

CAST YOUR LOT ON THE LORD!
PSALM 55:22

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God spoke to my heart in Louisiana when I was getting ready to preach this message, and the Spirit of God moved on me and said, "Study." I said, "Lord, I'm ready." We think we're ready and then God says, "Study." We think we're ready and God says, "Pray." Why? Because we're not ready to give what God wants us to give. We're not ready to really share what the Holy Spirit is wanting to say. We're ready to share what we **feel** God wants to say, but God doesn't go by feelings. We have to quit going by feelings.

If we are walking where God wants us to walk, we are going to feel good. We're going to feel a song, we're going to feel a dance, we're going to feel a shout. But it is a result of being where God wants us and doing what God wants us to do. It's an end of being unsettled or uncertain, trying to get something we don't have; trying to be somebody we are not; trying to be some place we are not.

We are told to meditate. We are told to rightly divide the word of truth. It takes time to rightly divide the word of truth. Sometimes you have to go to a concordance. Sometimes you have to find out what that word really means. We think we know but we don't understand why that word is where it's at.

Psalm 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord... The word 'burden' is a strange word. It doesn't mean a weight or a load; it means your 'lot.' Have you ever heard people say, "Well, that's just my lot in life." It's an old English term. What he's talking about here is not to argue about why you are where you are; not to reason out why you are not somebody else, or trying to begin to understand why you don't have something you want, but simply to cast it on the Lord. To realize that you are in that lot because God has put you there. God has said to you, "I don't want you anywhere but where you are and your lot in life is right here."

Let's look at **Genesis chaps 37, 39**. Joseph, I am sure, had a great plan for his life as a young man because he'd had a great dream and a great interpretation that the elders were going to bow down to him. He shared this with his brothers and they hated him. The father, caring about his other sons, sent Joseph out to check on their well-being in the fields.

The other sons were full of jealousy, and they decided to do this guy in. They wanted to kill him but Reuben wouldn't let them, so they threw him in a pit. There was no complaining from Joseph. They sold him to slave traders; there was no complaining. He ended up being lied about in Potiphar's house; there was no complaining. He went to prison; there was no complaining.

God was taking all those things in his life and bringing him to this one place where he could be a deliverer of the nation of Israel and bring them into plenty in a time of famine; bring the people of Israel into a place of safety.

He did not know that, he was not desiring it, he was not choosing it, but he cast his lot upon the Lord. Whatever it was that was going to happen, he was going to be ready for it, he was going to be in it, but most of all God would be in that situation. That would be the lot of his

life.

Now most of us would be appealing and I don't mean good looking. We would be crying out, "Lord, why am I here in this pit? All I came for was to do good. All I came for was to be obedient to the father. I came down here to check on these rascals and they threw me in a pit, and they are talking about killing me."

That is what we would be doing. We would be screaming and hollering and crying out, but I want you to know there is no mention that he cried out. There is no mention that he screamed; there is no mention that he cursed his brethren. He went along because he knew that he was where God wanted him. That was his lot in life and whatever happened to him was going to be all right.

Abraham never planned to be the father of many nations. Abraham was just enjoying life down there in the land of the Chaldees, in the land of Ur. He was well off, in a good status of life, but God comes along, taps him on the shoulder, takes him out into a wilderness, into a land that God was going to give to him (**Gen. 11:31 & 12:1-5**). But I want you to know something: it wasn't an easy journey. He took along a guy named Lot and he had to go rescue him. He could have just let him go but he didn't.

Your lot in life is not what you plan it to be. When we try to run the lot of our lives, we mess it up. We try to make it better, we try to change it, we try to exchange it. We try to give it to somebody else. If it's dry here we go somewhere else. If it's wet here we quit. God says, "Wait a minute! What is the lot of your life? Cast it on me! Give it to me."

I don't care what you are going through, I don't care how awesome it may seem; God has a plan. You're going to learn something. If you can learn to be quiet in the midst of that situation, if you can wait on the Lord, God is going to bring you through. The end result is going to be beyond your wildest imagination.

David never planned on being King. He was satisfied working in the sheep pen. He was satisfied taking care of his father's sheep, but God had a plan for the lot of his life. David cast the lot of his life upon the Lord.

David had a few problems on the way but God did something for him. God took him from the sheep pen. He made him a giant killer. He took him into the writing of many songs and revelations of truth, and made him a King of Israel who was a man after His own heart. David did not plan that. He did not know what God was going to do but he cast his lot upon the Lord.

