[Musical Introduction]

[Speaker 1]: Let’s remain standing for prayer. Keith would you come and lead us? Dawn is going to lead us in prayer this morning.

[Dawn]: Shall we bow for prayer? Dear heavenly father we thank you for this wonderful day that we may serve you. Dear lord we pray that this service might, that it might be a blessing to every heart here. That everyone might glean something special out of it. We thank you dear lord for this conference center, for the ministry it has been. We pray that it might continue to be such a ministry. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

[Charles Feinberg]: It’s one of the great promises of the scripture. Beautifully put [inaudible] and beautifully rendered and played as well. I think there is a, I thought there was some kind of a drawer there. We turn this morning again to the book of Nehemiah. The book of Nehemiah. In the first study together, we saw the cup bearer weeping. A man of god exercised concerning the sad distraught condition of his people and of Jerusalem Israel. Yesterday we saw that when that happens, when a man of god is concerned for the things of god, Satan attacks. Satan attacks. And then this morning the people build. The people build. We just heard something concerning books in the book room. And Mrs. Ruth Clark was indicating that we might have a time today after this
service when some of the books that you have bought of ours may be autographed. I don’t know why it is, but they think it’s worth more when it’s autographed. But well autograph it with the same right hand that we write with. That’s unusual because I’m a soft ball. But I do write with my right hand. This study, you don’t believe that do you. Today the people build. In the fourth chapter, the 6th verse. Some think it’s the best know text of the whole book. Chapter 4 verse 6. So built we the wall. So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half of its height, for the people had a mind to work. When the work of the lord is in question, it’s not very wholesome. It’s not very uplifting and comforting. Satisfying to dwell too long on opposition. Because after a while it can blind our eyes to what’s really being done. Really being accomplished. That’s always the trouble when folk begin to find fault with this in the church and that in the church and the other. You’d think everybody was out on a picnic. No. much work is being done. There is opposition. There is shortcoming. There is failure. We are imperfect. But thank god something is being accomplished. Now in spite of all the satanic opposition and oh the variety of folk Satan used in that day and hour. In spite of all the satanic opposition to the work, it was prospered of god they did make headway. They did make progress in the work. I’ve had students come and say oh I don’t know why I spent these years in seminary training. I don’t think I’ve learned very much. Well I said you may not because you’re too close to it. But we who are a little away from it, we can see it. We can see that there is growth. Just as there is growth in the physical stature with regard to children and those we know. So there can be spiritual progress. It’s in the Christian life from grace to grace. In 2 Corinthians 3:18 were changed from glory to glory as by the lord the spirit. There are stages in the Christian life just as there stages in the physical life. And our lord went through those physical stages. We read in Luke 2:52 he grew in stature and in knowledge, in wisdom, and in favor with god and man.
Beautifully well rounded life. Grew in stature he grew physically. He grew in wisdom he grew mentally intellectually. That’s on his human side. He was deity all the while, you remember. But here he is, he’s the god man. He grew physically, he grew mentally, and in favor with god spiritually and with man socially. So here in spite of all satanic devilish hatred and opposition there was progress. Now chapters 3 and 4 particularly take time out. They give us a very detailed picture of activity in Israel at this time under the direction of Nehemiah and those who were cooperating with him. There was system. There wasn’t disarray. There wasn’t everybody and I don’t know where they got that expression but we have it now were stuck with it. Everybody wasn’t doing his own thing. And if you don’t know what the thing is, they don’t either. It just covers everything. Everything. Just like hash it includes everything. One fellow said there’s one good thing about hash you don’t have to make it, it accumulates. He said I never like to eat hash away from home because I don’t know what’s in it. And it’s a sure thing I don’t eat it at home because I do know what’s in it. Well you have to have in the work of god something beside a hashing up of something that somebody concocted out of his own mind. There’s got to be system. There’s got to be order. Our god is a god of order. Our god is a god of peace. He is a god of balance. Now look at the system. Tremendous. The first thing that strikes you in these 2 chapters, chapters 3 and 4 is unity. Unity of labor. Cooperation. I know some folks cooperation, you do the cuing and I’ll do the operating. No that’s not it. That’s not it. That’s like the [inaudible] who love to have the preeminence among you as john mentions in his epistle. No it’s not that. Unity of labor in the account of repairing. And the last time that well be together lord willing on Friday, in study, we will take a time out and talk about those 10 gates. But in the account of the repairing of the 10 gates of the wall, chapters 3 and 4, we find the people unified in purpose and work. And it’s beautifully stated. I read the verse 4:6, the secret is told us. Hear it,
