

EXPERIENCES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD SERIES

TWO LAWS OF TRAVAILING IN THE SPIRIT

In order to experience travail in the Spirit we need to understand the realm of faith and why is it necessary that we travail in the Spirit. There has been the Word of Faith Movement that was brought forth to the forefront by Kenneth E. Hagin. And there are many in the Word Movement who have discovered principles that the older Pentecostals have not discovered about how to believe God. Hagin's messages like how to write your own ticket to God, and similar messages give us the other dimension of our relationship with God. Jesus Christ met Hagin and said that many of those people who cry for those things that God promises never received because they do not know what the Word say about those things they asked for. And they do not know how to have faith in God.

But before the Word of Faith Movement the people of God still get certain answers and there was still a great move of God that came about. And there was a certain principle that they tapped on. It was the area of groaning, travail and prayer. And somehow as we pass from that generation that knew crying and groaning and travailing in God into the generation that knows the word of God but knows very little about groaning and travailing in the Spirit, we may ask, "Why do we need to groan and travail? All you have to do is believe, confess and receive."

But as we come to these last days and we passed the Word of Faith Movement we move into a new dimension that combines the Word and prayer. It combines both the understanding of hunger for God and faith in God. But we are going to bring an understanding as to why we continue to have a necessity to groan and to travail in the Spirit. Immediately you will notice that there are some things that you travail for in the past that you do not do now. You just sort of receive them as a matter of

faith without much struggle. But in the early days of your Christians life you have travailed over certain things. But now you don't; you just receive them easily. And at the same time there certain things that you could travail for and certain things you could never. Even if you try your best to travail you could not. We have heard of crocodile tears but we have not heard of crocodile crying. It doesn't work; something is missing and you could sense a difference. There seems to be a necessity of certain anointing or certain unction that comes on us.

So the question in the Christian's mind is why could we travail at certain times and why couldn't we at other times? Tonight we will answer that question. The other question is why is it that some of the things that you used to travail for you don't seem to need to do so now. Tonight we will also be able to answer that question.

Lets read Heb. 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

It says that Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith. He begins the process of faith in our life and He completes it. We are what we call in the walk of faith. There is a certain progression in the Christian life and you find them in the bible. It says from faith to faith, from glory to glory, from grace for grace. As we grow in our Christian life we will have faith for more and more things if we grow properly in the way God wants us to grow. Perhaps last year you may not have faith for something that you have this year.

And then faith can also be in different area. Perhaps you have exercised faith for finances but you never exercise faith for souls. Or you exercised faith for souls but you have not exercised faith for healing. So faith can also be in different area. Some people are strong in faith in certain area but not in other areas. Faith is just like developing our spiritual muscles. I

In our body we have 206 bones and different types of muscle. I had a book on the principles of weight lifting. It is said in one workout of 2 to 3 hours, it is not possible to exercise all your muscles. Which is why you can have about 20 weight lifters and they do a 2 to 3 hour workout everyday. At the end of 1 year they all look different. And there was a statement made by the author and he said it's not possible to exercise all the muscles because you don't have the energy to do that. That is why in the exercise what they do is on certain days they focus on certain muscles. And at different times they focus on other muscles. So as a result even though every one did the same workout but because there is a slight emphasis on different muscles they look different.

Let me give just one example, when you lift weights up just the distance of your hand makes a difference on which muscles you developed. Lets say you lift weights about 3 feet apart, at the end of it their chest will grow very big. And at the end of 6 months you will find a long line at the middle of your chest. Then other people who do the same lifting, but lift the weight about a foot apart, you find not just one line in the middle of their chest. You will find many lines parallel. Just the distance of 2 feet makes a difference on whether it's the inner muscles or the outer muscle that gets developed. So even on all these areas principles and knowledge makes a lot of difference.

So in the same manner sometimes in the spiritual realm a person develops such a strong faith for finances. But their ability to believe God for healing is almost nil. They are just over developed on certain areas and it's not proportional. Proportional development is what people should seek after. So we grow in faith in different areas. We grow in faith in the same area from time to time also. But as we grow in faith there is a principle that must be reached before you can enter into that area of travail and groaning. The area of travail and groaning is the area where your faith finishes. It is only the area where your faith cannot reach then only you enter into travail and groaning. Otherwise it is almost impossible to enter into it.

