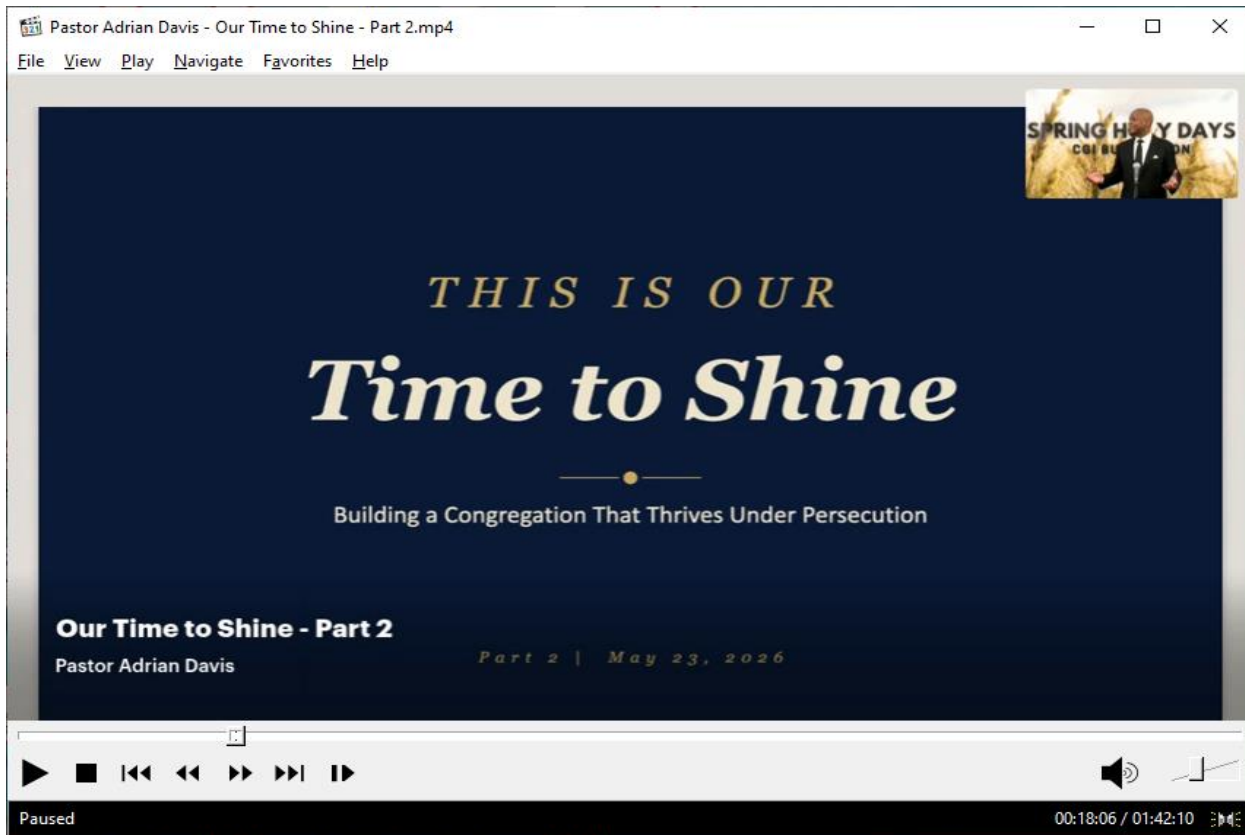


Our Time to Shine - Adrian Davis

Transcript - Part 2



17:55: Last week, we covered part one of this is our time to shine, and this week we go to the second slide.



18:05: It's just the slide I put up last week.

18:09: Are we able to put that up?

18:11: And What what inspired me.

18:16: To do the message last week with the previous two weeks, where we were looking at the beast in the Middle East in prophecy, and and when we face those prophetic texts head on.

18:29: It's dark.

18:31: It's a period of darkness coming on the earth, particularly on Jerusalem, particularly on the covenant people, including us, including ourselves.

18:42: And while that can be discouraging, It dawned on me that this is our time to shine.

18:50: This is The time when we get to show God who we are, what we believe, how committed we are to His covenant, and there's a very bright future for us.

19:01: In, in, in fact, the dark period tests us and reveals our character.

19:06: It tests us and it reveals our faithfulness.

19:10: So we should, we should go into the future, committed, let me say enthusiastic, certainly determined.

19:18: Because this is our time to shine.

19:20: I just want to just quickly go through some of the slides that I showed last week, just to, as a refresher, before we get into the topic this week.

19:28: You remember, I talked about consumer or contributor, which is the, the next slide, that as Christians, we have a choice how we show up.

19:37: And, and actually we'll go to the next slide where I, I talked about this sort of consumer or, or marketplace Christianity versus the church as a family.

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TWO MODELS OF CHURCH

Household or Marketplace

THE CONSUMER MODEL	THE HOUSEHOLD MODEL
The church as a marketplace "What does this church offer me?"	The church as a family "What is my work in this body?"
ROLE Customer	ROLE Member by adoption
POSTURE Receive and evaluate	POSTURE Receive and also give
MEASURE Personal satisfaction	MEASURE Edification of the whole
WHEN HARD Shop elsewhere	WHEN HARD Forbear in love
FRUIT Spiritual atrophy	FRUIT Maturity and gifts in motion

"...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15

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19:47: And as a household.

19:48: And so how do we show up?

19:50: Certainly we're going to receive, you're, you're receiving right now as I give the message or whoever the speaker is when you attend, and so we receive messages, we receive fellowship, we receive prayer.

20:04: there's a lot that we receive as members of the covenant community.

20:08: The question is, what else do we do with the reception.

20:12: If we give back, then clearly we understand this is a household, it's a family, everybody benefits from the family, but everybody does chores, everybody has a place in the family, and so it's give and take.

20:25: If, however, we are consumers, then we receive and we evaluate.

20:31: We're consumers and critics.

20:33: It's like, hey, that wasn't quite up to my expectation, and I quoted the scripture in Ezekiel, where they were just receiving from Ezekiel, and they thought that the way he crafted his messages was brilliant.

20:43: They loved it, but they weren't going to do anything about it.

20:46: They're they're just evaluating him and and would like him to entertain them.

20:50: So I think that's a really important distinction.

20:52: And a decision that we have to make.

20:56: How do we show up?

20:58: And then we talked about the, the, the engineer's ring and structural integrity.

21:04: That in 2007, these Canadian engineers working in Quebec on a bridge, they knew there were flaws in their calculations.

21:13: They chose to ignore the flaws.

21:16: And in 15 seconds, in 15 seconds, the bridge collapsed and 75 construction workers lost their lives.

21:25: And 9 years later, in 1916, the same thing happened.

21:30: And so in 1925 they started a What do you call this, a tradition.

21:38: Where whenever engineers would graduate, they would be given an iron ring and they were to wear it on the pinky finger of their dominant hand.

21:48: So as they're approving drawings, as they're drawing, the ring would scrape and remind them of the disaster and remind them of the importance of structural integrity.

21:58: That we are construction workers, we are builders, and if we don't care about structural integrity, when pressure is put on the bridge that we are building from here to the kingdom, it'll collapse, lives will be lost.

22:11: Structure matters.

22:13: And so if we go to the next slide.

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AUTHORITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Two dimensions: vertical structure, horizontal gifts

THE VERTICAL
One divine structure
 Only 3 levels – 2 ordained offices

DIVINELY APPOINTED OFFICES

CHRIST
Head of the body

ELDERS

DEACONS

THE HORIZONTAL
Many distinct gifts
 The Spirit distributes gifts severally as he wills.

BRETHREN
Each member, each gift

HORIZONTAL - SPIRIT-GIVEN GIFTS

Teaching Hospitality Service Mercy Exhortation

"He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets... for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

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22:16: I introduced the notion of Christ, the elders and deacons, and then the brethren, that that we have horizontal structure and we have vertical structure.

22:30: And we need both.

22:32: And in fact, the vertical structure collapses into The horizontal structure.

22:37: Christ Himself says he's not afraid or not ashamed to call us brethren.

22:42: The elders are not over the brethren in the sense that we're superior, we're brethren too.

22:48: We're we're all brethren, including Christ, and so the horizontal structure is real.

22:54: And we have authority functionally.

22:57: That the way we show up, the way God equips us, endows us with gifts, gives us authority in those areas.

23:07: That if somebody is more gifted than I am in a certain area, I should not be envious about that.

23:14: I should not feel defensive about that.

23:16: This person is outshining me in their area of giftedness.

23:20: Rather than being defensive, I should rejoice.

23:24: That God is gifting not the individual, but the brethren through the individual.

23:30: And so in that particular area, we need to delegate authority.

23:34: So there's functional authority within the church, and I, I just want to really emphasize this because For too long, in my walk, I have seen this dysfunction where brethren just show up.

23:49: What is it?

23:49: Pay and pray.

23:50: You have no value, you have no authority, you're not, you're treated like a child, and you just show up and do as you're told.

23:58: I like, I, how can that be?

24:00: Take the spiritual element away, just as a human being.

24:05: With the faculties that we have.

24:08: When you've been around the earth for decades, how is it that you're treated like a child and how is it that you allow yourself, or we allow ourselves to be treated like children.

24:16: There should be a dignity in being human.

24:20: And how much more in the Church of God.

24:23: There should be a dignity when we acknowledge that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

24:30: And we should rise before the horihad.

24:32: We should acknowledge the dignity of being made in the image and likeness of God.

24:39: Now That said, There is vertical structure as well.

24:45: That Christ has given us a vertical structure.

24:48: And generally again in my walk I've seen these two extremes sort of swing from one extreme to the other.

24:54: We overcorrect.

24:56: So typical extreme in any sort of hierarchy is abuse.

25:01: And, and it's like, you know, there's this levels of hierarchy and, and human beings behave very weird in hierarchy.

25:09: Like there's something that comes over us, and we become sycophants to whoever's above us.

25:15: And there's this kiss up, kick down where we try to please people above us and then we abuse people below us.

25:21: It's a sickness that happens inside hierarchy, and I think Satan knows that.

25:25: And so the hierarchy within the church is carefully constructed.

25:30: It's carefully constructed, and there's only one.

25:33: Anything that deviates from this is man-made.

25:37: And it will not hold up to the pressure that's going to be put on the church because it's man-made.

25:43: The only structure that will hold up is this one.

25:47: There's Christ Who's over the shepherds or the under shepherds, deacons, and then brethren.

25:55: That's it.

25:56: Anything else is made up.

25:58: And in fact, this vertical structure protects, nourishes, and develops the horizontal structure.

26:09: And those in the horizontal structure who are truly spirit-filled, they protect, nourish and defend the vertical structure.

26:19: Both structures come from the Holy Spirit.

26:21: Both structures come from God, and they protect and reinforce each other.

26:25: And this is the structural integrity of the church.

26:29: Hopefully of your congregation, hopefully of our congregation.

26:32: And my point from last week is this.

26:35: That if we don't have, develop and protect this structure.

26:41: We're not going to survive what's coming.

