

BINDING TOGETHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

II Timothy 4:2-5, Matthew 16:18-19

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We're thankful to the LORD today for each of you, for the Bible tells us that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing cometh by the Word of GOD. How can you hear without the preacher, and how can they preach, unless they be sent? Truly we're thankful to GOD today for your prayers, and we're thankful to the LORD for His Word. For Jesus said that where two or three are assembled and gathered together in His name, He would be a GOD in the midst. Truly we thank GOD today for being in the midst of us right now.

We're thankful to the LORD today that we are a light, and a light shineth on upon a hill that should be seen. Would you turn with me this morning to just a couple of books today? St. Matthew, chapter 16, if you would turn with me to that, and along with that, would you turn with me to Second Timothy, chapter 4 also. St. Matthew, chapter 16, II Timothy, chapter 4. How many of you have your Bibles? Praise the LORD. We're thankful to the LORD for our visitors today. We know that GOD knows and cares about us and about situations that are happening in our world today.

St. Matthew, chapter 16, verse 18, where our reading is coming from.

“And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Let us turn now to II Timothy, the 4th chapter, verses 2-4. Verse 2 reads to us today: “Preach the word. Be instant in season, and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heed to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, and do the work of an evangelist, make full reproof of thy ministry.”

I want to talk about a thought or a subject today, if you will, that you might carry home with you today, “Binding Together in the Name of Jesus.” Would you say that with me? “Binding Together in the Name of Jesus.”

A few months ago, a dear sister and I were praying about some situations, and as we prayed, it didn't seem that things were happening as we felt that they should have been happening. We prayed all the more, and one specific afternoon, she and I had been praying, and she was pretty much frustrated because GOD hadn't moved as fast as she thought He should have been moving. I said to her, “Sister, let's apply the Word. We've applied our strength and

nothing's happened. We've applied the law, and nothing's happened. We've applied all of the intellect that we could possibly muster, and nothing's happened. We have applied everything that we could think of, and nothing has happened.” But then the Spirit of GOD dealt with me on that particular afternoon, and said that when you bind together, and whatever you bind together on earth shall be bound together in heaven, as touching and agreeing on the same thing. I said that to someone prior to this situation, and they said to me, “That doesn't mean that. It doesn't mean that you're binding together. It simply means something else.” And I said, “I don't know what it means. I just know what I feel, and I just know that I feel that me and whoever, we need to bind together, believing that heaven is binding together, and Jesus saying, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, as touching and agreeing on the same thing.” Do you not know that some situations in our lives that we need to get with somebody, we need to agree together, according to GOD's Word and His will. My sister and I touched and agreed. Do you not know that when we touched and agreed, we saw GOD move right then! We saw GOD begin to take control of situations and begin to move in a mighty way. Not that our will was being done, but that GOD's will was being done. You ought to hear me today.

We're thankful to the LORD today for binding together in the name of Jesus. Let us pray. Our Father, we thank You now for what You've done and are going to do. Oh, heavenly Father, we need You right now. Oh, heavenly Father, You said if You be lifted up, You would draw all men. We want to lift You up today. Oh, heavenly Father, use these lips of clay, not my will, but let Thy will be done. Open up our blind eyes today. Open up deaf ears today, in the name of Jesus. Oh, LORD GOD, we're standing on Your Word. We're standing on Your promises. LORD GOD, we need You right now. We're asking You to continue to lend us your Spirit today, in the name of Jesus. Pour out upon us today, in the name of Jesus. LORD GOD, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing cometh by the Word of GOD. We need, LORD GOD, Your faith today. We need the power of Your Word today, for much prayer, much power, little prayer, little power, no prayer, no power. We want much prayer today, in the name of Jesus. Now, LORD, use me in a mighty way. In Jesus' name we pray, and we give You the glory right now. Amen.

Binding together in the name of Jesus. We see the Word says, and Jesus says, “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” “Preach the Word,” also, in II Timothy 4:2-4. “Preach the word, and be instant in season and out of season.” Oh, my sisters and brothers, it ought to be something about your Christian walk, you ought to be consistent. Oh, I tell folks everywhere I go, you take some of the biggest fools in the world, and they're consistent in being what they are. As Christians, we ought to be consistent. We ought to be what we say that we are. We say, “I'm gonna let my light shine,” then our lights ought to shine everywhere we go.