It just like in the early days of my ministry to believe God for 1000 dollars takes a lot of groaning. But as I grew in faith and expenses also increased, I had to squeeze

much groaning for 3000 dollars. I wonder what it will take for 3 million dollars. Now as I look back I still need faith for 1000 dollars but it is not as great a struggle. It is more like you have to believe God, you have to thank God for it and you got to sow for it and that's all. And the ability to sow is the same ability to reap. The first time we ever sow 1000 dollars, we laid hands on the money, prayed and confessed God's word. Now we think nothing about giving out that sum of money to another ministry. It's the faith muscles that have developed.

So you could visualize that from this point A and B. Lets say you draw a line somewhere about three quarter between A and B. your faith develops up to that point which is a point between A and B. So as you grow you exercise your faith and you stretch. Your faith muscles can stretch to a certain level and if you stretch beyond your faith level there will be damage done. It's just like lifting dumb bells. You reached a certain point and you realize that if you push a little further you may injure your muscles. Which is what a lot of sport people do. However if they go about it gradually the muscles can adapt. But if they push it beyond the limit there will be injury. So there is what I call a maximum limit and that maximum limit changes as you grow.

We were having a pastors' fellowship in my house yesterday. And they saw my dumb bells. They tried the dumb bells it is very hard to lift it up even by one foot. So I said you don't start from there. You start from 7 kilos and you progress to 10 kilos and then you go to 18 kilos. If we push ourselves beyond a systematic progression we will do injury to the body. So faith is the same like the muscles that reach a maximum limit. When we reached that maximum limit anything above it needs something else. Anything above your faith level needs the dimension that we talked about groaning and travailing and agonizing in the Spirit.

Now that brings us into focus on what we have taught on prayer. We talked about different types of prayer. There is a prayer of thanksgiving; there is a prayer of groaning. And we have classified it only in terms of different areas. Like certain things you pray groaning, Certain things you pray a prayer of faith. But even the same thing that you could pray with the prayer of faith now you may not have been able to pray the prayer of faith 5 years before. It's a matter of how much faith you could have.

So you may have read the logos and heard the rhema for a particular thing but your faith may not be able reach it. For example many Christians believe in divine healing for the body. None of them would accept cancer on the body. They would fight it off. But as I walk with many men of God I come to the question what about perfect healing, like having perfect eyesight. Even great men of God who wear thick glasses pray for miracles like healing of cancer but they cannot get their own short-sightedness healed. Why? It is an area where their faith has not been launched out yet. And so there are many areas of faith that we could launch out for perfection.

There will be areas where we need groaning to come in. Even the promises in the bible, you know they are yours but there is not enough faith. You know that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. So you put yourself into the word of God and let your faith grow. But in the meanwhile can you do other things besides that meditation on the Word? Yes, and that is groaning. Which explain why many decades ago revivals poured out on different portions on the body of Christ in different generations even though the Christians did not have the faith for revivals. It is because they have the ability to groan although they didn't have the faith for revivals. They have the ability to groan for revivals and by the grace of God revivals came.

Now we look at Rom. 8:23-25 *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hope for what he sees? In verse 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.*

The First Law of Travail : Not Knowing What To Pray

Now principle No. 1 in verse 26 although it is a statement it is also a law. For we do not know what we should pray but the Spirit makes intercession for us. That

scripture have been taught over and over again by many people. They say we do not know what to pray the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us. And it's the scripture that people use for a lot of things. No.1 they use it for praying in tongues. They say that once we reached the end of our understanding we need tongues to come in. No doubt it covers that too but it is not only talking about that. It goes further than tongues. It goes into groaning. It says that *when we do not know what to pray*. We run out of words to say in prayer but there is still a dimension of groaning to help us.

But if you examine it carefully and put it into reverse you see a law there. The things that you can groan about are only possible if you do not know what else to do about it. Put it the other way round. Just as it is mentioned when you do not know what to pray we groan. God leads us into a dimension of groaning. Now the reverse is also true. The Spirit only helps us to groan in that dimension when we reached that state where we do not know what else and how or what manner we are going to do it.

That answers some of your questions as to why you cannot groan for some areas. You know what to do about it. When you know what you ought to do and it clearly given to you, try to groan and you find that you cannot. You will be shedding only crocodile cries. That answers the question why you could groan in some area of intercession and why you could not in others. In some of these areas you have the knowledge. As we grow in Christian life we grow in knowledge. Those things where you have come to understand how it works and the knowledge involved you don't groan as much any more.