let’s look at it again. So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half of its height. For the people had a mind to work. That last clause. For the people had a mind to work. If you want to see how important that is, just realize what it’s not saying. It didn’t say the people had a mind to shirk. I know a lot of folk like that too. But here is a people that had a mind to work. And it doesn’t say they had a mouth to work. Some folk, you know they’re great, they’re great on the talk and little on the walk. In Texas they say put your money where your mouth is. For the people had a mind to work, thank god. Oh what pastors wouldn’t give for that. Almost a right on. Again and again they read next unto him, right there in the second verse in chapter 5. Next unto him. Good organization, fine cooperation. Splendid administration and distribution for equality of labor. They had gods mind in the matter, and that always makes for cooperation and unity of effort. The scripture talks about the mind of Christ. And they were of one mind. That doesn’t mean we are one piece of cloth that we all say yes yes yes. No. they used to say to my mother who had 7 children that lived, one was accidentally burned and died, that first child. He had a very unbiblical name, it was Abraham Isaac. Couldn’t beat that could you. Mother used to when someone would say well your children all look so different. She says I’m very happy about that. I don’t like them all to look like the same piece of cloth. Yes. Well there is, there is unity. There is place for different personalities, but they have to have the mind of god. It’s a mind that’s set on, we may differ on details, on menusha [sp?], but the main objective is to please god. One may be doing this, one may be scrubbing the pots, you can’t have everybody serving there. Who will dish it out, if everybody waits on the tables. No. you have to have a unity of effort. Cooperation. They had to be convinced of the need of that wall. Its usefulness to them. And they certainly were. They weren’t spending times in conferences conferring about whether it was worthwhile or not. They were not arguing the value of the wall. Everyone was glad to take his
place. Everybody to contribute his part. You see you’re not talking about the millennium are you? On no no no not yet. Not yet. It’s going to be even better than that there. This same line of procedure is the only one for evangelizing any unsaved people or person. Building a wall of prayer. Building a wall of love. Building a wall of witness and testimony for Christ about them in the desperate need and condition. you heard Dan say yesterday sometimes you have to know when to speak, and they do that most of the time, otherwise there’s no witness goes forth. And sometimes when to keep silent. But were not to keep silent the majority of the time. Friend of mine said silence is golden; sometimes it’s just plain yellow. You better watch that. Yes. Let’s not hide behind that. In the fourth chapter and the 21st verse we read so we labored in the work, and half of them held the spears form the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. They didn’t even punch the time clock. No they were at it. 4:21 gives you the fact of the work. In verses 16 to 20 you have the method of it. Look at it. 4:16, came to pass from that time forth, when they saw the opposition was really mounting, the half of my servants wrought in the work and the other half of them held the spears, the shields and the bows and the coats of mao [sp?] and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They who built on the wall and those who bore burdens burdened themselves. Everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand he held a weapon. For the builders everyone had his sword girted by his side and so build it. Why if the enemy came and toppled you from your place on the wall, if he were able to that way, we wouldn’t get much work out of you that day or any other day. So you had to defend yourself. You had to defend your right to build. And he who sounded the trumpet was by me. Of course you have to have a rallying place. And I said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people the work is great and large, and we separated upon the wall one from another. What a man of remarkable administrative ability. Nehemiah is coming more and more into it.