How about Moses! I mean the guy is eighty years old; he's retired already. It's all right to retire a little bit at eighty. You have worked all your life, you know, the last forty years of it taking care of sheep. You have been a failure as a real leader of the body of Christ, so you are going to quit trying that stuff and you are going down there to mess with a bunch of sheep. Get yourself a wife, a couple of kids, and quit the business.

But God had another plan for Moses: the lot of his life. That was only part of what God had planned for him. It wasn't the end; it was only the beginning. God took him and made him a deliverer of the nation of Israel, brought them out of bondage and across the Red Sea. Moses never had in his mind to be that kind of a deliverer.

What happens to us is we feel a move of God, and we say, "Okay, I'm ready to do something for God. I've studied enough, I've prayed enough, there's not much happening in my life so I'm going to go over there and start delivering." At first it looked real good that this guy is killing Egyptians, wiping them out, and we are being set free. "This is great, man; this Moses is super duper stuff."

Have you ever had that happen to you? People patting you on the back, telling you how wonderful you were. You thought your lot in life was really made and really wonderful, and all of a sudden you found yourself with people pointing their fingers at you, saying, "You're a murderer, man. Don't come down around here; get on out of here. You're going to kill us too. I know what you have in mind."

When you start running your own life, you are not putting your lot in the hand of God. You're not giving it to the Lord. God took Moses from that moment and began to train him for a great deliverer. You know, God has some great things in store for every one of us, but we have to learn to cast our lot on the Lord. We are not to complain about it, not try to change it, not try to make it better, not try to make it acceptable, but simply say, "Here's where I am and this is where I start. This is where I stay until God puts me in a pit, God takes me through the lion's den, or God takes me through the Red Sea.

I'm going to stay where I am, I'm going to prepare my heart, I'm going to cast my lot on the Lord, and He can make out of me what he wants. If God wants me to be a preacher, He can make one out of me. If God wants me to be a leader, He can make one out of me. If God wants me to be a deacon, He can make one out of me.

I'm available for whatever God wants because it's no longer my lot but I've cast it upon the Lord. Whatever He has planned in that lot for me is going to be just right." You see, when He has your lot in life in control, it's always going to work to a higher place.

Have you ever noticed what you've done with your life when you thought you were in control of it. You never were in control of it but you thought you were, and Satan let you think that. He loves to let you think that you are in control, even when you're totally out of control. He'll say, "You're in control; don't worry about anything."

Did you ever notice how people irritate you; how they rub on you; how it gripes you because God isn't doing it your way and He's not doing it fast enough or quick enough. He's not changing things the way it should be; you don't have what you deserve. You say things like, "If I was running this show".... Think about it for a moment. If God let you run this show, what do you think you would do with it? It would be shipwreck overnight.

I'm saying to you, David has a revelation here. We can quit striving to become anything; we can quit trying to be popular; we can quit trying to be something we are not. We can learn to let God take this as we throw it upon him and make us what He wants us to be. Think about that for a moment. Nobody can make himself anything in the Kingdom of God. It's frustration to try to be anything in the body of Christ.

"Well, I'm going to volunteer to be this or that. I'm going to be the best deacon in town." Maybe God didn't call you to be a deacon. Maybe God just called you to shine shoes. "I don't want to shine shoes. I have this big plan for my life." But you see, the shining of shoes is a place of starting; it's the place where things begin to change. It's not the final end, but we have to start wherever it is God has allotted our life.

If it's in the pit waiting to be sold into bondage; if it's over there being misunderstood by people, ending up on the back side of the desert, it doesn't make any difference. If it's taking care of sheep and all of a sudden you are enjoying it, you're having a great time, and what happens? God calls you to be king.

I noticed something about how this thing works; it's amazing. Just about the time you get content in it, that's when God changes it. Just about the time you think this is where you are going to be the rest of your life and you're excited about it, you feel good about it now, God says, "I'm going to call you into a land you have never been in before. I'm going to bring you into a deliverance ministry you have never been in before."

People who have never really been contented have never given their lot in life to the Lord. They are trying to change it; they're trying to run it. So God never really taps them on the shoulder for anything further because God cannot use a person who is not contented. And just about the time God changes you into that other position and you get real happy and contented in that position, do you know what happens? God taps you on the shoulder again. There's a constant changing from glory to glory. None of these men arrived overnight in one stage. They were tested, they were tried.

How about Daniel; here's a man that is going to be second in command. He's going to be a great provider. What does he have to go through? First of all he has to be kidnapped (**Daniel chap.1**). He's not an idiot; he's an intellectual person. The king has found that these are the kind of men he wants around his table. These people can hold good conversations; these people have good manners. These people are rulers; they are all right. So he brings them over, and he puts them in prison.

