

Eins ist not ach Herr dies Eine

*1. Eins ist not! ach, Herr! dies Eine
lehre mich erkennen doch;
alles and're, wie's auch scheine,
ist doch nur ein schweres Joch,
darunter das Herze sich naget und plaget
und dennoch kein wahres Vergnügen erjaget.
Erlang' ich dies Eine, das alles ersetzt,
so werd' ich mit Einem in allem ergötzt.*

*2. Seele, willst du dieses finden,
such's bei keiner Kreatur,
lass', was irdisch ist dahinten,
schwing' dich über die Natur,
wo Gott und die Menschheit in Einem vereinet,
wo alle vollkommene Fülle erscheint.
Da, da ist das beste, notwendigste Teil,
mein Ein und mein Alles, mein seligstes Heil.*

*3. Wie Maria war beflissen
auf des Einigen Genieß,
da sie sich zu Jesu Füßen
voller Andacht niederließ;
ihr Herze entbrannte, dies einzig zu hören,
was Jesus, ihr Heiland, sie wollte belehren,
ihr Alles war gänzlich in Jesum versenkt,
und wurde ihr Alles in Einem geschenkt.*

*4. Also ist auch mein Verlangen,
liebster Jesu, nur nach dir,
Laß mich treulich an dir hangen,
schenke dich zu eigen mir.
Ob Viel' auch umkehrten zum größesten Haufen,
so will ich dir dennoch in Liebe nachlaufen;*

*denn dein Wort, o Jesus, ist Leben und Geist.
Was ist wohl, das man nicht in Jesu geneusst.*

*5. Aller Weisheit höchste Fülle
in dir ja verborgen liegt.
Gib nur, daß sich auch mein Wille
fein in solche Schranken fügt,
worinnen die Demut und Einfalt regieret
und mich zu der Weisheit, die himmlisch ist, führet.
Ach, wenn ich nur Jesum recht kenne und weiß,
so hab' ich der Weisheit vollkommenen Preis.*

*6. Nichts kann ich vor Gott ja bringen,
als nur dich, mein höchstes Gut;
Jesus, es muß mir gelingen,
durch dein rosinfarb'nes Blut.
Die höchste Gerechtigkeit ist mir erworben,
da du bist am Stamme des Kreuzes gestorben,
die Kleider des Heils ich da habe erlangt,
worinnen mein Glaube in Ewigkeit prangt.*

*7. Nun, so gib, daß meine Seele
auch nach deinem Bild erwacht;
du bist's ja, den ich erwähle,
mir zur Heiligung gemacht.
Was dienet zum göttlichen Wandel und Leben,
ist in dir, mein Heiland, mir alles gegeben;
entreiß mich aller vergänglichen Lust,
dein Leben sei, Jesu, mir einzig bewußt.*

*8. Ja, was soll ich mehr verlangen?
mich beschwemmt die Gnadenflut.
Du bist einmal eingegangen
in das Heil'ge durch dein Blut;*

*da hast du die ew'ge Erlösung erfunden,
daß ich nun der höllischen Herrschaft entbunden;
dein Eingang die völlige Freiheit mir bringt,
im kindlichen Geiste das Abba nun klingt.*

*9. Volles G'nügen, Fried' und Freude
jetzo meine Seel' ergötzt,
weil auf eine frische Weide,
mein Hirt, Jesus, mich gesetzt.*

*Nichts süßer's kann also mein Herze erlaben,
als wenn ich nur, Jesu! dich immer soll haben;
nichts, nichts ist das also mich innig erquickt,
als wenn ich dich, Jesu, im Glauben erblickt.*

*10. Drum auch, Jesu! du alleine
sollst mein Ein und Alles sein!
Prüf', erfahre, wie ich's meine,
tilge allen Heuchelschein.*

*Sieh', ob ich auf bösem, betrüglichem Stege,
und leite mich, Höchster, auf ewigem Wege!
Gib, daß ich hier alles nur achte für Kot,
und Jesum gewinne; dies Eine ist not!*