26:44: Those dark prophecies that we read of, that we know are coming, as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, that darkness is coming, absolutely.

26:53: If we don't have this structure and have it in a healthy way, we're not gonna survive.

26:58: What's coming is too intense.

27:01: And so in 15 seconds everything will be lost.

27:05: The next slide I shared that.

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Authority Must Function
Structure is only protective when its officers actually lead

REBUKE <i>2 Timothy 4:2 · Titus 2:15</i>	OBEY <i>Hebrews 13:17</i>	HONOR <i>1 Timothy 5:17</i>
Preach the word. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all authority. Let no man despise thee.	Obey them that have the rule over you, for they watch for your souls and must give account.	Elders that rule well are worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Christianity has been emasculated. Eldership must function: masculine strength wrapped in pastoral care.

LINE UPON LINE THIS IS OUR TIME TO SHINE

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27:11: If we overcorrect where we've seen abuse, and so now we're like nobody's going to tell me what to do, you're not the boss of me, right?

27:18: We, if we develop that sort of attitude now, we, we can't function as a church.

27:22: And in fact evidence that there is authority that ministers must not be limp wristed.

27:28: Ministers must not be weak.

27:32: Ministers must have backbone and strength.

27:36: And not be effeminate.

27:37: We must be masculine.

27:39: We must provide masculine leadership to the household.

27:42: Evidence of that is the instruction to rebuke.

27:48: If you don't have authority, you cannot rebuke.

27:51: You can ask permission, but you can't rebuke.

27:54: And if you can't rebuke, you cannot be led by the spirit.

27:59: At the same time, brethren are told to obey.

28:03: That there are those who have the rule over us.

28:06: And we are asked to obey.

28:08: And it's not a cult And again, it's, it's not like we're asking you to stop being an adult, and as soon as you walk into your congregation, you have to become an infant and a juvenile.

28:19: You come into your congregation.

28:23: As a king, as a priest, as a future, as royalty.

28:27: And with dignity.

28:28: And how we interact with each other is with dignity.

28:32: And there's an acknowledgement of our roles.

28:35: And yet there has to be authority.

28:38: And so the brethren understand this and rejoice in it and are happy to do so.

28:44: And, and when it works well, we thrive.

28:47: When it doesn't work well, we're grieved and everything begins to fall apart.

28:52: And instead of doing great work with joy.

28:56: We start to bicker and just unravel.

28:59: And so we should be honoring this structure.

29:03: So that was a quick recap of what I spoke about last week.

29:09: And my main point, brethren, and and those online in, in your congregations.

29:16: My point is this Pressure is coming.

29:21: We had a dry run.

29:22: COVID-19 was a dry run.

29:25: Black Lives Matter was a dry run.

29:28: And I have to say I'm deeply discouraged by how we conducted ourselves through those tests.

29:34: In my view, we failed.

29:37: Collectively Not saying across the board everybody was horrible, but There was enough for me to say, yikes.

29:47: I'm concerned Because that's nothing.

29:51: Compared to what's coming.

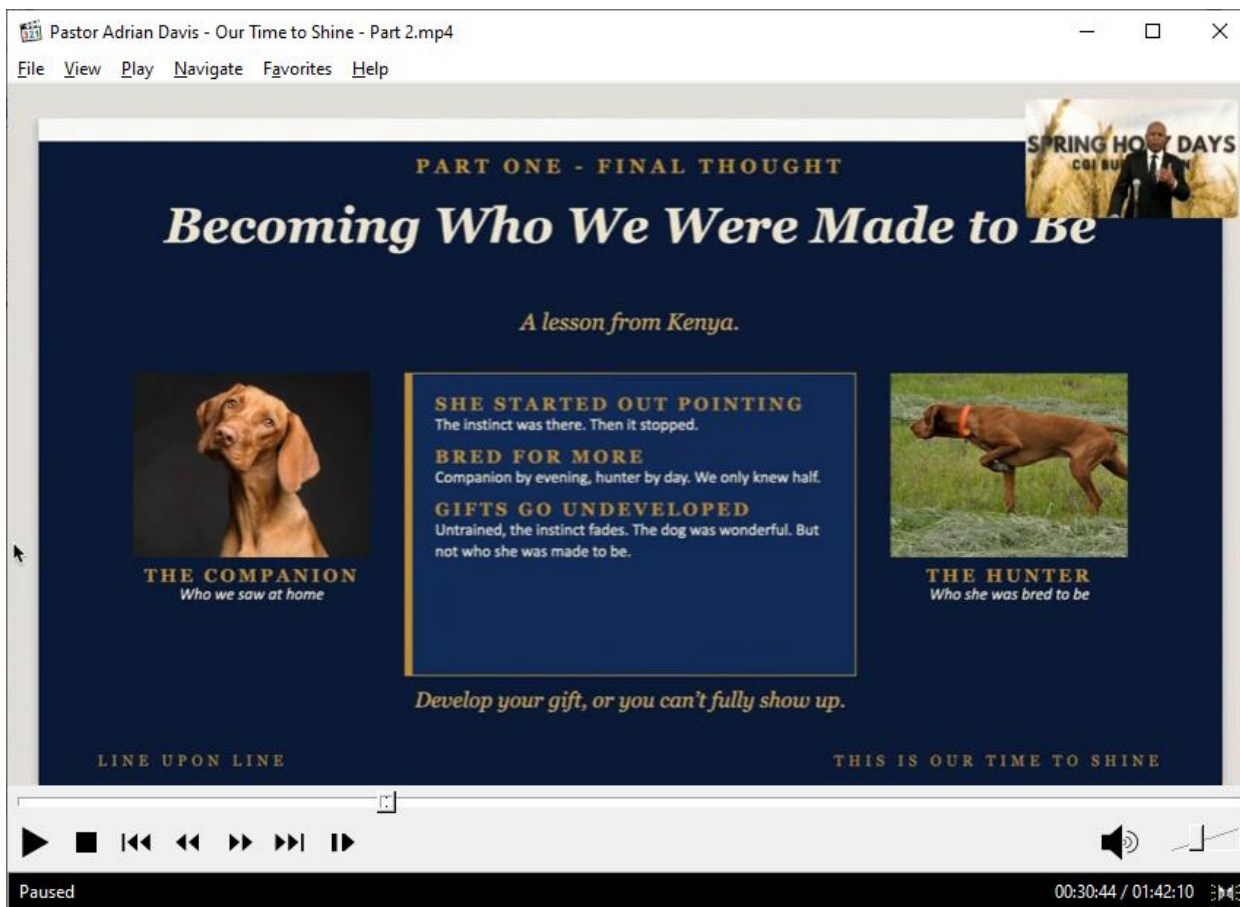
29:52: And it revealed flaws in the structure.

29:56: It revealed flaws in the structural integrity, so that that.

30:02: Ring that iron ring is scraping.

30:06: And it's reminding me of the disaster that follows when we don't have structural integrity.

30:12: I want to add just one more slide.



30:15: To my topic last week.

30:18: And We had a dog.

30:22: Her name was Kenya.

30:23: Some of you may have met her.

30:26: she was a, a, a wonderful family pet.

30:31: I did a lot of research when we decided we would get a dog for the family.

30:36: And through a lot of research, I ended up with Avisla to say we're going to get Avijla, so we went to the breeder.

30:43: And wonderful breeder, lived in the country, had horses, everything, and had a good reputation, and so we decided we would, we would get a dog from this breeder.

30:52: Well, because we were early, I got the pick of the litter.

30:56: So when the litter was born, we went up there and they were all there, they had different labels on them, and I saw one lively one of all of them, Clearly the strongest one, and I said I wanted that one.

31:11: And the breeder looked at me and my whole family was there, and she looked at the kids and she said, this one is not for you.

31:18: And she chose another one for us.

31:20: And I was disappointed.

31:22: I thought I, I want the one that's clearly the healthiest one.

31:25: And she said, no, this is the one for you.

31:28: So we, we, we took her advice and then we would visit.

31:31: We, we couldn't get her right away.

31:32: I think she had to be maybe 2 or 3 months old before we could get her.

31:37: Maybe a little bit older actually, but anyway, when we finally went to get her, a couple of visits we had.

31:42: They would take these dogs out hunting.

31:45: On their horses.

31:47: And the dogs would run with the horses.

31:49: And Kenya, our dog was always first.

31:53: Even though she wasn't the strongest when she was born, she had the, the fight in her, and she always had to be out front, and they told us that.

32:01: So we, we took her.

32:03: And she grew up with the family.

32:05: Now these dogs are bred for two purposes.

32:09: Number one, they're bred to hunt.

32:11: So in the day, they are phenomenal hunters.

32:13: They're bird bird dogs.

32:15: And when the when the hunter is looking for the the bird, when they find the bird, they point.

32:20: And the way they point is their tail goes straight back and they pick up a leg and and they just they're, they just, they're just frozen, and they point, just like that you see in the picture.

32:30: So when we got her, she would do this.

32:34: like a bird and she would just freeze and point.

32:37: We, we didn't care.

32:39: That's not what we bought her for.

32:40: We bought her as a family pet.

32:42: So they're bred to hunt in the day and then be a companion in the night.

32:47: So they're designed to be great family, family pets, which she was.

32:51: She was a phenomenal dog.

32:53: We had her for 15 years.

32:55: Upon reflection What I can say is this, and so every Sunday I was, I was a runner back then, and that's why I looked for this dog.

33:03: Every Sunday I would take her for a long run, and we'd be out running for a couple of hours, and when she came back she was just, just resting the rest of the day.

33:10: So she really loved that, and she'd be off leash running around.

33:14: And so we saw a part of Kenya.

33:17: But we really didn't see Kenya.

33:19: She tried to show us who she was.

33:22: We didn't care.

33:24: Cause I'm not, I'm not a hunter But I realize if I was a hunter, Kenya would have grown into her full identity.

33:33: And me as a hunter, I would have grown into mine.

33:36: That the better hunter, the better bird dog and pointer she was, the better hunter I'd become.

33:41: The better hunter I became, the better bird dog she'd become.

33:45: And so we would have reinforced our, say, the fullness, full expression of our identity.

33:52: And it struck me this is not unlike the church.

33:57: That God has gifted you with, let's call it a spiritual instinct.

34:02: There's something in you by design.

34:05: Like Kenya.

34:07: And that's meant to complement something in me, something in you.

34:13: And the more you develop and express your gift, the more we can develop and express ours.

34:19: But it's possible That we can be together for decades and go into the grave and never fully express who we are.

34:28: And, and so we're never fully known.

34:31: And as a result, others are not able to fully develop and express who they are.

34:36: So, I would really like to encourage all of us.

34:41: Identify your gift.

34:44: Commit to developing and expressing it.

34:46: Show us who you are.

34:48: So that we can become who we are.

34:51: And together we can grow into our full identity.

34:55: So with that, let's go to part two, and we're going to go to Hebrews 10.

34:58: We're going to open in Hebrews 10.

35:09: In part one, I wanted to emphasize the importance of structure.

