WHAT IS MAN? John Wright Follette

- ...Plaintifness...see in our folk's songs, but we have to have it so transformed in some classic form or mold. I think we lose something. I am sure we do. Because the things of God after all, are MOST SIMPLE. The most profound things of God are in the last analysis extremely SIMPLE. But WE make them complicated, because we like the idea of an elaborate thought process to move in. No. He says, "Except you become as a LITTLE CHILD..." And He is right. That's right. "Except ye become..." Man has worked so long in his development, that he doesn't like to move on the plane of the SIMPLI-CITY of a CHILD. But He was like that. Have you ever noticed that Jesus' teaching, I don't mean in it's essence, but in it's form of presentation; it's so SIMPLE. He told SIMPLE stories. Just the most simple stories, but most profoundly filled with the DEEPEST OF THOUGHT. Well, that's what makes Him such a marvelous teacher. He was able to reduce the most profound to it's simple form, and I like Him for that. How many love Him when you see Him moving along in the gospels in those simple, little ways? I think He is most arresting, and I just like...not exactly scared, but I just feel, "Oh! You are just wonderful!" With His simple approach with humanity. And how wonderful that He avoided all the pomp and ceremony, and the scholastic work of the old Judaistic set-up. He just IGNORED it. I have often said, (regarding being on tapes)...But I like to hear Him in the SIMPLICITY of His teaching, and how clever he was to ignore anything ostentatious and scholarly! Rabbis and all the ecclesiastics; He avoided that perfectly. Just perfectly, and had hearers here. But did you notice too, in our gospels, talked about Him and His presentation of Truth, teaching, He always had a GRADATION of His message. He didn't preach EVERYTHING TO EVERYBODY, and it is true, "To Him that hath an ear, let him hear." Now when you say, "Well, isn't the gospel, isn't the message for everybody?" Yes and no. IT IS for everybody, but all people have not ears, and they didn't have them when He was here. They heard with an out-hearing, and they had no INNER ear to CATCH IT'S SIGNIFICANCE. And so in Revelation, that criptic book; and they read Revelation and all this strange criptic writing which to me is the most difficult. I have had study in all of our books, but you see, say the Book of Revelation now for instance, that is a criptic book, purposely written in mystical criptic form. But you grab ahold of it and, "It says SEVEN ANGELS!" And you got seven angels, and He isn't talking about seven angels at all. He is using a FIGURE, A CRIPTIC symbol that's evasive, and yet to one who is illuminated, he sees it CLEARLY. And people say, "Teach." And I say, "I don't preach from Revelation." No, and I read it for fifty-odd years. It has a message to me at times, but I don't think of making a special preaching on that! But you know, the more limited you are, the more profound you expect to be and and you handle the most difficult subject. Now, that's always to me a sign of ignorance. But you don't want to tell a person that. He would be quite offended. No, in Bible School work, I have noticed it with my class; I say, "I would like you to give us a little message on so and so, give a message." Well, you know, the most limited one always took the most profound things. They absolutely did. "I am having one-half hour this morning. I would like to discuss the philosophy, (get THAT word in), the PHILOSOPHY of redemption!' In FIFTEEN minutes! Well, I say, "Sit down, for heaven's sake!" But you hurt their little, tender spirits, you see. So you got to say, "Oh, did you get something, dear?" Ha...I said, "Oh..." But you see the ignorant, and they grab at the most profound. Imagine them discussing the philosophy of the tragedy of Calvary in one-half hour! Well, the man who gets the first vision of it knows it would take VOLUMES, just volumes to get at it. But the limitation of the individual, you see, dares to do it. And oh, so many times I say, "Don't tackle such a thing as that. Don't tackle it." Why I wouldn't want to preach on Revelation than I would fly to the moon! "Well, don't you know anything about it!?" I know a few things about it. But I wouldn't tackle that and prophecy and all those things. NO, no. Now, listen. How many know that most of the people that we deal with, absolutely, positively don't NEED that? They don't. No, they do not. They need a simple, basic understanding of redemption in Christ as it touches their lives where they are living. But this other has it's appeal. Therefore, they will spend hours on a negative problem when there is no positive Truth about it. That's "hard."
- 2. Well now, follow Jesus to when He was preaching, of course, to the general public never

without PARABLES did He preach to the general public. The public people. He always took parabolic forms and patterns. That was His teaching; that was His message. Well. now when He tells a story like that, how many of you see the person on the most limited level will get a reaction, and those who can see farther will get a reaction? Do you get that or don't you? EACH ONE will get his PERSONAL REACTION in accordance with his RECEPTIVITY, and what he HAS to approach the vision. So with the general public and the multitudes, the appeal was more or less dramatic, and in the physical realm, and in His touch with them in the physical, they had to have miracles, you know, fish and bread and miracles. Well, He never took His disciples aside and wrought miracles for them. They were not on that LEVEL. They were not on the miracle level. He takes them off of the miracle level. But if you will, with the general public, with all that, their appraoch requires it, and He has to make bread and fish. Now, He spoke to me. He said to me one time, "People of that type have STOMACH capacity." Now, that's right. They have the CAPACITY which appeals to them purely on their NATURAL level. That's STOMACH capacity. He can make bread and fish and is happy to do it. "But when He was ALONE with His disciples, (who had been moving up a bit), HE EXPOUNDED ALL THINGS TO THEM." How many see a little difference in GRADATION right away? That means I can SEE CLEARLY that there are LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL COMPREHENSION. We read and read, but there are CONTINUAL SPIRITUAL LEVELS, and not exactly exhausted, but we work on that level, and before we know it, God will deal with you, and this is hard...now this is going to be hard and some of you, God may come in and completely upset and turn down and blow out the things that you lived in for 5, 6, 8 years, because it is NOT NOW NECESSARY. THAT isn't what He wants. He allowed THAT to "tempt" to, to get you interested. And after He gets you in and a little vision, He says, "Listen dear. I am not working on that thing at all. You come with ME." Now, all that tearing down is NECESSARY, that's why my teaching is difficult for people. There are churches and places where they wouldn't have me any more than Anti-Christ, and I know it. I know their spirit. I feel their spirits sometime miles away. I know their attitude. Well, it's not easy. You know why? It is because in my teaching, you who have followed me, how many know I follow that pattern of creative, lovely teaching, illumination, and how many know I have a terrific CORRECTIVE ministry? It's terrifying sometimes, but God ahs made me a teacher, and a teacher has to do CORREC-TIVE work as well as CREATIVE work. And there are churches I know wouldn't want me because I'll CORRECT things in there. And they are not BAD things. They don't get drunk. I would rather deal with one that "got drunk," and got all mixed up. I really would. I have dealt with good, bad sinners, a good one now, a real tough one. I would rather deal with him, rather than one that has had a splash of RELIGION. Because the splash of RELIGION spoils them so they can't get anywhere. To DISMANTLE them is the most awkward thing, but they have to be dismantled before they can be fixed. Now with Jesus, He had a GRADATION. he taught, He wrought His miracles, but when he is WITH his disciples, He doesn't work a miracle to show them the art of miracle working. That's not in His mind. No, no, no. But He HAS to for them on THIS level. I don't think we should be superior, or feel superior. I think it makes us feel rather HUMBLE when God begins to deal with us from one level and puts us on another. It isn't that you are so superior, it is because you have out grown that which is adequate for a beginner, perhaps for 10, 15, 20 years. I know some who move in patterns, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 20 years before God dares seemingly to tackle them at all. And that dismantling, disrupting, recasting, revolutionizing...now THAT Is hard. I know it's hard. I have gone through things. It's hard. It's difficult. But it is most necessary if you want to come out into anything that's clear and liberating. The VERY TEACHING which is perhaps very tough and corrective will IN THE END be the MOST LIBERATING. Most liberating. Those preconceived notions, ideas, and all that, THAT HAS TO BE TAKEN DOWN. I can remember dealing with people when they come for help, and you could see them, they would come, they would look like a ladendown Christmas tree with their branches out with all they could do, and gifts and their calling and their insight, and their great vision... I wanted to say, "Oh, Lord. Isn't this something? Here's a Christmas Tree! It will take a long time to DISMANTLE the thing, but Lord, I am not looking at that. I see the POTENTIALS of a REAL tree in, under here, but that is so smothered with the external, that I can hardly get at them." I