*1. One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure
Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure,
Is a yoke that pressed hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite,
Can teach me in all things to find true delight.*

*2. If you seek this one thing needful,
Turn from all created things.*

*Turn to Jesus and be heedful
Of the peace and joy he brings.
For where God and man both in one are united,
With love and forgiveness the heart is delighted;
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
Where Jesus alone is your joy and your rest.*

*3. How were Mary's thoughts devoted
Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted
At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling
While hearing the wisdom that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot
In love and devotion to what Jesus taught.*

*4. So my longings, upward tending,
Jesus, rest alone on you.
All my life on you depending,
Teach me what to will and do
Although all the world should forsake and forget you,
In love I would follow, I'll never desert you.
The words of your teaching, O Lord, are my life,
My joy and my peace in this vain world of strife.*

*5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
Jesus, is revealed in you
Let me find in you my pleasure,
Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning.
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.*

6. *Therefore you alone, my Savior,
Shall be all in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior,
Root out all hypocrisy.
Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,
In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!*

One thing is needful all others are vain, *I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!* and that is what is being rejected in the world today.

I Surrender All

*All to Jesus, I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live.*

CHORUS

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*

*All to Jesus, I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine.
All to Jesus, I surrender*

*Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me.*

*All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory, glory, to His Name.*

That is easier said than done: *All to Jesus, I surrender*, that is quite a challenge you can't be a hypocrite, saying one thing, and do another.

Draw me nearer

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

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*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.*

3

*O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!*

4

*There are depths of love that I yet may know
Ere Thee face to face I see;
There are heights of joy that I yet may reach
Ere I rest in peace with Thee.*

Rock Of Ages

*1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill the law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

*3. Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my heartstrings break in death,
When I soar to world unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

We are entering into something where you can no longer sing these songs just for the sake of singing. You can't say something and not mean it. That is what is going on now. God is holding people accountable. There is a challenge up the road, you have to leave everything behind. There comes a time when you have to let these things go, you leave them behind. They can keep you from moving on. You have to give it you're all. Just like that widow woman she gave that last mite.

What we are going to talk on today is: *One thing thou lackest*. That rich man could not give up his riches. There comes a time in a persons life where they are confronted with something that Jesus will ask if you can leave it behind for His sake and the gospel.

We know the story where Peter went back fishing. Jesus came to Galilee after the resurrection where Peter and some of the disciples were fishing, and Jesus asked Peter are you going to give up these, Jesus was referring to the fish, or are you going to keep on fishing for the rest of your life. Are you willing to lose all these things for the sake of Christ and the gospel.

We don't have that much more to lose, we did the fasting thing and that was a 10-year battle. You have to advance, and if you are not advancing you are not going anywhere. In fact, you are going to go back, and you might as well never have started, that is why you have to advance. We have this fasting under control. These are all unnecessary weights. It says, *lay aside every weight*. We got off the truck and got rid of the truck and we had a lot of fun in trucking, but the day came when we were done. We had to move on from trucking, that chapter is done in our lives. We have the truck sold and now it is just a few little things that are hindering us from move on.

It's like the song says: *Eins ist not! ach, Herr! dies Eine lehre mich erkennen doch; alles and're, wie's auch scheine, ist doch nur ein schweres Joch.*

It's that last little thing, in my heart, I have surrendered all. It is serious. Like that ice cream, things that are right in your face are the things that are stopping you from moving on. It does not sound so serious when you think let's go down and get ice cream. It can be the very thing that is holding you back from moving on and it is the very thing that you have to give up. That is why you felt so miserable yesterday, the time had come when you leave that stuff behind. It's really no benefit to go for ice cream and how many people go for ice cream on a hot summer day. Well, we can't. People will say, 'Oh you are just old fashioned,' but I know what I know and I know what it did to me yesterday. It stopped me from moving ahead. We surrender that and now we are going on from there. Just that little thing, and if you don't then that little thing can take you to Hell. It can, if you are not going ahead then you are going to go back. It might be a little thing but it can send you to Hell, I've seen it yesterday. To sing, I surrender all, and then not surrendering all to Jesus, well that is being a hypocrite. I want to stress this though for the next person it may not be ice cream it may be something else. It is no use talking about it and not doing it. That is the challenge today and that is why you are going to see a lot of people fall by the wayside. They use to sing songs and they use to be serious because they don't surrender everything, that last mite. Then they can't go on. What they are going to do; what is going to happen is they are going to slip into their old ways and they will be just a blip in history. They are just going to be a has-been.

