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Foreword

Some messages are preached to inform. Others are preached to inspire. A rare few are spoken at the exact moment when they become a lifeline for the people listening.

This message belongs in that final category.

In these pages, Bishop T.D. Jakes and Pastor Touré Roberts engage in an honest, deeply personal conversation about uncertainty, anxiety, identity, emotional healing, and the quiet confidence that comes from truly knowing God. Rather than offering simplistic answers, they invite us into a biblical journey of self-examination, reminding us that many of life's greatest battles are fought within the mind and heart long before they become visible in our circumstances.

One of the most compelling themes throughout this message is the call to be still. In a generation overwhelmed by constant information, endless distractions, and the pressure to maintain appearances, this conversation points us back to God's timeless invitation:

"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10 (KJV)

The speakers challenge us to confront the false narratives we rehearse, the idols we secretly protect, and the emotional burdens we often carry alone. They remind us that peace is not found in changing locations, accumulating possessions, or achieving greater success. Lasting peace is cultivated in God's presence, where the soul learns to rest in His sovereignty.

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We encourage you not to rush through these pages. Read prayerfully. Pause often. Reflect on the Scriptures referenced throughout the message. Allow the Holy Spirit to illuminate areas of your own life where healing, surrender, and renewed trust are needed.

Perhaps you are carrying anxiety that no one knows about. Perhaps you have become exhausted trying to protect an image while neglecting your soul. Or perhaps you simply long to experience the peace that Jesus promised—a peace that the world cannot give and cannot take away.

May this message become more than something you read. May it become something you live.

It is our prayer that, as you turn each page, you will discover afresh that true freedom begins when we surrender our fears, silence the noise within, and come to know the God who has always known us.

Grace and peace,

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

Well, I have the great honor and privilege of talking to the author. It is almost like the difference between knowing your Bible and knowing God. You get something from the author that you don't get from simply reading the material. You discover what produced the material—what made the person say the things they said, what makes them think the way they do, and what shapes their perspective.

So, once again, I want to welcome you. You're here today in a different capacity at The Potter's House.

You have had an extremely busy and complicated last ten days. They have been quite difficult, yet God has blessed you to come through them.

Give God a praise for him.

I say that because I, too, have had a difficult several days. Our family encountered something we never expected.

I thought it was remarkable that you wrote this book about *Knowing*, and just as you were preparing to release it, something happened that you did not know was going to happen—something that shook you to your core.

I believe all of us must be prepared for the unexpected.

The Trying of Your Faith

For those who may not know, Pastor Sarah was playing with the children on a trampoline. She bounced into the air, came down, landed awkwardly, and severely injured her neck. The doctors even used the word *crushed* to describe the injury.

Naturally, we all went into a panic.

People were coming from every direction, trying to find out what was happening. She was transferred from one hospital to another because the first hospital did not appear equipped to handle the severity of her condition.

We met him at the second hospital. In fact, I arrived a little before he did.

Touré Roberts:

Bishop beat all of us there.

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

(Laughing.)

A little daddy duty.

Because the ambulance was taking so long, he personally transported her from one hospital to the other.

Then we sat there for hours, waiting for the doctors to determine her condition—whether she would retain her mobility or whether she might ultimately pass away.

Throughout this entire week, we have not left her side, even though he has had to continue traveling and ministering about *knowing* while not really knowing how things were going to turn out.

I want you to see the contradictions of life.

Sometimes you have to teach what you know, even when your life appears to contradict what you believe.

This is what the Bible calls **"the trying of your faith."**

You preach about healing, and then you collapse sick.

You counsel married couples, and then you go home and have a disagreement with your own spouse.

You work faithfully in the church nursery, and then you discover your own children making poor decisions.

I know many of you don't know anything about contradictions, so I'm trying to explain it to you.

It's like having a trainer who knows exactly how to build strength while placing heavy weights on your shoulders.

Sometimes my life feels that way.

Knowing what ought to be done is one thing.

Taking what you know and putting it into practice under pressure is something entirely different.

Come on, somebody.

We admire your courage.

We admire your strength.

Thank you.

Weathering the Storm Together

I have often thought that God has the strangest way of knitting His people together.

As long as you've been here, and as long as you've been pastoring, this is the first time this church has had the opportunity to walk through a storm with you.

It is in moments like these that relationships become real.

It is not what you know.

It is not your performance.

It is how we weather the storm together.

As much as we try to appear strong—as though we are not hurting or struggling—it is often the very pain we try to hide that causes people to love us most deeply.

It took me fifty years to learn that.

I gave it to you in five.

You got quite a bargain.

So let me begin—not by asking how you preached, or how you wrote the book, or anything like that.

How are you?

"I Feel Kept"

Touré Roberts:

Thank you for asking that question.

I would love to answer as a son rather than as everything else I have to be.

I feel... kept.

I was thinking about a passage—I believe it's in **1 Peter 1**. Read your whole Bible; it's in there somewhere.

The Scripture talks about being "**kept by the power of God through faith**" (1 Peter 1:5).

I love Sarah with all my heart.

It's not a game.

I don't know about anybody else's marriage, but ours is truly a union.

Because of that, it is absolutely impossible for me to be okay when she is not okay.

So, honestly...

I'm not okay.

But I am well.

Well in the sense that I am grateful to God for delivering her and preserving her life.

(Applause.)

I am deeply grateful.

I'm well because He knows my pain.

And I'm well because of this particular knowing:

He would never have allowed our family to experience this if He had not already qualified us to stand through it.

I feel kept.

I would be lying if I said I felt good.

I called you the other day in tears.

I was completely honest.

But I do feel kept.

And I know that we're going to get through this.

Thank You, Jesus.

(Congregational praise.)

Family Sticks Together

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

One of the things I have always admired about both our church family and our natural family is that we have successfully passed on something we inherited from the previous generation.

I was raised to believe that family sticks together—no matter what.

We might correct one another at home.

We might raise our voices in the car.

But when the rubber meets the road, we stand together as one team.

That kind of love should be demonstrated all the time, but especially when we are at our most vulnerable.

Everyone needs a safe place.

A place to lay your head.

A place to be human.

A place where you are not criticized simply because you are human.

That is precious.

Of course we have God.

Of course we pray.

Of course we speak to heaven.

But if human touch were unnecessary, God would never have become flesh.

He became flesh so that He could be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Hebrews 4:15).

To continue ministering under circumstances like these is what makes a man of God a man of God.

Preaching when everything is going well—that's easy.

Teaching when everything is going well—that's head knowledge.

