

MARTIN BROTHERS' TENT MINISTRY

I went into prayer and the Lord spoke in prophecy saying, **"I give you another lead."** He said, **"270 Farm Supply, but don't go to 270 Farm Supply until you first have gone where I told you and make contact with the man whose sign says 'Tent Sales'."** I took Brother Curtis Gibson a day or two later. We went in there and I said to the man, "You don't sell tents no more?" He said, "No, I do not know why I kept that sign up." I asked the man if he knew where we would find a tent for sale, 40x60. The man said he did not know. So I lingered and then the man said, "You know what I'd do? Go over there to 270 Farm Supply, but do not go to this 270 Farm Supply right up the road. Go to the 270 Farm Supply East on the side of Malvern." I did not know that there was another 270 Farm Supply and neither did Brother Curtis. I said to Brother Curtis, "Had I run on to step two without completing step one, look at the mess we would be in because we would be at the wrong location."

I went to 270 E. Farm Supply and said I was looking for a 40x60 tent. The man said he makes tent frames, but a 40x60 tent frame was too large for him to make. I asked the man if he knew where I could get a tent. The man responded and said that he did not. I, however, knew that this man knew something. I therefore lingered like I had done before, until the man said, "You know something, there is a man who came here the other day, and he left a card and it said River City Tent Sale, Pine Bluff, Arkansas." I do not know why I kept this card, but here it is."

We took off over there, but the man was not there. His wife said he did not sell tents, he just rented them. Well, we came back to prayer and the Lord spoke in prophesy saying, **"Make personal contact with the man. He will be all business at first, however, he will sell you a tent."** He told me what day to call him so I called him up and said, "I still have not found a tent. Do you know where I can find this tent at, and what I could do? Are you sure you do not have something to sell me?" He said, "I made up my mind since I talked to you that I'm going to sell a tent." The Holy Spirit said in prophecy, **"You will see the tent in the air. Pray on your way over there and I will speak through Jack's lips, another lead."**

I never knew of the Lord speaking through Jack but while driving over to Pine Bluff I said, "We better pray." When we started praying, Jack got in the Spirit and he started jerking around and he said, **"The color, the color, blue and white."** And then he come out of it. We got over there, and the man came driving around in a huge car and he said, "Now that tent is over here up." I said, "Well, what color is that tent? He said, "There's no color. It is all faded out. I said, "What color did it used to be?" He said, "It used to be red and white." Well, I knew it was not right. I said, "Are you sure you do not have nothing else to sell me?" He said, "Yes, I have two that I have decided to sell. Follow me down to the house."

We went down there, and he had every color rolled up under this tent. And I said, "What color do you have for these two tents you have decided to sell?" He said, "Well, they are both BLUE AND WHITE." Jack looked relieved. He said, "They are what you call royal color." The Lord had done talked to me about His Bride and the Royalty of His Bride and here the man says it is a royal color.

We walked down there, and I said what I wanted was a 40x60. He said, "I've got one right there, rolled up." The Lord however, had told me I was going to see the tent up in the air. I asked him, "Where is the other one?" He said, "It is a 40x100. It is over at Little Rock. It's up." Just then, something came to me, and I said, "I have need." You see, we need to obey the Voice of God. It came to me what Jesus said, "I've got need by Samaria." I told the man, "I have a need to go by Little Rock anyway."

Before heading to Pine Bluff, the Holy Spirit called out a name, **"Party Time, Little Rock, AR, 90 more folding chairs."** We already had 150 chairs, but He said, **"90 more folding chairs."** We did not know what Party Time was. We drove over Little Rock and looked it up and found out it was a rental place. I called them up and asked if they had any folding chairs and if they would sell me 90 used folding chairs.

They said, "No, we rent chairs, but we don't have any for sale." I said, "Let me talk to the boss." I talked to the boss, and he said, "No, we are not selling any chairs." We went home and we prayed. While praying, the Lord said, **"Yes, that man was not going to sell you any tent. Now, the 40x100 is what you are going to buy because I am going to fill it up. That man is going to sell you those chairs."**

So, Curtis went over to see him. He said the chairs cost \$15 each. Curtis asked if he could sell us 90 chairs. He said, "No, I do not have any chairs to sell. Why should I sell you ninety chairs, and then I have to go back and buy others?" Curtis gave him a card and said, "If you change your mind and decide to sell, then call the preacher." I got on the phone and called Curtis. "Did you get the chairs?" He said, "No." I said, "You did not get the chairs?" He said, "No." I said, "Why?" Curtis answered, "He said they are not going to sell them to me."