Then we see also in II Timothy 4:2-4, it says, “the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” In the conversation between Jesus and Peter, we find some challenging information as it relates to the preacher's task in advancing the kingdom of GOD. We say that Paul's saying, “Be instant in season and out of season.” We can see after Peter's answer to the most famous question, Jesus

was totally satisfied that His Father had sanctioned one of His earthly followers to be the key man, after His mission here was completed. For He said to Peter that it wasn't upon Peter that I built My church, but it was upon the testimony that Peter had given, that He was the Son of GOD, the Son of the true and living GOD, the One that came that would take away the sins of the world.

Oh, we see that with divine authority He cannot only commission Peter, but He also gives directions to us. He tells us that we must minister, or preach the Word, in season and out of season. You might say, "Brother Pastor, I can't preach like somebody else can preach. I can't teach like somebody else can teach." But you ought to know within yourself that GOD has given you something to do. He's given you something to share with the world. He's given you something that maybe nobody else will have it. But He says to us, binding together, coming together in the name of Jesus, knowing that there's something about that name, knowing there's something about that mighty name. I don't know about you today, but maybe you've never been sick. But I know there's power in that name. There's medicine and healing in that name. Look at the account today of the woman that touched the hem of His garment. She said, "If I could just reach out and touch the hem of His garment, I could be made whole." Oh, I'm glad today, there's power in that name.

There's power when GOD's people begin to bind together. Look at the day of Pentecost. It says they came together on one accord. They were all on one accord and they were praying that GOD would move in their situation. I don't know about you today, but whatever it is that you might be going through, you ought to be binding together with the Word of GOD. You ought to be binding together with the Spirit of GOD, knowing that whatever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, as touching and agreeing on the same thing. Oh, we see this morning, clearly from heaven's authority, He gives him the authority to bind and to loose. He said that whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. To bind, as it relates to Peter's authority, is to put under constraints or obligation with response to what you're asking the LORD to do. What Jesus is really saying to Peter, in layman's language, is this, "Peter, whatever is wrong here on earth, My Father and I are expecting you to correct it." So the preacher, like Peter, is like GOD is using him and using you to accomplish the things that GOD wants you to accomplish.

Jesus, in His statement to Peter uses another word. He says "loose," and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, as He says. Well, let us examine this all-important word in the life and duties of a preacher or minister or those who are carrying the cross for Jesus Christ. First of all, it relates to his task, advancing the cause of Christ. A quick decision must be made. Sometimes it affects the best of friends, but as GOD's messenger, as GOD's disciple, as being used by GOD, you ought to know that GOD is first in your life, and that He has a promise for each of us, for Paul said that the race is not given to the swiftest, it's not given to the strongest, but to him that endureth to the end.

I don't know about you today, but you ought to be stirring up that Jesus is coming back. Somebody would say to me this morning, "Brother Pastor, do you know when the LORD is coming?" I don't know the day or the hour, but I know that He's coming back. And I know that we better not be talking about all of this, "I'm gonna get ready." We ought to be ready when He comes.

Oh, I'm glad today, for when we begin to bind together in the name of Jesus, we can begin to see the Spirit of GOD begin to flow. We can begin to see healings come about. We can begin to see miracles on every hand begin to come about. We can begin to see where the devil is trying to steal your joy. The joy will begin to come about. Oh, I'm glad this morning. I'm glad that GOD gave you and me something that the world didn't give and the world can't take away. Every where you go, you ought to tell somebody, "I know the LORD." I know that He's a doctor in a sick room. I know the LORD, that He might have been a lawyer for me, in a courtroom. I know the LORD, that He might have been bread when I was hungry.

I don't know about you today, but binding together in the name of Jesus, makes the difference. You might say this morning, "Brother Pastor, I'm binding together," but are you binding according to His Word? Are you binding according to what the LORD says? Oh, my sisters and my brothers, He also says, and Paul goes a little further in his letter to Timothy, for he gives him the challenging order and authority, for he says, "rebuke, reprove, and exhort." Men and women now days are not receptive to sound doctrine. To follow through on this astonishing fact of Paul, he's saying to us, be rooted and grounded in the Word. Be rooted and grounded in the Word of GOD. Oh, I'm glad this morning for the Sunday School lesson, for it was talking about this same situation, where people had heard things. They had heard what others had said, but they weren't doing what the Word says. But Paul straightened them out when he said to them, "I preached no other message than that of Jesus Christ, His death, burial and resurrection, and His coming back again."

I don't know about you today, but you ought to be binding together with the Word of GOD. You ought to be binding together with the Spirit of GOD, knowing that it's the only thing that can lead and guide you. It's the only thing that will help you make it through. Oh, I'm glad this morning, that binding together does make a difference. Binding together can change the heart. Binding together can change the mind. Binding together can change the walk. Binding together can do something for you on the inside. Oh, I'm glad today! I'm glad that I'm not following a denomination, but I'm following the LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. Somebody would say today, "Well, I'm following the preacher." Let me tell you today, you don't wanna follow the preacher. You don't wanna follow the deacon board. But you wanna follow Jesus, the One that sits high and the One that looks low. Binding together in the name of Jesus.

