Topic: Overcoming the Hindrances to Divine Provision in your Life August 9, 2017 | Wednesday Fellowship Service (+Abp. Ricardo Alcaraz)

Okay, hallelujah. Let's go to the Word of God.

Last week, we talked about living in God's provisions.

We know that God is a God of provision. That means that He has a lot of things for us.

Let's just say, let me just talk about, just a review, the definition of our definition.

Sabi natin, arrangement or preparation beforehand.

It is the meeting of needs, the supplying of resources, preparation beforehand.

It's like, ginagawa natin ngayon, for January 4.

This is, we are making provision for what's going to happen.

What's going to happen, those walls at your back, they'll be knocked out.

Okay, lalagyan yung mga salansang ngayon.

And they will be putting chairs on the inside.

Ito yung bar na ito, itataas.

Yan, ang lakad na dito.

I think they'll put another balcony here.

And the reason why they want to do that is because you want to be able to accept about 500 people at least.

Sabi ni Patriarch, are you able to accept 600 to 700?

Well, according to Fr. Junior noong pumunta siya dito, the best that they could do right now, sa place natin, is to allow 500 people in.

So, you see, pipalawak na yung 200 after that.

I'm sure God will open, give us His wisdom on that.

Step by step naman.

So, we are making provisions for that.

God is the God who makes provision for us.

Hindi pa dumadating yung problema, meron ng provision.

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So, praise be to God.

Tonight, I'd like to talk about overcoming the hindrances for provision in your life.

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Number one, before number one.

Before anything else, the provision of God is for everyone.

We know one of the promises that we really held on in the early 1987 when we got here.

We were, we moved to this theater, the Liberty Theater, and we bought our first generator.

It was 40,000 at that time, right?

That was all the money we had.

Agad din natin kinuha yun.

So, we were thinking, papaano yung mga susunod na natin, para yung needs during the month.

We always stood on God's promise that He would supply our every need.

And God never failed us.

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God never failed us.

And this is supposed to be the experience of every believer.

Do you understand what I'm saying?

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The promises of God, they're not just for an elite few.

The promises of God are for every believer.

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Whatever your Denomination, as long as you're a Christian.

Itong mga provisions na ito, is for you.

Everyone should be walking in the provisions of God.

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But the reality is, when we look at certain individuals, it seems like they're not experiencing

what God has promised.

And so, people tend to ask the question, bakit ganon?

If people, if the promises of God are for everyone, how come not many walk in this?

One of the things we need to understand is this.

Anything that God has given to us, we receive this by faith.

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And faith comes by, and hearing by, the Word of God.

The problem is, some people have received different kinds of teachings that might be

based on experience, of someone's experience, someone's observation.

But it's not really based on what the Holy Bible teaches.

For example, some people say, Why are some people suffering.

So, they come up with a theology or a philosophy that God gives us suffering, to deepen

our personality, so that we might become more sensitive, or that we might begin to

need Him.

Well, I don't agree with those kinds of philosophies, because, number one, It is not in Holy Scriptures.

You understand what I'm saying?

Our God is a God who loves us, and He's a God who cares for us.

But the thing is, when people believe different kinds of things, and itong mga bagay-bagay

na ito, they are not based on the principles of Holy Scripture, then, ikaw na rin ang

nagpiprevent sa sarili mo, to receive this.

For example, one of the things that Jesus Christ says, many are called, but few are

chosen.

Why are few chosen, but many are called?

Because not many respond.

You understand what I'm saying?

For example, when the Lord made His calling clear to me, some people go, Lord, I accept.

I choose to be chosen.

He chose me, so I choose that also.

I'm not going to reject that.

I'm going to choose your choosing for me.

And not many people accept the choices of God for them.

So they don't receive what God has already given.

Because God is always giving.

That's the kind of God, every good and perfect gift comes from the Father above us.

Sabi nga ng Holy Scriptures, God makes the sun to shine on the righteous and on the wicked

alike.

He gives that.

His love is for everyone, but not everyone receives that.