That is where it is at - crucifying the flesh. The momentum is picking up now and you can't be hypocritical.

You can't say one thing and then go do something else. You can't sing: I surrender all and then holding back. It's giving up that last little thing that can hold you back from moving ahead in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to read in Matthew 19:16-30. This is a very serious conversation here, it is a matter of life and death.

16. And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17. And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19. Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21. Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The subject that I want to go over is: *what lack I yet?* That is a question a lot of people ask what do I still lack. What is holding me from entering in? It might look so innocent but as the Lord was dealing with us on fasting, see the Lord is

moving us ahead to surrender everything and that was the stumbling block.

This rich man asked Jesus: what lack I yet. There are millions of people that are confronted with: what am I lacking. What do I need to do to enter into that Heavenly realm and sometimes it is just a little thing. In the last 10-15 years, we have overcome a lot we have been trying to fight with this fasting and we finally succeeded. There is nothing in this world that we want. We got rid of a lot of stuff the Lord has been dealing with us for years to get rid of this and that, to downsize.

We got rid of that Honda truck, for a month I went out to the garage and that thing was just standing there, it was an eyesore. Like sometimes you have a sore thumb that is how that thing was. It was keeping us from moving ahead and that thing has to go before we could enter into that other realm, so when I mentioned it to you and you told me that you were thinking about the same thing. The next thing we did we put it up for sale and in a week or two it was gone and that is just part of moving ahead. It might be something else coming up now that we dealt with this. Then it was the food thing, the Lord dealt with me on that one. We talked about it last week. It is all part of advancing and moving ahead, and more stuff has to fall off. Hopefully, that is the last one. I don't know of anything else that I'm holding back. It might be something small but it keeps you from moving ahead into that heavenly realm. So we surrendered it all. Like the song says: *Eins ist not! ach, Herr! dies Eine - Wie Maria war beflissen*. That person that wrote that song had that longing to enter into that Heavenly realm into that place of rest.

When you read the story about Mary and Martha, Mary all she was interested in was sitting at Jesus' feet and

learning and hear the Words that flowed out of His mouth, and Martha was consumed with getting the meal ready. She was consumed with things of this world. Jesus told Martha you are putting in a lot of effort into this, but Mary chose the better part. We have come this far up the road, we have left a lot of stuff behind. We went to see these Russians last week, they have this big mansion; this big house. I used to dream about that. A house with ceramic tiles and everything up to date, a Jacuzzi. I used to dream about it and as you dream and you look around and you meditate on it, and then you pray and seek the Lord about it. I even imagined it in my mind and here these guys have put all their efforts into building this house.

First, they bought this lot 10 years ago, they used to work at Darius and this has been a 10-year process. They bought this lot, they laid the foundation and then they pour cement. They did most of the work themselves. Last week we stopped in and there is their dream home and really at the end of the day, that's all they have this dream home. At the end of the day they are still miserable, they still have not arrived to that place where every Human Being is looking for, this contentment and that comes only in seeking first the kingdom of God. Like this rich man, he wanted to know what he is still lacking.

What Lack I Yet? See he knew that there was still something lacking in his life. He had all these riches but there was still a lack; he realized that there was still something missing. Just like these two Russians they had this dream of building this mansion and now that they have it, it does not satisfy and there is still something lacking. His wife, she asked you where you get your money from, and you told her: Oh, I have lots of money, I have enough. She has not gotten there yet she will never get enough money. There is something in

the Human Being that never has enough. If they get a million they want two million they never have enough.

