor at the same time.
And it scared me in such a way until I ran out of the church house.
And I promised God that I'd never again darken the doors of one of his churches.
It scared me to death.
I come to see what was going on at the house of God.
And so the Bible said that Jeremiah, God told him
to go down to the potter's house as a spectator.
I don't know why we come to church oftentimes.
Maybe we just come to sit to watch.
And it is amazing to watch when you see the hand of God working in the house of God.
It's amazing what God does to some people and what he doesn't do to other people.
That's amazing to me.
We're all different in our personalities.
And God works with every one of us with our personality and how he made us.
And that's amazing.
Some people, he shouts them.
And some people, he sits them.
Some people, he causes them to speak.
Some people just raise their hand.
Some of them just holler, well, glory.
And there's some people God uses in different fashion.
And that's amazing to me how that God uses them.
Hadid's daddy, my father-in-law, was a precious man, a precious man of God.

But he was a quiet man.
He was a man that if you'd have looked at
him, you'd wonder if he had ever been saved.
But by his actions, you knew, and the fruit that he bare, you knew that
there had been a time and a place that God done something in that man's life.
He never got up, he never prayed out loud, he never got up
in church and sang a song, as far as I know, never testified.
But he was there when the doors was open.
Every time the doors was open, you can find his seat over at the house of God.
An amazing man.
When he died, the people testified of that man,
of the great works that he'd done as a Christian.
And that was amazing to the family, because they never saw what Mr. Branham done.
He'd done everything he'd done for the honor and the glory of God.
And if I had to write a book about that man, it would have been maybe a page long.
But the road was called in glory, and the book was opened up.
And my, my, my, what a life that man lived, and
what an example that that man left to his family.
So there's different people and different personalities.
I've seen people that God has touched to where they couldn't be quiet.
They shouted at the drop of a hat, and then would drop the hat, as often is said.
And they'd come to the house of God, and rejoicing, and shout.
I knew a dear sister one time by the name of Uly Streisner.
She was just a little old widow woman, about that tall,
about that big around, nearly as big around as she was tall.
But she would come to the radio station.
I had a radio broadcast as a young preacher.
For 15 minutes, I had 7 o'clock every Sunday morning, from
7 to 15 after, and get out there behind the microphone.
That microphone was that big, and me and the radio man was behind the glass.
I was the only two there, except for sister Uly Streisner.
She would get up every Sunday morning, and she'd make her
way over to the radio station, sit down there on the bench.
And I would no more get started good, until
she'd be standing up, and she'd go to shouting.
And she'd go to praising the Lord, and twirling around in that little old room.
I'm going to tell you, God had a hold of that lady, and
she was a vessel of honor, and a help to the preacher.
Thank God, somebody said, didn't you ever get tired of her showing up?
I'm going to tell you, she was that type of
a person that was a light when she showed up,
and an encouragement to the young preachers as they began to preach.
God made her a lot different than he made Mr. Branham.
But nevertheless, he's the potter.
Amen.
And we're the clay.
And every one of us are different.

And we have to be in the place and be the person that God made us to be.
We can't be anybody else.
We've got to be who God made us for his honor and for his glory.
The Bible said that Jeremiah now has been commanded
to go down to the potter's house and look around,
and to tell what he saw, and to see what he saw, and
see if he could get something from the potter's house.
I like to liken this house.
I like the house of God.
I like to liken the potter as God himself.
And I like to look at the clay as you and I at the potter's, on the potter's wheel.
How the Bible said, after all, we were made of the clay of the earth,
and had the dust of the earth formed.
And no doubt, God began to form us and made us out of
the dust of the earth and breathed in our nostrils, and we became a living soul.
And the Bible said it pleased God.
God looked at man as he made him and said it was very good.
Amen.
God, he was proud.
He was thankful.
He was amazed at who we are and how he made us.
And I think about the first person that Adam saw when he opened his eyes,
after he got the breath of God, was God himself.
Amen.
What a blessing it was to see that.
So now, the Bible said that that clay got marred somewhere down the line.
And that word marred can bring about it as broken also.
In the potter's house, the Bible said that God told Jeremiah,
said, look what he's doing.
He's doing a work on the wheels.
And Jeremiah was looking at the wheels and the potters,
and he was looking around at the broken clay,
the lives of people, the lives that have been broken because of sin,
marred because of sin.
When God made Adam, he put him in a perfect and a happy and holy estate
in the Garden of Eden.
Everything was just perfect.
The weather was just right.
The flowers bloomed constantly.
Everything was perfect in the Garden of Eden.
Fact of the matter is,
had Adam not touched that tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
he could have still been alive rejoicing in God.
God made it that way.
But the clay got marred because of sin.
The Bible said Jeremiah recognized the lives of people that were broken.
Marred.