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So I believe this is the number one reason, number one reason, many reasons, why not many

people walk in the blessing of God Almighty.

It's because their belief systems, their philosophy in life, or maybe their old theologies are

actually protecting them from receiving from God.

For example, if you believe sickness comes from God, it's going to be very hard for you

to receive healing for your body.

Kasi, it means, ito ngayon sa ito si sickness e, diba?

If that sickness comes from God, then how can you ask healing from God?

Kasi, if the Bible says every good and perfect gift comes from God, then sickness must be

good, right?

If that comes from God, I do not believe it comes from God.

One of the names that God gave us in the Old Testament is Jehovah Rapha.

I am the Lord your healer.

I'm not the God who makes you sick.

I'm the Lord your healer.

Another name that he revealed to us, he is Jehovah Jireh.

I am the Lord your provider.

Or another meaning of that name is, the Lord's provision shall be seen in your life.

They know that's a very positive statement.

The Lord's provision shall.

Hindi niya sinabi, the Lord's provision may or may not be.

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And some people say, well, maybe it's not the will of God for me to walk in the provision

of God.

Why not?

What makes you so special that you are exempted from the provision of God? Maliwanag po ba?

The provision of God is for everyone.

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So now there are some things that I'd like to talk about, which I believe is preventing

people, Christians, sons of God, daughters of the Almighty, children of the Divine.

It's preventing them from walking in the blessings of God Almighty.

I have a few days from here.

One, we have what we call the orphan spirit, and we'll talk about that tonight. The orphan spirit.

Second, is we have what we call the slave mindset.

Slave mindset.

That will prevent you from receiving from God.

And the other one is poverty mentality.

Poverty mentality.

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Being known, these are attitudes or conditions, Americano, that we are the only ones who can

change.

With the help of God.

Alright?

Yeah?

Because these things that we are talking about, maybe because of the wrong opinions, wrong

thinking, wrong teaching, things like that.

Now let's talk about the orphan spirit.

Jesus Christ said this in John chapter 14.

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In John chapter 14, verse 18, this is what he said here.

He said,

I will not leave you orphans.

I will come to you.

I will not leave you orphans.

I will come to you.

Why are they called orphans?

Because their parents are different, right?

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One of the things that we see from the Holy Scriptures is that when Jesus Christ went

to the house of St. Peter, who did he see with this message?

Mother of God, right?

So they have parents.

Or maybe some of them have other parents.

But it cannot be that all of them are orphans.

Literally speaking.

But he said, I'm leaving you.

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I'm leaving, but I'm not leaving you as orphans.
0kay?
I will come to you.
And normally for us, it doesn't mean that an orphan has no father or mother.
So what does it mean to have an orphan spirit?
Let me state an example first.
There's a person named Heidi Baker.
She's a missionary.
She's the daughter of two missionaries in China.
They built an orphanage for children in China.
She's one of the children.
So what she did was she started an orphanage in Africa.
So maybe her parents were like that.
She started taking orphaned children to her orphanage.
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I think I must have posted a YouTube video of the testimony of Philip Salvador.
Do you know Philip Salvador?
Do you know him?
If you don't know him, let me see.
I mean, you've heard about him, right?
But he gave a testimony.
He said that for some reason, they had a child who died in the hospital.
And at that time, he was working with the ministry of Heidi Baker.
And when Heidi Baker heard about the situation, she went to the hospital.
The problem is, when she arrived, the child died.
And she said, let me see the child.
Philip Salvador said, why?
Catch him.
Kill him.
The child should have arrived.
She said, let me just see the child.
So she took the child.
She took the dead child.
She spoke life to the child.
And the child revived.
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I must have posted that video on my Facebook of the testimony of Philip
Salvador.
So this is the mission I've been talking about.
Heidi Baker.
She said, when she arrived at the orphanage, one thing that she would notice in
the beginning,
when she would accept new orphans in her orphanage,
when the mealtime came,
okay?
When the meal came,
the orphans would rush to the table,
get the food,
and stuff them in this mouth.
They would eat really fast.
Until they were full.
And, okay, maybe they were hungry.
They couldn't eat.
But this continued for weeks.
And then months.
And she asked the world, Lord, what's going on?
Why are they like this?
According to her, they're having, they're suffering from an orphan spirit.
Feeling of abandon.
Feeling that these things will be lacking.
Not realizing that she made a commitment to them,
that if there is food there, the next day they will get food there.
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Do you understand what I'm saying?