We have more than enough, we have a house second to none. Ya, if you compare materially wise to this home here, it won't measure up but it is not about the house it is about the contentment. When God gives you something you are content with it. They have a big house and they got it on their own merits, on their ambition and labor. They put in a lot of work and now all he complains about is that \$6,000 tax bracket that he is in. They live in town, it is a new home and the taxes are high and now they have this high tax bracket of \$6,000 and ours is only \$600. That house does not look so rosy anymore. It used to be a 10-year dream but see when you give Jesus your all and you seek first the kingdom and His righteousness then the Lord gives you all that you need for daily activity and along this journey, there are going to be some traps that you have to shed. The natural man he wants to be important but it's the natural man you have to crucify. You can see what the natural man is all about when you go down to the days of Nimrod. They wanted to make a name for themselves.

As I have said, there came a time when we didn't need two vehicles anymore so we got rid of one. When we worked in Winnipeg we needed it but we really didn't need that 2nd vehicle now that we are off the truck, before that we could use that as an excuse. Now it comes down to making a decision about what we are going to do with the second vehicle because we really don't need it. It is an unnecessary weight just sitting there and depreciating. We got rid of it because we came to a point in our life where it is unnecessary weight. We can live the gospel we can actually live what we preach. We got out of trucking, and of course, we sold our truck. We wanted 65 for it but we would never have gotten that amount

so the guy offered us 50 for it so we let it go for that amount and everyone is happy. The main thing was we sold the truck and the truck is not just sitting there rusting up, and it's on the road moving. So everyone is happy and we moved on. Then we come up with this fasting thing. We knew we had to fast to enter into that other dimension. That food thing was keeping us and we were trying to do it on our own.

Finally, we had to get serious about it. So here we are on this fast with no solid food, but we justified ourselves that we can have ice cream and now that thing is history so to speak because it kept us from moving on. I know that for myself it kept me from moving on. The Lord looks at our hearts and you can't say one thing and do another and He knows that. Sam, you are being a hypocrite you are saying that you surrender all and you have not surrendered that ice cream yet.

Well, it has to go and that was an easy one compared to what the benefits are when you look at the scale of eternity. So with that gone, we can move on.

The reason we are having this conversation is that there are these people out there they have not even come to that place to ask - What lack I yet? What are you still lacking. You have to give it you're all. That last mite, and what that rich young ruler asked, and on and on you can see down through history.

Like I was saying about Peter, he did not expect Jesus to raise from the dead he thought Jesus was history. This 3-year journey that they had is all gone, it has vanished. So he went back fishing and he went back to Galilee to fish and that is really where his heart was at. That is why Jesus had to challenge him - Peter do you love me more than these fish. The Lord was going to give him more but that kept Peter

entrapped from moving on and finally he came to a place where he realized that these fish will have to go and eventually the Lord had something better for him. That is the way life is, you just have to keep giving up and giving up, the Lord wants to bring you to a place in Him. This has been a 10-20 year journey for me. Ever since I made a decision am I going to give up that colony life, for what I believe; for this truth that I saw.

The things that I saw in that system, all I have to do is stand up and say it and at the end of the day you are going to be terminated it is just that simple. Before you open up your mouth you make sure that you count the cost. I did count the cost I was able to lose everything and I lost everything overnight. We have come this far up the road and we still have to shed some stuff and that has been a 10-20 year battle. You shed all these things, these ambitions like having this big house. Like these Russians, they not only had that ambition they went out and they built it. I had the ambition but what I did was I went over everything. I prayed and I came to the place where a house was not that important. As long as I have something that the Lord gave me.

When I came home for work one day there was this message on my answering machine. The real estate agent had a message on my answer machine. I knew that I was going to buy it and I bought that trailer. I bought it and then 10 years later I sold it for 3 times the price. The Lord gave me that place for the time and the Lord dealt with me to get rid of it and it took a couple of months to finally put it on the market. That is what I want to bring out how this shedding things works, being willing to give up things because the Lord has something better for you. If you give it to the Lord and you surrender it to the Lord, then the Lord has something better

for you. When I look back upon my life all that I ever wanted was somebody that I can freely have fellowship with around the Word of God and to get there, it took me 10-15 years to get there until the Lord brought you on board.