But he still hasn’t gotten the place that he really deserves. Numbers of seminars are being held on how to budget your time. How to do things in a managerial leadership way. And the best sample is right here in Nehemiah. In what other place you hear the sound of the trumpet? Resort ye there unto us, our god shall fight for us. He wasn’t going to take any of the glory. Yes. Even in times of terrifying rumor. Yes. That’s just a fancy name for a lie. In times of terrifying rumor, when some might have departed from the work, the abode by the work. They stayed by the work. One of the greatest traits you need in the lords work is stick to it -endess. Stay there when it’s rough. When it gets roughest stay there some more. And then stay there some more. Anybody can run off. That’s why Paul was so upset with mark later on mark. Learned the lesson. Because in the second epistle, his last epistle to timothy, the last one he ever wrote, he said be sure to bring mark with you for he is profitable unto me for the ministry. He learned something. He found out that you have feet that can walk, but you also have feet that can stay put. And having done all that armor in that last chapter of Ephesians, Ephesians 6. Having done all. Put this piece of armor back again and that, and this and that. The whole armor of god, the panaply [sp?] as it is in Greek. My dear friends he doesn’t say you start doing this that and the other. Having done all stand. Stand. Oh so many are flipping this way and flipping that way. You don’t know whether they’re fish or foul or good red herring. What exploits god can accomplish who those who ones who will cooperate for his glory. The unity of labor. Cooperation. The stories told of a child that was lost in a great wheat field in the west out here. It’s a sad thing. You were to have to get on your toes and have to get to work to find that little child. That child was lost in a huge wheat field. Well a large company of neighbors were alerted, and of course nobody thought twice. They went right ahead, everybody was marshall. They gathered to search for that little one. Well for some time they got nowhere. They were in a hurry. There was a lot of motion, no progress. And
so many Christians are rocking chair Christian. A lot of motion, but no progress. And so these folk weren’t making very much progress. This one went this way, this one went that way and they crossed and recrossed and crossed again each other's paths many times. Didn’t find the baby. One man had his thinking cap on and suggested a line of procedure. He said why don’t all of us men line up in one line on one side of this field and clasp our hands, join our hands and shoulder to shoulder, march across that field. They did, and soon they found that little one. Yes. Too much energy is wasted in the work of the lord in failure to work together. United, cooperative effort with god. It always adds up. It always comes. It always avails. So you see first of all, in chapters 3 and 4, unity of labor. But there is not only unity of labor, there is diversity of in effort. Diversity of effort. Just as you have in 1 Corinthians epistle. It’s the same spirit but diversity of gifts, diversity of offices, diversity of administrations. That’s why it's so unbiblical to try, [inaudible] to try to push the Holy Spirit and his work in one single solitary uniformitarian mode. No. The thing that makes life interesting is the infinite variety. Infinite variety. I love music, organ and piano. They’re my first two favorites and then symphony. But my, I could strike all those same keys [inaudible] does, but I’m afraid I’d be striking some of them just the same way. Just drive you up the tree. Up the wall. There’s got to be diversity. Diversity of effort. They were all united in spirit in purpose in objective in goal, but every man that labored, thank god, recognized his specific field of labor. Now wouldn’t it be ridiculous for me to get up here just because I love music and opera. Some people don’t, they call it the uproar. That’s opera. It is opera. It’s not, it’s not their fault that they wrote in German. If you don’t like it, you speak English, write an English opera. I think they have some [inaudible] sounds like a pork barrel. Anyhow, now would it be ridiculous for me just because I love music and love to hear brother Arch and these dear ladies in their ministry, and that’s a ministry they’re not just there to keep
these instruments warm. Wouldn’t it be ridiculous for me to say now I’m going to take a little
time out and give you a rendition. You’d want to render me too. Yes. You have to recognize
your specific field of labor. The record shows how closely god marks every labor of love for
him. You know the lord doesn’t miss a single detail that’s remarkable. I’ll show you in a
moment. One of the most interesting is found in an adverb. If you have ever helped in any work
for god be sure he has noted it. He’s even noticed the way you’ve done it. How’s that? Look at
the third chapter of the 20th verse. Third chapter of the 20th verse. Mark it down. Are you afraid
to mark your bible? Say well it will wear my bible out. If it does, I’ll tell you where to, you
though I was going to say I’ll give you one. No. I’ll tell you where to get another one. Maybe
even wholesale. I don’t believe that statement, somebody said the definition of a gentile is a
fellow who pays retail prices, no. that’s not right. That’s not right. Verse 20, I have to pay retail
prices myself. After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other portion, from the
turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. Not only what he did,
but the exact portion of the place. And do you see that adverb? Earnestly. He didn’t drag his feet.