Can you see yourself in the floor of that potter's house?
Can you see yourself like God sees us?
Broken in who we are.
Amen.
Marred.
At very best we're marred.
At very best we're marred.
Vessels of dishonor because of sin.
My friend, the Bible said that Jeremiah looks
at the wheel and he sees the potter's hands
as he picks up that broken clay, them broken lives, marred lives,
and he places them again on the wheel.
Thank God for a God that gives us another chance.
Amen.
A second chance in life to honor him.
The Bible said he works a work.
And in the vessels that were made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter.
And he made it again another vessel.
Amen.
Another vessel.
Made it brand new all over again.
Can you see yourself in need to be made brand new?
Something's wrong with you.
Something had happened to you.
And it's all because of sin.
Sin has broken your life.
Sin has marred your life.
Go ahead and submit yourselves in the hand of the potter.
He'll make a difference in your life if you'll let him tonight.
I'm glad he chooses you and he chooses me.
The apostle Paul said, I love him because he first loved me.
He sees broken lives.
God sees that mar in our lives.
But he loves us anyhow.
He doesn't see what we are, but he sees what we can be by his grace.
And so the Bible said the potter takes that clay and he puts him on the wheel
and he makes him a vessel that honors God.
Makes it brand new.
And then he turns to the house of Israel.
And he says, house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter saith the Lord?
Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand,
so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.
In the Old Testament days, God spoke about
nations, groups of people, different nations,
the nation Israel, the nation Judah, different nations all over the world.
He took little nations, and he confounded the greater nations.
And he worked with nations.

But today he works with individual people.
What you see in the Old Testament, and you see
in the Old Testament, the working of nations,
we now see in the working of individuals.
What God used to do in nations, he does in the hearts of men today.
Is individual.
So he says, look, Jeremiah.
He said, I've got the power to change lives today.
Amen.
If people would submit themselves unto me.
Tonight, if you'll give yourselves, as the preacher said a while ago,
holy unto the Lord.
God could do miracles and work wonders in your life.
Think about what God could do if we could just be submitted unto the
will of God and put our little bitty hands in the great big hand of God,
and he'll make a difference in you tonight.
Amen.
He'll bring in you a new life.
The Bible said he put the law in your heart, and write them, or put
the law in your mind, and write them in your heart through his spirit.
He said he'll do a new thing.
He'll put his spirit in you.
What causes men to live, amen, is breath.
When the breath leaves our bodies, we'll hit the ground.
My friend, listen, tonight, it's God breath.
God breath is the reason we can live forever.
This Bible is God breathed, written spiritually, to be understood spiritually.
Somebody said, I can't understand the Bible.
You get saved by the grace of God, and you can understand it.
You get born again, spiritually, the discernment of the
spirit of the Bible have become alive and live in you tonight.
The Bible said, as Jeremiah goes down, and he
sees this great work done by the power of God.
It's by the power of God that we're raised from the dead.
The same power that raised Jesus Christ on the third day out of that grave is
the same exact power that raises sinners up out of the altar when they're saved.
It's the same word.
It's the same power.
We were dead in trespasses and sin, and he raised us up,
hallelujah, by the power of God, and breathed in us his spirit.
And thus we have everlasting life, put off the old man, and put on the new.
I often say that that old William that died in the altar at New Bethel Missionary
Baptist Church in Blow Gord, Alabama, died that day, and the new man got up.
You're looking at him.
Hallelujah.
The Bible said, now, here's that potter,
the clay, and the vessels that God has made.