35:19: And I'm emphasizing the importance of structure for two reasons.

35:24: Number one We cannot bear a load.

35:29: We cannot, we cannot bear weight like that, that bridge in Quebec.

35:33: We cannot carry weight or withstand pressure if we don't have godly structure.

35:39: We can have structure, but if it's not godly, it'll last for a while, but it's not designed to withstand what's coming.

35:48: The only structure that can that can withstand what's coming is godly structure.

35:53: So we have to work hard to have this godly structure.

35:58: Number 2.

36:00: And this is very important as we head into Pentecost and our observance of Pentecost.

36:05: Without godly structure, the force of the Spirit, the the power of the Spirit cannot flow through us.

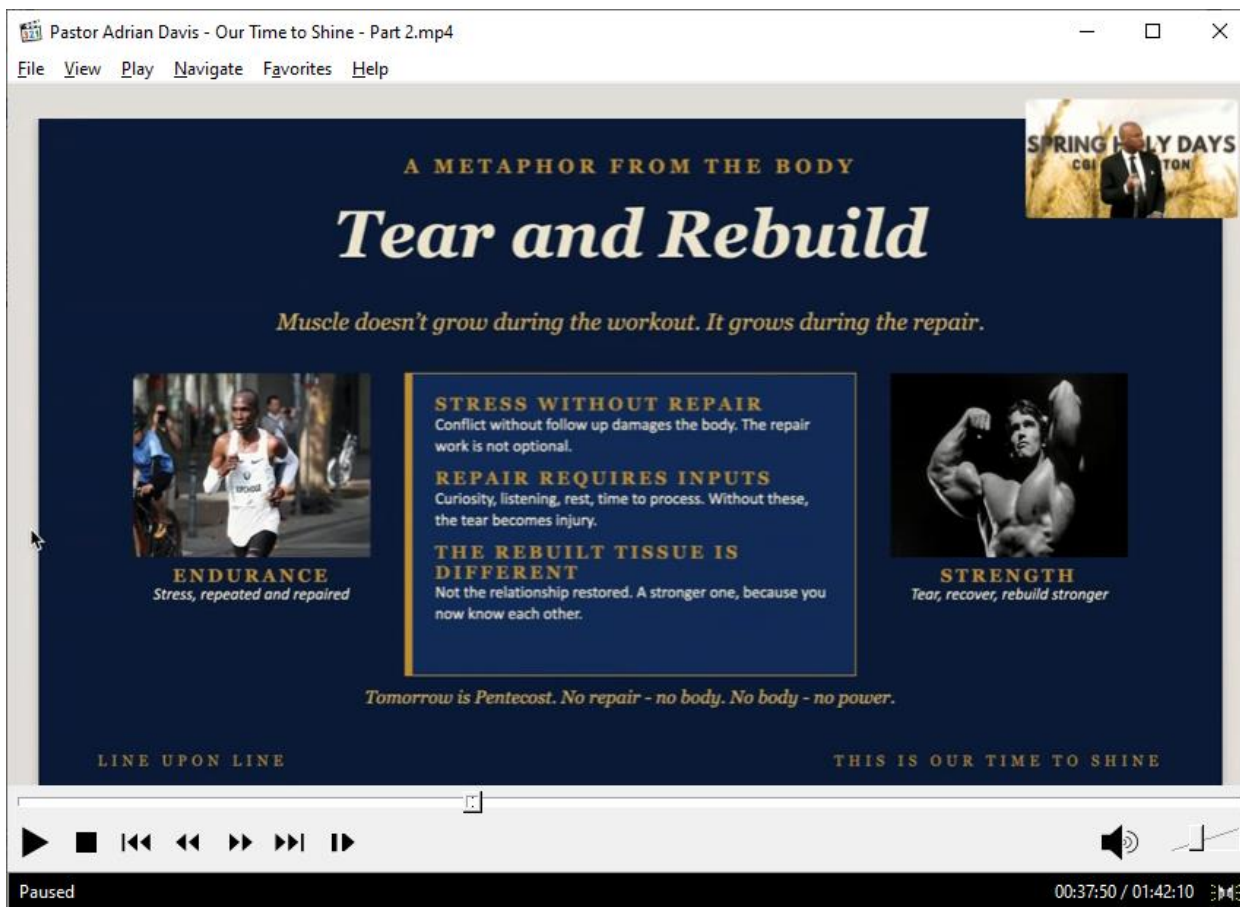
36:12: If, if we're going to have human structure, man-made structure, it's going to block the flow of the Holy Spirit.

36:21: Does that make sense?

36:22: That if we have godly structure, not only can we withstand pressure from outside, but the reason we can withstand pressure from outside is because of the free flowing of the spirit on the inside.

36:34: So we, we harm ourselves if we don't embrace godly structure.

36:40: Now, let's go to the slide Tear and rebuild.



36:44: You're going to see 2 athletes on this slide.

36:54: And then you'll see the point that I'm making here.

36:56: The first athlete is a man called Elliot Kipchogi.

37:01: He is famous for being the first man to run a marathon in under 2 hours.

37:10: People didn't believe it could be done.

37:11: But he did it The one on the right, I think everybody's familiar with, Arnold Schwarzenegger, famous for his bodybuilding prowess.

37:22: One is known for endurance, the other is known for strength.

37:26: Both of these athletes understand.

37:29: That muscles get stronger.

37:32: The fibers are able to endure stress longer.

37:35: They grow bigger.

37:37: When they're torn down And so they both understand that training tears the muscle.

37:45: Rest repairs it.

37:48: But when it's being repaired, it's repaired stronger than what it was before.

37:54: Because the fact that it tore down realizes, oh no, we need to be stronger.

37:58: But the DNA doesn't say, well, we're torn down, let's go, let's go separate ways.

38:04: And that's what I want to look here at Hebrews 10.

38:07: Hebrews 10.

38:09: And verse 24, he says.

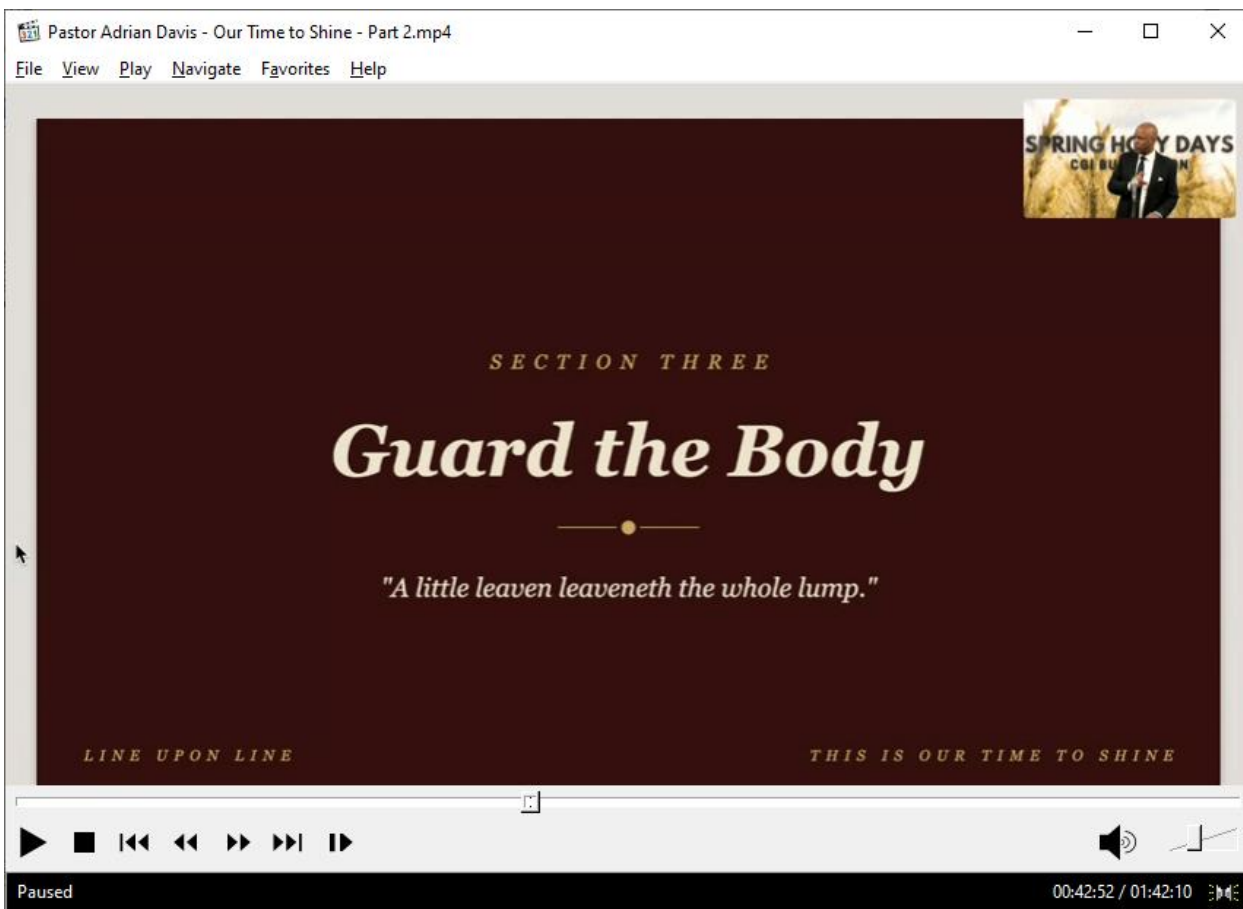
38:13: And let us consider one another.

38:16: To provoke unto love and to good works.

38:21: So we consider each other.

38:23: And the DNA of the muscle doesn't say go separate ways now because we tore it down.
 38:28: It says no, we understand the structure.
 38:30: Let's rebuild but stronger.
 38:33: And we can do that within the body.
 38:36: If we consider one another.
 38:37: How can we help one another?
 38:39: How can, how can I edify you?
 38:41: How can I provoke you unto love and good works?
 38:43: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.
 38:47: That's the spiritual DNA.
 38:49: That if I'm not truly plugged in and somebody upsets me, OK, I'm out of here, I'll, I'll go shopping.
 38:53: I'm a consumer Christian.
 38:55: I'm not getting what I want here, it's not to my liking.
 38:58: Let me go to the marketplace and see if I can find somewhere else.
 39:02: Versus, I'm a covenant, I'm a covenant keeping Christian.
 39:06: And, and in every sense, I'm in covenant with my brethren where God has placed me.
 39:11: And now something has torn down, a communication has torn down.
 39:16: We, there's a, there's a sense in which we can say, oh well, trust has been broken.
 39:22: There's been a breakdown here.
 39:24: It's unfortunate.
 39:25: I feel pain.
 39:27: Obviously I'm gonna walk away.
 39:30: Or, hey, there's been a tear.
 39:33: This is now the opportunity for us to rebuild stronger.
 39:36: Now I understand you.
 39:38: As a result of the stress that we've been through, as a result of this pressure, things came out of us that I didn't see before, but now we talk about it, and now I understand you, and you understand me.
 39:51: And now we can rebuild stronger than it was before.
 39:55: But there has to be this commitment that we're not going to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.
 40:03: Instead, we're going to exhort one another.
 40:07: And so much the more as we see the darkness approaching.
 40:12: Because we have to be built godly with godly structure.
 40:15: We need, we need structural integrity.
 40:18: This is coming.
 40:19: It's, it's so, it's kind of, it's difficult.
 40:21: It's like, what are you talking about?
 40:24: We live in Canada, we live in America, we live wherever we live.
 40:28: It's, it's wonderful.
 40:29: I don't, I don't see what you're talking about.
 40:32: But if we have a spiritual sense of perception, This, what we see today is, is disappearing.
 40:38: It's going away.