He didn’t say alright if I got to do it okay. Wouldn’t you love to have a wife or husband around
like that? You say what else is new? Wait a minute. Though baruch repaired just a portion, god
took notice of the devotedness with which he did his work. That’s in the bible. Look at verse
12. Next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem,
he, watch this now, and his daughters. Daughters. Beloved, I don’t know where someone who
got his, what shall I say, his signals mixed. I don’t know where folk have gotten animus against
women. Now I don’t mean that they are in positions of pulpit and the rest. But they have a big
place. Well it doesn’t it say women keep silent in the church? Please read the context. You mean
women are to keep such silence in the church that even after they had a wonderful message, they
can’t even and going out say pastor, the lord blessed me through that word. They got to keep silent. God help us if the women on the mission field kept silent. Do you know why there are more women missionaries than men missionaries? Because it’s the same proportion as you have in the homeland. And I think this is between us now, it’s just family now isn’t it? It’s going on tape. I’m going to tell you something what I’ve told our men in seminary many times. I think the greatest lamb and derogation, and putting down as the young people say, of men is to have in a church a society called the women’s missionary society. Heaven help us. Heaven help us. What’s the matter with the men’s missionary society? No wonder you have women going. Women’s missionary society. Is that what was in acts 13? It’s got to be a church missionary society. Everybody. And I’ve even warned the men. I said if you keep that up, you’re not going to have, not only going to have a women’s missionary society but the whole church is going to be a women’s society. And they’re going to get the blessing, and the rest of you out in the cold. Women have a real place, god bless them. My mother was a lady. Had 3 sisters. They were ladies. My wife’s a lady. Had a daughter. Well now with the sons married we have 3 daughters. We have no in laws or outlaws. They’re all children of ours. And we have 2 granddaughters. They’re all ladies. Women, thank god for women. Even when Adam didn’t know what he was lacking god said I know what you need. And god wanted to show him how little he knew what he was lacking, he brought all the animals. Said I want you to name them. He’d never had a course in zoology did he? Did he? Not that I know of. Did he ever a course in science? I never read that. No. and yet he named every one of those animals and I can’t find a word that god said in disapproval. What he called, the scripture goes on to say, that whatever he called the name of that animal, that was it. Now what did god do that? He said did you notice I’ve brought all these created ones to show you that they’re not like you. I have something better for you. And when he
saw eve, it’s in the original, in the Hebrew, it’s the first poem in the bible. This time [inaudible] its bone of my bone, flesh [inaudible] flesh of my flesh. This one shall be called woman, for she was taken from man. You know if you read the bible enough times, you can get an awful lot of humor out of it. Now that’s what Adam said when he saw eve. I’ve often wondered when they were walking out of the Garden of Eden when they were expelled. What he answered eve when she said so I’m the women whom you gave to be with me, blamed it all on me didn’t you. I wouldn’t blame her for burning his toast the next day. Well, I could preach an hour on women. I know you ladies don’t want me to do that. Women, and the men especially, women have a real place of service in the work of god. Thank god for women. And if you’ve ever heard of Pandita Ramabai? One of the most intelligent women in the world. Translated the whole bible into Marathi. As a little orphan. A girl. She was a widow. Not just an orphan, a widow. Widow bride. Oh women have a real place, and hear it now. And his daughters. He and his daughters. He didn’t just say go home and be sure that you get the food on at the right time and don’t put too much water in the soup. And in Philippians 4 Paul talks about those women. Yes. And look at 3rd chapter here, verse 10. Next unto them repaired this one. Opposite his house over against his house. Here’s a man who started at home. That’s right. That’s the best place to start. Over against his house. Look at verse 23, and after him repaired Benjamin and Hashab repaired opposite their house. See right at home. 28. 28, every one opposite his house. 29, yes. Opposite his house. I’m sorry to say that even some man that have been mightily used of god in the lord’s work, their homes have been in shambel. If I mentioned their names you would know them. Even great evangelists in this country. Something went wrong. Something went wrong. We’ve got to give them time. Yes, I'd be ashamed to get up in this pulpit and preach at any time to anybody if my children had to hear the name Jesus from a preacher or a Sunday school teacher
first and not from me. Do you know you could teach a child. You know you could teach a child
to say Jesus the same time you teach him to say daddy and mamma. Try it. Then we wonder this
one leaves it for the next one, and the next one leaves it for the next one. God gave you the child.