Take the area of praying for the sick. Let's say it was your first time to pray for the sick. And your first case happens to be a desperate case of a man, dying of cancer with only 3 days to live. You would be desperate too. You ask God, "Lord, why do You give me such a hard case for a beginner like me? Why don't You give me somebody with just a cold or flu?" But there you are, a man of God. So what do you do? It is your first time, you groan, you pray, you enter into the realm of the Spirit. And finally you sense that quickening in your spirit. And you go forth, give the command and the miracle takes place. After that you are launched into the healing

ministry. Then many healings take place as you prayed for a lot of different cases. Five years later into your healing ministry you get the same type of case. Your faith has come to that level where you could pray for that kind of desperate case. You understand how to minister healing to people with that cancer. You say this is the same type I must get back the groaning. You tried to get back and you ask, "Lord why can't I groan?" The Lord says, "No, it is not time for groaning. You understand how to bring about the healing now." Where you know what to do, it is virtually impossible to groan in the Spirit. Because when knowledge has come God wants you to groan for other areas.

But those areas become what I call a part of your faith muscles where you know how to handle them. Lets take a minister who is a bible school student about to preach his first message in a big congregation. What is he going to do? That fellow would fast for 3 days and finally steps out to give a powerful word. Ten years later they face the same situation. They cry, "O Lord where is the old anointing, the old unction? I think I have lost it." You haven't lost it. You have grown to the stage where you don't need to groan for those things any more. You could just stand and you know how to receive the word. You know how to receive that same powerful word but this time you don't have to stretch your muscles again.

There is a certain natural comparison. In the natural where people are doing muscle development or running, you notice that when they reached their limits, what do they do? They pant; they groan. For a young fellow who have never run before in your life, after 2 kilometers you are flat out; after 3 kilometers your tongue starts hanging out. What do you do when you reached your peak exhaustion? You groan in the natural. But supposing you continue in that. After 6 months 5 kilometers is no sweat. What was the difference? It is because you are used to doing those things. Your body has adapted to those things. So in the natural you notice that the limit can change from year to year. Groaning never takes place when you do not reach the limits of your physical body. But when you began to reach the limit that's when the struggle comes. It is virtually impossible for your physical body to groan until that limit is reached.

It is the same law in the spiritual realm. It is impossible to reach the area of spiritual groaning on areas that you already have knowledge in spiritual knowledge

and understanding. Don't get puzzled in this kind of spiritual thing. Don't always look back and ask, "O Lord where is the old time groaning?" No, there are new areas that you should launch into. The reason why you are not experiencing more groaning is because you are not launching into new areas. You have grown complacent in those things you are doing. There are new things that God wants you to spread your wings in. You keep on doing the same old thing and wondering whether you have lost that anointing. You have not; you have grown to the next stage.

And that is the first law that is present in groaning. For when we know not what to pray the Spirit helps us. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. You could put it in the positive sense and say for when we do know what to pray the Spirit does not need to make intercession for us but we learn to make the intercession. You can put the same verse in the positive sense to see the full impact of that first law of groaning.

The Second Law of Travail : Tears

Secondly it is found in verse 25 *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.* Now notice that he used the word *wait with patience.* The second law of groaning and being able to travail is when it consumes or touches our emotion, our expectations or desires. As I examine it carefully the eagerness that is there and I examine it in the Greek it ties with expectation, it ties with desire and then later it ties down to the area that we call the human emotions. It is not possible to groan until it touches you on your soul in the depths of your emotion. Not that we are to be emotional but anything that affects your life that really means a lot to you becomes emotionally attached also to you. That's the second reason why that there are some things that you cannot groan for. You have not developed a soul concentration.

There is such a thing as a mental concentration. Where mentally we focus out thoughts and we put aside every other thought and we mentally concentrate on

those thoughts. It just like someone doing a deep mathematical calculation. When you are going into the depths of mathematical calculation you need a lot of concentration. You just don't want distraction. If somebody comes and distract you, you may go off track. That is an intellectual concentration.

There is also the other dimension of what we call an emotional concentration. Unless we yield our soul, our emotion to God the same way we yield our intellect to God, we cannot touch the dimension of groaning. There must be the factor of the second law of what I call the eagerness that absorbs you. It consumes you on your inside until all you could think about is those things. Do you know that infatuation and people falling in love has to do not with choice? It also has to do with emotions. And you know how emotions work. What are the characteristics of a person in love? They always think about that person. They always love to be with that person. They always look forward to be with that person. It begins to cause what I call an occupation of your mind so that it's constantly present with them. So the things that we desire have to be beyond the level of our faith. So if you have not groan for sometime its because you have not gone into new dimension of faith and stretch your faith muscles. You need to go on into a higher dimension. And if we have not groan for sometime is because we have not emotionally touched by that which God desires for our life.