have seen boys and girls, men and young women come; I wish I didn't have any discerning spirit. I would be much more comfortable. I would be much more comfortable. But I see them, and I would say, "Oh, Lord. I don't want to look." Well, why? Because you see through the things. And I say, "That's going to nearly kill that poor soul when we go tearing this off of their little branches out here." "There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth!" And it's really cruel. How many can see it now? Don' you know He did that with His own disciples? Can you imagine all the things he had to tear down and pick off of them! Their BACKGROUND...how confusing and upsetting it must have been when they wanted to follow Him, and they were so "wonderful," and Jesus just had to do...all the time He was just upsetting them, and upsetting them, and upsetting them, and all their pet theories, notions, and ideas. He just blew the ends out of them. Oh, I think He is wonderful! How He DARES to do that! I would say, "Lord, how did You dare to do that?" Well, He has more FAITH than we have. Yes, He has faith to do it. He has faith to do it. Now some can take it and some can't. You know, WE DETERMINE alot of that, or don't you know that? WE DETERMINE JUST HOW FAR WE GO WITH GOD. Yes, WE do. It isn't God, but WE DETERMINE IT. WE determine that and therefore, LIFE IS A CONTINUAL SERIES OF CHOICES, and choices, and when you choose to SURRENDER and choose this...then when you exhaust that, you surrender that, and choose this. And so, life is nothing but a continual succession, a moving of choosings. Now, here I sit with you this morning. Well, who am I? What am I? Well, in short, I am the whole groupings of CHOICES which I have made which have REFLECTED and have become a deposit IN ME. I am now, sitting here with you, I am the result of ten thousand, thousand, thousand CHOICES which I have made. Because we are so CONSTRUCTED that we are REACTING AGENTS. God made us reacting. We REACT TO ALL STIMULI, whether we like it or not, we react, or whether we are conscious of it, we react. There is a REACTION even in our subconscious state. Yes, there is. Everything we see, hear, or touch; we are like sensitized plates. There is a reaction in us through that. WE LIVE CONTINUALLY UNDER THE POWER OF CHOOSING. Well, then if I make a choice it is registered in me. And I become the deposit, depository. I am, you are, right here this morning, the RESULT--THIS is the result of all those choices you have made all your lifetime, and they are REGISTERED IN YOU. And here we are. When I find that that's the way life is, and that's the way God is, and that's the way God works, then I try to move along WITH His plan and His method, and HIS technique.. ... I would call it, rather than a technique which religiousity has made, and people who are religious have made. THEY have made a technique by which we can get to God, or do thus and so, ignoring the basic facts of our very being. You can't do that. You got to recognize the basic facts of being. You can't make such a big prayer, and such a big promise and get such a blessing that you avoid it. You don't. You got to come back to that OLD CHOICE PROBLEM, because that's where we LIVE. Man is, Oh dear, I don't know what I am going to talk about this morning. This isn't anything like what I was going to, but I am going to anyway. I am so glad. I just love you, because you let me go "wild" on these things. I didn't mean to talk about this, but I am going to talk about it. I never can tell, maybe somebody needs this this morning. We must remember these basic things in our constitution. And remember that the most profound Spiritual experience you may have, and the most marvelous revelation; you'll never change them. He is still working in here. Don't think that I'll just make such a big prayer and get...no, you will not. You have to be OBEDIENT to these. (Spiritual Laws)

3. Now, let's talk about a man as a HUMAN BEING. Now, this is a study of us, who we ARE, aspect of our being. All right. Remember as a human being he is a trinity because that's the way God made him. Now accept that, and don't quarrel with it. Don't feel that we become so Spiritual and if we fact and pray, He is going to CHANGE that. He will NOT. Now, this is the material with which He is working, and all your fasting and praying, and fanegaling with God, and "claiming promises," will never CHANGE you. You have to ACCEPT this as a basic fact of your being. All right. I am, say, SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY. Now, that's my little trinity. Now, God created us this way. This is BASIC in our creation. Well then, ACCEPT IT. It's difficult to do that, but I don't like this, and I don't like to do that...don't fuss with it. How many like what you are when you found out? Put your "hands" down! Sit down! No. When you woke up to the first discovery as to your identity, how many loved yourself? NO. Oh, such a dissappointment!

I said, "Oh my God! Can You live with THIS?" He was only showing my first little revelation of this creature. Well, I don't appreciate a NEW CREATION if we don't know something of the subtle workings of your OLD. My value of the NEW depends upon my evaluation here. If I don't know this, and understnad it, how could I value and know the meaning of a NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS? I could not. Therefore, all these unveilings and those shortcomings, they are very humiliating. At times they seem disasterous. We think we never can live through it, and we say, "Oh, Lord, is this really so?" And He says, "Yes." Well, then we accept the thing as it is. Now, this is purely from our NATURAL approach. All this is true, but always remember we are also at the same time NEW CREATURES in Christ Jesus. Now, if you can keep that straight in your thinking, you are doing well. Because the appeal to the human that we are is so strong in this field, that the FAITH which is required to keep IDENTIFICATION STRAIGHT IN THE SPIRIT, how many get me, is DIFFICULT. One is received through SENSE perception in here, and we believe what we see and sense and feel, because that's so easy, it's tangible, but God says, "You are NOT THAT. You are THIS." I am WHAT? You are a NEW CREATION. Not just a "creature." But Paul says, and in the Greek it is, "A NEW CREATION." Well, now when God deals with us as to the building up of our character and life in Him, He works from that premise, but well aware of the fact of this one. But His emphasis is no here in it's correction. He is not trying to fix THAT over; for heaven's sake, let it alone! You won't! You are still hoping that you can FIX it! YOU CAN'T FIX IT! It is a doomed, dead, buried thing. Paul says, "I am a NEW CREATION." Well how did you get that? Well, start THIS. When we come to God in the natural, and when we are born, we are all born "sub," rather than perfect. Man is made a SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY, we are coming to that in a minute. But through the "fall," through sin, that whole spiritual atmosphere is ruined, and man is a limited thing that is born into the world now. He is BORN a DEAD person. He is born into the world a DEAD person. Physically ALIVE. Spiritually, in the things of God, absolutely DEAD. If you get into these little processes, how many of you know you have to think sharp with me? Or don't you know that? You have to think carefully. When we are born into this world, we are born SUB-NORMAL, because we are not that perfect trinity that God MADE us to be. The Spiritual aspect of that being is DEAD. "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shall surely DIE." That's the thing that is DEAD. But we are born psychically and mentally and physically in that department alright.