Not the church. This business of passing the bucket gets awfully monotonous. Over against
opposite their house. Start at home. Do you know why god used Gideon so so, I noticed as one
gentleman here at least belongs to the Gideon group, the gideonites. That’s a great group. 7th
book of the bible, 7th chapter. Gideon. You know why god used him so marvelously. He threw
down the altar abail [sp?] in his own home before he went to fight against the midianites. That’s
the way to do it. And we have to start at our own home. A man has to be careful at his own
house. Somebody said well I’m so busy in the lord’s work I don’t have time to see to the needs
of my wife and my children. Then you are unbiblical. Any man who provides not for his own
household and that means more than a check for the weeks groceries or their clothing you have
to provide for them. He is worse than an unbeliever. Why? Because unbelievers do it. Even a dog
will take care of her litter wont she? And a cat will too. Yes. Worse than an infidel, and
unbeliever, and has denied the faith. What do you mean by that? Because the faith that we
pronounce and we espouse and we claim to have embraced calls for a different type of treatment
of our household. How can you say you have a heart touched with the need of others when you
don’t even have your heart touched for those that you have a link of blood? A blood link. They
say blood is thicker than water. You know what I always say too? That’s right blood is thicker
than water and it’s of a different color. Oh to make a mistake at home. Do you know in the book
of Samuel, 1 and 2 Samuel. There were 3 great men of god. One was a priest, Eli. Another was a
prophet Samuel. Another was a king, David. Remember them? David, Samuel, Eli. A priest, a
prophet and a king. Maybe you didn’t notice it, but with regard to each one of them, god said
they made a mistake with regard to their children. With regard, this one didn’t restrain his son, that one at no time said no. well that’s bad for anybody to have a yes every time. Might die of monotony. Eli Samuel and David failed first to [inaudible] securely for their own homes. And you remember what it says in Deuteronomy, if you build a house, be sure you put a parapet up there. Because up on the roof was their living room. Living room. Their sitting room as they used to say in England. And when you build that, somebody is liable to fall down unless you put certain norms. Unless you take care. Provide the proper curb. Oh have you begun inculcating a love for the lost in your home? That’s the place. Don’t just wait for the missionary conference to think of missionaries. You ought to pray for missionaries every day of the week. There are 5 days in the week. You see. Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday. Then you have 2 but no one works anymore now Saturday and Sunday. In those 5 days you can mention a certain continent. The 5 continents. And you have areas on Saturday and Friday and Saturday to mention those that are so called closed countries. Behind communistic opposition. And then the island of the sea. Oh there are enough days. Don’t just say lord bless the whole world I’m in a hurry. Yes, the home is the place to begin. Now look at verse 5 of chapter 3. This is a sad verb. And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but, oh my. It had been prayed if that weren’t there but the bible tells the truth even if it hurts. But their nobles of these Tekoites, from Tekoa. Remember that woman of tekoa came to David. But their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. Shame on them. Shame on them they didn’t put their necks to the work of their lord. And the reason they didn’t put their necks to the work of the lord because their heads and their hearts weren’t in it. What a rebuke. They should have been at the very head doing so much by way of priest an example to encourage. But the scripture says they didn’t do anything. They put not their necks to the work of their lord. Capital L the lord. You have read, I’m sure you
have, it’s one of the most important prophetically of the psalms. In fact, you have a whole prophesy course if you please in the 12 verses of the second psalm. Yes, four pictures. 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12. But what do the first 2 verses say? Why do the nations rage and the peoples imagine a vain thing? Their rulers their kings their leaders their heads have jocking for position. They have maintained a stance against the lord and against his Christ the lord Jesus. Do you mean to tell me that these were not worthy of it, that god has entrusted rule to. You mean to tell me that that’s the way they’re using their position? They are supposed to be on earth a small picture of the ruler of the universe. If you want to see how much displeasure god has for unjust rulers and unjust judges you read the prophets. Oh he has some of the most scathing term. You are a travesty. You’re a disgrace. But in a way we shouldn’t be surprised. Do