But when you've cried all the way to church...

...step out of the car...

...minister God's Word...

...and then get back into the car and cry all the way home—

then you are truly the Lord's servant.

I know you well enough to recognize the pressure you're carrying.

And that's okay.

Because I believe the sheep often learn their shepherd best during moments like these.

The Bible says,

"My strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

So I simply wanted to acknowledge the enormous weight you're carrying.

I know it well.

I share it with you.

I bear it with you.

I've walked this road many times before.

The School of Suffering

When you write about *Knowing*, how much do you believe it is the difficult seasons that mature our ability to know ourselves, discover our capabilities, and truly know God?

You Discover Your Raw Materials

Touré Roberts:

I'm learning more than ever during this season that it is impossible to recognize your raw materials outside moments like these.

In the first chapter of the book, *Be Still and Know*, I describe seasons in life that place you inside what I call a cocoon.

Those are seasons where God is developing you.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if God developed us in a beautiful classroom where we could simply observe examples without participating?

I'd certainly like that.

(Laughter.)

But when God is developing you, **you are the lesson.**

You are not reading about someone else's experience and thinking, "I'll be ready when my turn comes."

No.

It becomes your story.

Your ability not to completely fall apart...

Your ability to trust God's heart when you cannot see His hand...

Those moments produce strength.

They develop fortitude.

Trials will do one of two things.

Either they will destroy you...

Or they will make you.

And I have decided...

I will let them make me.

What Comes Out in the Storm

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

That is why we read the Word.

That is why we read books like this.

Sometimes we read them during seasons when we think we don't need them.

But if you read while you can, then what has been planted inside you will come out when the storm arrives.

Whatever is inside you—

whether confusion,

anger,

fear,

or faith—

that is what you will draw from when life becomes difficult.

That is also what gives credibility to ministry.

You cannot simply borrow someone else's sermon.

You may borrow the words, but you cannot borrow the anointing.

The anointing is earned through trials...

through tribulations...

through hardship.

The anointing does not come while you're dancing.

The anointing comes while you're crawling.

Then, after you've crawled through the valley and God raises you up to dance again, your celebration has substance.

You're celebrating because He brought you through the storm.

I really love the subtitle of your book:

The Journey to Certainty in an Uncertain World.

That word *journey* stands out to me.

You're teaching us about the journey while simultaneously walking through it yourself.

That reminds us of something important.

We keep looking for a place where we finally graduate.

But in reality, we simply move to another level of the journey...

another level of the test...

Another level of knowing yourself.

It's like getting married. You know each other, or you wouldn't be getting married. But after you're married, you know each other better.

Then you go through midlife, menopause, and the changing seasons of life—and you know each other even better.

(Laughter.)

Then one day you're sitting beside a hospital bed, and you know each other in ways you never could have imagined.

My point is this: God reveals Himself slowly.

The Book of Revelation comes from the Greek word **apokalypsis**, meaning *an unveiling*. It is like unveiling a portrait. God gradually pulls back the curtain, and little by little we come to know Him as we walk through different seasons.

He is the same God in the fire that He was in the wilderness.

The difference is that you didn't know He could sustain you in the fire until you entered the fire.

You didn't know He could keep you until you walked through the wilderness.

Knowing Beyond Intellect

What do you think is the difference between knowing God and simply knowing about God?

How do we keep our knowledge of God separated from mere intellect?

In your book, you make a clear distinction between intellectual understanding and truly knowing God. It isn't simply an exercise of the mind.

There is something much deeper.

I'll let you explain it.

You wrote the book.

The Catalyst of Ignorance

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Yes, indeed.

First of all, I'm enjoying this because I get to sit down with Bishop. So please... keep talking.

There is a chapter in the book called "**The Catalyst of Ignorance.**"

It is rooted in the observation that science does not spend all of its resources studying only what is already known.

Instead, it invests its time and energy exploring what it does **not** know.

I wrote about that because, although the book is called *Knowing*, there must also be a deep humility in our walk with God.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
saith the LORD."

— *Isaiah 55:8 (KJV)*

There will always be a distinction between God's infinite wisdom and our limited understanding.

So my approach to knowing actually begins with admitting that I don't know. The more I come to know, the more I realize how much I still do not know. That is why knowing is never a static destination.

Knowing is a continual process. It is an ongoing relationship. The Apostle Paul writes:

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him... But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit."

— *1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (KJV)*

There is a constant tension between what God fully knows...

what He is gradually revealing...

and the reality of our present ignorance.

(Laughter.)

The only proper posture is humility. I will never fully arrive. This is why I call it **a journey**. Every day, until we see the Lord face to face, we continue learning Him. Then, as Paul wrote,

"...then shall I know even as also I am known."

— *1 Corinthians 13:12 (KJV)*

So my approach to knowing is humility.

Living in the Tension

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

I want to interrupt you because I'm about to leap out of my seat.

You used the word **tension**.

I think many people never learn that following God requires becoming comfortable living in the tension.

We often imagine that one day the tension will disappear.

But by the time we reach old age, we discover it never really does.

I haven't lived long enough to find a place where there isn't tension.

Eventually, I had to learn how to settle into it.

The Greek word often translated as *know* speaks of **progressive knowledge**.

We grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We grow in understanding ourselves.

We grow in understanding our children.

We grow in understanding our relationships.

Knowing is a journey worth taking.

That's why I appreciate the subtitle of your book.

You gave us permission to admit uncertainty while pursuing certainty in an uncertain world.

Casting Down Imaginations

Thursday...

we had no idea.

Friday...

we had no idea that our family would be facing what we faced.

When I first heard what had happened, I nearly lost it.

One of both the blessings and burdens of the way God wired me is that whenever I hear words, I immediately see pictures.

When they told me Sarah had fallen and broken her neck, I saw the entire scene in my imagination.

What I imagined devastated me.

But when I actually saw her...

what I had imagined was far worse than reality.

That immediately reminded me of Scripture:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God..."

— *2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)*

Our imagination often creates something far more terrifying than reality itself.

Satan is a deceiver.

He paints pictures of catastrophe instead of victory.

But we must deliberately choose the vision of conquest instead of catastrophe.

Fear whispers throughout the night.

It keeps you awake.

It follows you to work.

It rides with you in your car.

Yet there is always another voice speaking.

Some of you may remember the old cartoons where a little devil sat on one shoulder and an angel sat on the other.

Both kept talking at the same time.

People say they hear voices.

The truth is, everyone hears voices.

One voice says,

"You're not going to make it."