I will never forget this... I walked down by the barn. We had a cross down there. I said, "Lord, I am not going out without a tent. I am not playing games. If you are going to tell me what to do and where to go, you will have to tell me in detail, and it must be plain." I was not interested in running my head against the wall, trying to put a big program. I would not trade what God had done for me to have them big churches with them old smiley faces out there. I walked down there, and I prayed. I said, "Lord, I do not know what is going on." I walked down back to the house and my wife said, "That man called about the chairs." I said, "He did?" She said, "Oh, yes. He said you can go get the chairs for \$5.50 each." We went to church and Curtis was leading the service. I said, "Curtis, what did that man tell you about the chairs?" He said, "He said he is not going to sell us any chairs." I said, "He just called and asked us to go get the chairs at \$5.50 each." We bought the 40x100 and got the 90 more chairs to fill up the tent.

In prayer, the Holy Spirit spoke again and said, **"Go get the chairs and they will also give you a lead to obtain a PA system."** While purchasing the chairs, one of the office staff said, "I would go to Stonehenge here in Little Rock, they sell PA equipment." We went back to prayer, the Holy Spirit spoke and said, **"Yes, Stonehenge is the place, and he will give a deal off the regular price."** This was exactly what they did.

In prayer again, the Holy Spirit spoke and said, **"Tell Bob White (a brother in the church) to purchase a trailer for the equipment. Tell him, how he will know it's the correct trailer. It will have wings on it."** Brother Bob went looking and soon found one made by Pace. Their trailers have an emblem on them in the form of wings. He purchased the trailer for \$4,500. Previously in prayer, the Holy Spirit had said, **"Watch the nines in my workings."**

There are 21 of these locations given over the next 2 ½ years. The Lord gave exact dates, number of days at each location, instructions to make a flyer, what scripture and picture to have on each one, what we will see when we get there, what the weather will do and how the locals will react. Hundreds of details and everything spoken exactly! There are many testimonials from each location that we will try to put on paper in the coming days. Stay tuned for details on the video



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The Vision

I had never seen anything like what I saw in William Marrion Branham's ministry. I recognized that Brother William Branham had something that I had never seen before. I saw the supernatural, infallible proofs. My mother was diagnosed with cancer of the womb and the doctors gave her a year to live. She was in Memphis, TN and they said she would not be alive in a year and that there was nothing they could do for her. Well, that was back in 1947 and she went to Brother William Branham's meeting. He had just come from Jonesboro, AR, and he come to Corning, AR, and there is where my mother went to see him. He prayed for her and told her that she would have one more spell. He told her she had backed up from the Lord and that as long as she lived for the Lord, she would never die with cancer. She had one more spell and passed some blood clots. She lived another 54 years. She went to be with the Lord in 2001, at 96 years old.

My brother, John Martin, and I began to go to some of the meetings that different preachers had, and we went to Brother William Branham's because of my mother being healed. I went to the meeting over in Chicago, the Philadelphian Church, it was Brother Boze over there, and Brother William Branham was there preaching. I met Brother Jack Coe and he had a powerful ministry, a lot of healing; Brother A. A. Allen, Gordon Lindsay, and all those different ones that were well noted as having a lot of the Healing Ministries, but I had never seen anything like Brother William Branham. I immediately knew that he had something that other preachers did not have. There was something about being in Brother William Branham's presence, such a humility, and the presence of God was very strong, seeing all these things in Brother William Branham's ministry, over and over, the supernatural being in the church.

My brother and I had a lot of tent meetings back when we were young. The first time we had an interview with Brother William Branham was on January 20, 1957. We had been following his meetings in 1955 and in 1956. During this interview he said to us, "I see you had great results in your tent meetings." Having had interviews with Brother William Branham at different times, there are many things that I was able to learn from his ministry, seeing what he was preaching and what he was teaching, that God had to restore a church and this church had to be restored like the early church.

Before he went to be with the Lord in 1965, Brother William Branham told John and I, "When Oral Roberts and Billy Graham go off the field, I want you boys in that tent?" But why? Well, this tent ministry proved to be very successful and had a lot of great, supernatural results. Because Brother William Branham is the last major prophet messenger to the Gentiles in this last day, I believe that he seen a vision that this tent would be led upon THUS SAITH THE LORD. He said that God would do nothing on the earth until first He revealed it to His servants the prophets. And Brother William Branham being supernatural himself, must have known that the supernatural was going to take place when he told John and I that he wanted us in that tent. We believe in one God and His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, if this tent ministry had the supernatural taking place, and Brother William Branham was a supernatural prophet, he must have known about the supernatural results it was going to produce because Amos 3:7 says, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Knowing that Brother William Branham had said something about restoring a church like the early church, I began to contend for what he said had to happen. The Lord began to confirm it through power and manifestation and vindicating it by the Spirit of God. God said for me to put in record whatever He has done because the Bible says, *Tell it to your children and to your children's children the works of God (Joel 1:3)*. God does not just do things just to be in a corner somewhere. God does it for Glory and Honor. God is very precise in His gifts and just as Abraham was led by God through dreams, visions, and prophesies, I was led by the Holy Spirit to start a tent ministry again.