Well, now when we are conscious of that fact, we are conscious of the fact that Jesus has come to give us LIFE. Now, I want to get in there for a little while, but I don't dare to. remember this. When Jesus told us His objective of the visitation of this world, He did not say, "And behold, I have come to save you out of hell!" No, He didn't. How many know He DOES save us out of hell? But that is not what He SAID. Well, why do evangelists and preachers and teachers always abve to have that as the point? It's not the point. Not at all. He said, "I have come that you may have LIFE, and that more abundantly." Well, why does He say that? Because through sin it was the LIFE element which was taken away. "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt go to hell?" No. He is not talking about hell. "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely DIE." He is talking about DEATH over against LIFE. He is ALIVE, thrillingly alive when God creates him, breathes into his nostrils. It's plural, "the BREATH OF LIVES." And he responds to God from spirit, soul, and body. It's a dramatic, beautiful picture of the creation that God ahs made in it's trinity aspect, thoroughly alive, thrilled with live, in spirit, soul, and body. All departments. Well, this Spiritual conception up here, up in the region that He knew, was the thing that gave Him CONTACT with God. That was His life element. And through the medium of the Spirit, that gave him LIFE. Life. And God says, "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely DIE." Well, what died? That SPIRIT. That SPIRIT CONTACT. That SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP. THAT cannot be imparted by humanity. Therefore, as a DEAD man, Adam brings forth all posterity SUBNORMALLY. They are DEAD. That's why Jesus said, "When I come to this earth,...I AM going to die on Calvary alright; that's alright. But don't listen to that for a minute. I have come primarily to bring this strange and lovely thing called LIFE to a DEAD world. To DEAD humanity. That's who I am. I AM THE LIFE. I AM THE WAY, I AM THE LIGHT, I AM LIFE." ALL LIFE IS IN HIM. And He says, "The world is DEAD in trespasses and sin, and man is

DEAD, even though he is "alive." And He spoke it of a woman, "Even though she lives, she id dead." Well, now when we come to him, say as a DEAD man, as a SINNER, we, of course, are more conscious usually of things through SENSE. I don't know...very many sinners when they first come are conscious of their terrific condition as much as things they have been DOING. They are always, "confessing their sins." Well, that's all right, because the sins are the approach to you. God said to me one time, "You know the first things you ever gave Me?" "No..." He says, "Your sins." "Oh!," I said, "That's right!" He said, "It was through the contact of your sins that I got contact with you. YOU made it possible by the CONFESSION of your sins. That gave Me contact with you." Do you get it? Now can you see how beautiful CONFESSION must be to God? I do. I like confession. It's terrifying. It's good. Now, I have confessed many sins, no, a thousand times I feel it in my heart. A thousand times. For what? I don't know. It is just a general concept. That's what I AM. Not what I have DONE, but what I AM. All right. This man comes and the teacher or evangelist presents the Lord, perhaps gets the gift of salvation. He should present LIFE, but they don't know anything about this DEAD thing. So he talks about sins, and they get conscious, "Yes, I stole once, and I swore," and he is quite repentant. MANY PEOPLE CONFESS, BUT FEW REPENT. Now, that's right. You can CONFESS, and it's taken care of, but THAT IS NOT YET REPENTANCE. I am dealing with a soul now. I have been dealing with this one for quite a long time. He has come to that crisis. I said, "No, you HAVE confessed, but you have never REPENTED." "Well, Brother Follette... ...I repented." I said, "No, you don't. You could NOT have these REACTIONS IN YOUR CONDITION right now, if you had REALLY repented. You CONFESSED your sins, but you didn't REPENT." There is a CONFESSION which brings you into touch, but it's a REPENTANCE that does an entirely different thing.

5. So when we come, and he offers us the Lord Jesus, His LIFE coming to us, the best we know how, we put up our little hands like that, "Come into my heart, Lord jesus, come in." And we receive Him. We receive that life. We receive from Him. We receive Him. And when He does that, a miracle happens. A miracle happens. This creature that we are, God takes away this burden of sin from us, and the Holy Spirit comes into the heart of that poor thing that has confessed his need and has repented and seeks God; the Holy Spirit comes into him and works a miracle which I don't think very many people appreciate. Now, that is to me, THE NEW BIRTH. That is a NEW BIRTH. Why? Because a NEW CREATION has come in and from that moment God says, "You have ME as that NEW CREATION that has never been on earth before." Can you see that, or can't you see that? It's rather analytical, but I want you to get it. A NEW miracle has happened. What is it? That this thing that I came (as) into the church, brought into the church, I go out entirely DIFFERENT in the sight of God. I got out a NEW CREATION. Because the Spirit of God ahs come into my heart through confession and reception, and I receive Jesus into my heart, and He says, "If you have received Him into your heart, you are a NEW CREATURE, or a NEW CREATION. Now, when God deals with us in our development, bringing us through, that's only a BABE, you see. We are born as a little, crying babe, very ignorant. But God works from that premise. He never DEALS with us here. He never sees us that way. He sees us as the NEW CREATION in Christ Jesus. But we keep identifying ourselves with this thing, because our senses report all the time, and our feelings get terrific. You know how sometimes depressed and terrific you can FEEL! And God says you aren't that at all! "Well, I feel.. ... "He says, "Stop you're FEELING. That's not what you ARE. You ARE, you are coming under your old sense perception stuff. Don't do that. I see you as a NEW CREATION in Christ Jesus, and I am working from that premise. You are nothing but a little...baby, that's all you are. But you got LIFE in you. And I see there are POTENTIALS there. I see something wonderful and beautiful, and that's what I am working with. In the natural you who are mothers and have your little, sweet babies, you know all the time they don't know anything. How many of you know they don't know much or anything? But don't you LOVE them? Well, of course you love them intensely. But they haven't any idea who they are or where they are than a pussy cat! Not at all. There is no burden or responsibility about them at all, and they just come in and eat and sleep and go out. They are becoming adjusted to time and sense. Give them a little while to do it. This is all a

PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT. They aren't awake yet. They aren't awake. They are not. Why? Because they have not been coming into what I call self-consciousness. We are BODY conscious for a long time. You touch that baby and it yells. Well, he is purely BODY conscious. He is not self-conscious. He is BODY conscious, but he is not self-conscious. What do you mean? That spirit in him, that spirit of LIFE has not come into a conscious state of recognition. Now that little baby can't sit up and say, "I am a little baby, and I belong to so and so." It can't do that at all. He couldn't. He is not supposed to. Be PATIENT with him. Not supposed to. He is BODY CONSCIOUS, but he has not come to a consciousness of identification or ENTITY. It takes a little while to do that. I think I have written some of this years ago, when I first came into the knowledge of it, forty to fifty years ago, and it thrilled me so. I think I wrote something about it. a little babe with his hands upon the circle of the breast of the mother." I know I wrote it somewhere. "That little babe with it's hands pressed upon the breast of the mother, the circle of it's...." Now he has not come into any SELF-identification. He is BODY conscious and he wants to eat, and you see, God made us this way. That basic URGE, fundamental URGE is to LIVE in every creature. It wants to LIVE, a little worm. Where there is life it pulsates with an URGE TO LIVE. Do you know how...you can't analyse it with them; don't try it, but it's there. And the little babe wants to LIVE. Why? Because fundamentally, that URGE TO LIVE is a basic concept in it's construction, it's creation, and God MADE it that way. Now, now mother ever said to this little crying baby, "Now you have to nurse, dear, and you will die if you don't, because..." No, a mother doesn't say some foolish stuff like that. Be still. What does she do? She just brings it to her breast, and how many know a baby will automatically nurse? The mother doesn't teach it HOW to nurse. It NURSES. Because you are dealing with the fundamental creative law and act of that which God has made. No mother ever teaches a baby to nurse, because that is the fundamental urge of life, seeking it's contact. All the mother does is say, "Give me a contact," and she takes the little baby, and it gets contact, and the mother doesn't say, "Now keep going, now keep going!" It just GOES. And how many know it will put his hands this way to...that is the pressure toward it. Have you ever notice mothers, their little hands sometimes...well, now you watch a tabby cat with her little baby. You see it. Same principle. Born on a farm; I have seen it. I have seen the mother with her little nursing kittens and the little kittens will pump, like that, like that...that breast you know, and they pump, pump, pump. That is to me...that is beautiful Oh, I see God in all that. That's the kind of God I want. That's the kind of God I would want. I don't want the kind of God most folks have. I want a God wo is in all things. All life is wonderful to me. I am amazed with it all the time. It's beautiful and wonderful. Dumb, like dogs or cows walking around, I say, "I feel like a goat. Give me a butt or something, and wake me up so I can see and hear." And then when I do, I say, "Oh, Lord, I don't want to see too much! Because I can't hold it." Do you see what I mean? The revelation is too much and we are only made such little, limited things. So that becomes a NEW CREATION, and that's the premise from which God works, and that's where He sees us. Well, now coming back to our NATURAL, and the analogy is very true. That little baby has a long time before He is able to become adjusted enough for a revelation that he is an individual. Now, you have seen them play with their feet and their toes and i know little ones to bit their toe. Watch them. Well, now he is amazed to think that's a part of who he is. They really do. They really do. Well, he is finding identification as to body consciousness. I love to watch them. Oh, in heaen I am going to have a thousand children. I am going to. I never had anything here, but I am just getting ready. I am going to have such a wonderful time. Don't you know we LIVE and GROW in the next age? Certainly, certainly. Please get away from the fact that we sit down and play our harps. We will. I think He'll give me a harp if I really want one, but I don't know if I really want one. There are so many more beautiful and wonderful things in Him. If anybody is harp conscious, I'll say, "He'll give you two, dear." If that is what you want." But THAT isn't heaven to me. It's nice, and I hope to see my people. Why, I expect people will recognize each other, otherwise why wouldn't we? And that's going to be beautiful and wonderful to touch these lovely spirits again, and... but you know, what we will like the best of all is the LOVE that's there. That's what it is. And our hearts were made for that, and they will never be satisfied unless they

touch it. And when I get there and my heart goes like this to God...that's all. That's all. It's over with? No, it's BEGUN! Why do we say in that hymn they used to sing, "He satisfies me HERE..."? Do you remember that hymn they use to sing? "Jesus satisfys, Jesus satisfys, satisfy me Jesus, and all..." Did you ever stop to think about that? What does He mean when he say, "I am satisfied."? What does that word, SATISFY, SATIS-FACTION, mean? What is the value of it? "I am satisfied." Well, we say, "Because He blesses me, I am satisfied with Jesus because he blesses me. I am satisfied with Jesus with He is making a REAL FELLOWSHIP between us." Yes, that's good. Do you know really what it is? To SATISFY means like a COMPLEMENTING part. How, here's my hand, and here is a glove. Do you get the little symbol? I put the glove on the hand and what is it? It is perfectly satisfied, because the glove was made for the hand and the hand is the only thing that can FIT the glove. Do you get it? That is what SATISFACTION is like. Now, He satisfies you, and He satisfies me because my heart was ORIGINALLY MADE like a hnad that can only be satisfied by the LORD doing that, like a glove. That's a strange illustration, but it is the only way God made me to see that. I said, "I see Lord, what SATISFACTION is." WE WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER. Man originally was designed for God and St. Augustine is very true in his philosophy. Old Catholic saint, and he said man's heart was MADE for God, neither shall it find rest, that means ADJUSTMENT or REST, until it rests in HIM.

6. So we come back. Now we go on with this. So we have in the creation, this making of a man. From the humanity side with the body here, he is spirit, soul, and body. Then it is as we said, through sin the Spiritual life disappears. Now, over here suppose we call this personality. Man is personality. This is man as a human being. It's all man, man now approaching from the human being aspect of his spirit, soul, and body. Now, when you come here, he is exactly the same again. God works in the trinity idea all the time. Trinity, trinity, trinity. In God's creation, His dealings, His workings, His movings, construction and all, it's always the trinity shining. Now, here we are, spirit, soul, and body. Here we have our intellectual idea, mind, we are thinking creatures, reasoning intellectual, and we are emotional creatures. So here we have a field of emotions, and here is the basic creature. The basic thing in my whole construction is MY WILL. Now this,...now don't put it down as a definition. I am very afraid of definitions. They are toobinding. How many know you can't put me in a definite form? I am not made that way. That's why I can't do very much in school work where everything is defined, definition, sciences and thing; there is no latitude to the thing. And I was MADE for latitude. I certainly was. And I can't find any latitude, that's why I never could do anything with mathematics. It was so terrifyingly exact. 2 X 2 makes 4! And I said, "Let's have a 5 once." And then I get in the red, they call it. That means when you are confused or something or other, it is wrong anyway. They get "in the red." I guess... Don't they say that when it's wrong? Yes. And yet some people are constructed that way. I don't blame them, and I want them to have mercy on me because I don't "get made right." I am not "normal," I know I am not. I have died out to that long, long ago. I am not NORMAL. I know that. And God knows it too, and we love each other terribly. Which we do. but I am not normal, I know that. Well, now, coming back here, we are THIS. (on blackboard) We will have to accept this and we are made intelligent creatures, and we have a terrific realm called our EMOTIONAL FIELD. And here's our power to WILL. Well, now when we come t this little analysis, don't make it a definition because this does not define man as a personality. That doesn't define it. That's the general characteristics of it. How many see a difference between giving your general characteris tics and a definition. Well, never get that mixed up. This is NOT a definition. This is a general characteristic of a MAN, if you appeal to him, look at him as a personality. And God deals with this field. Now this is the way we ARE, and we might just as well accept it, whether we like it or not we just got to ACCEPT it. And all the playing, and all the king's horses and all the king's men can never fix this over again. This is the way it IS. Also LEARN TO ACCEPT YOURSELF and GO ON. How many have an awful time accepting yourself after all? Wasn't it terrific? I say, "Oh, my Lord God...this is the way I am?" And He says, "Yes." Wasn't it awful? Have you, any of you, come to self-consciousness yet? Well you are in for a "wonderful" time! I hear them at the altar,