40:39: And it's going to be replaced by a deep darkness, and the structural integrity is here.
40:48: It's, it's in individual relationships.
40:50: How do we treat each other?
40:53: That's the integrity.
40:55: And if there is not integrity in how we treat each other, if we speak disrespectfully to each other, if we, if we, denigrate each other's reputations.
41:08: If we behave in this dysfunctional way.
41:12: That is a crack in the calculation.
41:15: That's a miscalculation.
41:17: In 15 seconds, lives are lost when the whole thing collapses.
41:23: We've got to build these fibers between each other.
41:27: That when the pressure comes, you can't break this.
41:29: It's stronger than it was before.
41:32: I know you saw we had a relationship.
41:35: And you thought you could break that relationship.
41:37: What you didn't realize is when you came back, that relationship grew stronger.
41:42: The mutual respect grew deeper.
41:45: And now it's just there's no way.
41:47: By this shall all men know that you're my disciples.
41:52: But it happens over time and it happens with terrors.
41:55: We have to accept that there's gonna be, relationships are gonna be torn, feelings are gonna be hurt, there are going to be misunderstandings.
42:03: Are we mature enough to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together?
42:08: Are we mature enough to talk?
42:10: Can we have a conversation about this?
42:13: And it's only through talking.
42:15: That we actually see each other.
42:17: So yeah, you can see me.
42:20: But you can't see how I think.
42:23: If you want to see how I think, that becomes visible through conversation.
42:28: Especially conversation around difficult matters.
42:32: And so we have to be committed to this.
42:36: If we go to the next slide.



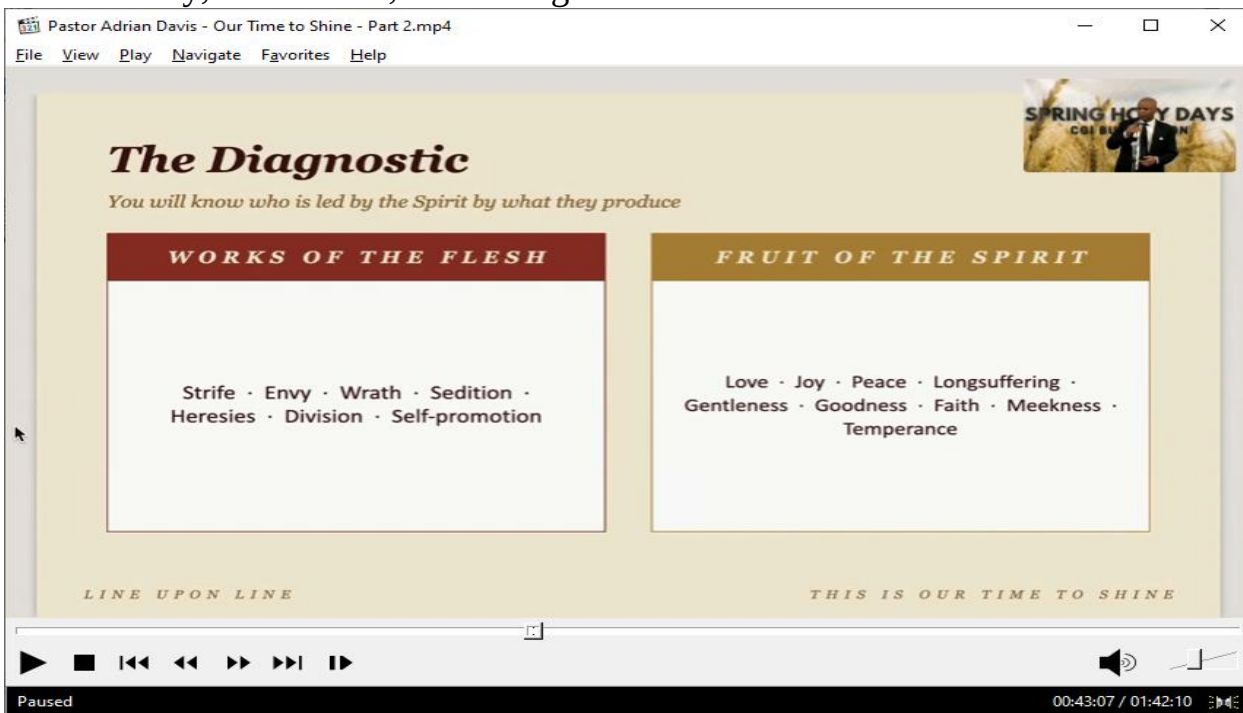
42:38: That commitment then is that we must guard the body.

42:44: And when I say guard the body, I don't mean it's the minister's job.

42:47: As a shepherd, of course, shepherds have to look after the flock, but it's the whole flock's job to look after the flock.

42:55: Let's look at Matthew.

42:58: Sorry, Galatians 5, and we'll go to the next slide.



43:02: Let's go to Galatians 5.

43:10: As spiritual as we are, We are in earthen vessels.

43:16: We are human beings.

43:18: We still struggle with carnal nature.

43:21: And so as humans, we have every opportunity to bring carnal nature into the congregation.

43:30: That's like, that's a given.

43:32: While we are seeking to exhibit the fruit of the spirit, as human beings, we also exhibit carnal nature.

43:39: Galatians 5.

43:42: And I'm reading this now, and I want you to read this with me through the lens of your responsibility.

43:48: To protect the body Yes, it's my responsibility, but it's yours as well.

43:53: Galatians 5, we, we need to have this perception.

43:56: Now the works of the flesh are obvious.

44:00: It's it's not something like we're not sure.

44:03: It's obvious, it's manifest.

44:05: Which are these?

44:07: Adultery It should, this should, this should not once be named among the saints, and yet unfortunately, it is.

44:17: Fornication Should not be once named among the saints.

44:23: Unfortunately, it is.

44:26: Uncleanliness, lasciviousness, these things are in the world.

44:33: Sadly, They're also in the church.

44:38: And this is why we need authority That these things must not be in the church, but they are, and they, they, they flourish without godly structure.

44:49: Idolatry Witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.

45:02: And that emulation is like rivalries.

45:07: Envyings.

45:08: This is again, I've mentioned, your brother or sister is gifted in an area, and you'll see jealousy.

45:15: That can only come from the human nature.

45:17: Jealousy over a gift would never come from the Holy Spirit.

45:23: Should be, we should be happy that others are being blessed.

45:27: Envyings murders.

45:30: Drunkenness, revelings, and such like.

45:34: So we could go on and on and on, but you get the idea, this is obvious.

45:38: Of the which I tell you before.

45:40: As I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

45:50: It's just, it's, it's obvious, it's plain.

45:52: We shouldn't, we shouldn't have to be wondering about this.

45:54: We should not be tolerating this within Christ.

45:59: And yet we do.

46:00: And yet we do.

46:01: We can walk into congregations and we see all kinds of things that should never be.

46:05: And unfortunately, He says in another place, if you bite and devour each other, be careful you don't destroy each other.

46:15: And so if these things are present, we are on the road to destruction.

46:21: And we need structural integrity to move this leaven out of the congregation.

46:27: The fruit of the spirit, on the other hand, Is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

46:38: These are the things.

46:41: That if, if, if, if we come into our congregation, this should be our experience.

46:46: This is what we want to experience from each other, and this is why we want to be with each other, why we're happy to come early and stay late.

46:52: Because this is edifying.

46:54: This, this nourishes the soul, but this has to be protected.

47:02: 1 Corinthians Chapter 5 You can take the slide down now, thanks.

47:09: 1 Corinthians chapter 5.

47:12: To see how these works of the flesh can creep into a congregation.

47:21: And usually they don't come suddenly.

47:24: It's not like, you know, a couple comes into the congregation and they're all over each other and we know they're not married.

47:31: This would be shocking.

47:32: It's like, what are you doing?

47:34: We'd ask them to get out of here.

47:36: It's usually something that creeps in slowly.

47:41: And becomes tolerated.

47:45: And I've actually seen where this very type of behavior has come from the minister's family.

47:52: And so nobody wants to say anything.

47:54: Because, well, he has authority over us and therefore we have to tolerate this.

47:58: No, you don't.

48:00: No, you don't.

48:01: And so maybe this is the case here, where the person involved in this has some sort of authority or is a big donor to the congregation, but nobody wanted to speak up.

48:11: And so it's tolerated and it grows.

48:13: 1 Corinthians 5:1, it's reported commonly that there's fornication among you.

48:19: And such fornication of such pornea as is not so much as named among the Gentiles.

48:24: Gentiles would never tolerate this.

48:26: You, you would be sanctioned, you would be prosecuted for this kind of behavior, and yet it's tolerated in the church.

48:35: So this is showing structural integrity is, is, is, has been forsaken.

48:39: What is the pornea that one should have his father's wife?

48:44: incest.

48:46: And you're puffed up.

48:49: This is happening right in your congregation and you're proud of yourselves.

48:53: And have not rather mourned that he has done that has done this deed among you might be taken away from among you.

49:02: For I verily As absent in body, I'm not there, but I'm present in spirit.

49:08: I've judged already.

49:10: This is, this is, this is a no brainer.

49:12: I've judged already as though I were present concerning him that has so done this deed.

49:19: Notice verse 4.

49:22: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all authority of Christ Himself.

49:29: When you are gathered together.

49:31: When you come together and congregate.

49:35: When you come together as an assembly with my spirit.

49:40: With the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

49:44: This is Holy Spirit power that can only function when there's structural integrity.

49:50: This power has been compromised.

49:52: This power needs to flourish.

49:55: It needs to be exercised.

49:56: And notice, it needs to be exercised by the congregation.

50:02: Authority has been delegated to the congregation to deal with this.

50:06: And, and the congregation needs to have maturity.

50:09: It needs to have Spirit power.

50:14: It needs to have Torah wiring.

50:18: Everybody's brain in the congregation has been wired by the Torah.

50:23: And has been informed and empowered by the spirit, make this judgment.

50:30: To deliver such a one to Satan.

50:32: For the destruction of the flesh.

50:35: This is if, if you're kind of this kind of weak Christian with no backbone.

50:39: With, with, with jell-o for a backbone.

50:43: You can't make this kind of judgment.

50:46: This is judgment that comes from the Holy Spirit.

50:48: Deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the Spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

50:55: There's a longer term view.

50:58: Verse 6, your glorying isn't good.