It says in *Mark 10*

28. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

That is what we have done we have left all and followed the Lord. I had it made on the colony, I had a good job, a good home, a nice family, but when I started standing up for what is right, I lost it all. The Lord gives it back a hundredfold and that is what we have now. It says that he shall receive a hundredfold here in time and in the world to come eternal life. When you apply that to - *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness then all these things will be added unto you.* That is so condensed that you read over it and you miss it. It says, all these things and what are all these things: a house.

These Russians if they would seek first the kingdom then these things will be added unto them. Then they would have a house that they would be content with like we are. We sought first that kingdom and it cost us everything, and we left everything behind but see the Lord give us a house. He gave us that truck and we drove it for four years. When the Lord

tells you to buy something He will see that you will be able to pay for it. Sure we had to go and drive it and make the payments but it was fun until the Lord pulled the plug and told us to quit and to sell it; to get out of trucking. We enjoyed it and that is what the Lord does He gave us the grace to enjoy it. That is the adding on. Now we are just waiting to see what the next chapter will be.

In the Lord you never lack, you just move on. Now we are on this fast and at the end of this fast, there will be something bigger and more important than food. Of course, you need food to survive but we were getting to a place where we would live to eat, instead of eating to live. That is something that we have to challenge ourselves with on a day to day basis, to just give it up and we have given up so much already, but even in having come this far up the road you can forfeit that because you have to endure to the end.

There is something else that I have seen and I have seen it for a long time already when this Naaman came to Elijah to be healed. Naaman took the best of the best that he had. He took a bunch of money with him and clothing, apparently, it was something that people treasure. He wanted to take the best of the best to this Elijah, for a payment to get healed and he offered it to Elijah and Elijah refused it, but his servant, Gehazi, couldn't see that Elijah was refusing these gifts. I guess he was going over it in his mind how he could get his hands on it, so after Naaman left he went after him and told that the man of God wants that money. When he came back, Elijah said something that stuck with me over the years. I want to read it here.

22. And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give

them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

24. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

26. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

That last part is what stuck out to me: **Is it the time to receive.** There comes a time to receive. If you would have persevered, God would have given you more than these things. The way Elijah asked him, it let me know there comes a time when you can receive it. When God has tested you and then he will give you more than what that Naaman can give you. Naaman gave the best that he had but that is pale in comparison to what the Lord can give you.

When I took that cheque from that Honda to the bank it looked like chicken feed compared to what we have in the Lord. Ya, you are not going to throw it away but in reality, it does not amount to anything in comparison to the riches that we have in Christ and here that little ice cream it would have robbed us from everything that we have, eventually, not overnight. We thought that we could cheat a little bit but as we

are advancing, moving forward, somewhere up the road you are going to have to deal with that because it was blocking us from moving on. That is a piece of cake compared to what we have had to give up already, but that very thing could have stopped us from moving ahead. Then we got on with it, repented of it, and now we are moving on, to see what the Lord has for us next and now that thing is not a challenge to us anymore. What is next, I don't know the Lord knows, I don't, but every time that you do surrender something when you go over your life, God had something better for you.

When I first left the colony it was not that easy but now when I drive through, I am amazed at how I could ever think that that is something. The buildings are dilapidating things get old and decay. Look what we have compared to that colony thing and it didn't belong to you anyway it is just a lease program and here we are we lack nothing, but it is still a challenge we have to endure to the end.