"Lord, show me my heart!" I say, "Shhh! You'd drop DEAD!" But you know, those are some of the highest prayers of phraseology. I don't go to all the services. They...I have to get the victory all the time I am there. Isn't it awful? I have just to claim the victory all the time I am there. I think they are so terrific. Because most of it is so on the SURFACE, "Lord show me my heart JUST as it is!" I say, "Don't do that. You couldn't take a vision of your heart just as it is. You would drop dead!" It's "pious" to pray that, then weep a little because the emotion must come in there and then you feel better, and tehn you get up and say, "I got blessed!" Oh, no. You wept, dear. then we won't quarrel about that. I wish I didn't know anything about it at all. You know a lot of these things; how many of you know a lot of this in the field is purely PSYCHIC, NOT SPIRITUAL AT ALL? That's true. That's true. I have been to all the service where it is tremendous and the whole thing was purely RELIGIOUSLY PSYCHIC. But NOT Spirit. Not Spirit. But it's the field in which He works. The field in which He works. And you can get these effects. Effects. And I wish sometimes we didn't have them. I have found it much easier to walk with God without emotional reactions, and this is the creature that I am, nothing but a bunch of emotions. How many can imagine the deaths I have had to die to get out of that mess? My heavens! I was born terrifyingly an emotional creature. The deaths I have had to die to get out from under the power and control of that, and to walk quietly wtih god with no emotion has been terrible. And yet you know you come to a place where you don't have any emotional reactions for days and weeks, and maybe months, but if you are not delivered from that, you have to go back there for a "shot in the arm," to maintain your place. How many can see that, or don't you get that? I have seen altar services I want to just say, "Well, these are habit forming people. They are up here getting a shot in the arm." Now that's horrible, but you know, that's true. How many of you know that's true. Put up your hands if you care to. God won't strike you dead for lying! That's playing with the things of God, which I don't like. That's playing with the things of God which I don't like. No, no. You mustn't do that. You have to come out from under the power of those things. It's pretty hard. I am emotional. I can't do creative work. Could I write and do creative things and not have emotion? No. I have an OUT in those directions, but the awful thing is, here we are. Here's our emotional balance, you know, just as far down as you can go, You can go just that far up. The titter-totter, the balance, you see. It isn't you just go up, but anyone who has capacity for ascent in Spirit, has capacity for this too. Yes, and people say they want to go up all the time. You can't. And don't be frightened because you come to some of this scaling too, because I can suffer the agonies of the tormented as much as I can enjoy the bliss of the redeemed. Well, you have to, if you get anywhere. I have to have that. That's all right. I am not asking all to do that because we are not all called in this vocation. He is not expecting all to play these parts but I am talking about individuals, how we are, how we are constructed. But basically we all have them. Perhaps in elementary form, and others are developed in them, but we all have them there. They are BASIC.

7. Now, this is not a definition. It is a description of the elementary content. I am an intellectual creature. He WANTS us that way. Don't be AFRAID of mind, brains. It's all right. That's the way we are made. But sometimes they get so funny in their religious ideas that the Spirit has to overbalance your brain! Don't do that. He wants us to THINF just the same, and to study, but don't let that overpower your Spiritual approach. Maintain a balance in there. Well, here we are with our emotional set-up and the WILL. Now here (the WILL) is where we really LIVE. I can't LIVE in my intellectual grasp of anything. I can't live in it. I have it. It feeds, it helps, it is a constituent, it is a part, and here is my emotional life. I don't dare to $\underline{\text{live}}$ in that either. No. As I often say, I feel as good if I don't feel good as I feel if I did feel good, so I feel just as good if I don't feel good. Now, isn't that a funny thing? But that's real. Isn't that right? It is. It is. I feel just as good when I don't feel good, as I would if I did feel good, so what's the difference if I don't feel good, for then I feel good. Because I won't allow myself to COME UNDER THE POWER OF THAT. If I did, I would SUFFER terrifically, but I have learned in these years not to pay any attention to it. I don't pay any attention. I haven't been "blessed" in a long time. There is one dear saint

that bothers me very much. I have to help her. Well, she is old. She is 83 or 84, and she's just waiting, she says, "I want to get in where I get a good shout!" Well, I want to say, "Well, you poor, old dear. You don't need a good SHOUT, you need GOD!" But she has lived so long you see, she is like a HABIT FORMING creature, and she has to have a good shout to stimulate her to pull her up. No, you are "stimulated" by FAITH IN HIM. The Holy Spirit, not the shout. Do you et me or don't you get me? So, I don't dare teach all this to the general public, they won't take it. How many know the assemblies wouldn't take this this morning any more than to fly to the moon? They coudln't, and it's not FOR them until they are GEARED TO IT. Now, here is where we live: I LIVE IN MY POWER TO CHOOSE. Now, He may use these two to build an atmosphere for me. he may make me to see the necessity of making a GOOD CHOICE through this, won't He? Yes. And so in his reasoning process, the things that He teaches, the things that He shows us, from the intellectual side, creates an atmosphere here. Now, He can do that. he can create that and he does it. he brings us literature. He let's us hear messages. He makes approach so many times through our intellectual grasp of the Truth, and He can also arrange things here that our emotional lives will be opened and receptive. How many know we know this, in getting a soul to God, how God will work in the emotional range? He KNOWS to do that. Of course He knows to do that. But you can't LIVE IN IT. No. He is USING that, and God can work here, and God can work here, but HERE He makes the atmosphere through these two. This creates an atmosphere, but He cannot come in and WILL FOR YOU. NO. That's a HORRIBLE thing! We can dissipate the whole thing by a POOR CHOICE. Or we can accept heaven and the eternal through our power of CHOOSING. I become my greatest enemy. Why? Because I have power to defeat this. I can stultify it. I can RUIN it, because even though He makes all His approach here, and here, (intellectual and emotional), He makes an atmosphere. I have to say, "I WILL. Yes...no...yes...no..." Now, in the last analysis...do you like this analysis this morning? Is it alright? I want to help you. I want to help you because thisis where we REALLY LIVE. I don't care if you don't get "blessed," and dance in the Spirit. Go on! I am going down in my room when you do that! I like it, it's alright, but I mean I am not here to do that. I don't want...let somebody else get you dancing in the Spirit. But that's alright. I have nothing against it, but I want to help you here, because THIS is where God is working. Here's where He is working. (The WILL)

