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But I want you to make my blunders, stepping stones for you to Christ, that you'll bypass that, and especially the young people that's coming on and got life yet before them, until they become of the age... Now, you just look at my mistakes, and don't try to pattern after them, but you just say, "Now, what Brother Branham did, now I'm going to get past that.".



• Psalms 18:1-6

18:25-41



• Psalms 18:49, 50

- 49. Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
- 50. Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.



JOHN 4:23. [Jesus said] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:

for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.



87.Grace of God... When Abraham said,
"It's my sister," lied about it,
but yet the grace of God held him,
because he repented. He was willing to repent.

And <u>anybody that's willing to repent, the grace of</u>
<u>God still goes for you</u>. <u>The grace of God</u> is searching
for you. So that goes for you backsliders this
morning; <u>the grace of God</u> is still looking for you.

If you'll just repent, God's grace is sufficient.

LAMB.AND.DOVE YAKIMA.WA 60-0805

E-43. Now, I don't blame sinners from doing those things, they're pig anyhow. That's nothing; I just let them go ahead. You see them down there drinking, and carrying on, and cursing, telling dirty jokes, and smutty things, and acting worldly, and saying, "I don't believe in no such a thing as Divine healing."

Well, sure, that's all right. He's just a pig anyhow; it ain't strange to see him on an old dead carcass, the old vulture.

What surprises me, to see a man that claims that he loves the Lord

Jesus and then do a thing like that.

There's something wrong somewhere. Something went wrong somewhere. Because if that dove, before that dove will ever come into that lamb, it has to be a lamb or he won't come into it.

He might manufacture something like it, and pretend that he's a Christian. But if he is a Christian, he will agree with every word that that Dove wrote in here. He will be led by the Word of God.

THE.ONCOMING.STORM PHOENIX.AZ 60-0229

The thing surprises me is
the grace of God. I said, "I have
exhausted His mercy many times,
but I never can exhaust His grace,
and I'm so glad of that."

THE.CONFLICT.BETWEEN.GOD.AND.SATAN CLARKSVILLE.IN 62-0531

E-37. Jesus said, "Both heavens and earth will pass away but My Word shall never fail," See, see? That's the best weapon there is.

It's the Word of the eternal God.

Now, what is the Word of God? The Word of God is God Himself.

So God gave the believer Himself. Amen. Whew. It's God Himself. He gave the believer Himself to attack the enemy by. In other words, He's the Father and the Word is God. Then the Word is our Father. We're born by the Word, and He's standing in the forefront for His children. Amen. There you are. He's standing out there for His children. What are we scared about?

The rapture's sure; the coming's sure; every blessing that's been promised is ours; all belongs to us.

E-38. Now, if we kinda slack up Satan say, "Come right over on this side. I'll reason that out with you." Oh, oh, you got from behind Father then. See? Don't you do that. You stay right where Father stands, right where it stand and says, "THUS SAITH FATHER". See? "THUS SAITH MY FATHER, THUS SAITH MY FATHER." It's going to defeat him as sure as the world. It's got to. All right. But when you get out from behind that, like Eve did, the battle's lost. Now, poor Eve, she listened; she lost her place...

God has a new birth for you. But listen to His still small voice. Every one of you people who profess to be Christians, get yourself quiet before Him. Don't let the washing hinder. Don't let the work hinder. Don't let nothing hinder. Don't let nobody know what you're doing. Just go before Him. Get up in the woods somewhere. Get out on the side of the road. Go into the secret closet and close the door, when the kids gets at school. There get down on your knees. You've heard all kinds of voices everywhere. But just get down and stay there until those voices are silenced and you begin to lift up. It'll change you. It'll make you different... It'll do something to you if you'll just do it. Now, it'll make you what you should be. It'll make you the kind of Christian that you ought to be.

How did Bro. Branham respond and work with families, teenagers, and young people??

QUESTION:

Dear, Brother Branham, will all the sons and daughters of true, borned again believers be saved?