For that we also want to read James 5:17 *Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain.* He didn't just pray - he prayed earnestly. It consumed him; it was a desire that was burning hot in him. He need to have it so much that he want it more than food, he want it more than life. He wants it as a main thing. In other words you reach a point where only that thing can satisfy you and nothing else. Everything else becomes empty unless you get that thing it doesn't satisfy you. It is the kind like what Paul says covet earnestly the best gifts. A consuming desire must come. Just like Jesus said, "Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul." So you reached a point where all your soul is consumed in that which God wants.

Lets look at I Sam. 1:10 *She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.* Now Hannah has reached a point of great bitterness. Great bitterness means it consumed her. It was the only thing that will make her life meaningful again. It

was the only thing that will now satisfy her. Even her husband came to her and said in verse 8 *am I not better than 10 sons* and she just could not be satisfied still. She wanted a child more than anything. Now if she did not reach what I call a red-hot point, she would never have her breakthrough. In her time she could not pray the prayer of faith, because there was no revelation and no knowledge in her days. So the only way for her to get it was through the dimension that was beyond the level of faith which was in the area of groaning. So she groaned and she wept so that when Eli look at her it looks like she was drunkard. She reached the point emotionally. That's a tremendous point to reach. So groaning doesn't mean that you come to God and just groan. It has to be the Spirit stirring forth. It has to be those that caught and touched you in the core of your emotion. And many times when it results the other secondary result comes forth: tears comes forth. It would be very easy for people to groan in those things that make them cry, because the second law is touched.

Lets say there is as major crisis in your life. And it is a make or break situation. Is it easy to groan, no problem. Of course with the knowledge of God's word you could direct it properly. And you could groan into the highest dimension of God. But if the crisis emotionally doesn't affect you it will take much focusing for the issue to consume you.

Looking in the book of Isa. 38:1 *In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord; Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not recover."* Hezekiah didn't say, "Well thank you. God bless you." In verse 2 *Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, and said, "Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in they sight."* And Hezekiah wept bitterly. It looks like a negative sense but it also has a meaning of his total consummation of his emotion. He didn't just weep, he wept bitterly just like he is pouring out his entire life. Verse 4-5 *Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: "Go and say to Hezekiah. Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father; I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears;*

The second law of groaning successfully requires us to be able to be touched so

deeply that we cry. Now you understand why in the presence of God sometimes you feel like crying. Its because in the presence of God there are some other things He wants you to move in that all your knowledge, all your training, all your education and every thing has not been able to get you into that. That's one reason. And at the time in His presence there is an easy ability that is given to you to groan. A lot of people at that stage hold back their tears. They don't understand that if they just weep freely before God and enter into it, it will be stretching their muscles beyond the area of their normal ability. And it would move them into a new dimension. Then when they reached that stage it will take a greater presence before they can cry. They are now walking closer and closer deeper into God. Of course the presence of God touches us deeply and it also makes us weep.

But I am speaking about a realm where many of us have felt. How in the presence of God we feel like crying and we hold back. We hold back because of the one next to us. We hold back because of what people would think of us. We hold back for many natural reasons. You notice here that there is a need to reach a point of concentration in the emotion before the true groaning can come. When you reach the true groaning it touches into a certain realm. It's a realm that is deep and powerful.

Let me read from the experience of John G. Lake. He talks about the dimension he moved into in groaning. In his time he was praying both for the baptism of the Spirit and for the power of God to come upon his life. He received the baptism in the Spirit and an anointing for ministry. He related how he had served God and he obeyed God and he was hungry for God. He says, *"I was engaged as a manger of agents for a life insurance company. During the period of which I speak I preached practically every night. After the service I was in the habit of joining a circle of friends who like myself were determined to pray through into God before we could receive the endowment of the Holy Spirit as we believe the early disciples had received. I prayed for the Holy Spirit for nine months. And if a man ever prayed honestly and sincerely in the faith I did. Finally one day I was ready to throw out my hand to quit. And I said Lord it maybe for others but it is not for me. You just cannot give it to me. I did not blame God. One night a gentleman by the name of Pierce said, 'Mr. Lake I have been wishing for a long time that you would come over and we would spend a night in prayer together. We have been praying for the Holy Spirit for a whole year. And there is not one of us who got it yet.' 'Brother I do not believe that you got it either.'* So we can pray for one another. I was so hungry to pray.