Now this is your and my little personal domain. Here's where we have our throne of government and we can command and choose and dismiss and accept, because here is where we LIVE. He uses this. Now don't you know why I said this is not a DEFINITION? Now, we are approaching from the angle we make this a definition. What is PERSONALITY? Well, personality is the peculiar combination of INTELLECTUAL powers, and EMOTIONAL reactions, and the POWER TO CHOOSE, or WILL. Well, now I'll get you in a corner. And THAT is human personality? Let me tell you something. How many know a mule is intelligent enough to know a few things? How many know he has an intelligence? How many know a mule has emotional reactions? How many know a mule has a WILL of his own? Well, then would you want to say, "Here is an animal? He is gifted with intellectual capacity. He has the power of emotional reaction, and he has a powerful will. The donkey is a PERSON!" No, he isn't. Now do you see why I am careful about a definition? How many can see that? Don' put this as a definition, put these as characteristic marks of the human personality. But they don't describe, because you can put this pattern on a mule. But it doesn't MAKE him a mule. Now, let me help you. You say, "What's the difference?" Well this is the way it comes to me. If I wouldn't know some of these things, I couldn't get by. I couldn't. I just get envious of these sweet people going to "be with Jesus." I say, "Oh, Lord. How did they get like that?" I can't go. I have to know alot of things. "Why do you want to know?" Well, then youknow how to ACT and REACT. Now, I said, "Yes. That's quite characteristic, basically of even an animal and a mule. Well, what's the difference between he and me?" Well, we both have the same patterns. Well, shall I tell you? It is given MAN, a certain thing that is NOT given animal. SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS. That is, a consciousness of the SELF-ENTITY over and against everything else. Now this donkey can't get up and say, "I am a donkey. I weigh so many pounds,

and I can pull so much. A donkey can't do that. No, he can't. He is BODY conscious, but not SELF conscious. He doesn't know who he is. He lives under the laws of instinct, whereas we live with reasoning things. he has an instinct; he follows it. Now, we have the power of self-identification. We grow into it. Not as babes we don't have it. We come to it as we GROW older and older, and there came a time for that little baby to know he didn't belong to part of the mother. He was at one time a part. Oh, that's a terrific lesson. Maybe I'll give you a lesson about that. The BIRTH, the SEEN in the womb, and it's birth, it's development...and...well, that's a good lesson. It's all there. It surely is, and it's duplicated in our Spiritual life. Absolutely. So that little baby ahs to live quite a long time before he even finds out that the thumbs or the toes belong to him. He is weaned from the circle of the breast to what I call selfidentification. Well, now that has to begin in a very, very immature fashion, doesn't it? Then as it grows older, how many know he becomes aware of all these other hidden things? But it takes a person a long time to be acquainted with who he is. None of us know who we are yet. I haven't the slightest idea who I am. I don't really know. Does anybody think you know? Sit down. You display your ignorance. Be still. My grandmother used to say, "Don't talk too much, dear. People will think you are intelligent." My grandmother, she was a Dutch woman. She had some good things. She said, "Don't talk too much. People will think you are intelligent." But just as soon as you open your mouth, how many know a person doesn't have to talk more than four words and you got their "number?"

9. So here we have this, but we also have a consciousness of entity, and He works from that angle. He keeps that in mind. And to go on with God and be conscious of all this, and yet at the same time learn to say over here, "I am a NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS." How many find it rather difficult at times? Of course it is. It's SUPPOSSED to be difficult, because that gives you a chance of GROWTH. That gives you a chance. Well then you see, if I am that new creature, why do I have to have all these TESTINGS and the trials and the discipline? Well, because that is the process by which you grow or develope. That's why in the very beginning in the second chapter of Genesis, this was introduced. Now, I keep telling you in the NATURAL, we have our LAWS which govern in our physical life. Basic laws. And in the realm of our spirit, in that Spiritual REALM into which God has brought us, when we become more and more conscious of it and it's meaning, there are LAWS and processes there too that we have to discover and move with them. They are abstract but they are REAL. You can't handle them like the law of gravity, but it's REAL. Now here's one. Now I think he put it there in the very second chapter to help us to see why. Now, people have come to me and said, "Well, Brother Follette, now the Lord had created Adam and Eve, and it was all so beautiful and beautiful in the garden and all, why did they have to have that TREE business and get into such a mix-up?" Because GOD HAD TO DO THAT. Now don't think the DEVIL made the tree. He didn't crawl over the wall one night and plant the tree in there and got ahead of God! GOD PLANTED THE TREE! He planted the TREE OF LIFE in the center, I imagine, in the garden, in the center, the Tree of Life of which they were to partake CONTINUALLY, giving them this idea you are NOT an INDEPENDENT creature. You have been made, basically, in God's idea, both a DEPENDENT creature and a LIMITED creature. When God made Adam, He made him to function in a certain realm and He gave him faculties and certain powers and gifts which would apply themselves in THAT realm to which he becomes adapted. He BELONGS to it. And so when He creates Adam like that, He says, "Here is this wonderful human nature which I have given you. Now it has two qualifying marks. I have purposely made you DEPENDENT. I didn't make you an angel to fly around in heaven. I made you a human being. Now, don't try to be an angel. I have millions of angels, but I wanted something that I never had before. I want a human concept, and I'll make it with a reflection of MY IMAGE in it with these personality qualities because this is what God has." HE IS ALL WISDOM, and an emotional range which is terrific. HE so love the world that He even gave His SON! Now, WHOEVER had love like that? And what a WILL and POWER TO GOVERN! Now, He said, "I will bring these in miniature form in you, and I'll make a human being. A human being. But I will make him limited. Not, not with Me...lower than the angels."