Another voice declares,

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

— *Philippians 4:13 (KJV)*

Paul understood this inner struggle when he wrote:

"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do... O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me...?"

— *Romans 7:19, 24 (KJV)*

He was describing the tension. Many of us spend our lives trying to eliminate the tension. I believe God is teaching us something different. He is teaching us to become comfortable being uncomfortable.

The Only Constant Is God

Following God will always lead you into unfamiliar places.

Look at Moses.

He floated down the Nile as a Hebrew child.

He was raised in Pharaoh's palace, learning the language and customs of Egypt.

Yet he was never fully Egyptian.

Neither did he fully belong among the Hebrews.

Trying to defend one of his own people, he committed murder.

Then he fled into Midian.

Just when he became comfortable there, God called him back to Egypt.

He had to stand before Pharaoh without knowing whether he would succeed...

be imprisoned...

or even lose his life.

After Egypt came the Red Sea.

After the Red Sea came the wilderness.

Throughout the journey there were plagues...

- frogs...
- lice...
- miracles...
- bitter water...
- sweet water...
- serpents...

- manna...
- victories...
- and failures.

Everything changed. Everything was uncertain. The only thing that remained constant was God. Sometimes Moses spoke to the rock.

Another time he struck the rock.

Life kept changing.

That is exactly what life is.

Uncertainty.

What You Do Know

We are living in a season filled with uncertainty. You don't know whether you'll keep your job.

- You don't know whether layoffs are coming.
- You don't know where to invest your money.
- You don't know what the economy will do.
- You don't know where your husband is.
- You don't know where your wife is emotionally.
- You don't know what your children might do.
- You don't know whether you'll receive a promotion...

or lose everything.

But you cannot spend your life rehearsing everything you do **not** know. Because there are some things you **do** know.

You know God is with you.

You know God will sustain you.

You know God will help you.

You know that if He brought you through the last storm, He will bring you through this one.

Deep within your spirit is a Rock that cannot be shaken while everything around you is falling apart.

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee."

That is progressive knowledge.

That is adding virtue to your faith.

That is growing in the grace of God.

That is learning to become comfortable while living in uncomfortable places.

Israel pitched tents in the wilderness and made the best of a difficult season.

God became a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night so they would find comfort even in uncomfortable places.

The Beginning of Knowing

In case you're just joining us, I'm sitting here with Pastor Touré Roberts discussing his new book, *Knowing*.

We're talking about the process.

The recipe that made the soup.

Let me ask you something.

Have you ever experienced a season when you thought you knew something...

only to discover later that you didn't know nearly as much as you thought?

Talk to us about that false sense of knowing.

Unknowing Before Knowing

Pastor Touré Roberts:

I believe the journey to knowing actually begins with **unknowing**.

(Laughter.)

There is a chapter in the book called "**Unknowing: Rebuilding the Temple of Your Mind.**"

Every one of us operates from some sense of knowing, whether we consciously recognize it or not.

That internal framework determines how we move through life.

It shapes our decisions.

It influences our relationships.

Much of it develops from the environments where we were raised and the experiences that formed us.

There is another chapter called "**Misknowing: Trauma's Secret Symptom.**"

I discuss this because trauma does something very deceptive.

It shapes you.

Many of you know my testimony. By God's grace, He has delivered me through many things. When I was sixteen years old, I was shot. My physical body healed within months. But decades later, God is still healing the trauma.

That is the challenge with trauma. It rewires you.

It changes the way you think.

It changes the way you perceive life.

It creates an entirely new lens through which you interpret people, situations, and even God.

The most dangerous part is that those distorted perceptions feel like truth.

They feel like knowledge.

They feel like knowing.

Trauma, Truth, and the Discipline of Reframing

Pastor Touré Roberts:

There is an example in the book that really exposed something God had to show me.

My daughter, Kenzie, who is now sixteen, was about fourteen years old at the time. She was at school, and we were preparing to leave the country. I overheard her telling one of her classmates,

"We're leaving the country."

Immediately I called her over.

"Kenzie, come here. Don't tell people we're leaving. They might break into our house and rob us blind."

Now think about it.

This thirteen-year-old, middle-class girl was somehow supposed to get past the security guards, climb the gate, bypass the alarm system, and rob us blind.

It was completely irrational.

Yet I was absolutely convinced it could happen.

I was fully committed to that possibility until Sarah lovingly pulled me aside and said,

"Baby... let me talk to you for a second."

The frightening thing is that my reaction felt like wisdom. It felt like discernment. It felt like I was simply protecting my family. But it wasn't wisdom.

It was trauma masquerading as knowing. That is why we have to examine what has shaped our beliefs. Because sometimes what we call knowledge...is actually **misknowing**.

When Trauma Pretends to Be Wisdom

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

I think our whole country is experiencing something similar.

We're going through it emotionally.

We're going through it politically.

People who once believed they knew exactly where they stood are now saying,

"I was wrong."

"I apologize."

Everyone seems to be changing positions because what they thought they knew...

they're discovering they didn't really know.

My mother used to tell people,

"My children tell me everything."

I would just smile.

There were things I didn't tell my mother until she was lying on her deathbed.

By then she couldn't whip me anymore.

(Laughter.)

I finally confessed to her that when we were children, my older brother hadn't actually broken a vase.

I blamed him because he had made me angry.

He was seven years older than I was.

I couldn't beat him...

but Mama could.

So while she was disciplining him, I was standing outside the door listening.

All those years she believed he had done it.

My point is this:

She thought we told her everything.

The truth is...

we don't even tell ourselves everything.

That is one of the hidden effects of trauma.

Trauma becomes the room in the house we never want to enter.

The Mind Will Invent Answers

I was talking with a psychologist recently, and I hope I'm quoting him correctly.

He explained that the frontal lobe of the brain continually searches for answers.

Whenever we ask ourselves questions, that part of the brain begins looking for solutions.

When a person's cognitive abilities begin declining—whether through Alzheimer's disease or another neurological condition—the brain still keeps searching for answers.

If it cannot find one...

it will eventually manufacture one.

It gives you an answer simply to quiet the anxiety.

Think about that.

Sometimes your own mind will provide an explanation...

not because it's true...

but because it wants relief.

That's why we must be careful what we believe.

Your brain may answer your questions...

without actually solving your problem.

Because you don't know as much as you think you know.

What We Know—and What We Don't

The Apostle Paul writes:

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..."

— *Romans 8:26 (KJV)*

He acknowledges what we don't know.

Then he explains that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

The Spirit searches the deep things of God.