So I went with the intention of praying for the rest. But I have not been 5 minutes until the light of God began to shine around me. And I found myself in the center of an arch of light 10 feet in diameter the whitest light in all the universe. So white O how it spoke of purity. The remembrance of that whiteness, the wonderful whiteness has been the ideal that has stood before my soul of the purity of the nature of God ever since. Then a voice began to talk to me out of that light. There was no form. The voice began to remind me of this and that."

And he talked about how the Lord really cleansed him. But he still did not reach it yet. Imagine 9 months of prayer everyday. The other guy prayed for 1 year. And both say I don't think you got it yet. And they still want to pray some more.

"Shortly after this experience one afternoon a brother minister called me and invited me to accompany him to visit a lady who was sick. Arriving at the house of that lady, that lady was in a wheel chair. All her joints were set with rheumatism. She had been in that condition for 10 years. While my friend was conversing with her, preparing her to be prayed that she might be healed, I sat down in a deep chair on the opposite side of a large room. My soul was crying out to God in a yearning too deep for words. Suddenly it seems to me that I have passed under a shower of warm tropical rain. And it started falling upon me. My brain which has always been so active became perfectly still. And all of the presence of God settled over me. I knew it was God. And the Spirit said I have heard your prayers. I have seen your tears.

Do you notice God always says I have heard your prayers. I have seen your tears. One of the things that I find very lacking in prayer today is tears. People don't know how to move into that dimension any more. Not like the olden days, maybe once in a while they do. But they have lost the art of that dimension. They have learned the word of faith but they have lost the other dimension. God could not say I have heard your prayers and seen your tears any more. God can say I have heard your prayer take it by faith but the other dimension is missed out.

When God manifested that day, the power was so great that my body vibrated intensely. If I had not been in that deep low chair I would have fallen on the floor. At that moment my friend was calling me to pray for that lady. And he did not notice anything had taken place.

And so as I arose I found my body trembling so violently that I had difficulty walking across the room. I knew it would not be wise to lay my hand on the sick woman lest I shake her. It occurred to me that all that was necessary was to touch the tip of my finger on the top of the patient head. The moment I did the current of holy power passed through my being and it went into her and then into my friend and he fell down.

Now notice that something was happening here. Its what I call the hunger of that dimension of the hunger of God.

Now here is another book called *Spiritual Hunger*. He says that in that 32 years of his family life there has always been somebody invalid in his home. By the time he was 24 they had buried 4 brothers and 4 sisters and 4 other members of the family. When he set up his home he married a beautiful woman. The first son was born in a short time the same devilish train of sickness that followed my father's family came into mine. My wife became an invalid, my son was a sickly child. Out of it only one thing developed in my nature, a cry.

At that time the faith message was not fully developed. You will notice that in his book in *An Apostle Visit Africa* that faith for finances were not developed. A lot of them were dying because of lack of finances. But there was a dimension that he touched on: the dimension of groaning and hunger. It was the second law of the spirit of groaning. You get so hungry and so desperate in God that there is a cry to God. And it seems that he cried for a long time. Then he says, "*One thing matured in my heart a real hunger.*" And the hunger of a man's soul must be satisfied. It is the law of God which is in the depths of the Spirit. God will answer the heart that cries. God will answer the soul that asks. Christ Jesus comes to us with the divine assurance that invites us when we are hungry to pray, to believe, to take from the Lord that our hearts yearns for. And finally he got the answer. And there was complete deliverance in his home.

But that is the dimension that we are talking about. It is very hard to describe in words. And I know what it was like. I was having an early morning prayer about 4 am to 6 am with just a few brothers. We used to pray on the rooftop of a flat. As we

were praying there was a hunger that developed. And it was that hunger that was finally satisfied and it drove us on. We didn't even know what we were asking for but we knew that there was something that was there. Although we prayed for many months it was only the day I reached the stage where I was so hungry for God that I went there earlier than the rest. When I went there that morning I must have cried for at least 2 hours. But just before they came there was an experience of God's presence. It felt like the heaven opened and like a light came down. Then I heard God called me to the ministry. And I knew that the crying that started has to be satisfied. Then after that call I began to make all decisions to follow the call of God into the ministry.