There are millions of people out there they can't give up that last little thing, something is trapping them. I saw the emptiness in those Russians with that big house, especially his wife. Now that she has that mansion she is just going to get fat, that house does not make her content. They finally arrived according to their eyes. They come from Russia under the communist regime and they dreamed about going to America and having this dream home. They see how these communistic leaders live in big homes in luxury and they want that too for themselves when they come here. Now they have that dream home but it leaves you empty, now all they do is complain about this and that and the other and now all of a sudden Russian is such a good country, but all in all they are empty inside. That house did not bring the satisfaction that they thought it would. I told them that too. I said I took a look

at this whole thing, I observed it, I contemplated on it and I came up with the conclusion that it is all about a simple life. If I can get into a life of simplicity then I have all of that. Now they have that home that they dreamed of having and with it comes a price and a \$6000 tax burden, and you have to go out and truck 24/7 just to pay the bills. Well, we don't have to do anything we are free to serve the Lord.

It says in 2 Corinthians 1:12 Denn unser Ruhm ist dieser: das Zeugnis unsers Gewissens, daß wir in Einfalt und göttlicher Lauterkeit, nicht in fleischlicher Weisheit, sondern in der Gnade Gottes auf der Welt gewandelt haben, allermeist aber bei euch.

The German language brings it out the best. The only reason that I want to do it in English is that some people don't understand German.

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our manner of life in the world, and more abundantly toward you. 2 Corinthians 1:12

My dad used to preach it all the time. I know it does not bring it out the way it brings it out in the German language. Basically, it is saying: We thank you, Lord, abundantly that you have given us the grace, to live in this world in simplicity and mostly among believers. God's grace allowed them to live a life of simplicity. We can say that right now that we were not trapped into building that big mansion and 10-year process and now all there is in that is a \$6000 tax bill. By God's grace, we just have that simple abode here, which is more than enough and that is what you have to look at.

We made the better choice. Mary chose the better portion while Martha she put in a lot of effort into things that had no eternal value. We can say that to them, they put in a

lot of energy to build that mansion, but see we made the better decision. We have all of that plus. We have joy unspeakable full of glory and like I said it is still a challenge. We still have to give this up and that up and as I said, I don't know what is up the road but see it is worth it all. Once you realize that every time that you surrender something you gain something in the Lord because it says here that He will give it back to you a hundredfold. The reason that He said a hundredfold is because there is contentment, there is that joy unspeakable full of glory, it is the very thing that will take away that carnal desire for that big fancy house, that ceramic tile, it is all found in Jesus. They have what the world sees as wealth but when you analyze it they are still empty.

Lorraine speaks: That's exactly right. It says in *Matthew 6:19-21*

19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Eventually, these things get old, they age and they deteriorate but if you lay up treasures in Heaven those things are eternal and no one can take that away; the thieves can't break through and steal.

Sam speaks: Here is another thing that I just saw when you lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, and that is our ambition in life, when you do that, it says that He will add all these things unto you and what the Lord gives doesn't become old. Their house will become old and it will deteriorate but ours will never become old. I don't know what

the Lord has for us to do we might just live in a motor home, I don't know, but if that will be the case then that will never become old. When it will have served its purpose then the Lord will move us into something else. It never gets old.

As I say, this here will never grow old it will always be new as long as it is serving the Lord's purpose. If you go there 5 years from now the paint will have faded just like when I drove through the colony some time back, the things that I use to think as something is now old, and they are not even yours. Just like a leased car, it is not yours it belongs to the finance company. The same with that Hutterite system, but this is ours here it is a gift from the Lord. This a true place of abode. This is something that the Lord gave us. When the Lord gives you something He will take care of it. Like in one of the states four guys broke into this guys home wanting to rob it. Lucky he had a gun and he shot two of them dead. When the Lord gives something He will look after it. How is He going to do it, remember there is only one-third of the angels that fell out of Heaven so two-thirds are still there serving the Lord. They are ministering spirits protecting and help those that are heirs of salvation.