Always remember you have the DIVINE NATURE, that's God; you have the ANGELIC NATURE: you have the HUMAN NATURE, and you have the beastial or ANIMAL NATURE. You have the four, and they are all recognized and they are all given by God. They function in certain fields, and that's they way it is. And so when He makes this man, He says, "I'll make you of the dust, because you still are not of the heavenly, and I'll give you these in miniature fomr, the reflections of what I am, My identification in you; I'll give you these because they are in me." And that's HIS IMAGE, the image of these personality traits, beautiful, pure, holy, clean, delightful. And if used of God, how many can see what God could have done through him? Tremendous things. And He said, "I want you to reign and rule over this domain. Now I have given you powers which can be adapted to it." He gave him terrific wisdom. Profound wisdom. He said, "You can look at nature and you can interpret it and call it by it's right name. Here are all these things which are for your welfare. Food---you don't have don't to work for it. It's here for you, because that's the least. That's the least. I want you for MY GLORY." Now, always remember that. God puts His benediction and approval upon it as He stands there a created being in the image and likeness of god. Not physically, not corporeal at all, but in the image and likeness of God. We have in miniature form the same things we find in God, so there can be a BASIS FOR FELLOWSHIP. And life from God in him moving and heart throbing and waiting for him to move. Now wait. That is in the very beginning. That is the instrument. But he had NOT YET FUNCTIONED. He had not yet pushed out into the universe and done the things that God said for him to do, bringing this universe into power, into blessing, commanding it, develope it, live, move, "This is your territory." Well, that was His plan. That was what He wanted. "But now I will give you a tree of life in the center of this garden that you must partake of continually. And you have NO INDEPENDENCE. ALL LIFE is in ME. And this tree is a symbol of the fact that you can't live aside from ME. You have to draw continually from ME, and here's the symbol, and you partake of this tree. Take. This is the Tree of Life. Partake of it and live forever, because that's My life. That's the Divine LIFE, and I want you to live with Me forever. That's what I want. Now partake of this tree. But over here is ANOTHER TREE wich \underline{I} have planted in this garden just as much as I made that tree.(of life) This is a TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, and I don't want you to partake of this, for in the day you do, this lovely contact and whole life in Me will be absolutely RUINED, and you will DIE. You will maintain the status of this, but minus THAT. Now don't do that. Don't do that." The warning was, "Do not touch that. Don't touch that." Well, now I say, "Why did He have to do that?" Because He put a LAW in that second chapter of Genesis. What is it? A law that GROWTH or DEVELOPMENT can ONLY come through a LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING, this thing which is basic in him. His WILL has to be tested out. He can have great insight in all the fields God have him wisdom for, and he can love God, but here is something that HE (Adam) has to deal with. The power in him, this WILL, his power to WILL, to CHOOSE, that has to be tested as much as any part in him. That has to be tested out. And God says to him, "Growth, i.e., the flowering out, the blooming out, the manifestation of this thing that I want, can only come through a process of testing and proving. I can't come down and spoil that in you and just say, 'Presto!' Now you, he hasn't got it, and I don't want it that way, and I can't do it that way. But I have made you an intelligent creature, one with emotions that can love Me, and you love Me. Now I want this power of WILL tested out, and this is your field in which you will develope or grow." Our growth is not determined by how much I KNOW. My growth is not determined by how much I FEEL. MY GROWTH IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH I KNOW TO WILL IN GOD. Do you get me? How many get me? Yes. That's what God looks at. He is looking here this morning. Now, He says, "Here's a LAW." He puts it in the second chapter. All GROWTH, development, in any field, is under a LAW of what? TESTING AND PROVING. It has to be tested and proved and it is released and it will GROW. And what you gained will be tested and proved AGAIN, and it will GROW, and tested and proved again and it will GROW. And you will get authority. Now look at Jesus in the hour of temptation. He had three temptations typifying the three fields. Three. And He answers him everytime by the Word of God, which is Truth, and the enemy says, "Make bread and live." Why, yes...why couldn't He? He could. But Jesus said, "Man is primarily not made for

this world where you eat bread. Man was created...," Hallelujah! I am going to feel blessed in a few minutes! I can't help it. I just love Him. Don't you love Him? Yes, yes. Love Him, dear. That's your life. Jesus is so wonderful. He said, "In it's last analysis, man was not made for time, not for time with bread. he was made for the ETERNAL. For God. You shall not live by what this world offers, by bread alone, what the world offers, for that will PERISH." Well, the enemy waw through the philosophy of that and left Him, you see. Then he comes back with another temptation, and then he comes with the third temptation in all departments. Did you notice this, that Jesus doesn't seemingly come to a place of power to command and demand of him until He has gone through a couple of temptations? Do you see that? He does not say, "Get thee beind Me, Satan!," when...no, He doesn't. He submits Himself and He goes through that terrifying thing because that's only part of it. Man has to go through the three-fold, and He comes back again and finally He says, "He RESISTS the Devil, and the Devil leaves Him." Well, now let me help you. Do you see that in the first temptation there is not yet the strength and the power to do that, or can't you see that? No. He BUILDS up tenacity and power through the first and the second temptation. How many get that? CHARACTER and POWER is made through TESTING AND PROVING. And Jesus submits Himself through that process of TESTING AND PROVING, and finally there is LIFE and STRENGTH, and He says, "Get thee hence!" He doesn't do that at first. Neither do you. Neither do I. No, we don't. But how many see a CONTINUAL DEVELOPMENT? Yes. Because growth or development of any kind, I don't care what it is, can never come as a SPONTANEOUS GIFT. And that's why people are very much dissappointed, especially people who come into these movings; emotional things such as Pentecost and all like that. How many know they are expecting entirely "too much" that God cannot do for them, cannot GIVE. Because they are expecting it from another angle. But it never comes. You can be blessed and speak in a thousand tongues and work 1700 miracles and NOT GROW. That's right. Because growth does not depend upon that. I remember being in one mission and they did nothing but operate the gifts and it was most amazing. They go in and have just NOTHING but gifts, interpretations, and messages and gifts, and they were nothing but alot of little "babies." Horrible. And they said, "This is the way to grow! Operate the gifts!" The operation of the gifts is NOT the means by which you grow. You GROW under a LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING. That's the way you GROW. You are blessed through the other, you are emotionally stirred, you are quickened, maybe, and enlightened. But doesn't cause growth. Now, they don't want to be told that. I know missions I wouldn't any more preach that than the Anti-christ. But I know it's Truth. I have lived too long, dear, but I wish the Lord would take me to heaven. I really do. I get so tired. I have lived too long and I see too many things. Mother used to say, "Dear, you SEE entirely too much." I said, "Well Ma. I can't help it. I just see it!" I discern. I see it. I am open to it. I penetrate it. I push right through. But she said... I said, "I don't know...let me alone. I wish I didn't see." I suffer for it. I "go to hell" through it, but I see things. Don't you believe I got somethings" You can take it or leave it, I know God has given me light and Truth and it's not MINE. I don't invent it. I couldn't. I couldn't put these things together to save my soul. But I know Truth. That's ALL I know, and if people want it, I love them. Anybody that loves the Truth, I just love them to pieces. I don't care if they are black or white or dumb or fools. If they lvoe the Truth, I say, "You are with me, dear!" Why? Because I love the Truth wherever I find it! I love receptivity. I love your lovely spirits. I want to help you, that's why I am here. I love your attitude. I don't feel you resisting me at all. I feel you drawing it out of me. I'll tell you about that later, the nursing. I have people who nurse me. And I want to feed you this morning. I want you to nurse. How many know what I mean? I'll tell you about that.