"Questions And Answers" JEFF, IN COD 64-0823M

E-30. Now, if Job took a act upon the very thing that God told him to do, the only thing it was to be righteous, was to offer a burnt offering; that was righteous... And He saved Job and his house, then what is righteous before God?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved."

So, if I'm believing for my house and you're believing for your house, by believing that that we trust God, God imputes our own faith, like He did Abraham or Job or any of them for righteousness. You see? So, it's allotted to us for righteousness, and that's how that thou and thy household shall be saved.

Oh, I think it's a wonderful thing. So then, not only that, but I'm holding for every brother, all my brothers. My sister.

I'm not only holding for that, but I'm holding for every person that's in my church; I'm holding for you all.

I want you to hold for me, because of the righteousness of faith. We don't have to make a burnt offering; Christ is our offering. But we have to have faith in that offering that Christ made, that He made us this kind of a promise, that "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I'll do. When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you've asked for and you shall have it."

E-31. Now, if I am praying that God will save these teen-age children, and I believe with all my heart He will do it, see that's the same way Job stood.

Say, "Oh, look at this kid, how he's doing."

I don't care what he's doing or what she's doing. I still have put that child in the hand of Almighty God and me and my house shall be saved. See?

Even though I may pass on before they do, but somehow before they leave here, God will twist them right down on the trail. I believe that... Somehow or another. He will make it so miserable for them, till they will have to do it. See?

And that's the way I believe, it's,

"Thou and thy house shall be saved."

E-32. I've seen a many that... I've watched that come into my meetings. Many time, an old boy will come up there that's been rough all of his life.

He fall down on his knees and go to crying, and get up, say, "Well, I had a dear old mother. Oh, if she's in heaven tonight, I know she's looking down and she is glad to see me at this altar."

See? What it is, that old mother prayed and believed.
See, she's gone on long ago, but here's them prayers.
Because the righteousness... See, thy and thy house shall be saved. God knows how to work. He knows how to do.
He knows how to do everything just right.

How did the Prophet apply the Word in his family...when his teenage son was smoking?



Branham Family Photo-- 1946



Billy Paul was born in 1935, so he would have been about 11 years old in this photo.

Billy Paul Branham







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E-3. So, I've always had a little slogan that I always give to people as: Do three things in life.

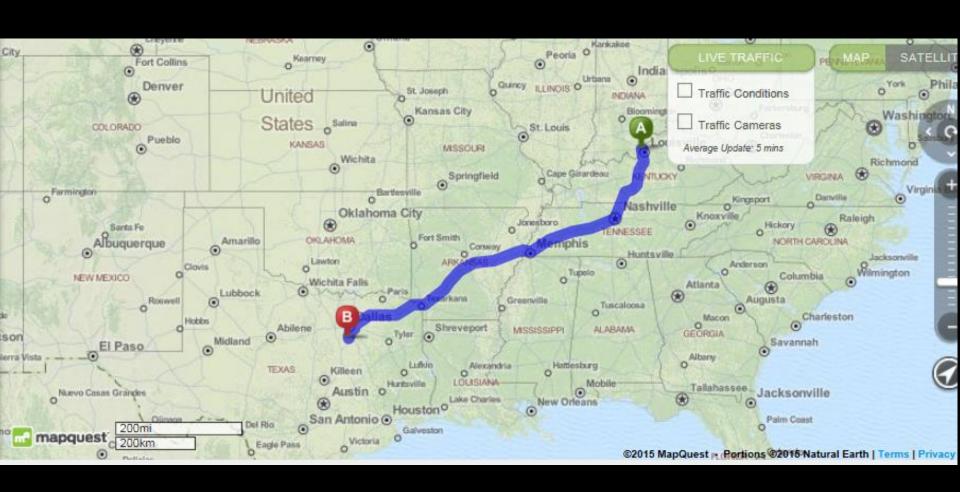
First thing is do right; that's your duty to God.