It's like what the nation of Israel did when they were delivered from Egypt. And God gave them a command through Moses, I will give you manna from heaven. Right? And what were the instructions of God to the people of Israel? Give only something that is sufficient for the day. But the others took too much. Somehow, they felt, maybe the manna didn't reach the next day. But the next day, they took too much. They became wormy. They were confused. Right? Until they learned that they can rely on the faithfulness of God day by day. 0kay? So what are some of the conditions of an orphan spirit? I'm just taking this from people who observe this. As I said, an orphan spirit, one of the characteristics is that they're very competitive. And they're always looking for an opportunity to stand out. They're very competitive. And they really want to get attention. And I understand. I understand that. Because my sisters, when they were looking for a child to adopt, they went to the orphanage. They're like cows. They really want to sit in front of them and start pushing one another so that the attention will go to them. In other words, there's this feeling. Choose me. Pick me. Pick me. That is a sign of an orphan spirit. They do not feel accepted. And because they do not feel accepted, they feel the need that they have to prove. I'm competitive. I'm important. Choose me because I'm more important than them. You understand what I'm saying? See, in our day, in our age today, we have a high rate of broken marriages, right? In the Philippines, we do not have a divorce law, right? But it has not stopped families from breaking up. Now, they want to have this annoyance in dissolving marriages, making it easy for them to be able to marry again. All right? And it doesn't matter whether the book of Malachi says, God says, I hate divorce. It doesn't matter to them. That's what he said. And even though we don't have divorce with God, absentee fathers, overworked mothers, and things like that. And because of this, children are feeling kind of like, even though the parents are alive, they feel like orphans. And so, they're always trying to prove their worth. They're trying to hide their limitations. And when they see that there are people who are good, it's a threat to them. Because if they're better,

they're better at singing,

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they're better at selling out,
they're better at cooking.
They don't appreciate the strengths of others.
Because it's their competition.
They feel the need to show that they're better than everyone else.
All right?
And if somebody fails,
they take secret satisfaction in the weakness of others.
This is one of the characteristics of an orphan spirit.
They don't understand,
they don't understand that God already accepts them.
There are many Christians suffering from orphan spirit,
but God has already accepted them.
Because God has already accepted them,
the blessings of God are already given to them.
See, the orphans understand.
If they were chosen to be the children of this family,
then they would have a father and mother to call.
They would have a place of their own.
They would have the care that they're looking for.
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So, they have that.
They're competitive and they enjoy that somebody fails.
Because they want to show that they're better than everyone else.
Secondly, they have an independent spirit.
Or they can be stubborn.
Or maybe even rebellious.
0kay?
See, deep down,
an orphan does not feel that he or she belongs to the family.
Even though sometimes he or she is already beautiful,
it doesn't feel like he or she belongs to the family.
And so, because of this,
he or she learns to depend on himself or herself.
I have to protect myself.
I have to protect myself.
I've read the stories,
and I've said it to you,
of someone who was adopted.
This person,
his family pitied him
because they would see this little child growing up.
So, he would throw out his trash,
he would open his trash,
and he would die.
And when they found out the story,
they decided to adopt him.
And so, they brought him to the house.
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And on the next day,
when they woke up,
he was not in the room.
And they were going to eat breakfast.
They could not find him.
So, they went out,
and they looked for him.
He was found in the trash.
He died.
And so, his parents said,
you don't have to come here anymore
to eat breakfast.
You're part of our family now.
So, what do we earn?
What do we eat?
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You belong. Do you understand what I'm saying? Because for him, maybe the table is not for him. Maybe it's just for him. They have this feeling that, I don't belong. I'm here, but I don't belong. 0kay? So, they need to understand that the love of God is for them. Not just for some people. And if you understand the love of God is for you, then you understand the blessing of God is for you also. Maniwalag po ba? So, they're kind of isolated. There's an independent spirit. Stubborn. They don't want to coordinate, cooperate, until they begin to understand, I'm not a part of the family now. That day, they think this way, I have to survive. If nobody's going to do this for me, I have to do it for myself. They think, I'm the only one who cares for me. But then, they begin to see, the family accepts them. And they start thinking me, they start thinking family. Do you understand what I'm saying? They start thinking of others. None of me, still none of their needs. I'll take care of them because I'm sure my needs are being taken care of. 0kay? The third thing we see with people with an orphaned spirit is that they have fear and insecurity. 0kay? It's connected to the other one, the independent spirit. Because even though they're adopted into the family, especially the family has other children. It's easier when, for example, there are couples who don't have other children. They adopted the child. It's easier for them to adjust. But when they get into a family and have children, they somehow feel they're inferior. Oh, I'm part of a family.