Then Paul arrives at one of the greatest declarations of certainty in Scripture:

"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."

— *Romans 8:28 (KJV)*

I may not know where I am right now...

but I know I'm going to arrive where God has destined me to be.

I may not know whether I should stay or leave.

I may not know what decision to make.

I may not know how everything will work out.

But I know that in the end, God will bring me to His expected end for my life.

Because I know I love God.

And I know I have been called according to His purpose.

Living in a World Filled with Uncertainty

Our world is spinning. We don't know what will happen to our financial systems. We don't know what inflation will do. We don't know what governments will do. There are international conflicts we cannot fix. Economic crises we cannot control. Political turmoil across the globe. And while the world is carrying all of that...

each of us is also carrying our own personal burdens. We have more ways for fear to reach us than any generation before us.

- Artificial intelligence.
- Social media.
- Television.
- Radio.
- News.
- Rumors.
- Gossip.

It's no wonder we're overwhelmed. Then, on top of all that, your own mind can begin inventing answers just to calm your anxiety. That is why conversations like this matter. That is why fellowship matters.

The Bible tells us:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..."
— *Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)*

We need one another.

God never intended us to fight these battles alone.

Trauma Pushes Us into Isolation

I believe I heard you say this before.

When God declared,

"It is not good that the man should be alone..."
— *Genesis 2:18 (KJV)*

He wasn't speaking only about marriage.

He was revealing a principle.

Human beings suffer in isolation.

One of the first things trauma tries to do is separate us from people.

Because trauma produces mistrust.

Reframing the Story

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Bishop, I'd like to build on that.

Growing up, I experienced loss very early.

When I was twelve years old, my best friend, who was thirteen, was killed.

It was the first time someone close to me had died.

Later, another friend passed away.

Then my best friend was driving to Atlanta to attend college and unexpectedly died.

My cousin Theo, who was like a brother to me, died suddenly in a motorcycle accident.

Then, in 2014, my father unexpectedly passed away.

All of those losses happened without warning.

One of the reasons Sarah's accident devastated me so deeply was because it awakened an old narrative inside me.

The whisper came.

"See... you can't trust life."

That whisper is a lie.

I had to learn to reframe it.

Because there are two ways to interpret the same experience.

One voice says,

"You can't trust life."

Faith says,

"You can trust God."

Sarah's story didn't end like those other stories. God delivered her. God preserved her. God saved her. One of the disciplines I am learning is the discipline of **reframing**. Trauma wants to write one narrative. Knowing writes another.

Count It All Joy

James writes something that seems almost impossible at first:

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

— *James 1:2–4 (KJV)*

Notice that James doesn't deny the trial.

He reframes it.

That doesn't mean you won't cry.

God knows I cried all the way here this morning.

It doesn't mean you won't struggle.

It doesn't mean you won't ask questions.

But eventually you have to arrive at a deeper knowing.

You have to learn to reframe what you're experiencing.

This isn't merely happening **to** me.

God is working something **for** me.

I know that God is for me.

I know all things are working together for my good.

That isn't easy.

It is difficult.

You have to fight for that perspective.

And you don't stay there automatically.

I had that confidence early this morning.

By 7:30, I was battling the other voice again.

I'm still learning.

That's what knowing is.

Knowing is practicing the discipline of reframing what you know and using that knowing as a weapon against the liar whenever he tries to steal your peace, your joy, and your hope before you have the opportunity to grow.

The Battle of the Mind

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

Come on!

That's exactly what Scripture means when it says:

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

— *2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (KJV)*

It is a battle.

But we've been equipped to win it...

if we work it.

If we work it.

That's good.

That is really good.

Healing Beyond the Incident

If you've been wounded by the trauma of your life...

If uncertainty has stolen your rest...

If anxiety torments your nights...

Join the club.

Read this book.

But don't rush through it.

Sometimes we say,

"I've read the book."

No—you scanned the book.

You didn't really read it.

Some books have to be read slowly.

You must know the kind of mind you have.

If your mind absorbs information gradually, that doesn't make you unintelligent.

Often it means you process more deeply.

Take small bites.

Read a paragraph.

Pause.

Meditate on it until it becomes your own.

I remember hearing Dr. Vashti McKenzie say,

"Trouble doesn't always last... but trauma can."

The event may be over.

Yet the trauma can follow you for decades.

When Sarah's accident happened, your childhood trauma immediately recognized an open door.

It said,

"I'll come through that one."

How many of you can relate to that?

Every day we walk past one another—in church, at work, in our homes—carrying invisible battles.

There is a war taking place inside our minds.

And that battle is often far greater than anyone around us can see.

Be Still and Know

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

Thirty minutes ago I was happy.

Now I'm depressed.

Forty-five minutes later, somebody gets on my nerves and I don't want to hear another word.

An hour later, I want to talk your head off.

Then, three hours later, I don't want to say anything at all.

You're constantly weaving your way through the traffic of your own mind.

Then you take your crazy...

mix it with my crazy...

and somehow we're both trying to find a safe place to heal.

One thing that has helped me—and I still have those moments—is realizing how much damage I can do to myself by what I say to myself.

The false narratives that rise in my mind become dangerous when I keep repeating them.

Many of our deepest wounds become self-inflicted because we continue rehearsing things that are already over...

things we cannot change...

things completely outside our control...

things happening on the other side of the world...

things happening in our neighborhood...

who died...

who lived...

who's in the hospital...

Eventually, I have to stop myself and say, *"Wait a minute."*

"You can't do anything about that."

Far too often I sacrifice doing the things I **can** do because I'm distracted by all the things I **cannot** do.

Can you relate to that?

The Enemy's Strategy Is Distraction

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Absolutely.

That's one of the enemy's greatest strategies.

He stalls us by distracting us.

One thing all of us must recognize is the kind of world we're living in.

We were never designed to absorb an endless stream of information twenty-four hours a day.

Whether the news is good or bad, the constant flow is exhausting.

It becomes an assault against purpose.

One of the disciplines I'm learning is the practice of stillness.

The temptation—and it truly is a temptation because technology has been intentionally designed that way—is to reach for your phone the moment you wake up.

Don't even use your phone to check the time.

Put a clock back in your room.

Look at the clock instead.

The more distance you can create between yourself and this device, the healthier you'll become.

Advertisers...

marketing companies...

technology platforms...

they are all competing to influence your next decision.

You literally wake up inside someone else's strategy.

If you don't have a strategy for your own morning, you'll automatically become part of someone else's.