He says, "Feed them off of my table. Feed them the same food and wine that I eat and drink." Daniel interceded and said, "Tell the king we don't want to eat that; nothing is going to happen to us. Just give us some oranges and peas, you know, and good old turnip greens and we are going to be O.K." About the time he was content on that, he gets moved up. Then about the time he gets content on that, he gets thrown into the lion's den.

Nothing is ever going to happen in your life until you're content. If you can't handle where you are now, how can you handle anything bigger. If you can't handle what you're doing now, why are you asking for more. This is what he's saying: "**Cast your burden (lot) upon the Lord. He will sustain you or make provision for you.**" It's not your choosing what you are going to be, it's your becoming content in what you are.

Strong's Conc. #3053 - burden = a lot; what is given by fate or providence.

The reason David became a King was because he was content to keep the door in the house of the Lord. That was what God had for him. It didn't make a whole lot of difference to David. All David wanted was the presence of the Lord. All David cared about was praising, singing, and dancing before God and providing for the nation of Israel. He didn't care anything about being the King.

When you don't care about being something, that's usually when you become it. When you're happy to just sit there and give your tithes, say a kind word to people, shake hands with people, hug necks with people, and do things with people, pretty soon somebody gets hold of you and says, "Hey, we have this office for you." God isn't making people treasurers who don't pay tithes. God isn't making people rulers that are not faithful.

You have to find out where the calling is, that lot is, give it to the Lord and say, "Lord, I'll be happy to sit on this red seat until you come if that's what it's all about. I'll be happy just doing the work of the ministry if that's what it is. I'll be happy just being a servant in the house of God if that's what my calling is. That's fine, Lord. I'm happy doing that. I'm happy getting on the phone, calling somebody and saying, "Hey, we missed you."

All of a sudden the Master taps you on the shoulder and says, "Look, we need another deacon; we need another elder; we need somebody to do this or do that."

I didn't realize that's what I was doing, but I learned this by life. So we have to come to a point in this thing where the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit is what we want. Where we want the presence of God more than we want the accolades of men. Where we want the presence of the Holy Spirit more than we want people to slap us on the back and say, "Nice job!" In fact the scripture says, "**Woe unto you when all men speak well of you**" (Luke 6:26). I've never had to worry about fulfilling that scripture.

When I found out I couldn't be a preacher, I was just happy to cut the grass. I was just happy to clean the church. I was just happy to have a key to the church to go early and stay late; let people in and let them out. I thought I had arrived when they made me a song leader. I thought I had really arrived when they made me the Sunday School Superintendent. That's as far as I thought I was ever going to go, but I was really having a good time with it.

We never missed any of the revival meetings. We never missed any of the joyful times of God. It was just a wonderful time in the Lord. I was really happy! I said, "Man, this is so blessed. I'm so blessed. I'm blessed when I'm going out, I'm blessed when I'm coming in."

God tapped me on the shoulder about the time I really got happy. He said, "I'm moving you on."

Somebody said to me: "Man, why do you want to mess around with World Wide Ministries and the Downtown Church stuff. It's a lot of work." I said, "This is my lot in life. I'm happy doing this. I don't know what I will be doing next, but if I am doing this when Jesus comes, that will be all right. I'm happy helping people. I'm happy going and ministering in churches that need help."

If you're content where you are right now and can say, "Thank you, Lord, for where I am, who I am with and what I have," then God can move you on. **1 Tim. 6:8 says to be content with food and raiment.** Not six Cadillacs, two Jaguars. No, it has nothing to do with physical things. If a man in the pit could be brought up as the leader of the nation; if the man in the lion's den could become a great deliverer; if a man could be called from the back side of the desert to become the deliverer of Israel; if a man could come out of a sheep pen to become a great King, what could you become?

The thing that they all had in common is that they were content where they were. They were content with the work that they had. They were content to do what it was that God would ask of them. Let's go back to **Psalm 55:22:**

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Strong's Conc. Sustain 3557 = to keep in; hence to measure; fig. to maintain (in various senses):--(be able to, can) abide, bear, comprehend, contain, feed, forbearing, guide, hold (-ing in), nourish (-er), be present, **make provision**, receive, sustain, provide sustenance (victuals).

"Make provision for." The Lord will provide for you. I would rather God would provide for me than me provide for myself. When it becomes His lot, when it becomes His work, then it also becomes His opportunity to provide for me.