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But I'm not like them.
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I don't look like them.
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I have different features.
Alright?
And,
they have different features
compared to me.
And so he's,
he knows that he's in a family,
but he's kind of unsure
what his place is in the family.
Especially when you see
the other children,
they already know,
they're kind of confident,
what they need to do,
if they're hungry,
they go to the fridge,
or they just do this,
and they just,
he doesn't know it.
Like, for example,
maybe he's not in the family.
He doesn't know
what he can do
and what he can't do.
He doesn't know that,
you know,
if his siblings get mad at him,
they seem to be able
to accept it.
If they get mad at him,
he feels a deep sense
of rejection.
You understand what I'm saying?
His foster brothers,
when they get mad at him,
naturally,
they know that
if they get mad at him,
they know that
they got it wrong.
someone with an orphan spirit,
if they get mad at him,
he's rejected.
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Now,
that's it.
I've lost him.
I've ruined my chances.
And so,
he feels kind of insecure
concerning the situation.
And,
this person needs
constant reassurance.
Tell them you love them.
Tell them you're part of the family.
Tell them that.
0kay?
We're not seeing
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anv confidence concerning their needs. They have no confidence concerning their, their position in the family. They always have a need to prove themselves. They always have a need to prove themselves, and they're very protective of their territories. This is mine. 0kay? It's hard for them to share because their only dictate is to get it. That's all. Are you, are you getting this? Alright? And so, also, the fourth thing about the orphan spirit is that they're performance-oriented. What does that mean? They feel they need to keep on excelling to earn the approval of their parents. They feel they need to keep on doing well to earn the love of their parents. 0kay? For example, we know the parable of the prodigal son, right? We have a younger son who did not care about the father's money. 0kay? All he wanted was the benefits that he was given by his father. So, even though his father is not dead yet, he said, why don't you give me my inheritance now so you won't die yet? I told him, I've been waiting for you for a long time. I've been waiting for you for a long time. I'm getting old. I'm in my peak. I need it now. He gave it to him. So, for him, he didn't really care

about the love of the father. But then, there's the elder brother. 0kay? The elder brother, the younger son, did not care about the father's money. The elder brother did not believe in the father's money. He was always doing something to earn his father's love and the father's approval. And so, when his younger brother came and had not been killed, the father asked for the calf, the fattened calf to be cooked. There will be a party. He said, come and eat. He said, look, I've done this for you. I've done this for you. I didn't do what he did. I didn't kill you. I didn't shave your reputation. I did this. I worked before the sun was up and I stopped working long after the sun was down and yet, he didn't give me a fattened calf. He said, look, the sun has not gone up. That's always worse. He was trying his best to impress his father. He was trying to get the approval of his father. He already had it. He already had the father's love. Are you getting this? There's always a desire, a constant drive to perform well. Why? Because he needs to prove he's worthy of the parent's love. And we need to understand from the Holy Scriptures, God loves us