Their house will become old but ours will never become old because it is serving a purpose. Right now we can use this place of abode to lay up for ourselves treasures in Heaven and that is all this place is for. This printer and these two bedrooms are all we need and a little garden out in the back. That is all used to build us up treasures in Heaven. So this will never become old and if the Lord has us in this home until He comes it will still never become old because it is serving a purpose, a purpose unto the Lord. Whereas, that house that they have it is serving a purpose for themselves and that is the part that deteriorates and the moth and the rust

and the thieves can break through and steal. Here they don't because it belongs to the Lord unless the Lord moves us into something else, which He probably will, I don't know, I can't say, but if the Lord gives you something then it doesn't become old and you are content. It is a wonderful journey, I wish everyone would try it and challenge it. It takes self-sacrifices, it takes enduring to the end, laying aside every weight and being sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ.

When you go walking you smell the bbq's going on and the aroma hits your noses, and it smells good. People are out doing the bbq thing and we are at home having none. We are just having lemon water. After they are done it's not such a big deal, we have been there, this is a lot better. That is a momentary thing but this is eternal. The Lord gives you satisfaction and He takes away that desire. I don't even want that bbq, the desire for it is gone. I can smell it but it doesn't do anything for me. The Lord has something better for us up the road, simply, because we have surrendered all.

These are the two songs that the Lord put on my heart today: *Eins is not*, and *I surrender all*. Before you can sing it you better mean it; you better have surrendered that all. It was something that kept us from moving ahead. It's a minor thing compared to what we have had to give up, but yet that very thing holding us back. Like that rich young ruler that wealth that he had it kept him from having it all. He knew there was still something that he lacks, but he couldn't give up his riches. If he would've he would have had more than just money. Jesus said, if you sell everything that you have and give it to the poor then you will have a laid up in Heaven something eternal, but the rich young man could not give it up, and that is what kept him from entering into that Heavenly realm. Jesus was broken up about it because he saw millions

of people like that. He said it is hard for a rich man to enter in because he had his mind set on these riches. I am just as guilty as anybody I thought that colony thing was everything and if the truth be told it is not even yours. What's the big deal it just earthly anyway.

Then we had this conversation about your natural birth, versus the spiritual birth. This family thing is what keeps many people entrapped. Oh, I am not giving up my family. You are not giving them up, you give them to the Lord so the Lord can make something out of them. I can never make something out of them, you give them to the Lord, and the Lord will deal with them and take them through whatever channel He has to take them through. If it is through the fire or whatever they need, I know how the Lord dealt with me and He can deal with them and do with them whatever He sees needful. The Lord can do a better job than I have ever thought of being able to do. You give them to the Lord for the sake of Christ, for something better. What would I do with a wife and five children that are an obstacle every step of the way, that is pulling the opposite direction. It is better this way, this way the Lord can mature them, He knows exactly what He has to bring them through to bring them to that place in Him. That has always been my prayer that my children find their place in Christ. The only place of satisfaction; The only place where you can get that reward; the only place where you can get that estate is to find your place in Christ and there is no competition there. It removes everything and there you have that simple life. The apostles when they were at the end of their life they thanked God that they were allowed to walk on this earth in a life of simplicity.

They were the best of the best and at the end of their journey that is what they had, they thanked God that they

were allowed and privileged to live a simple life. I saw that and that is why I did not go after that mansion, that is not a simple life, it is an unnecessary weight and the Bible says: *Lay aside every weight. Hebrews 12:1*

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

These things are all unnecessary weights. That is what I saw throughout the week. You run into these people. This verse is so condensed. I want to read it in a different translation.

Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses we must get rid of every weight and they sin that clings so closely and run with endurance the race that is set out for us.

Sometimes there is just the one word that sticks with you that paints the whole picture. Lay aside every weight and the sin - If you don't lay aside every weight then that sin will beset you. Like the angels that kept not their first estate in the pre-historic era. In another place it says the angels that sinned, it will lead you to that sin part, here it says to lay aside every weight and if you don't lay it aside you are going to fall into something.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us through aside everything that hinders, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is marked down before us.

That is why we are not hypocritical, our journey is not hypocritical, we are lining up with this Word, we are running this race. Run the race with endurance, see you lay aside the

weight and then the sin cannot captivate you. Like it says in the NIV - *The sin that so easily entangles*. It entangles you and before you know it you are not moving ahead because you are entangled with not laying aside the weight. There is still a race to be run, we are not there yet, so we are going to run into more obstacles, but we are running with endurance we are running to the end.