Think right; that's your duty to yourself; and you're bound to come out right.

That's exactly right. You do right, and then think right. And as long as you are going right, you can't be going wrong.

When my boy, Billy, about fourteen years old... Before I sent him down to the Bible school, he was in the common school and did not have a very good background. And all the children, girls, boys smoking and carrying on...

Today-- 13-14 Hour drive from Jeffersonville, Indiana to Waxahachie, Texas



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When my boy, Billy, about fourteen years old... Before I sent him down to the Bible school, he was in the common school and did not have a very good background. And all the children, girls, boys smoking and carrying on... And one day I come into the house and set down.

And Billy was staying with his grandmother.

And while the Presence of the Lord was near, there was a vision:

I seen my boy with a cigarette in his hand. That liked to killed me.

E-4. So, after while, his bicycle stopped out front, and he came in and said, "Hello, dad," and run, threw his arms around me.

I took him in my hands, and I said, "Billy, when did you start this?"

He said "What, daddy?"

I said, "Smoking."

He said, "I don't..."

I said, "Don't tell me. <u>You do smoke, Billy</u>." He started crying. I couldn't keep from it.

I went out to the bathroom; I set down out there, and I cried like a baby. I thought, "His mother in glory and last thing she said to me, 'Take care of Billy.' And here I've tried to put the example before him and to see him do a thing like that," it almost killed me.

So I took him out on the walk.

I said, "Son, you're coming away from there right now. I'm going to send you to Bible school, no matter how lonesome you get."

And so I said, "I want you to stretch out your arms like this."

And he did. He said, "What's the matter?"

I said, "This is left and this is right. Now, you cannot be going both ways the same time. You're in the shape of a cross." And I said, "As long as you're going right, you may think you're going wrong; but you've got to come out right. You can't go east and west at the same time. You can't be doing right and wrong at the same time."

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Sometimes people are going wrong, thinking they're doing right; but it'll wind up wrong. So always think right, do right, and you'll come out right; you just got to. That's exactly.

Do right; that's your duty to God.
Think right; know that you've got to come out right;
and you will come out right.

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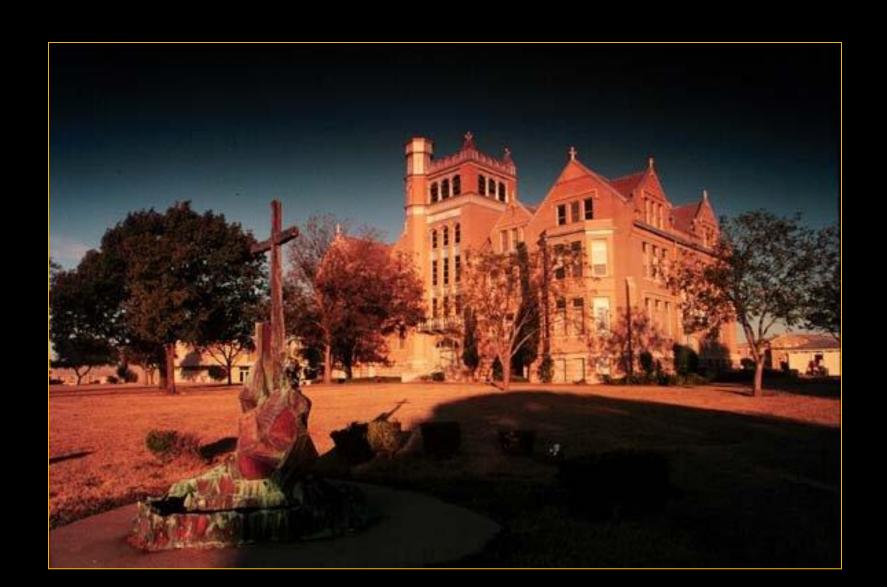


Waxahachie, Texas

Billy Paul attended the Southwestern Assembly of God University in Waxahachie, Texas.