That is why Scripture says:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

— *Psalm 46:10 (KJV)*

There is a direct connection between stillness and knowing.

Knowing doesn't simply come from gathering more information.

It comes from learning to become still.

And stillness isn't only about putting your phone down.

It's about becoming quiet on the inside.

David often spoke to his own soul.

He would quiet himself before God.

If I could paraphrase David, he would say,

"Soul... why are you so worked up?"

"Why are you worrying?"

"Why are you afraid?"

He intentionally calmed his own inner world.

If you never create space for stillness, you'll miss the knowing that God wants to reveal.

Someone might say,

"Pastor Touré, I'd love to get away to a lake or take a vacation, but I've got children, work responsibilities, and a busy schedule."

I understand.

But stillness is not first about geography.

It is an inner discipline.

Sometimes life remains loud all around you...

yet inside you're breathing...

becoming still...

remembering who God is.

You may be at work.

You may be caring for children.

You may be surrounded by noise.

Yet inwardly you're practicing stillness.

Because knowing is cultivated from the inside out.

Many times we fail to know because we're overwhelmed both externally and internally.

So we must intentionally practice becoming still.

God says,

"You want to know Me?"

"Then learn to be still."

Peace Begins Within

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

That is so good.

Stillness affects far more than our emotions.

It even affects our bodies.

An anxious mind releases stress throughout the body.

The Word of God teaches us:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..."

— *Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)*

The boundary between soul and spirit is incredibly narrow.

Our thoughts affect our emotions.

Our emotions affect our bodies.

Sometimes the only thing capable of separating the voice of our soul from the voice of God's Spirit is the Word of God.

It's interesting that you mentioned slowing down.

My wife tells me that all the time.

She says,

"Let's get away."

"Let's rest."

"Let's slow down."

And she's right.

But I'm also right.

Sometimes two things can be true at the same time.

(Laughter.)

Here's my side of it.

It doesn't matter where I go...

if my problems go with me.

I can buy a plane ticket.

Travel to a beautiful island.

Sit beside the ocean.

Eat an expensive steak.

And still worry the entire time.

Changing locations does not automatically change your emotions.

If I can discover peace within...

I can have Hawaii in my own house.

(Laughter.)

We spend so much time decorating our homes.

Beautiful furniture.

Comfortable beds.

Elegant curtains.

Expensive pillows.

Then we climb into those beautiful beds...

and spend the entire night worrying.

We're anxious about paying for the house.

Keeping the house.

Interest rates.

Bills.

Responsibilities.

The truth is...

peace isn't found in a city.

It isn't found beside an ocean.

It isn't found in a new house...

a new car...

or a new suit.

Real peace comes from learning to be still.

Silencing the Noise

I'll admit something.

I have to make myself be still.

I've always been that way.

When I was a little boy, everyone else would put their heads on their desks during nap time.

I'd keep peeking around the room because I didn't want to miss anything.

(Laughter.)

I hated naps.

I thought I'd miss something important.

Truthfully...

I'm still like that today.

The first thing stress steals from me isn't my appetite.

I keep eating.

(Laughter.)

But I can lose sleep in a heartbeat.

The stillness I need has nothing to do with the bed I'm sleeping in...

or the zip code I'm living in.

It has everything to do with getting the noise out of my mind.

There's a worship song that says,

"Silence the noise."

I probably don't have the words exactly right, but I love the thought behind it.

If you can silence the noise in your head...

you can have peace whether you're married or single...

whether your house is full or empty...

whether people are with you or you've been left alone.

Everything changes when the noise inside becomes quiet.

Find Truth That Speaks Louder Than Fear

Pastor Touré Roberts:

As you were talking, Bishop, I thought about something practical that has helped me.

Find two or three truths from the Word of God that directly address the things you worry about most.

One of my favorites is Psalm 23.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

— *Psalm 23:1 (KJV)*

Meditate on that.

Pray it.

Personalize it.

"The Lord is my Shepherd.

I have everything I need.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

I have no lack.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Every financial need is already under His care.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

He will guide me through this storm.

The Lord is my Shepherd.

He loves me.

He has not forgotten me."

If your mind is going to repeat something...

make sure it repeats something that works **for** you rather than against you.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

That is one of the greatest truths you can carry into every day.

The Names of God Reveal His Character

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

That's excellent.

One of the reasons Scripture gives us so many different names for God is because every name reveals another aspect of who He is.

Each name is another unveiling.

Another revelation.

Jehovah-Tsidkenu.

Jehovah-Jireh.

Jehovah-Rohi.

Jehovah-Rapha.

Each name reminds us of another way God has revealed Himself.

He's my Provider.

He's my Shepherd.

He's my Healer.

Sometimes I think of those names as God's "pet names."

You know how people in love develop affectionate names for one another?

(Laughter.)

Those names grow out of shared experiences.

The names of God are like that.

They were born out of encounters.

Someone walked through a valley...

met God there...

and discovered another facet of His nature.

Sometimes I wonder whether we've stopped creating those kinds of personal revelations.

The old saints used to sing,

"Jesus, be a fence all around me every day."

Those songs came from people whose attention was fixed on Him.

Today many of our songs are centered on ourselves.

"I am..."

The problem is...

"*I am*" is often where our trouble begins.

(Laughter.)

I'm not saying you aren't God's friend.

But if you'll surrender your little "**I am**" to the Great **I AM**, everything begins to change.

Just be still...

and know...

that **He** is God.

Oh, glory.

I have to be careful.

I almost slipped into preaching right there.

(Laughter.)

I preached a message not long ago entitled,

"Tomorrow Belongs to God."

I still find myself trying to prepare for different scenarios in case they happen. I'm not saying be foolish, but understand your own limitations.

His thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8–9). Learn to accept what you cannot do.

So that you don't have to keep pretending.

Faking wears you out.

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Yeah.

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

It's exhausting trying to be tough when you really need to cry.

Go ahead and cry.

Let's just get it over with.

[Laughter]

You're using all of your strength trying to protect your image, when that same strength could help pull you out of what you're going through. Sometimes your image becomes more important than your reality. And the Lord said not to have any graven images.

When He spoke about images, He was talking about man-made things that people worship. Sometimes those images are not carved out of wood or stone. Sometimes they're built out of what we think other people think about us. We're so busy trying to control people's opinions instead of tearing down the idol of popularity, recognition, appreciation, and honor. Sometimes you just need to recognize yourself.

Look in the mirror and say,

"You did a good job."

"I'm proud of you."

Maybe that's something you've never done before.