When you take the last 5 messages that we had it is just the momentum picking up. Now we are being faced with this song, and if you want to sing - I surrender all, and then not surrender it, that is being hypocritical. You will be hypocritical about it, and just go down the road of life saying one thing and then doing another. We have been challenged with that and to us, it is not that big of a challenge but I know for a lot of people it is. We have already given up so much we have separated ourselves. A lot of people have not even separated themselves from these false teachings. How can they move on into another dimension when they can't even separate themselves. They want this club thing, this group thing, and that is their security. They want this group thinking. We can think for ourselves we know what is right and wrong. We don't have to be intimidated to follow this group and go along to get along. Peace at any cost. We have gone beyond that for the last 10 years.

Lorraine speaks: That's the thing if you look at that simple thing as ice cream, it is something that, further down the road, the devil can use it as a snare. That is why when you go into ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ you want to deal with all these issues that the devil could use as a snare. So these things have to go before the Lord can use you for His glory.

Sam speaks: Like that Sam and Dorothy thing it has been bugging me for a long time. They were really no asset and we had to deal with it, it came to ahead. I looked at your face and then there is something that he said about putting the roof up himself. When I mentioned your name, I thought am I going to give up this journey for him, what has he got to offer. I thought that is not going to happen and I told you that you are not going to go out there anymore. That thing is dealt with now it has been going on for years now and like you said it could have been a snare, to snare you back in. I let it be made known that it is not going to happen. Now that is dealt with. It was there it was an obstacle it was a weight. It was hoping against hope, something like peace at any cost. The only peace that you can have is in the Lord. You have to face reality he is not an asset if he is not putting his priority in place. He would have surrendered his all then it would be a different story.

Lorraine speaks: When the Lord gives you something, the Lord put this together here, we sure didn't and willing to give up something that the Lord gives for a family thing, then it is not going to work out and he can no longer use you.

Sam speaks: As it says in Hebrews - *and run with endurance the race that is set out before us*. The Lord has an estate for us and I don't know what it is but you can't get that estate if you are going to sell out. So that is what we are going for we are running that race and at the end of it all He is going to give us that kingdom, and we are getting it the same way that He got His. Jesus ran His race with endurance and Paul ran his race with endurance, because as Paul said it - *there is a crown laid up for me. I ran a good race I have fought a good fight*. That is the journey that we are on, this is not something that we manufactured. Paul did not manufacture his ministry

and neither did Peter. They were guided by that unseen hand and that is the journey that we are on. Like I said for us it is not that challenging anymore but for a lot of people, it would be. People that want to come on board have a lot of challenges ahead we have already overcome a lot. We are right now running that race with endurance. We have given up everything that we know of.

The Lord will help us as long as we do our part. As long as we are running this race with endurance. It is that last little thing that people don't want to give up. What lackest thou; What do I still lack? That is where a lot of people get stuck they don't want to give up that last little part that they are holding onto so passionately. In Christ, there is something so much better, but He can't give it to you if you don't let go. Some people are scared to let it go, that is where faith comes in, knowing and trusting that God will take care of things. When I look back on my life He has always been true and faithful. Like that song says:

I've failed Him so often, sometimes I grow faint in my heart.

He's always been faithful He always does more than His part.

He never leaves me though I often stray from His side.

I'll always trust Jesus, He has an endless supply.

Heavenly Father I just want to give you thanks for another day of fellowship. I pray continue to lead and guide us by your spirit, help us to run this race with endurance, and show us what you want us to give up. Lord, never let us take these things for granted and never let us come into that hypocritical lifestyle where we say one thing and do another. Hold our feet to the fire we pray Lord. Do with as you see fit, we pray for our families that you will bring them to that place in Christ. All these things we pray help us run this race with endurance where we can finish this race and come out on the other side victorious, we ask these things in Jesus Name, Amen