even before we did anything for Him. God loves us even before we were born on the earth. You understand what I'm saying? See, we understand. Now, we're Christians. We're redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We understand we have the Father's love. Understand this, even before you accept that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord. He already loved you. 0kay? And all you have to do is to see that. And where do you get those truths? You get them from the Holy Scriptures. That's why I insist, it is always based on the Holy Scriptures because that's what's going to set you free. 0kay? If you abide, if you remain in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you will know the truth and the truth that you know will set you free. 0kay? Somehow, they feel they're not worthy enough. They don't have the same status as the others. This might not last very long. If they find out one of my weaknesses, they might change their minds and return me to the orphanage. 0kay? And, uh, give them today any big slack that you can give them. And there are many Christians who are suffering from that. They're not sure about the Father's love. And so because they're not sure of the Father's love, they're not sure about the provisions of God for their lovers. 0kay? They're not sure whether they're accepted

in the family. So they're not sure whether the privileges that God has given to His family also belongs to them. 0kay? And if you're not sure, you've got doubts and you've got fears, then you're not walking by faith. And if you're not walking by faith, then you're missing out on many of the things that God has given to us. There are many people who feel that they are not worthy to walk in the blessings of God. And so because of that, they constantly settle for second, second best, or maybe even third, fourth, fifth from the best when God has given us everything. Maniwala ko, God. So here, sabi ng panginoon sa kanila, I'm not going to leave you as forefathers. In other words, I'm leaving. I have to do this. And I want you to understand this is to your advantage. The Father is going to send someone who's exactly just like me. 0kay? Except that He will be in you. I am with you, but He will be with you, and He will be in you. The Holy Spirit is going to come. I have to go when I go to the right hand of my Father. But I will not leave you orphans. You are not going, you know, you might feel you're abandoned, but you have to understand you are not abandoned. You are not forsaken. 0kay? See, when you feel like an orphan, you have no assurance, you're always grabbing for yourself, I'm going to get it, I'm going to get it first. That's how it is. Maybe you're the one who's going to get it. And so, we need to get it first.

Make sure I get my piece of the pie. Because if I don't do this, I'm the one who's going to get it. 0kay? I'm feeding that, but I'm not going to forsake you. So when you have these feelings, as a person, you feel that others get more of God's love than you, or it's God's will to bless them, but it's not exactly God's will to bless you. Or, once upon a time, you were walking with God, and you blew it. You made this one big mistake, and, you know, it brought shame to your family, to the church, to the community. And yes, you repented, and God has forgiven you. But because of that past mistake, you don't feel God will give you the same chances as He did before. You understand what I'm saying? 0kay? Fear and doubt, doubting the Father's love, doubting the Father's promises, doubting the Father's word, will prevent you from receiving what God has given you. It's not a matter of God not giving you. It's a matter of us not receiving. And what will set us right? It's when we begin to hear teaching from the Word of God. It's when we begin to hear preaching of the Word of God, and we receive that, and, you know, something that you are thinking, no, I'm not unworthy anymore because God has chosen to forgive me, God has chosen to love me, and God has chosen to give me the same blessings that He's given to others. I won't sit down and say, God has blessed me, so I might be a blessing to others also. 0kay? They're not afraid to give, because sometimes some people have that attitude. But, you know, that's another thing of poverty that we're not going to get or cover that up tonight. Alright? And so, their feeling is that

God's provision is not enough. His provision is not enough. If anything might be the matter for the life of Jesus, when He multiplied the 5,000, there were 12 baskets left. When He multiplied for the 4,000, there were 7 baskets left. 0kay? So we need to see this part that when God begins to bless us, Philippians 4, it says, He will supply needs according to His riches in glory. The riches that He has in the realm of glory, that's where He's getting the supplies for our needs. In heaven, there is no lack. You're talking of a place where the roads are made of pure gold. And you see what I'm saying? This is what we're looking for. It's big time already. And some people today say, okay, those who are feeling the teeth, I still have gold fillings. Can you imagine saying that to someone in heaven? I have gold in my teeth. Here in heaven, it's like asphalt. Can you understand what I'm saying? Okay? People who are living in heaven are never ever impressed of the riches and the best here. Because what God has is infinitely good. I don't know why I'm saying this. Okay, let's talk about having a slave mindset. We'll end with that. In John 15, verse 15, it says here, the Lord says here, No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends. For all things that I heard from my father, I have made known to you. Now you have to understand a slave mindset is different