51:02: We have this sense of ourselves that we feel we're really doing well, and you say this is not good.

51:09: We're singing the hymns, we're glorifying God.

51:11: We think we're doing well.

51:12: This is not good.

51:14: Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole lumpet.

51:18: Verse 6, I could say it this way.

51:20: Don't you read the Torah?

51:23: Are you guys not studying the Torah?

51:25: Because if you were Torah informed, you'd be able to make this judgment.

51:30: The only way that you're you're, you're missing this is you're not studying Torah.

51:37: Because if you were, you would know that little Len leavens the whole lump.

51:41: Purge out therefore, the old lump.
 51:42: Make a decision collectively as a congregation based on Torah, not based on your emotions.
 51:48: Well, he's really nice.
 51:51: He donates a lot of money.
 51:53: It's the minister's son.
 51:55: Where would that none of that comes from Torah.
 51:58: Just make a judgment.
 52:00: Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened, for even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
 52:07: Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
 52:16: So in other words, it is possible.
 52:20: Maybe even likely for a congregation to be keeping God's holy days with malice and wickedness.
 52:28: And not with structural integrity.
 52:30: And it's the responsibility of the congregation.
 52:34: To look after this, not just the minister Matthew 18, and maybe we can bring up the slide again.

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The Matthew 18 Process

Authority belongs to the congregation - Rooted in Torah

- 1**
Go alone
Address the brother privately
- 2**
Take witnesses
Two or three to confirm
- 3**
Tell the church
Bring it before the congregation
- 4**
Put away the leaven
If unrepentant, treat as heathen

The congregation, not the pastor alone, holds the power of life and death over members.

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52:41: Matthew 18, you'll see the Matthew 18 process here, it's a 4-step process, which again, I just want to show you in 1 Corinthians 5, but not only in 1 Corinthians 5, but also in Matthew 18.
 52:54: The congregation has a responsibility.

52:57: It's not just the minister.
52:59: Matthew 18 and just drop down to verse 15, so we know this is a situation where there has been sin.
53:07: Moreover, if thy brother shall Hamartano.
53:14: If your brother shall hammertano against you.
53:18: This is not that your feelings were hurt.
53:22: This is not just that, you know, they stepped on your toe.
53:26: This is Hamatao They have sinned And you've been the victim of this sin.
53:32: This is a very serious matter.
53:34: This could be a 1 Corinthians 5 situation.
53:38: Remember having his father's wife, and the, the father, this is Hammertano against the father.
53:42: How do you handle this if it's inside the household?
53:45: If your brother shall hammer Tano against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
53:53: So your your your intention here is not to get even.
53:57: It's rather to redeem It's to recover the relationship.
54:01: If he shall hear you, you've gained your brother.
54:04: But if he will not hear you, then take with you one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established anywhere from Genesis to Revelation.
54:17: When you see two witnesses are involved, death is not far from that.
54:22: Two witnesses means somebody's going to be put to death.
54:26: And as it was in the Torah, so it is in the Gospels.
54:32: Where this, this is a death sentence that's about to come down, but we need witnesses.
54:37: And so there's there's something very serious involved.
54:39: This is Hammertano.
54:41: This is not you hurt my feelings.
54:43: This is you've sinned, and I've suffered.
54:46: And I'm coming to you to hopefully recover the relationship and bring you back into the fold.
54:51: You didn't listen.
54:53: OK, I'm bringing a witness, maybe 2, so there can be 2 or 3 witnesses.
54:57: Somebody's going to be put to death here.
55:00: Verse 17 Verse 17, and if you shall neglect to hear the witnesses, tell it to the congregation.
55:12: But if he neglect to hear the congregation, let him be unto you as a heathen man and a publican.
55:19: This, at this stage, the sinner has lost all rights to privacy.
55:26: We can't hide this anymore.
55:28: And it's not the minister who then makes the death sentence.
55:33: Just as we saw in Joshua.
55:36: Where the manslayer.
55:39: could flee to a city of refuge, and they would hear the case and say, OK, it sounds like manslaughter, come in, we'll protect you until trial date.

55:47: Now you're going to go back to the congregation, back to the city where it occurred, and we're going to have the congregation.

55:54: Decide whether you live or die.

55:57: So the same way that the judgment of life and death was with the congregation in the Torah, so it is here.

56:04: So what this says to you is we need mature brethren.

56:09: We can't have brethren who, when, when we bring a matter to them, they're gonna be all emotional.

56:14: And well this is how I feel.

56:16: I, I, I, I really feel this way.

56:19: We're dealing with life and death.

56:22: Here, I need every one of you.

56:25: To be Torah informed.

56:27: And Torah compliant.

56:29: That should we have a matter of life and death, and we have to decide as a congregation.

56:35: Each person is saying, well, you know, it's written.

56:38: And someone else is saying that's true, but it's also written.

56:41: And we're sorting through the Torah to then say, here's our judgment.

56:47: This is the maturity that's needed.

56:49: And as the shepherd, I need to develop this.

56:53: But as spirit-filled brethren, you need to develop this as well, because this is the only way we're gonna get through the future.

57:01: Otherwise we end up like the Corinthians.

57:04: 1 Corinthians 14.

57:09: 1 Corinthians 14.

57:29: Here in this chapter.

57:32: Paul is correcting this dysfunctional congregation, though gifted.

57:37: Helping them to understand in 1 Corinthians 11.

57:42: The abuses that they're inflicting on one another.

57:46: In 1 Corinthians 12, how to see each other and how to value each other.

57:51: At the end of 1 Corinthians 12, yes, gifts are very important, pursue them, but pursue the best one.

57:57: But before he tells which the best one is, he goes into 1 Corinthians 13 to talk about the way of love and agape, to make sure that that's established.

58:05: Then he comes back in 1 Corinthians 14 to pick up where he left off in 1 Corinthians 12, to say, yes, pursue, have agape, but pursue prophecy, this ability to speak under inspiration, whether one on one or or more.

58:19: But look at verse 12, 1 Corinthians 14 and verse 12.

58:24: Even so you.

58:26: For as much as you are zealous of spiritual gifts, and, and congratulations to this congregation, they, they wanted the gifts, although they were dysfunctional.

58:35: He's acknowledging that they're zealous for the gifts.

58:38: Rather, this is his whole point in this chapter, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church.

58:47: Pursue that structural integrity.

58:49: And help brethren understand what their gifts are.

58:52: Support them in the development of their gifts so that they can support you in the development of yours, always, all the time to the edification of the church, even when we have to make harsh judgments like Matthew 18 and 1 Corinthians 5.

59:05: It's not out of a vindictive spirit, it's out of structural integrity.

59:10: That sometimes we'll have to make these judgments, but it's always all the time to the end of the building up.

59:16: We are construction workers, to the building up of the body.

59:19: Brethren verse 20.

59:22: Be not children in understanding.

59:26: Study the Torah, study the prophets, study the writings, study the apostolic teachings, study revelation, understand how it all ties together, rooted in Torah, and the Bible's telling one story, and let's grow up spiritually so that we're not children in understanding.

59:45: We can talk to anybody.

59:46: Bring the most learned rabbi.

59:48: We would love to sit down and talk.

59:51: Bring the most learned, Christian minister.

59:54: We'd love to sit down and talk because we're not children in understanding.

59:58: However, in malice be you children.

1:00:02: It's like somebody hurts us, we're upset, and then we forget about it and we're playing in the sandbox again.

1:00:08: Let's be like that.

1:00:10: In malice be your children, but in understanding, men.

1:00:14: Let's study the Bible.

1:00:16: When people ask us for judgments, we can make these judgments.

1:00:20: And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1:00:24: In fact, I was reading a verse 32 there, and this is a really important verse 32.

1:00:29: He, he's telling us to pursue this gift of prophecy.

1:00:33: And so, by inspiration, or I, I can speak by inspiration, cause I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm really developing this gift to prophesy.

1:00:42: And then he says to me, hey, hey, hey, hey, the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1:00:49: It's not freewheeling.

1:00:50: Now I'm in control and I do whatever I want.

1:00:53: It's if someone else is inspired.

1:00:57: I'm gonna listen to them Because the spirit is inspiring them.

1:01:02: And so now I'm gonna yield and listen to them.

1:01:05: It's that I'm gonna study Isaiah and Malachi and Zachariah and and Haggai and Obadiah, and I'm gonna be subject to their teachings.

1:01:16: It's that I'm not an apostle.

1:01:20: But I'm subjected to the apostles, and I'm gonna be studying their teachings.

1:01:25: So we cannot have, and this is why I say the horizontal structure protects the vertical.

1:01:30: There's no gifted person that will violate the vertical structure.

1:01:36: Violation of the vertical structure comes from the devil, let's just say it plainly.

1:01:40: The devil hates that.

1:01:42: And there's a sense in which that vertical structure can be inverted, and Christ is actually the lowest.

1:01:49: Who then has the elders and then the deacons to support the body.

1:01:53: But we're all members of each of the body.

1:01:56: Verse 40 So the fact that we're subject to the prophets, we're subject to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is subject to the Holy Spirit.

1:02:04: Verse 40, let all things be done decently and in order.

1:02:10: a Church of God is not chaotic.

1:02:13: If we have chaos in our congregation, then Satan is in our congregation.

1:02:18: If we have rebellion in our congregation, then Satan is in our congregation.

1:02:22: Let everything be done decently in order.

1:02:24: That's what comes from the Holy Spirit.

1:02:26: This, this self-control, this temperance, this, this respect for one another, this, this flourishing.

1:02:33: That people come here to flourish.

1:02:36: They come here to thrive.

1:02:37: They come here to grow.

1:02:38: Not to be harmed And so we see here.

1:02:44: In 1 Thessalonians 5.

1:03:06: In 1 Thessalonians 5.

1:03:10: I was just thinking of 1 Corinthians 6, we won't turn there, but I was just thinking of it in 1 Corinthians 6, where Paul is astonished.

1:03:19: That members are taking each other to court.

1:03:23: And he's like, how can this be?

1:03:25: He's like, don't you have anybody who's Torah-minded among you?

1:03:30: That you could go to them, within the congregation, and they could give you a godly judgment.

1:03:35: So he, he, he's like shocked.

1:03:37: He, he expects such maturity in the congregation that everyone is Torah informed.

1:03:44: And you could go to the lowest brother or sister, and they could give you a judgment, a biblical judgment.

1:03:49: This is what we have to build up.

1:03:51: Here in 1 Thessalonians 5 and verse 14.

1:03:55: And again, we can only do this, brethren, if we're not judging from emotion.

1:04:00: We're judging from Torah 1 Thessalonians 5:14.

1:04:07: Now we exhort you, this is an exhortation, with all urgency, urgency, because we're wearing the ring, the iron ring.

1:04:15: And we're aware of catastrophe.

1:04:18: And so as we wear the iron ring and we're looking at the drawings, we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly.

1:04:25: That's a miscalculation that we cannot ignore.

1:04:28: That's a crack that with the right pressure, everything falls apart.