Oh, I'm glad today! I'm glad that GOD is still pouring out His Spirit! I'm glad, He's still sanctifying, and He's still filling! One must be able to say today, as Peter and Paul, when the turbulent waters of life were about to drown them, Peter was put in jail for preaching Christ. He was telling the Jewish community that "the same Jesus whom you crucified, the third day morning who rose, is coming back to judge every man." The same Jesus, hallelujah! that they hung there on the cross, is coming back again! The same Jesus that died for your sins and my sins, and the sins of the world, is coming back again! Oh, I'm glad today! I'm glad that we're binding together in the name of Jesus. I don't know about you this morning, but you ought to have your hand in GOD's hands. You ought to have your mind stayed on Him. He's the only One that can turn midnights into day! He's the only One that can create a love - oh, glory to GOD!

Paul astonished the intellectual community when he said, “Jew and Greek, it doesn’t matter with GOD. GOD is no respecter of persons.” Oh, I’m glad today! I’m glad that Jesus is sitting high! I’m glad today that Jesus is pouring out His Spirit! I’m glad this morning that nobody, nobody can do you like Jesus! Put your hand, Church, in GOD’s hand! Put your hands in the hands of the Man that can still the waters in our times! Oh, this morning, when we get together, things begin to happen! When we get together, GOD begins to move in a mighty way! I want to say to you today, let the LORD move in your life! Let the LORD fix you up! Let the LORD turn your midnights into day! And He will! He will! He will today, open up the windows of heaven! I’m trying to close here, but it’s something about Jesus! You ought to not be the keeper of yourself! You ought to be kept by the power and by the Word of GOD! You ought to be washed - hallelujah - in the blood of the Lamb! Don’t you know there’s power? There’s power in His name! You can call on Him at noon day! You can call on Him at midnight! You can call on Him and He will today, turn it around! He will today, turn the midnights into day!

I’m trying to close here, but it’s something about binding together in His name, in the name of Jesus! There’s power, wonder-working power, saving power, delivering power, in His name today! Put your hand in the hand of the Man that is able today! Binding together in His name! His name today! There’s power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb! The Lamb of GOD, the One that taketh away the sins of the world! I’m glad this morning that Jesus came down! Oh, glory to GOD! He came down to this earth, walked the earth for thirty-three and a half years, letting us know that He is real, and we too have to walk. But let me tell you today, He was doing the will of His Father! I don’t know about you today! You ought to be doing the will, not of your earthly father, but of your heavenly Father! You ought to today, know that GOD is leading and guiding! I’m glad today! I’m glad for Jesus, the mighty Lamb of GOD. I’m glad! I’m glad that GOD so loved the world that He sent His Son, His only begotten Son, down to the world for you and me, that we might have life, and life more abundantly! I’m glad that we don’t need a sacrifice any more! We don’t need a lamb, and we don’t need a dove. We don’t need a bullock or any other sacrifice! We don’t even need a burnt pig! Oh, bless GOD’s holy name! But Jesus, the mighty Lamb of GOD, He died! He came down, that we might have life, and life more abundantly! I’m glad that Jesus came down from Calvary, all the way down, oh, glory to GOD! Just imagine today, some of us, as low-down, dirty sinners as we were, and as some of us are, we’d still be trying to find a sacrifice to wash away our sins. But Jesus! I can go to Him and tell the LORD, “LORD, I’m sorry, forgive me right now,” and He will! As I bind together on His Word, He will today, forgive me today of my sins! He will! He will send the Comforter that will lead you and guide you!

Oh, I’m glad today, I’m not the keeper! I feel something now! I know what it is! It’s not me, LORD! I’m out of self now, oh, bless His holy name! I’m going up a little bit higher! Another round up! I know what it is now, I’m getting on board! One thing about yourself, you ought to know when the LORD lifts you up! I’m lifted up a little bit higher! Oh, LORD! Oh, LORD, help us today, to bind together in His name! Help us today, LORD, to stand on His Word! Help us today, Oh, LORD! Oh, Jesus, oh, glory to GOD! Thank You, Jesus, for what you’re doing right now! Thank You, LORD, for sound doctrine today! It’s not the water, it’s not the blood, it’s Jesus! Oh, bless His name! Jesus! We can stand on Him today! Jesus! Oh, glory! Jesus! Will you say that with me! It ought to be a stirring on the inside! When you say

that wonderful name: Jesus! I don't know what your condition is, but when you say Jesus, something ought to begin to happen. Shackles ought to break! Healings ought to come about! Glory to GOD! Feelings on the inside that might be hatred ought to begin to turn to love! Oh, LORD, distorted minds ought to go away when you start talking about Jesus!