You did that thing.

Glory to God.

You did that thing.

Wisdom Is Expensive

You know how it feels when you write your first book.

The first copy comes out of the box, and you hold it almost like you're holding a newborn baby.

You turn the pages slowly because this kind of book costs you more than anyone will ever pay for it.

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Yeah.

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

Wisdom is expensive.

The person buying the book is paying pennies compared to what the author paid to write it.

Think about what you've survived.

You got shot.

Your body healed in months, but your trauma took years.

You lost friends.

You lost your father.

Look at what you paid.

You paid for this book.

You paid for that singing voice.

You paid for that anointing.

You paid the price to minister.

You paid the price to become the person God called you to be.

You even paid the price to remain kind.

Kind people aren't kind because they don't know how to be mean.

They're kind because they've paid the price.

Sometimes a smile costs you a thousand dollars.

You smile through your own pain while listening to someone else tell you about theirs.

Your mind is already full of your own burdens, yet you still make room for somebody else's.

That's expensive.

So when you buy this book, don't think the cover price is what it cost.

What it really cost was a young man bleeding after being shot...

...riding in an ambulance...

...lying in a hospital bed...

...crying through the night...

...and living through the uncertainty of leaving Los Angeles to come to Dallas.

Leaving What You Know

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

I'll finish with this.

What was it like for you to leave the certainty of Los Angeles and come into the uncertainty of Dallas?

How did you handle that?

Pastor Touré Roberts:

When I finally gave myself permission to let what was inside of me come out...

...it came out as tears.

I was broken.

I remember sitting in the living room, weeping.

I knew Los Angeles.

Not just geographically.

I had built a life there.

Relationships...

Government...

Law enforcement...

Everything familiar was there.

I had lived there my entire life.

Yet God was calling me here.

So I had to grieve.

Jesus said:

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

(Matthew 5:4, KJV)

That isn't only talking about mourning after tragedy.

If you're going to follow God, you're going to have to let something die.

I had to let my comfort die.

I had to let my confidence die.

To your point...

I even had to let my idol die.

The idol of Los Angeles.

The idol of image.

The idol of familiarity.

That was one part.

Then there was another.

My wife and I were succeeding one of the most consequential faith leaders of our time.

[Applause]

Actually...

I should probably just say one of the most consequential leaders of our time, because your leadership reaches far beyond the church.

That was another level of fear.

So there was the unknown...

...and then there was the known.

[Laughter]

You and Mom—our forever First Lady—were incredibly supportive.

[Applause]

You encouraged us constantly.

Yet even with all that encouragement, it was still difficult to believe.

Would I be accepted?

People used to ask me,

"What does it feel like to fill Bishop T.D. Jakes' shoes?"

I would answer,

"Nauseating."

[Laughter]

Right after the installation, I almost came out wearing giant clown shoes.

I even told Dad about it.

I imagined walking across the stage wearing oversized clown shoes as a symbol of trying to fill Bishop's shoes.

But then the Lord spoke to me.

He said,

"Son, I didn't call you to wear Bishop's shoes."

"He's still wearing his shoes."

[Laughter]

"You have to trust that you are enough."

He had to tell me that again...

and again...

and again.

Then there was one moment when something finally broke.

On the day of the transition, you looked straight into my soul and said,

"You got this."

You had said it before.

But that day...

it clicked.

The journey was difficult.

There was grieving.

There was questioning.

There was second-guessing.

Would the people accept me?

Honestly...

I'd rather hear you preach.

I still enjoy listening to you.

Then I have to stand up and wonder,

"Will they like me?"

I'm different.

I'm from California.

I'm wired differently.

Would I really be accepted?

But that, too, was another lie from the enemy.

This church has been one of the most loving, welcoming, gracious churches anyone could ever serve.

You've shown me incredible grace.

You've shown me incredible love.

I'm thankful for this church.

I'm thankful for you.

I'm thankful for everything you poured into me during the twelve years I walked beside you.

You shaped my understanding of family.

You taught me what it means to stand through difficult seasons.

So, the short version of a very long story is this:

It was hard. It was difficult. It was challenging.

But I followed what I knew God was saying.

And I'm glad I did.

Let Go of Your Image

Bishop T.D. Jakes:

If you know that...

...you can make it.

Whether you're starting a new job...

moving into a new home...

entering a new season...

or facing something that intimidates you...

let go of your image.

Let go of your ego.

Believe this promise:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

(Philippians 1:6, KJV)

Am I talking to anybody?

[Applause]

Thank you so much.

Thank you for sharing your heart.

Love you, son.

Pastor Touré Roberts:

Now I want to take my last few minutes...

...and interview you.

I want to ask you a question.

How are you doing?

I mean, it's easy to come into church, clap your hands, smile, worship for an hour...

Then you get back into the car...

...and drive straight back into life's battles.

Sometimes it doesn't even wait until you get home.

It starts in the parking lot.

We all have an image to maintain.

So many people spend their lives imitating others because they don't know who they really are.

To fit in...

people will do almost anything.

But very few people stop and ask,

"How are you doing?"

What do you know that enables you to keep standing?

Or are you drowning beneath the very waters you were meant to walk on?

Know God... But Also Know Yourself

As we stand here today, we've heard from this remarkable author.

I want you to get this book.

[Applause]

If you're watching online, go to your favorite bookseller and order a copy of **Knowing**.

Then let the wrestling begin.

Learn to know yourself.

Yes, know God.

But also know you.

How can you truly give yourself to God if you don't even know what you're giving Him?

I'm amazed by how few people really know themselves.

Most simply imitate what they were taught.

They repeat what they heard.

They mimic someone else's voice without ever examining it for themselves.

Ego keeps us from admitting, *"I'm not sure."*

We often teach ideas that were handed to us but never personally examined. They say that when riots break out, some people join the crowd without even knowing why they're there.

They simply saw everybody else running...

...and ended up in the fight.

A Final Appeal

Would you stand with me for just a moment?

This has been an incredibly difficult week. Please continue to pray for the Dawson family. Marcus Dawson has faithfully served with me for nearly forty years. Yesterday, his mother slipped into eternity with her sons gathered around her bedside. I've been ministering to their family while also checking on my daughter.

My wife moved in with Sarah for several days and nights to help care for her during this season.

And I went up there, and Sarah said, "You better get up here. Just because Mama is up here doesn't mean you're relieved of your duties. You've got to be up here."

People are going through some real stuff—real, tough stuff. Having to move back in with your mother at forty. People are facing incredibly difficult times.