Is your vessel tonight a vessel of honor or a vessel of dishonor?
Is your life marred?
Is it broken because of sin?
Let him take your life and put that life on that wheel and make you brand new.
I never will forget it.
You that have been saved, you won't ever forget it either, how that God took your
life, broken, because of sin, and made it brand new in the Lord Jesus Christ.
He says, look at the work that he's doing on the wheel.
Jesus had told Peter, he said, when we're in the
hands of God, he said, no man's able to pluck us out.
I like that, don't you?
And in the original Greek text, it means that you
can't even pluck your own self out of God's hands.
I mean, we're in the potter's hands, and he's making brand new.
And one of these days, he's going to take our lives,
amen, and he's going to set us up in glory as brand new.
What you're looking at is broken and marred,
but what you can't see is perfect on the inside.
And one of these days, the house of clay is going to come off, and that that God has made
perfect, amen, when he put me on the wheel and made me brand new and outshined the sun.
Oh, hallelujah, he's made us anew tonight.
Jeremiah saw it.
He said, if a nation against whom I have pronounced turn from their
evil, he said, I'll turn of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation
and concerning the kingdom to build and to plant it.
If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent.
I'll turn, he says, of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.
Listen, now therefore go to speak to the men of
Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I frame evil
against you, and devise a device against you.
Return ye now everyone from his evil, and make your ways and your doings good.
The responsibility is laid on us.
It's laid on us.
We have a responsibility.
We don't have the power to change our lives, but we have the
responsibility to turn to God in our wickedness and evilness.
Tonight, we're in the potter's house.
Look at the work that he does on the wheel to the clay.
Look at the people that he has changed their lives.
Take him up, and I said that one night, out of
that miry pit, put their feet on a solid rock.
Establish they going.
David said, put a new song.
Even a song to praise his name.
Tonight, God makes new.

He makes different.
He makes brand new tonight.
If you're here tonight, and you never have been saved, I've got good news for you.
Put your life in the hand of the potter.
Put your life in God's hands tonight.
Have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.
Ask God to forgive you of your sin, and you can be
saved tonight in this service and be made brand new.
You can leave here a brand new creature in the Lord.
If you're here tonight, and maybe you've already been saved,
but this old house of clay has gotten marred
because of life and because of sin in this world.
I believe the same message that will save souls
will help those that have already been saved,
cause them to get right with God.
You may be here tonight, and your life may be marred.
And it's a challenge.
You can't seem like you just, you can't get nowhere with God.
It almost feels like he puts us on the shelf in the place of dishonorable vessels.
But why don't you come and get in the potter's hand tonight,
and let him change your life and make you different and make you brand new.
He has that power.
You don't have the power to change yourself.
You can't.
I told a man one time, I said, if you'll quit your,
he told me, he said, I'm going to quit my drugs.
I said, yeah, that's good.
That's good.
I said, but let me tell you, it'll take Jesus
Christ to give you the power to quit them
and to stay quit.
Because I'll tell you what happened.
Because we have a sin nature, when you get rid
of those drugs, you'll want to go to drinking.
And he said, I've already been thinking about that.
I think drinking's not as bad as drugs.
I said, it's all bad.
It's all drugs.
Tonight, you can't fix yourself.
The only one can fix you is God in the potter's house on the wheel.
I'd like for us to get a song, Brother Alton.
I want you to look at your life for just a little bit.
Look at your life.
Know the potter.
Know the potter.
I want you to come, and he'll put you on that wheel and make your life brand new.
Would you come?