Now it would be funny if I was preaching and working somewhere to try to get enough money to preach. I believe that when God calls you to the ministry, He provides for the ministry. We are always dragging a little red wagon full of stuff and asking God to bless our stuff! God said, "I want you to be content; forget about your stuff. I'll bless what you put your hand to."

God is looking for a people who can settle down in this thing; who can be excited about who they are. God has something great for every one of you, but it's never going to happen until you can become a person who has been planted, settled, and are saying to the Lord, "Lord, I'm content right here. This little red chair looks good to me. This carpet will do fine; this roof will do great; this building is OK. Everything is all right, God. I'll stay here until you come."

About that time God will say, "You start moving on the Pastor's heart about ministry." Pretty soon you will come to him and say, "I really feel God is moving on my heart about ministry."

You see, when you anoint yourself, and you call yourself, you have to provide for yourself. When God calls you and God anoints you, even the Pastor knows what it is. He says, "Yeah, God talked to me about you already." This is good stuff, and it works, too. That is what makes it good; it works.

I'm tired of seeing Christians wear themselves out trying to figure out what God's calling is; trying to figure out where God wants them; trying to figure out what God wants them to do. I can tell you what God wants you to do: just give it to Jesus, settle down and relax. We're so nervous about everything in God, we have spiritual ulcers. God says, "I'm in control," then we say, "I know, Lord, and I am going to help you." Get your hands off it. He doesn't need your help.

So God is saying, "What I am looking for are some people who finally come to the place where they just give it all to Me. They are not trying to shape their life, they are not trying to make their life, they aren't trying to exalt themselves, they are not trying to get in to something to improve their lot. They are simply trusting Me for their lot." It's a lot easier this way. This thing is real; it's full of life and it's full of joy.

Now let me show you the danger of not doing that. Are you really happy? Would you like to really be happy? Do you know what you have to do? You have to give this thing to the Lord. **2 Chron. Chap 26** tells about a King named Uzziah. The Lord talked about when he was young and the great things he did, but when he became strong in heart, when he became prideful, he desired one day to become something he was never intended to be; to enter into an office that was never intended to be his. He decided that he would go, he would take the place of the priest, and he would offer up fire to the Lord.

The priest warned him, "It's not your job; it's not your calling, it's not your lot in life." He did it anyhow, didn't he. The end of that story is that he became a leper all the days of his life and he spent the rest of his life in a certain house, separated from his family, separated from the blessing of God that he once walked in. Why? Because he envied somebody else their calling. He thought he had the right to walk into that calling and do whatever he wanted to. I'm going to tell you, we have to abide in the calling whereunto we are called.

I Cor. 7:8 talks about if you are called, being uncircumcised, don't get circumcised. If you are called being a servant, care not for it (or do not let it trouble you). Whatever state you were called in, remain there. If you can be free, that's fine, but it doesn't make any difference what you are. Whatever your station in life is, cast it upon the Lord.

Most of the disappointed Christians I know, it's not because some preacher failed them. It's because they tried to change the calling of their own life and it never fit anywhere else. Somebody else's calling will never fit you or me.

I have learned to be Don Krider, and I enjoy being me. Somebody said, "Why don't you change? It would be a lot more acceptable." I'm acceptable already where it really counts. I'm accepted in the beloved (**Eph. 1:6**), and if I want to dance before the Lord, I'm not taking a vote from anybody.

Somebody said, "Well, that might be flesh." It probably will be, but I would rather my flesh would dance before God than lay dead before the devil. This is the temple of the Holy Ghost and I don't believe David waited for the Holy Ghost to say, "Come on, David, let's dance." When he saw that ark, he had a fit and danced before the Lord with **all** his might (**2 Sam. 6:13-14**).

We're so worried about whether it's flesh or whether it's spirit, or whether it's this or that. Sometimes I don't know what it is, but I want to tell you, whenever it moves on me, whenever I feel in my heart a shout, whenever I feel a song for God, whenever I feel a dance in my spirit, I'm going to do it. I'm going to praise the Lord, lift up my hands, and magnify the Lord. Hallelujah!

I want to tell you, I have been blessed going in and I have been blessed coming out; not because I am anything special but I gave my lot in life to Him. He's made me what I am. I don't know what I'm going to be tomorrow; maybe a little more fanatical. But God is saying to us here that we need to learn to be content whatever lot we find. We need to learn to be content with food and raiment. We need to learn to be content being saved.