This is latter-day warfare. This is demonic warfare out of the Book of Revelation. The horsemen are riding. They're riding with wrath, destruction, and death.

We're living in the days Daniel saw. We are the chosen generation. We were chosen to live in such a time as this. And it's not just America—it's global.

I thought to myself about what David said:

"If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there..." (Psalm 139)

And we used to sing:

*"I run to the rocks to hide my face,
The rocks cried out, 'No hiding place.'"*

There's no place to move. There's no place to go where there isn't some version of craziness.

With all of that happening, this is the time, as he so eloquently stated, to **be still and know that God is God.**

If you're in this room—I don't care how many titles you have or how many degrees you've earned—but if you're willing today to cast down an idol and say:

“My life could be better.

My life could be richer.

My life could be fuller.

And I'm not going to let the enemy steal this season of my life.”

If you're saying:

“I'm not going to let the enemy steal this season, but I sure would like some prayer so I can find peace.”

Then come.

You may be in the balcony. It may be your first time here. You may even be watching online. But if the Holy Spirit is tugging at your heart, I want you to come forward.

There's a reason God brought you here today.

It may not have been what you expected, but it was exactly what you needed.

God wanted you to confront yourself and say:

“Wait a minute. I've got to have peace on the inside.”

You can buy all kinds of symbols of peace. You can buy peaceful music. You can hang wind chimes in your front yard.

But if you don't have peace in your mind, you are, of all people, most miserable.

I want to pray for people who love God but are miserable.

We don't talk about that.

But it is possible to love God and still be miserable.

It is possible to go to church every Sunday and still be empty.

It is possible to know Scripture and still be lonely.

It is possible to be married and still be lonely.

It is possible to have children and still be desperately lonely—holding on by a thread—while nobody suspects that you're struggling so deeply you could put a gun to your head.

Yet when someone asks,

“How are you doing?”

You answer,

“I'm blessed in the Lord. Thank God.”

But that's not really how you feel.

Tear down your idols.

Cast down every foe.

Hallelujah!

Cast them down.

Cast them down.

I know they're standing inside of you right now, defying you, saying,

“Don't bother me. Leave me alone. I'm going home with you. I'm going to ride home in the car with you. I'm going to keep punching you and beating you down.”

Cast them down!

Moments of temper, rage, anger, and frustration...

You snap at the dog.

You kick the cat.

Why?

Because you're unhappy.

And you're trying to find somebody to make you happy.

Nobody can make you happy.

Joy has to come from the inside.

You've fallen out with people because they didn't make you happy.

They couldn't even make themselves happy.

How could they possibly make you happy?

You may need to forgive some people around this altar because you've charged them foolishly.

You expected things from them that they simply could not give you.

And when they couldn't give you what they never possessed, it only deepened the rejection you already felt.

You're bitter with your wife, but you're really bitter with your mother.

You couldn't say anything to your mother, so now you take it out on your wife.

Come on—talk to me, somebody.

You don't really know what's happening in your own life.

So you self-medicate.

Whether it's drugs...

Liquor...

Or just your phone...

You're medicating yourself.

You're afraid to be alone.

You have to have noise all the time.

Something always has to be happening because there's no peace within you.

You call people constantly, trying to barter for peace.

But today...

The Lord wants to do something **for** you.

God wants to do something **in** you.

God wants to do something in your spirit.

If you're willing to change...

I'm not even asking you to change yet.

I'm only asking you to be willing.

Be willing to change your habits.

Be willing to try something different.

Stop repeating the same patterns and ending up in the same place.

If you're willing to change...

Clap your hands in His presence right now.

Oh my God...

Oh my God...

Whatever it takes.

Whatever it takes.

Whatever it takes.

I'm not going back to my seat the same man I was.

I'm not going back the same woman I was.

I'm leaving that person at this altar today.

Whatever it takes...

I'm going to have more peace.

More joy.

More contentment.

I'm tired of being miserable.

I'm tired of tossing and turning, night after night and day after day.

I'm tired of being thirsty.

I tried to quench my thirst with people.

I tried to quench my thirst with sex.

I tried to quench my thirst with drugs.

I'm tired of all these idols in my life.

Every one of them has let me down.

I want a breakthrough.

And I need it today.

I need it right now.

Oh my God!

I don't care what anybody thinks.

I don't care who's looking at me.

I don't care what they think about me.

I don't care what I'm wearing.

I want a touch from the Lord.

I want a touch from God.

Hallelujah!

Am I talking to you today?

Is there anybody else?

Before we pray, come boldly.

The Bible says,

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16, KJV)

It doesn't say to come timidly.

It says,

“Come boldly.”

“I need this.

I need this.

I’m not going to let this moment pass me by.

I need this.”

If you’re watching online, there’s a number on your screen where someone can pray with you right now.

You can receive a touch from God.

Everybody is drawing from me.

Everybody wants my strength.

But I don’t even have enough strength to hold myself up.

I need a touch from God.

I need a touch from Him.

I’m too old not to be happy.

I deserve some peace.

How can I be so young and still be miserable in what’s supposed to be the prime of my life?

It feels horrible.

Satan doesn’t have to curse you to destroy you.

He can simply blind you to the many blessings that already exist in your life.

Those false narratives...

Those voices coming out of your own mind...

But today, the Holy Spirit is going to touch you.

Let's begin by lifting our hands and worshipping God.

As imperfect...

As broken...

As uncertain as we are...

We come to Him.

Jesus Himself came into the Garden of Gethsemane with uncertainty.

“Father, if it be Thy will, let this cup pass from Me.”

He wrestled.

He prayed three times.

If Jesus prayed three times...

I know you need to pray.

Come on.

Lift your hands and talk to God.

“I need this.

I need this.

I need this.

If I leave here with nothing else today, I'm taking this home with me.

I feel a change coming.

I want to be right.

I want to be saved.

I want to be whole.

I want to have peace.

I'm tired of doing things that torment me."

Pray with me:

Father, right now, in the name of Jesus,

I believe You for a change.

I insist on a change.

I decree and declare that there will be a change.

There will be a change in my spirit.

There will be a change in my heart.

They may not see it in my house.

They may not see it in my wallet.

They may not see it in my furniture.

But I refuse to leave my mind undecorated.

I redecorate my mind with joy...

With peace...

With longsuffering.

I lift my hands before You.

I'm ready to be renovated.

I'm ready to be regulated.

I'm ready for You to make me over again.

Lord, I need a makeover that comes from above.

I want it now.

And I'm willing to do whatever it takes.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

I commend my burdens.