Ordination Prayer

by Bro. William Marrion Branham upon Bro. Earl Martin



"Gracious Heavenly Father, we lay hands, again, on our Brother Martin. We send him, Lord, to the utmost parts that Thou has ordained that he should go; wherever it is, many or few, by-ways, highways, hedges, if it be. Wherever it is, Lord, may Your blessings be with him. We lay our hands upon him as we bid him Your speed and give him our blessings, that the Spirit that's upon us, Lord, may go with him, and will guide him and direct him to the lost souls out in the hedges and highways. We send him, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. God bless you, Brother Martin. Go now, and the Lord be with you."

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The Commission

And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (Luke 14:23)

I was sent out upon this commission. Man has always tried to make excuses, not to receive God's Word of His invitation. Though it be firmly proven to them that it's His Supper and His invitation, man is constantly making excuses, so they don't come to the spiritual feast of His promised, vindicated Word.

Having the vision of the prophet to see the Spirit of God moving in the church after the full Word was restored, I believed the table was all set and that these testimonies had to go round the world for there is somebody still out there, somewhere, that's a predestinated Seed, that the Light has to fall on, somewhere, somewhere in the world. The Lord told me that I would go with this tent just where He led me. He told me not to try to expect big crowds, but it was glean- ing, and I was to go out and find different ones that He would send me to. So, that is what we did with the tent.



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. (Heb. 13:8). Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? (Isa. 53:1). Jesus Christ is alive, and He wants to show Himself alive to the Bride to give her faith for the rapture. Has Christ included you in His plan? Is He vindicating what you do? He is vindicating what the Bride is doing and He is working the same way He worked with our prophet, William Marrion Branham.

1950S AND 1980S Tent Ministry of the Martin Brothers

My brother and I had tent meetings all the way across, starting in Tucson, AZ, over where Perry Green was, and also Phoenix, AZ and different places; and we went all the way to Alabama, then to Kentucky and up in West Virginia; then to Delaware and then back in Illinois and then out to the cities out West.

Our first tent meeting that we had was in Rochelle, IL. We prayed about it. We had a little mission up there that me and my sister had rented a building at Art Fellows

Hall, about 20 miles from Rockford, IL where we lived. The Lord directed John to go down to South Carolina where he got to praying for people down there and had quite a few miracles that happened, and then he came back up there to Rockford. Well, Ralph Quest, he was a big sponsor of Oral Roberts, and his wife came to the service and John and I prayed for her, and the Lord healed her of a stomach trouble. She had been prayed for by a lot of people, but it was not the time for it because God was going to use her to open the door for us.

Ralph Quest furnished a lot for us to put our 20x30 tent but we needed a bigger tent. Me and my sister went to Beloit, WI to rent a tent that was 50x80. It was an old army tent with chains and cables. I checked and they said they will rent it for \$150 for two weeks or they will sell it for \$150. So Ralph Quest gave us a place to put the tent. John later had searched over there in Genoa; and since Ralph Quest was on the board at the bank, he was the one who helped to get the money together. Later on, John took him down to Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, IN and let him meet Brother Billy Paul Branham and John baptized him down there in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord said that He would fill up the tent and He filled it up one time. He sent me to Peach Orchard, AR just three miles from where I was born. He told me to go see a country singer by the name of Barbara Fairchild and to tell her that I come on business for the King and that she would ask me, "What does He want?" I told her, "I don't know what you believe Barbara, but I heard you are Church of Christ, and I know that Church of Christ does not believe in having music in the church. The Lord told me that you would come and sing for me." She said, "The Lord brought me out of that." She gave me a testimony how she did, and she said that she would come and sing if she had a day off. She said, "Let me know." I said, "No, I won't have to let you know because God told me that you would come and sing, so He knows what kind of schedule you would have. So I will not have to tell you; I will just let you when I'm having it."

So she had a day off. She came and sang for us in the tent, and it pretty well filled up. She had a whole lot of her friends come; even her dad and mom came. Her dad would not go with her out to her church when she was having gospel meetings, but he showed up there with his wife and a whole bunch of people from that town, about five miles away.

1996 CRUSADE Tent Ministry of Earl Martin



I felt on my heart to continue with the tent ministry. I inquired of others about acquiring a tent to start another campaign. However, this seemed difficult because I would need cooperation from any or all involved.

The Holy Spirit spoke precisely during this time saying, **"I'm going to give you a tent and I'm going to give it to you with no strings attached and you are to follow Me. I will lead you one step at a time."**

The Lord said in prophecy, **"Go down the road here and on the way to Hot Springs, you are going to see a sign that says 'Tent Sales'. Now, you are not going to get the tent there, but you will get the lead from the man there."** I did just that, but the man was not there. I knew I would have to come back later but his wife stated that the man did not sell tents anymore.