In **Luke 10:17-20** when the seventy came back rejoicing and saying, "The devils are subject to us," He said, "Rejoice not that the devils are subject to you for I saw Satan fall from heaven as lightning; but rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven." If that doesn't make you happy, knowing that your name is written in heaven, knowing that your name is watched over and won't be erased out by some demon or some devil or some envious person, nothing is going to make you happy.

God has your life planned. God has every footstep, He has every breath, He has everything about your life planned for you if you can learn to take your hands off of it, throw it on the Lord, and say, "Bless God, whatever I am, and whatever I will be, it's going to be up to God. I am going to enjoy it while I am here." We have to become the people God wants.

There are going to be some people who will try all their life to change their life. At the end of their life they are going to be so frustrated. They will say, "Well, I never amounted to anything. My life never came to anything. I tried everything to make it work; I mean, I invested in it, I worked on it, I tuned it up. I bent it, I shaped it, I tried to trade it but nothing ever worked." They missed one thing: they did not cast it on the Lord. When you try to run your life, it's miserable. You despise everything that happens to you, whether it's the lion's den or the fiery furnace.

The three Hebrew children cast their lot on the Lord. They did not apologize for standing up for God. They did not apologize for being bound hand and foot. They did not apologize for

facing this fire. They said things that really show that their lot is upon the Lord. They said, "Our God is able to deliver us. We are not careful concerning you, King, how we answer this matter. Our God is able to deliver us; whether He delivers us this way or that way doesn't make a whole lot of difference. Know this for sure, our God is going to deliver us out of your hands; the devil is not going to kill us, the devil is not going to burn us up, but God is going to deliver us" (**Dan. 3:16-18**).

Paul and Silas were in prison during the midnight hour and things didn't look good. They began to pray and sing praises to God. I can just hear God saying to the holy angels, "Listen to that; isn't that music to your ears. That's a couple of my children down there. They have given their lot to me and have chosen to go through what they are right now, and they are doing it with joy. Go down there and set them free! Go down there and bless them. Go down there and let them lead that man to the saving grace of my Son, Jesus."

Unhappy people grumble; happy people sing, contented people sing. When we get into a trial, many of us say, "I don't why this happened to me; I never hurt anybody. I never did anything wrong. I don't know why God is doing this to me." God will say, "Well, I had better let him stay a little longer; he's about half baked. He needs to be fully cooked."

I want to tell you something: whether it's coming from the lion's den or it's coming through the pit; whether it's coming through the prison of circumstances in your life; whatever it is, whatever your lot is in life, don't complain about it. Give it to God. He's going to sustain you through it; He's going to make provision through it for you.

Look at Psalm 55:22 again: Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

The righteous will not be moved away from that joy; moved away from that peace; moved away from that faith; moved away from that strength; moved away from that overcoming victory. God will not let it happen.

I don't go anywhere unless I am sure God is in it. We have to get that heart and that mind. Whatever my lot is in life, I'm going to cast it on the Lord. I'm going to learn to be content that He's in charge of it. I'm going to learn to be content that He knows the tomorrows.

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. (24) Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Joseph in the pit, and then later his prison experience, were working for good because God was training him to rule and to reign. When you are in tough circumstances you don't have much to look at anyhow. When you are down at the bottom the only way you can look is up.

I'm telling you that your life can change if you give it to Jesus. Take your hands off of trying to run it; and trying to tell God what to do with you and how to do it to you, and telling God what you need.

God is saying this in closing: we are to cast our lot upon the Lord. My life makes sense to me now. For years I just thought it was kind of up and down; that it was up to me and I was trying to run it and do the best I could to take care of myself and just really do it right. But I found out I never could do it right; when I finally did get it accomplished I was never happy with it.

Have you ever tried to put something together in your life and you weren't happy with it, so you tore it apart and tried to put it together another way? Wouldn't it be better just to get our hands off of it and give it to the Lord and say, "This is my lot in life."

Whether it is through the pit, whether it is through the Red Sea, whether it is through the sheep pen, whether it's through the lion's den, whether it's through the fiery furnace, or the prison of circumstance, God is working in my life something that is far beyond what I could work. He is making something out of me far beyond what I could ever obtain in my own strength, because my footsteps are ordered of the Lord. He directs my life. He takes care of me.

I am happy. I'm one of those happy Christians. I'm not in charge; never have been in charge. I don't want to be in charge. I just want to be in the flow. The only way I can do that is to cast my lot upon Him and let Him sustain my life. Let Him keep me solid, grounded, and rooted so that I will not be moved. Amen!