1:04:31: Everything that we've been building gone in 15 seconds.

1:04:37: Warn them that are unruly.

1:04:39: Comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak.

1:04:43: So the unruly, the feeble-minded, and the weak are cracks in the foundation, cracks in the building.

1:04:51: The unruly, the feeble-minded, and the weak, 15 seconds, everything is destroyed.

1:04:58: So we have to have a mind of reinforcing the cracks.

1:05:03: Stealing the cracks.

1:05:05: Strengthening the weak, so that when this pressure, which low it will come.

1:05:10: It's coming.

1:05:11: We've had a couple of dry rehearsals or dress rehearsals, dry runs.

1:05:15: It's coming.

1:05:16: Let's deal with the cracks now.

1:05:18: These engineers in 2007, they knew there were miscalculations.

1:05:22: They knew it.

1:05:23: They just ignored it.

1:05:24: They didn't address it.

1:05:27: And then he says, he says, be patient toward all men.

1:05:29: Men is in italics.

1:05:31: It's sort of all of a sudden we're being patient toward all men.

1:05:34: No, be patient toward all.

1:05:36: Within the household Within the household, there's going to be issues, there's going to be challenges.

1:05:42: Let's be patient toward all.

1:05:44: If we go to the next slide.

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SECTION FOUR

The Power

Structure without the Spirit is structure without power.

Acts 1:8	Zechariah 4:6	Zechariah 4:10
<i>Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.</i>	<i>Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.</i>	<i>Who hath despised the day of small things?</i>

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1:05:46: This is what we are gathering together to celebrate.

1:05:51: Tomorrow As we observe and have been counting towards Pentecost, the power of the Holy Spirit.

1:06:00: There is work to be done.

1:06:01: It could not be done until the receipt of the Holy Spirit in Acts one.

1:06:06: Acts 1.

1:06:11: And verse 8.

1:06:13: But you shall receive power.

1:06:15: He told us, stay here in Jerusalem.

1:06:18: And you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

1:06:24: And then what happens when you receive the Holy Spirit and you receive this power?

1:06:27: Get to work.

1:06:29: The purpose of the powers is work.

1:06:32: It's to put you to work and to do a work that's not possible humanly.

1:06:37: And so as we gather together to observe Pentecost tomorrow, let us observe with a sense of purpose, with a sense of passion, that the whole reason for having the Holy Spirit is to be put to work on a, on a, on a supernatural level.

1:06:54: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit shall come upon you.

1:06:58: And you shall be my martyrs.

1:07:01: You shall be my witnesses.

1:07:03: You, you are going to be empowered with a message that's going to be hated, but it's unstoppable.

1:07:08: Nothing can stop you, not even death, because the Holy Spirit, you'll just pass the baton to someone else.

1:07:16: You'll be my witnesses unto me.

1:07:18: Notice it begins in Jerusalem.

1:07:21: That is the Earth's epicenter, and it should be ours.

1:07:25: We, we should be Jerusalem minded.

1:07:27: Hopefully we're Jerusalem minded.

1:07:30: You will be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile, but it begins in Jerusalem and Judea, and in Samaria, now it's the broader Israel, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

1:07:46: That's why we observe Pentecost, to be put to this work.

1:07:51: Now let's see this in Zechariah.

1:07:52: Let's go to Zechariah 4.

1:07:54: Is Zechariah 4?

1:08:04: How do we take this work to the uttermost parts of the earth?

1:08:09: Especially when we've seen the setbacks over and over again with the church.

1:08:14: We build up, we tear down, we build up, we tear down because we lack structural integrity.

1:08:19: We need to have a structural integrity such that we build up and it never reverses.

1:08:24: We build up, it doesn't reverse.

1:08:26: No matter what setbacks we face, we just keep going forward.

1:08:29: And the only way we can do that is with the Holy Spirit.

1:08:32: And the only way the Holy Spirit can flourish within us is with structural integrity.

1:08:37: We can do what we like.
1:08:40: There's no immediate consequences.
1:08:42: To doing whatever we like.
1:08:45: But there are long term consequences.
1:08:47: And there is catastrophic failure to doing what we like.
1:08:50: We won't notice it right away, but it's coming.
1:08:53: And so to do this work with the power of the Lord, we need structural integrity.
1:09:00: Zechariah 4.
1:09:02: The Jews have returned to Jerusalem after being enslaved by Babylon, it's time now to rebuild.
1:09:09: The rebuilding is not going so well.
1:09:11: Listen to the encouragement that comes from the Lord.
1:09:15: Zechariah 4 will break in at verse 6.
1:09:18: Actually, no, for this one, let's just let's look at this in context.
1:09:23: Zechariah 4, we'll just read from verse 1.
1:09:28: And the angel that talked with me came again and woke me as a man that has wakened out of his sleep.
1:09:33: So I was in a deep sleep, he woke me up and he said unto me, What do you see?
1:09:37: And I said, I've looked and behold, a candlestick all of gold.
1:09:40: So he sees this beautiful candlestick of gold and a bowl at the top of it.
1:09:44: And 7 lamps in the bowl.
1:09:48: And 7 pipes to the 7 lamps, which are on the upon the top thereof, and 2 olive trees by it, one on the right side and one of the bowl, and the other on the left side thereof.
1:10:00: So the olive trees are feeding these lamps that are on this bowl, on this candlestick of gold.
1:10:06: And so, I answered.
1:10:09: And spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
1:10:14: Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, do you know, do you not know what these are?
1:10:22: And I said, no, my lord.
1:10:24: Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, who's leading the rebuilding project, saying, basically, don't be discouraged.
1:10:35: Because it's not by might.
1:10:38: Nor by human power.
1:10:40: But by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts, and again, that's why I'm saying we have to have this structural integrity.
1:10:47: We're we're gonna be observing Pentecost to celebrate the receipt of the Spirit, but if we don't have structural integrity, it, the Spirit won't flow.
1:10:55: And we cannot do this work, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts, who are you, oh great mountain, before the rubber bell.
1:11:05: You shall become a plane.
1:11:06: You'll be flattened.
1:11:08: There is no force more powerful than the Spirit of God.
1:11:13: And there is no obstacle that can withstand the purpose of God.

1:11:17: So if we are within the purpose of God, Filled and imbued with the spirit of God, there's no obstacle that can stop us.

1:11:29: And he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it, the building project will succeed.

1:11:37: Moreover, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, the hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and, and many saw the foundation and were discouraged, because it was nothing like Solomon's temple.

1:11:50: But God is now encouraging Zabel.

1:11:52: Don't be discouraged.

1:11:54: The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house.

1:11:57: His hands shall also finish it, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me unto you.

1:12:05: This is a spiritual work, for who has despised the day of small things?

1:12:12: Don't worry that we're small.

1:12:14: Don't worry that we seem insignificant.

1:12:17: If the Holy Spirit is with us, don't despise the day of small things.

1:12:23: That's how God works with men.

1:12:25: He starts really small, and then the spirit flourishes, as long as it's allowed to flourish.

1:12:32: Who's despised the day of small things, for they shall rejoice and see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

1:12:38: So this is a plummet line with a weight to make sure that the construction project is straight and has structural integrity.

1:12:44: There are no miscalculations.

1:12:47: And shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those 7, those candlesticks.

1:12:53: They are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

1:12:57: God is aware of what's happening on earth, and he's aware of who is taking his structure seriously.

1:13:04: He's aware of who's allowing the spirit to flourish.

1:13:07: He's aware of who's edifying the body and rebuilding those muscle fibers so that they're stronger after a tear.

1:13:21: I want to go to Luke 18.

1:13:25: Because it says not by strength nor by might, but by my spirit.

1:13:32: We have to have that structural integrity for the spirit to flow within us.

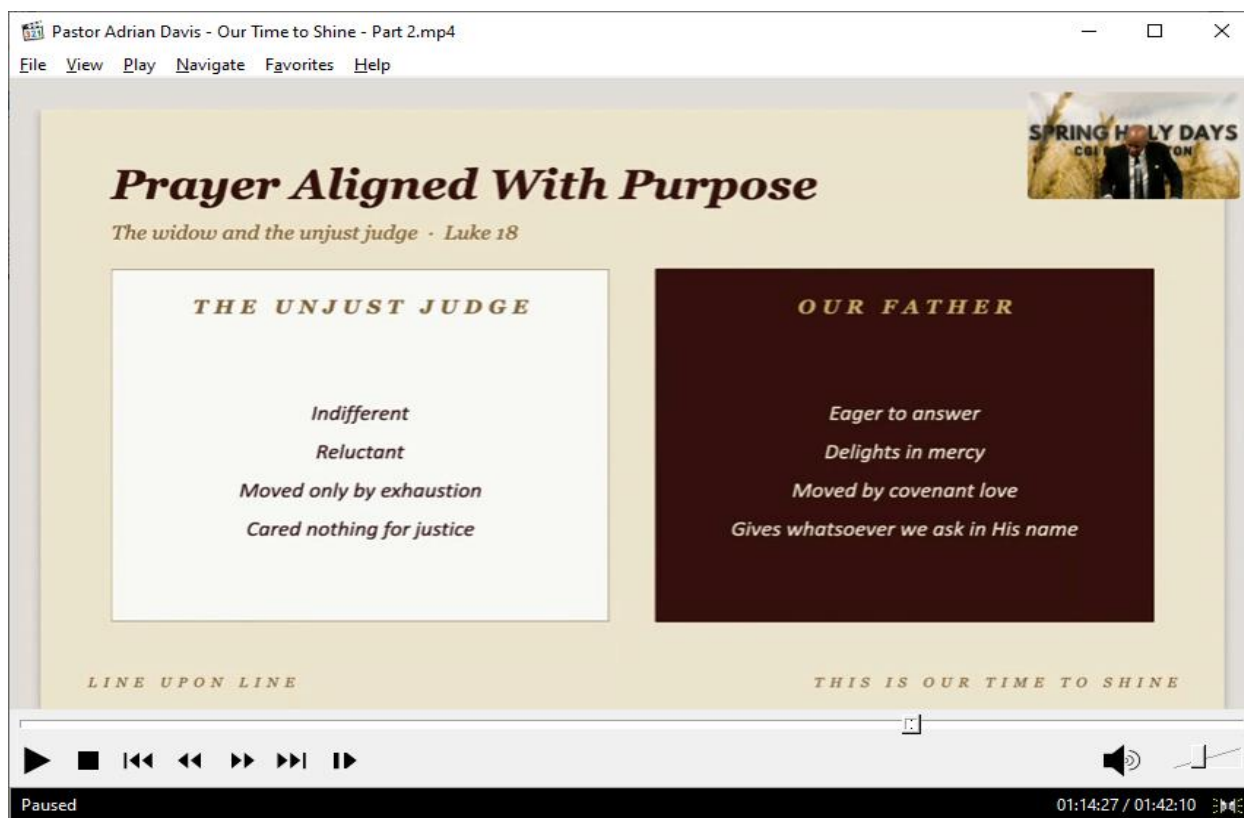
1:13:37: We also have to have faith.