10. So here we come again. Here is a basic LAW in the REALM of our living. Don't try or think or even hope that you can grow in the development of the Christian life in Him and sidestep it. You have to EMBRACE it as the very media, and then He will give you all the other things. Now there will be intense suffering, that's all. God told me this last year, I said, "Why is it?" He said, "All don't have capacity for this suffering, but you have this, now use it." And I do nothing but suffer with Him. I have suffered

this year enough, I think, for 100 people. Well, I don't think yet they know what suffering is. They get upset or a little dissappointed or something like that, but I don't mean that. I mean A SUFFERING OF IDENTIFICATION with Him. It's an IDENTIFICATION with Him, and it reacts upon you, and I think He is WANTING IT. He has so many who want to serve Him, but He has few lovers. And this is good. You can love Him when you can't serve Him. Isn't that lovely. We may not have gifts for the service, but we have capacity to love Him. And He has many who serve Him in a way I never can, serve Him in the world...I can't go out and build churches and do all this business, but I can love Him. I can love Him, and so can you. But it's only given us here, while we are here to really suffer with Him. For that will be taken out of our vocabulary. In the next age, THAT is eliminated. Because death, fear, suffering, all of those are eliminated. But we must know them HERE, and HERE is where we get them. Oh, I think I will read you a poem which helped me alot. I didn't write it, but it's good.

PRIZING THE CROSS (That is suffering. Prizing it.)

If thou impatient do let slip thy cross
Thou wilt not find it this world again
Nor in another—here and here alone is given thee to suffer for God's sake.
In other worlds we may more perfectly love Him, and serve Him,
And praise Him, grow nearer and nearer to Him with delight.
But then we shall not any more suffer, which is our appointment here.

Canst thou not suffer then one hour or two?

If He would call thee from thy cross today, saying, "It is finished,
That hard cross of thine from which thou prayest for deliverance."

Dost thou in some passion of regret would overwhelm thee
Thou wouldst say, "So soon? Let me go back and suffer yet a while more patiently.
I have not yet praised God."

Whensoe'er it comes, that summons that we look for, it will seem soon. Too soon.

Let us take heed in time that God may now be glorified in us.

11. Do you like that? How many feel you are illuminated this morning. Are you getting light? How many feel there are fresh adjustments to be made in Him as a consequence of these little meetings? They are very broken, I know, I jump from here to there and yonder and all over, but put it together and get out of it what you can and let it minister to you. I want you to be different people. I don't want any of you to come under my teaching and hear me and pour this out and be the same. It would dissappoint me horribly. I'd say, "Is that as far as it goes?" Some like it because it is interesting and new. Well, you get over that. It IS interesting and perhaps new. But you will find out it's real significance, and then I am with you. It may seem a little fascinating at first because we don't have too many teachers. How many know we NEED teaching in this...oh dear, our precious work is so...there is no teaching! They are all blessed to death and get nowhere! Yes, that's right. They just get blessed to death and try to do something FOR the Lord, and they get off on these funny, little "fuddy duddies." Well...they need help. I am praying that the Lord will raise up people that will minister to His Body and get it in good form for Him. I have a burden for the world, of course, but I can't take the two burdens. And He told me I needn't. He will burden me with the burden I am able to carry, and ministry and my burden is for the BODY OF CHRIST. The believers, the believers, and He is getting them ready. And I pray for sinners and sometimes he gives me a soul, believe it or not. He really does. He gives me souls most unexpectedly. But I think He does that to satisfy some folks. "Did you get anyone?" Then I say, "Yes..." I went to a meeting. They called me to a lovely assembly, but they were more or less given to salvation and the gifts and all this business and I said, "Lord, why did You ever send me here?" I could feel the atmosphere. I hadn't been there an hour; I knew the whole works. God did. I didn't. He let me know. I said, "Lord, now You know their status here. You know where they are. The first question they ask, 'Can he fill a house. Can he get a good crowd.'"

I said, "You know I don't care anything about crowds. But you put me here, Lord." I said, "Will You do something, Lord?" Now, they will never listen to me. I know they won't. They will be courteous, but they won't have ears. They will be courteous. they will smile, "Brother Follette..." I said, "Balony!" But I don't dare to, for that would be "vulgar." I said, "Can't You do something?" You know what He did? He let the Spirit move and we got a Roman Catholic saved. I said, "Goody, goody! Now keep that going, Lord!" And a couple people who, what I call "chronic seekers,"... they had sought the baptism for two, three years, they became a chronic. He got them baptized. I said, "That's good." Well, you know, after they got those two or three "sugar plums," they all sat up and listened to me. Really they did. And God did that. When I went home I said, "Lord, You didn't have to do that for me. I don't care if I don't get anything at all. That's not... I want to get this thing over." Well, He said, "I had to do that." How many could see He HAD to? Yes. he had to do something to satisfy them and then they said, "...somebody got saved. This must be REAL, because somebody got saved. Well, this must be real because somebody got the baptism." Well, why gage the things of God on that? But God has many dear, queer children. Dear, queer. But you get used to them. So take the lessons as I give them and handle them the best you can, and don't be impatient. It takes patience, and it will take some suffering, but that's a part of our appointment here, and we learn to accept it. Learn to differentiate between the suffering that God GIVES you and SELF-pity. That is very bad. SELF-PITY can come in and RUIN the very suffering that God wants, and you will have to learn how to differentiate in there. You know you can feel sorry for yourself and have the awful time, and that isn't YET the suffering? But when you SUFFER WITH HIM, there is a SWEETNESS, I don't know, there is a FRAGRANCE that brings you right into HIS heart. But the other suffering won't do it. But it has it's place.

Our Loving Lord, we thank You for Thy wonderful presence with us. How patient you are with us, and we feel so stupid and so little and really dumb sometimes Lord, because we really are, but You are so good to us. You can help us. They don't always come in the way we want, but then that's alright. You have helped us to say, "It's alright, Lord." That gives us peace. We thank Thee for this morning. We haven't said a thing that's been on our heart to say. You brought us in here and we haven't said one thing Lord, but it's alright. Now we have said it, and here's the Word. Let it rest upon our hearts. Give us open hearts to hear it, really open hearts. And if it is corrective, help us to take our correction. if it is illumination, help us not to be frightened by it, whatever form it may take in our hearts and lives, help us to be surrendered and yielded to Thee. Hide us away in Thy heart, hide us away in Thee, and be pleased. Be pleased in our little life pattern. Help us to give to Thee what no one else in the world can give, and you only expect it from us. Bless all the rest that we pray for this morning which are upon our hearts. We think of this great group of Christians over the earth seeking Thee, desiring Thee. Work in them wonderfully and mightily by the power of Thy Spirit, penetration of Thy Word, the opening of the vision to them until Thy heart can be satisfied in finding many, many, many who respond to Thee. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen. And God bless you.