I guarantee you today, there's power when we bind together! I'm trying to close here! We've got two more services today, but I'm not worried! The LORD said He would let rivers of living water flow out of our bellies! Oh, LORD! Oh, LORD, I'm glad today! He can fill us up! Oh, glory to GOD! And you will never run dry! You will never dry out! You will never! Oh, glory to GOD! Thank You, Jesus! Binding together in the name of the LORD. I'm glad today, for sound doctrine this morning! Oh, bless His holy name! Thank You, LORD! And Jesus come down, hung there on the cross, blood running down from His hands and his feet, but He didn't say a mumbling word, looked out over Calvary and said, "Father, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" I'm glad this morning that Jesus set an example, an example for you and me, that we all ought to follow! He didn't say, "I'm gonna call a legion of angels and I'm gonna destroy the world," but He said, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Can you tell somebody, "I've done you wrong, but I forgive you," oh, glory to GOD, and then you throw it in the sea of forgetfulness. It doesn't come back like a jack-in-the box, but it's thrown in the sea of forgetfulness, never to come back again.

I'm glad this morning that Jesus died for your sins, and my sins, and for the sins of the world, and then they took Him down off that cross - oh glory to GOD - blood running down from His hands and His feet. They pierced Him in the side! They stretched Him wide! Oh, LORD! They put a crown of thorns on His head! And then - oh, glory to GOD - when they thought He wanted water, they put vinegar on a sponge and put it to His mouth! Oh, LORD! Why did He do it? He did it for you, and He did it for you, and you, and you, and you, and you, and me, and all of us! And for the sins of the world! I'm glad! I'm glad! And then they took Him down off that cross, laid Him in a borrowed tomb, oh glory to GOD! A cold, dark place! When I was in Israel, it was a cold, dark place. Was no light in there. Nothing living in there, but they laid Him in a borrowed tomb, and all day Saturday, and all night Saturday night, He laid there, He laid there! Oh, glory to GOD! But early Sunday morning, the stone, not man's stone, but the angels rolled the stone away. My Savior was laying there all day Saturday and Saturday night. Then He got up! I see Him now! Getting up! He didn't stumble up like a sleepy man, but He got up, all power! All power was in His hands! He got up! He stood up! The angels had rolled the stone away! He stepped out, all power! I can see Him shouting now, saying, "I've got the over the grave! I've got the victory over the devil! I've got the victory over what he's tried!" And I see Jesus stepping out with all power! We too, one day are gonna have to step out on His Word!

I want to tell you today, as I try to close, it seems like we're having a good time! It seems like the Church Age is gonna go on forever. But let me tell you, we don't know, He could come right now! We don't know, He could come right now! We don't know, He could come at this moment! And I want to encourage you today, have your house in order! Have your mind on Him! Have your joy not coming from marijuana, not coming from alcohol, but have your joy coming from the Joy-giver! Oh, LORD! Oh, glory to GOD! As I close here, Jesus got on a cloud! Oh, glory to GOD! You might say, "Brother Pastor, why would you say that?" He got on a cloud! He got on a cloud, and He went all the way back! He went all the way back to

glory! I'm glad today! I'd have been just like the disciples! I'd have been saying, "LORD, why would you leave me all by myself? I'm binding together with you!" Jesus got on the cloud and went all the way, all the way to glory! But He didn't leave us all by ourselves! Oh, glory to GOD! He left us with Something, Something, Something! Something! Something! I'm not by myself today, for He left us with Something! He sent It down all the way from heaven! He sent down the power of the Holy Ghost! He sent It down! I'm glad today that I have the Holy Ghost! Moving on the inside! I say to you today, if you don't have It, you're missing something. If you don't have that Something, that turns, and somebody said, "I can feel the fire-wheel turning!"

Glory! Hallelujah! You ought to say, "Glory Hallelujah" to Jesus, your King! The LORD of LORDS! My all in all! I'm glad this morning! You ought to have a glory today that the world didn't give and the world can't take away! You ought to have a glory of knowing what Jesus said! Binding together in the name of Jesus! I'm glad today, we have the victory today, not in man, but we have the victory in the LORD!

If you're here today and you don't have that Something, you can come now.