1:13:39: That in the face of a massive mountain, and in this case let's say that the mountain is the government who will be against us.

1:13:47: No matter how much power they have, we, we must have faith.

1:13:51: Look at Luke 18.

1:13:54: Luke 18 If you can just bring up my next slide, that's a prayer aligned with purpose.



1:14:02: So tomorrow when we gather to celebrate the Day of Pentecost.
 1:14:09: Let us do so understanding more the the purpose of Pentecost.
 1:14:13: Why do we have this Holy Spirit?
 1:14:15: Why would God give us this magnificent power?
 1:14:18: He put the disciples to work right away.
 1:14:20: Here's the power.
 1:14:21: Here's the purpose.
 1:14:23: We have to have this great sense of purpose.
 1:14:24: Luke 18 and verse 1, and he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought
 always to pray and not to faint.
 1:14:32: So as these dark shadows close in on us, as the dark prophecies begin to unfold, men
 ought always to pray.
 1:14:40: And not to faint.
 1:14:41: There was in a city a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man.
 1:14:47: So you, you know, these kind of powerful people that nothing can contain them.
 1:14:51: They do what they want.
 1:14:52: They're full of themselves.
 1:14:54: So was this judge, and there was a widow, the exact opposite, total weakness, total
 desperation and dependency, no economic capability to defend herself.
 1:15:05: So there's this widow in that city.
 1:15:07: And she came unto me, unto him saying, avenge me of mine adversary.
 1:15:12: Somebody has taken advantage of this widow.
 1:15:15: And he wouldn't for a while.
 1:15:17: He didn't care.

1:15:18: It's not like he could look and say that's a terrible situation, out of humanity, let me help you, he couldn't care less.

1:15:25: But afterward he said within himself, though I fear not God nor regard man, I do what I want.

1:15:33: Yet because this widow troubles me.

1:15:35: I will avenge her.

1:15:38: Lest by her continual coming she weary me.

1:15:41: So he just couldn't take it anymore.

1:15:43: Every day she's, she's coming to his court.

1:15:46: Every day people are seeing him, her pleading with him and seeing like, man, this guy's got no heart, he's cruel, he's and and so to protect his reputation maybe, but he's like, I gotta do something, so she's gonna weary me.

1:16:00: Verse 6, hear what the unjust judge said.

1:16:06: So, that's what the unjust judge said.

1:16:09: God is not unjust.

1:16:11: This is, this is one of those rabbinical teachings, the lesser, therefore the greater, from the lesser to the greater, how much more?

1:16:19: If the unjust judge.

1:16:22: We'll listen to the widow who's powerless.

1:16:25: How much more shall the great God of cassette of covenant keeping faithfulness listen to us who are powerless in the face of a big mountain.

1:16:36: Hear what the unjust judge said.

1:16:39: And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cried day and night unto him, though he bear along with them.

1:16:48: This is faith.

1:16:49: That he may not answer us right away.

1:16:52: But if we know we have the purpose of the Holy Spirit in us, if we know we're structured with integrity, and we're doing His will, which is going to be very difficult, that's what the, the, the, the beast in the Middle Eastern prophecy.

1:17:05: Choose your sides.

1:17:06: Which side are you on?

1:17:08: It's going to be very difficult.

1:17:11: And we're going to suffer for it and we're going to be hated of all nations for it.

1:17:15: And he's going to bear along with us.

1:17:16: He's not going to answer right away.

1:17:18: He's not this beck and call God.

1:17:20: He's not a vending machine.

1:17:23: He does it on his will, on his time.

1:17:26: I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

1:17:29: When he acts, he'll act decisively.

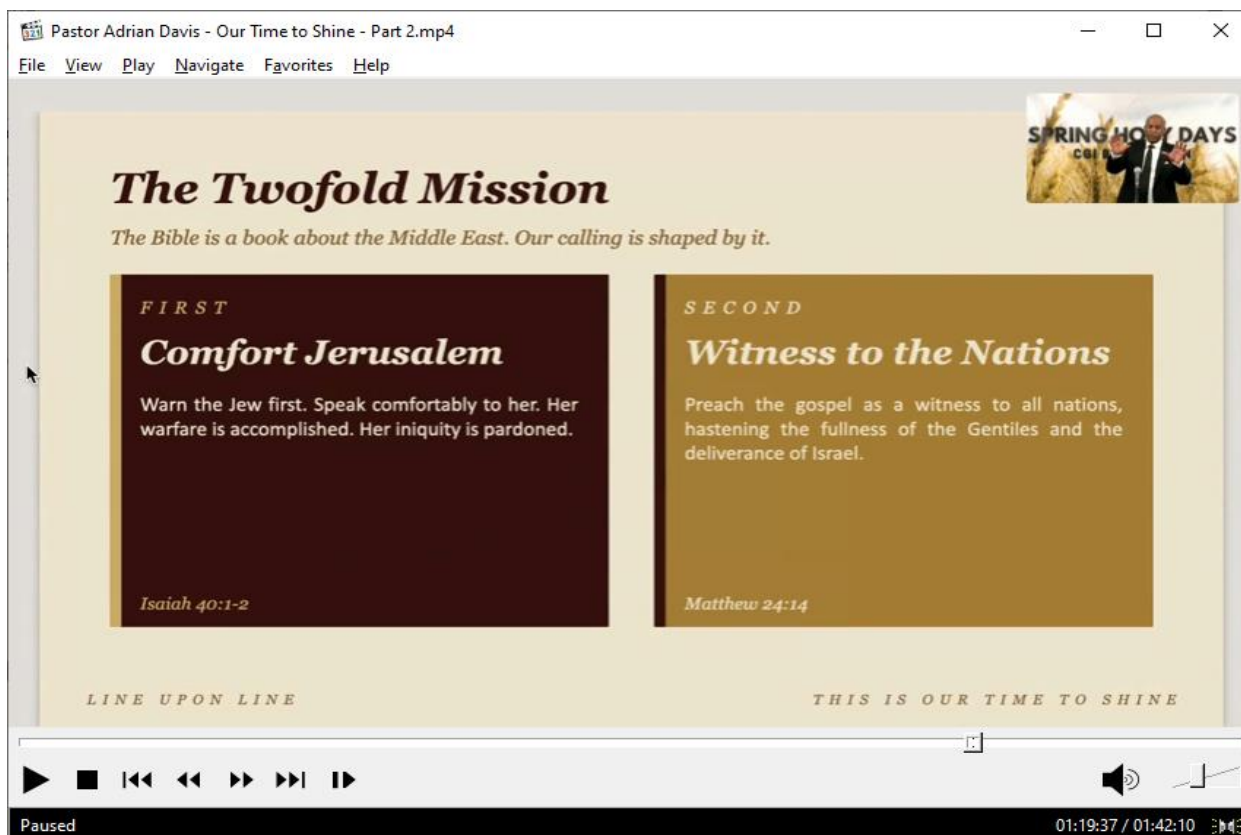
1:17:31: Nevertheless, despite that, that the, the, the unjust judge can be moved, how much more can God be moved?

1:17:38: Nevertheless, even though the unjust judge will act.

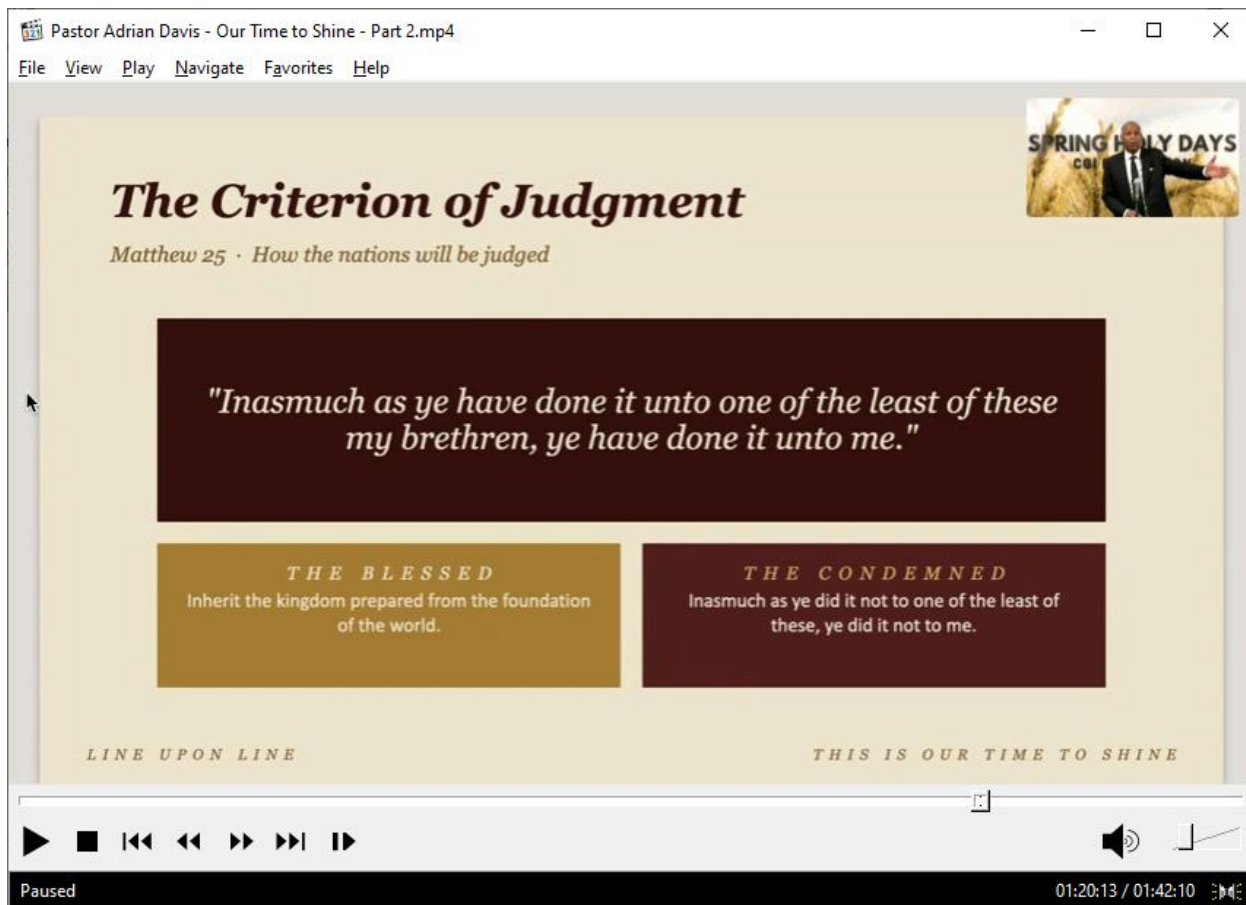
1:17:44: God's people, knowing God's character, we come to this conclusion.

1:17:49: Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, shall he find faith on the earth.