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"The Family: Under This Third Pull"

A dose of medicine almost killed my boy, Billy Paul.

About two years, three years ago, Billy Paul got into a habit, got running around there, and that's the reason I had to send him to

Waxahachie, to the school.

Our public school, with the bunch of little boys and things, all smoking cigarettes and things.

And Billy come up home one day and said, "How you getting along, daddy?" I seen a vision pop over him.

...I said, "Come here a minute, talk to you." He said, "What is it, Daddy?" I said, "What are you doing smoking cigarettes?" He said, "I'm not." I said, "Don't you lie to me, Billy." He commenced to crying. Well, he said, "I won't do it no more, daddy." And he went on out. He kept on doing it. He wasn't hiding it; he can't hide it, no, no. So...and I seen a vision, and the Lord showed me that Billy, had disobeyed me,...

...and had jumped through a window, and was going laughing, head over heels, like that, down, on through eternity, turning over and over. And when I come out of the vision, I was screaming to the top of my voice, "Oh, God, don't take my boy. Only boy I have, don't take him, Lord." And I was screaming to the top of my voice. I told Billy.

And so, Billy, that day, he went fishing. Been hanging down on the river a lot.

There was a man from India, there to see me, and some more ministers...

...And we went down into New Albany with my wife. She had to go down there to get something another. And so, we went down, and I was setting talking to the ministers, and all at once, something said to me, "Get out of here, right quick." I thought that was just my imagination.

And I said, "Well now, brethren, we're fixing to go to India as soon as we possibly can."

<u>Something said</u>, "Get out of here, and get to yourself."...

...And I got out of the car, and I said, "Excuse me, brethren, just a minute, I want to go around the corner."

And I went around there, and I looked, nobody was looking, I said, "Father, what is it?" Said, "Go to Billy Paul at once." And I run back real quick, and Meda was coming up the street, my wife, and I said, "Hurry honey, hurry. Something's wrong with Billy." And we run, jumped in a car, and took out to Jeffersonville, about five or six miles...

...When I went into the yard, my mother-inlaw, standing in the yard, screaming top of her voice, said, "Billy's dying, got him in the hospital." So I said, "What happened?" Said, "Well, he come up down there, and he had a sore throat. And he was afraid you was going to catch him with that sore throat, and tell him, he was still smoking cigarettes. And he went down, and your good friend," the best doctor there is in the nation, one of the best, "Dr. Sam Adair, gave him a shot of penicillin,...

...and he swelled up about that big, in just about three minutes. And he run up there, and they wrapped him in blankets, and rushed him to the hospital."

And I run out real quick, here come the doctor down like that, took off his hat, said,
"Bill, I've killed your boy."

And I said, "Oh, Doc, surely not." And I run into the room; they had oxygen over him and everything, and pumping, and giving him adrenalin over his heart. And he was just...

...Heart going on down, and down. I said could I be with him a moment. And so he just walked out of the room.

I knelt down, put my hands upon him; I said, "Dear God, please. Hasn't my heart been broke enough in my days? Please, Jesus, oh, God, give the boy another chance. Don't... Lord, please, I ask you with all my heart, as Your servant, if You'll spare the life of my boy. He's so good to me, and helps in the meeting, and he's so loyal to me. I need him. God, please don't take him. I ask You not."...

...And I looked, and I saw a vision of him falling like that, turning over and over, like it was a couple nights before that, when I seen him in the vision. And I seen two big arms come out and catch him, like this, and start bearing him right back up, going right back up, like that. I raised up, and Billy turned around, just as black as he could be. And his lips swelled way out, and his eyes turned real red, and turned back...

...He said, "Daddy, where are you.

Where are you, daddy?"

I said, "I'm standing right here, honey.

It's all over now." Amen.

Let me tell you, if it hadn't been for God, a dose of medicine would've killed my boy.

"Come Let Us Reason Together"-- 1955

"The Family Is Coming Back"