After that I went to the seminary. The first night I was there I knelt down and I said to God, "Lord, I am here to seek you." And as one day I was praying so hungry for God that I began to speak in tongues. There are still certain things now that I am hungry to move into. Until and unless it reached a point where you have tears for it there is no answer. In a natural realm when you reached a point where your physical body really strain itself you sweat all over. In a spiritual area when you reached a point where you reached your limit you push on in groaning the tears come out. Real tears that come from God flow out. And we must not loose that dimension where God could answer that dimension and say I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. That is the realm that we need to move into in order to give birth to the realm of the Spirit.

As first when you began to groan in the Spirit for some of those things, you realize that it is beyond your knowledge, beyond your faith level. And the interesting thing is this unless you have done your best you never reaches that point. Because the first law has not been reached. Unless you have done your best and all you know how you will never reach that realm.

Do you know how John Wimber initiated the second wave of charismatic revival in the denomination churches? You can read his book and he can share with you how he reached the point where he began to minister and pray for the sick and there was no effect. And he came to God and he really wept and cried. He reached a point where he cried so much and said, "God we are doing exactly what you told us in the word. We lay hand on the sick, we did this, we did that. Lord where are

the results?" And he cried and at the point where he burst out into deep cry God gave him one vision that changed his life. God showed him a loaf of bread flying. Then it turned into droplets of honey dropping down on people. God said that was his mercy. And from that day onwards there was a higher healing dimension that he moved into.

I remember that at each phase that God move us into, it has taken tears. When we were being persecuted because of the word of faith message, we literally had no place to go; there were no doors open. But we were doing our best in God. And we reached a point in ministry in the fourth year where every door was closed. When we reached that point I remember crying for the whole day. We exercise faith in everything we knew how. But as I mentioned you reached the end and you know not what else to do. But if we had not done that part until we reached that point where we know not what to do we could never break into that groaning. And after that God opened one small tiny door. From there we started a small seminar and then later on we turned into a church.

Have you notice that people like Kathryn Khulman knew how to cry for God. They knew how to move into that dimension. God requires us to move into the realm where we know not what else to do. It is not just heavy prayer. It's the area where only your tears can reach. It doesn't affect us until we feel the pain in our souls. Do you know that weightlifters lift weights until they feel pain? Because its only when they feel that pain do they know that they have pushed their muscles to the limit and then they force their muscles to go on. The motto of most weightlifters is no pain no gain.

In the same way when we are talking about the spiritual realm. There is a dimension where you could just be comfortable. Then there is a dimension where you know you got to push forth. Then there is another dimension where you know you have to cry. I mean it is that dimension where we call do or die. And that is the dimension that affects you the most emotionally. That is the dimension where you could move into the depths of prayer.

Paul told the Galatians in Gal. 4:19 *I travail again for you until Christ be formed in you.* Jesus cried, Paul cried and notice the word again in Gal. 4:19 which means that his entire ministry was based on travail. In Paul's life look at II Cor. 2:4 *I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears.* I want you to see him not only an apostle of faith but also an apostle of tears. Acts 20:31 *Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.* He pleaded with them to walk with God. The aspect of tears in the ministry must not be missed out. Where there are no tears there is no revival. II Tim. 1:4 *As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy.* Only the one who values tears values seeing it in another. Paul's ministry was a ministry of many tears.

I believe that as long as the world and the church is not perfected there will be a requirement for people to weep and sow in tears for God. Not just heavy cries or groaning. If the cries inside do not touch your eyes, then it has not reached the point where God says *I have seen your tears.* Now there is a dimension where we need faith.

We are saying that we must do everything that we know, we understand, and examine every scripture possible. And having done all we move into that realm God will be there. A lot of people try to move into this realm prematurely but they haven't all that they can and all that they should. So moving into that realm is like laziness. They do not want to study. They do not want to examine what the word of God says. When they want something they are just like a crybaby. That's not the dimension God wants us to move into. When we have done everything that we know how, and we reached a point where we know that, that's it. God will require you to stretch into tears. When you touched that realm God Himself will manifest.

Just like the story of William Branham who reached a point in his life and ministry where he could not stand the weight of ministry that he felt in his spirit. Until one day he took a jug of water and told his wife as he goes into the wood, "You may not see me again." And he went into the wood and said, "Unless I find out from God what is this thing I am not coming back." And when he came back he was a different man. We must reach that point of desperation, that point of hunger. People are not hungry enough for God. When God says *I have seen your tears,* then

He moves and does things for us to enter into.