from a servant mentality. Ah, a slave mentality. A servant heart, a servant attitude is different from a slave mindset. A servant attitude is someone who understands, I'm a son of God and I choose to serve Him. At hindi bumababa sa tingin ko, ang pagtingin ko sa Diyos. In the world, if you're called a servant, mababa ang tingin ko sa'yo. But in the eyes of God, in the eyes of heaven, sabi nga ng Panino as a priest, I did not come to be served, I came to serve. There's no sense of entitlement when it comes to heaven. I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm servant attitude is someone who chooses to serve because you want to imitate the master. Jesus Christ chooses to serve us. Maliwanag po ba? As a matter of fact, that's what some of the deacons represent. Deacons, can you stand up? Deacons. See that gray color that they have? That's the color of passions. They burn their pride, they say, Lord, I'm going to serve you. Okay? Let me see there. So, deacons represent Jesus Christ, the servant. Their presence reminds us that we are to serve God by serving each other. But that servant heart is different from a slave mindset. Because a slave mindset cannot accept the Father's love because it thinks it's not worthy. Last scripture for tonight is found in 2 Samuel chapter 9. 2 Samuel chapter 9. 0kay? 2 Samuel chapter 9 verse 6 after verse 8. Now when Nephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come

to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, Nephibosheth? And he answered, Here is your servant. So David said to him, Look here, for I will surely show you kindness. For Jonathan, your father, said, And I will restore to you all the land that saw your grandfather. And you shall eat bread at my table continually. Then he bowed himself and said, What is your servant that you should look upon such a dead dog? Nephibosheth, you know, Jonathan, being the son of King Saul. King Saul was the one who became a traitor to Israel. And David as a fugitive. But then one day, David became king. And normally, when people become kings at that time, in a government position, they are for payback time. I will kill all my enemies. The ones who treated me badly, I'm going to execute them. I'm going to give them hell. And so Nephibosheth and Nephibosheth understand. They understand. So he comes to David. And David said, Nephibosheth, am your servant, your slave. In other words, I'm not like mvknowledge. Please, do not kill me. And David said, look, all of your knowledge will be given to you. 0kay? Not only that, his servants will become your servants. They will work in the field for you. They will earn for you. Then, you come to my table as part of my family. You will sit with my sons and my daughters. You will sit with the princes and the princesses of the kingdom. And you will eat at my table. A slave

and David, he says, I am not worthy to do that. I'm a servant. You understand what I'm saying? A son is willing to fellowship with Jesus and spend time with him. A slave thinks, you know, how can he even care about me? How can he even pay attention to me? How can he even pay attention to the prayers I pray? I have needs, yes, but what are my needs compared to the needs of the kingdom? You think you'll pay attention to me? That's how a slave thinks. And so, because of that, they doubt the love of the father. Even though the father is inviting them to the table, time and time, they can't believe that they're being treated as a son. Because they think they're only good as slaves. Do you understand what I'm saying? So, an orphan spirit, okay, is a spirit that thinks it's abandoned. A slave mindset thinks that you're not worthy enough to become part of the family of God. In other words, okay, you eat from the table, I'll just eat from the leftovers. Time and time again. Well, why eat the leftovers when God is giving you the fullness of the table? And what would break that mindset? I began the Holy Scriptures, for the word of God is like a sword. We used to have a picture of a sword here. That's the word of God. Every time the word of God is being taught, every time it's being preached, it's cutting those lives out of your soul. Because they get attached to your soul. And when they get attached to your soul, they become part of you. And the only thing that's strong enough to cut them out is the word of God. That's why you need to spend time listening, meditating, reading, and confessing the word of God to yourself.

You need to cut those things out. Amen? How many of you learned something tonight? We will continue with the property of God.