I commend my grief.

I commend my pain.

Into Thy hands I place it now.

Give it to God.

Come on.

Place it in His hands.

In the name of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus.

Holy Ghost...

Sweep over my soul.

Sweep out all the garbage.

Sweep out all the trash.

Until I find the coin I lost.

Until I find myself again.

Until I know who I am.

Sweep out every memory that keeps me bound.

Sweep it out right now.

Oh God...

I feel a change.

Oh my God...

I feel a change coming.

Peace is coming into my spirit.

Joy is coming into my spirit.

Love is coming into my spirit.

Power is coming into my spirit.

Determination is coming into my spirit.

Right now, in the name of Jesus, I open it up to God. I open it up to God. I open it up to God. I open it up to God. I open up to God. I'm going in that room. I'm going in that room I've been hiding from.

I'm going behind that locked door.

Holy Spirit, go in with me. Go in with me. Go in that room—that place in my life that remains unhealed. It stinks in there. It smells in there. But I'm going in there today, in the name of Jesus, and I'm going to get the victory.

And I praise You for it. And I thank You for it. And I believe You for it right now, in the name of Jesus.

Now I want you to praise Him like a free woman, like a free man, like a free soul, like a free spirit. Come on, praise Him!

Praise Him. I mean you—the real you. I want you to praise Him.

I want you to praise Him until joy comes out like water coming out of a rock. Joy is going to come out and touch your spirit right now.

Sweet Holy Spirit.

Sweet Holy Spirit.

Sweet Holy Spirit, come down.

Come down. Come down.

Stay right here.

Come down.

Yes, come down. Come down.

Stay right here.

Come down.

I wish somebody would praise Him up in that balcony. I wish somebody would praise Him in those pews. I wish somebody would praise Him all the way in the back. I wish somebody would praise Him right now.

Right now.

Right now.

Right now.

There's a story in the Bible—I won't hold you long—but there's a story in the Bible about a woman who had ten coins, and she lost one. The Bible says she swept the house over and over and over until she found the lost coin.

How many of you feel like you found the lost coin?

A service doesn't have to be loud to be powerful.

You don't have to hoop and holler and dance to be powerful.

If you got what you needed today, clap your hands and praise the Lord.

Now, there's a couple of things I want to happen. You who are watching online can participate in this too.

I decree and declare that whatever was lost will be found.

I decree and declare that you will sweep the house because it's somewhere in the house.

It's in there. It's still in there. You can't find it, but it's in the house.

I decree and declare that you will sweep the house until you find it and get the breakthrough that you need, and that you will never be the same again.

And if you agree with that prayer, give God the best praise you've got!

Yes! Yes!

Now, before we go, I'm going to ask you for a special love offering.

I'm going to ask you for something that's within most people's reach because it is symbolic of the fact that I'm going to get back what I lost.

She had ten coins. She lost one. She could have gone on with nine. You can make it with nine coins, but you get sick of making it with less than what God gave you.

You get sick of it.

And I want everybody in this building, and everybody that can hear my voice, to get at least **\$10** in your hand and lift it up as a banner before God that I will not go home without acknowledging that I got something today that changed my life.

Honey, get some money. You got me? Okay.

Just \$10.

Just \$10.

All on the internet, streaming from the app, streaming from YouTube:

I will be whole.

I will get back what I lost.

I'll get back what the cankerworm and the locust have eaten. I'll get it back right now, in the name of Jesus.

Lift it up real high.

Lift it up real high.

My territory.

Yeah.

Oh Lord, bless me.

Yes. Yes.

I pray for you.

Increase.

Oh my.

Father, let Your anointing sweep over this room.

We lift this up as a sign that we were listening—that we know You were talking to us about the very things we've been talking to You about.

And today, in the name of Jesus, we decree and declare with this seed that if we've got to keep sweeping, if we've got to keep sweeping, if we've got to spend all week sweeping, we will not continue on with less than the full measure of what You intended for us to have.

In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Now, if you're at the altar and you brought a financial seed, just lay it on the altar.

If you're in the pews, pass your seed all the way over to the left.

If you're online, just give like you normally give online.

Bless you from Hong Kong.

Bless you.

I'm glad to have you.

I'm glad to have you.

I'm glad to have you.

I'm glad to have you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

It's good to have you, Boston.

Bless your heart.

Bless your heart.

Bless your heart.

Bless your heart.

Every blessed person in the building, make some noise right now!

I said every blessed person!

Stand up. We're getting ready to go home.

Let's give God a praise for Pastor Touré.

I pray that so many people buy *Knowing* that you've got cramps in your fingers from signing books.

Hallelujah!

I believe God they're getting in line right now.

Now, I want you to help me bless this.

This seed represents needs in the lives of people.

You say, "\$10 is no money."

A seed doesn't have to be big to grow tall.

Come on, somebody.

Now, I want you to point your hands in this direction.

There's still somebody with a seed up right there. That lady has an envelope right over there.

Anybody else that didn't get a chance to give?

Okay.

Okay.

How many people are glad you came to church this morning?

Let me quickly ask this question before I give the benediction.

If there's somebody who would like to make this church your church home, would you come to my left?

The doors of the church are open for new members.

For new members, would you come?

If you want to make this your church, I don't care where you came from.

I don't care what you've got on.

I don't care what ethnicity you are.

Come on.

Make this your church home.

Come on.

Make this your church home.

Come on right now.

Clap your hands as they come.

Come on down, son.

My God.

Come on.

Welcome.

Come on.

Welcome these new members.

Welcome them into the family of God.

Come on down.

Welcome.

Welcome.

Welcome.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the only wise God our Father be glory, dominion, and power.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Go with God, Father's House. At The Potter's House, we are invested in you—not just what you do, but who you're becoming.

We believe that in this house we are better together. We need one another to be holy, to hold each other accountable, and to keep growing. As God positions us to serve every soul, we believe that an act of sowing is an act of faith and agreement with what God is speeding up.

We're honored that we get to partner with you in reaching lives near and far. This is your official invitation to not just be a spectator, but to be a partner. Be a member of our family that seeks Kingdom solutions during the challenges of every season.

Amen.

Your giving, your service, and your love to this house isn't just generosity—it's ministry.

If this message spoke to you and you believe in what God is doing in this house, we invite you to become a member today. We want to do life with you. Share this message with someone you care about—someone who needs it the most. I believe that it could be the catalyst for the breakthrough they're seeking.

No matter where you are, remember: **God sees you. He loves you. And so do we.**



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