1:17:55: And the way the question is worded in the Greek, it's begging the answer no.
1:17:58: It's saying he's not going to find faith on the earth.
1:18:02: This is, this is the future of the church.
1:18:05: Unless we have structural integrity.
1:18:08: Unless the Holy Spirit is flowing through that structure.
1:18:11: And unless we pray through all of this together.
1:18:21: Let's wrap up here.
1:18:22: We'll go to The next slide Which is really telling us, I've said it already, we're going to be hated for his name's sake.



1:18:33: So if we go to our twofold mission.
 1:18:38: Where we see And we've read it many times in Isaiah 40.
 1:18:43: The spirit informed part of the covenant community.
 1:18:49: is being told to comfort.
 1:18:51: The part of the covenant community that is not spirit filled.
 1:18:55: To preach the gospel to them.
 1:18:58: To focus on Jerusalem, that all armies are surrounding Jerusalem, and to speak comfort to Jerusalem.
 1:19:04: That's our first mission.
 1:19:07: Start with Jerusalem.
 1:19:09: But then we have to spread it to the ends of the earth, to the nations.
 1:19:13: And so we see in Matthew 24, this call of purpose to preach the gospel to the whole world, to the, to the Gentile nations, to as a warning and a witness.
 1:19:24: So it's twofold.
 1:19:26: When, when it will cost us our lives and our livelihood to side with Jerusalem because of God's covenant faithfulness.
 1:19:36: And we're going to preach that to Jerusalem.
 1:19:38: That there was a purpose behind all of this, and we're also going to preach to the nations.
 1:19:44: And then if you go to the next slide.



1:19:47: Matthew 25.

1:19:50: I'm gonna ask you to read that on your own from verses 31 to 46, where this is where you have the passage, where Christ says, as much as you've done it to the least of one of these, my brethren, you've done it unto me.

1:20:05: And Christians take that as, oh, it's time for us to be good to fellow Christians.

1:20:11: There's a Christian in jail, we need to go and visit that Christian in jail, because in as much as we've done it to one of these, the least of Christ's brethren, we've done it unto Christ.

1:20:21: So Christians, let's be good to fellow Christians.

1:20:25: And that's not at all what the text says.

1:20:28: The text says that this is the time of judging the gent after the gospel has been after the gospel has been preached to the nations, this is the time when God judges the nations.

1:20:39: And he separates them on one criterion.

1:20:42: How did you treat the Jews?

1:20:45: That's it.

1:20:46: How did you treat the Jews?

1:20:48: The least, if you've, how you treated the least of one of these, my brethren, is how you've treated me.

1:20:53: And so read that for yourself from Matthew 25:31-46 and read it clearly.

1:21:01: It's not talking about individuals, it's talking about nations.

1:21:05: And so the gospel has to be preached to the nations for them to be held accountable, and that's going to be extremely difficult.

1:21:15: I'm going to conclude now.

1:21:17: In Daniel, well, first, let me go to Joel 3.

1:21:20: Let's go to Joel 3.

1:21:21: And then we'll go to Daniel 12.

1:21:25: And you can take the slides down.

1:21:31: Joel 3 As we wrap up.

1:21:40: We have to be in alignment with God's purpose, but the reason we've received the Holy Spirit is so that we can do God's work.

1:21:48: We won't be able to endure if we don't have structural integrity.

1:21:53: So let's make sure that we're about protecting the vertical and the horizontal structure so that the Holy Spirit can flow through us and we can do the purpose of God at scale.

1:22:03: Even though we start small, we can do it at scale.

1:22:06: We have to have some vision here.

1:22:07: We can do it at scale, and even a mountain before us will be made a plain.

1:22:13: Through our prayer connection with God.

1:22:17: Joel 3 and verse 1.

1:22:20: For behold, in those days and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, you'd have to understand Torah to understand this.

1:22:31: You'd have to go to what Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 30:1 to 10, to understand what does it mean that he's going to end.

1:22:37: The captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, but that's yet ahead of us, and if we're, if we're in replacement theology or separation theology, we're not going to be in line with God's purpose.

1:22:48: But God is going to end the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, and at that time, he says, I will also gather all nations.

1:22:56: Matthew 25 is speaking about the future.

1:23:00: When there's a division between Judah and Jerusalem and all nations.

1:23:04: And somebody has been preaching the gospel both to Judah and Jerusalem and to all nations.

1:23:10: And God says at this time I will also gather all nations, and I'm going to bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, a valley that's in Jerusalem.

1:23:19: God is orchestrating things right now, so that there is a climactic battle.

1:23:25: In Jerusalem.

1:23:26: And somebody's preaching the gospel.

1:23:28: Somebody's comforting Jerusalem and warning the nations.

1:23:31: And then the nations are going to be judged by how they treated Jerusalem.

1:23:35: And I will plead with the nations, the Gentiles there for my people.

1:23:40: When Christ returns, there's a difference between His people and Gentiles.

1:23:45: I will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land.

1:23:53: Are we clued out?

1:23:54: Are we on some sort of replacement theology drug that's causing us to hallucinate?

1:24:00: Or are we tied into separation theology that causes us to be indifferent?

1:24:05: Or are we covenantal theology?

1:24:08: That causes us to be on God's purpose and praise God for the Holy Spirit that enables us to withstand all opposition and preach the gospel, the gospel that Christ preached.

1:24:18: I'll plead with the, the Gentiles there.

1:24:21: I'm gonna bring them down to Jerusalem.

1:24:23: They're gonna surround Jerusalem with armies, and I'm going to plead with the Gentiles there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the Gentile nations, and they've parted my land.

1:24:35: And they have cast lots for my people, and they've given a boy into prostitution.

1:24:40: And Muslims love that kind of prostitution, by the way, just saying it's it's in their sacred writings, and sold the girl for wine that they might have drink.

1:24:51: Let's conclude now In Daniel 12.

1:24:57: And I want to conclude here in Daniel 12.

1:25:00: Because Where we started.

1:25:06: was with the the dark nature of the prophecies.

1:25:10: That the sun is setting on Western civilization.

1:25:15: And there's a darkness that's covering the land.

1:25:18: And there is an anti-Christ that is going to have the upper hand.

1:25:23: And is going to cause all nations to worship him.

1:25:29: And it's going to be ugly.

1:25:31: And if we just stop there, it could be discouraging.

1:25:35: But we've just reddened Zabbabel.

1:25:37: No no matter how big the mountain is, it's going to be a plain.

1:25:41: Before God's work, even if it starts small.

1:25:44: And so here we are trying to come to understand covenantal theology, and we're starting very small.

1:25:49: Do not despise the day of small things.

1:25:52: It has to start somewhere.

1:25:54: Do not despise the day of small things.

1:25:56: Even a mountain, even the antichrist, will be made a plain before the purpose of God.

1:26:03: Which we receive with the Holy Spirit, as long as we have the structural integrity to receive it and retain it.

1:26:11: Daniel 12.

1:26:13: Well, let's just go back to Daniel 11:41.

1:26:17: Daniel 11, just to get the context of the time, says at that time, what time?

1:26:22: Daniel 11:41, the antichrist shall enter also into the glorious land.

1:26:29: If we're about replacement theology, we have no clue what this is talking about.

1:26:33: If we're about the covenant, we understand exactly what this is.

1:26:37: He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown.

1:26:40: This is a serious political move now to get control of the whole earth.

1:26:45: But these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom and Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon.

1:26:51: We don't fully know what this means yet.

1:26:53: We will find out, but the scripture is clear.

1:26:56: And then, so that's the time, he's, he's entering into the glorious land, and the abomination of desolation will be set up.

1:27:02: Now let's come to Daniel 12:1.

1:27:05: And at that time, the time we just read, the time of the antichrist, shall Mel stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of your people.

1:27:16: Who are the children of Daniel's people?

1:27:18: Daniel was a Jew.

1:27:19: Who are the children of his people?

1:27:22: The whole world is going to be divided in terms of who's for the covenant and understands it and supports the covenant people and who is indifferent.

1:27:33: Or hostile And Christ is going to divide nations based on this criteria, and he's going to judge us based on this criteria.

1:27:41: Replacement theology is a cancer.

1:27:43: It's a cancer that has to be rooted out of the church.

1:27:46: And separation theology, we have to resist it penetrating the church as people begin to realize, oh well, wait a minute, Jerusalem does matter.

1:27:56: He stands up for the children, so, so there are spiritual forces that are coming to stand up for this nation, despite their evil and wickedness because of Cassed, because of Agape, because of covenantal faithfulness.

1:28:09: And there shall be a time of trouble, notice this, such as never was since there was a nation.

1:28:16: In other words, this is national trouble.

1:28:19: This is not, this is going to be a time of trouble for individuals, the kind of trouble no individual has ever been through.

1:28:26: No, this is a national trouble, the likes of which no nation has ever suffered, because no nation has ever been in covenant with the great God and violated it like this.

1:28:37: You're in covenant with God and you choose to violate and defile the covenant, no nation's gonna suffer like you.

1:28:44: That's what this is saying.

1:28:46: Such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time.

1:28:50: That time that's ahead of us, there's, there's, it's just, there's no historical record that has shown a nation to suffer like this.

1:28:56: But in the process, God is pleading with the Gentiles for his people.

1:29:01: And at that time, your people shall be delivered.

1:29:05: Why would that be?

1:29:06: They're evil.

1:29:06: They're wicked.

1:29:07: They violated the covenant, but they're his people.

1:29:10: And he's a covenant keeping God.

1:29:13: And that's the gospel.

1:29:14: That's what we preach.

1:29:16: Everyone that shall be found written in the book.

1:29:19: Paul says, not all Israel is Israel.

1:29:21: But they have to repent and come back to covenant.

1:29:25: And then verse 2, I've spoken on this previously about the resurrections.

1:29:29: Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth will wake up.

1:29:33: This is talking of Israelites, some to everlasting life.

1:29:38: And some to everlasting contempt.

1:29:41: Those are two different resurrections.

1:29:42: And let's conclude here, and this is the point, brethren.

1:29:45: This is why we cannot lose heart.

1:29:47: This is why we have to understand, wait a minute, if the unjust judge will respond to the widow, how much more will a God of covenant respond to us who are in His purpose?

1:30:00: Who understand the keeping of Pentecost is to acknowledge the receipt of the Holy Spirit, to do the purpose of God with structural integrity.

1:30:09: If the unjust judge will respond to the widow, how much more will God respond to us?

1:30:15: And what is our future in all of this darkness?

1:30:18: And they that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

1:30:24: This is a time of trouble, no nation has ever suffered this, and yet we're speaking comfort to that nation.

1:30:30: And we're turning that nation to righteousness, and we're calling Gentiles to join us in this purpose.

1:30:37: And we're turning many to righteousness.

1:30:39: We start small.

1:30:40: Don't despise the day of small things.

1:30:43: Acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit which we celebrate tomorrow.

1:30:46: And as long as we have structural integrity, we will turn many to righteousness, and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars, how long?

1:31:01: Forever and ever.

1:31:03: Brethren, do not be discouraged by prophecy, lean into the prophecy.

1:31:08: And do the work of God with the power of God, with the Spirit of God, with structural integrity, because this is our time to shine.