you remember the 9th chapter of genesis? When that dear man Noah stepped out of the arc, god delegated authority to him. That was the first giving on human government. Later on, law came with divine impact when god gave the 10 commandments to Moses. Exodus 19 and 20 and so on. But here god is going to delegate human government. That wasn’t in the garden. Where was the human government to be, Adam and eve? And after they sinned they knew between good and evil so they were in an age of conscience that’s why when Cain killed able, god didn’t say do away with that man. In face he said I’m going to become his protector. I’m going to put a sign on him so anyone who finds him won’t do. Why? Because he wasn’t living in a day of human government. He was living in a day of conscience. But he was out of the will of god of course and he had the punishment of god on him. And look how his progeny, look how his descendants came. Polygamy there, oh so little concern. I did this to someone for bruising me and for insulting me. All of that in Cain’s line. So god delegates human government with Noah when he comes out of the arc. How do you know? God says to him who so sheddeth man’s blood by man should his
blood be shed. You see if Cain had lived in Noah’s day Noah would have had to kill him. Do you hear it? Who so sheddeth man’s blood by man should blood be shed. But you see Cain wasn’t living in Noah’s day and Noah wasn’t living in Cain’s day. So you have the right of capital punishment as in romans 13. The minister in civil affairs and governmental affairs, it’s ordered of god. He has got to be obeyed. He beareth not the sword. What the Latin’s called jus, J U S which means the right. Glodae [Sp?] of the sword. Capital punishment. Now let’s not get very namby pamby about capital punishment. It’s in the bible. Yes. Yes. One fellow asked another one he says do you believe in capital punishment? He says yes if it’s not too severe. That’s about it. That’s about it. Not too far down on the neck. But what am I, why am I bringing this in about Noah? Why am I bringing this in about leaders who Bely their position as in psalm 2 and here. Why? Now I’m sure in about 300 years that Noah lived after he came out of the arc he did a lot of things. But do you know what the scripture records about how he planted a vineyard and drank the fruit thereof and became drunk. And from that place on throughout the bible and throughout history, intemperance is joined as Siamese twin’s intemperance with indecency. And he was uncovered and so on. Now what does that show? Here’s a man, the first man in history to whom god had delegated rule and he couldn’t even rule his own appetites. He’s a failure. Think of it. God gave to Adam, fuel over all the earth. My if he had wanted a filet mignon right there. Some people haven’t had it so long they think it’s an [inaudible] no. filet mignon is some food. God took note of that too. The fact that these folk didn’t do a thing. Shame on them. These nobles failed to show nobility of character and purpose. Beloved are you a pastor? You say I’m a lay pastor. Alright whatever you are, Sunday school teacher. Young people’s worker. Have you shirked the work of god have you? You have a name of nobility have you done it? Have you done any work for it and with it? Shouldn’t you be the one to lead others into the spirit of service
for god by your example? Yes how should we ever redeem neglected activity? How do you buy it back? How? Many may try with money. What money can buy it back? What remorse can recapture it for us? Queen Elizabeth the first had lived easily I think 80 years and do you know what she said near the end of her life? She said an inch of time I’ll give my kingdom for it. I’ll give my kingdom for an inch of time. How can you recapture lost time? And that’s a strange malady killing time. Haven’t you heard people say I’m going so and so, I just want to kill time. I have news for you, time is what eternity is made of. Because when time is gone, eternity must begin. Dr J Wilbur Chapman a great minister of god. He administered in the Philadelphia area. I think he was a pastor there too of a Presbyterian church. Great man of god. By the way, he was an evangelist too. Dr J Wilbur Chapman in the early days of his ministry oh he was a sole winner. He was asked to visit a young man who was dying. And when they ask you, and if you ever ask someone to go and visit someone, don’t bind their hands. But that’s what he did. Don’t do this don’t tell them I called you or that I told you to go. I’d do that in a home that was breaking up. He says who told you to come and see me. How did you know about it? You try to wiggle out of that one. I heard. Well they’re not stupid. Now this fellow who asked Dr J Wilbur Chapman to go to this young man who was dying, he says would you do me a favor too, don’t speak to him about dying or becoming a Christian. That may be too sudden. Which is quite a testimony as to what that person had done with him before wasn’t it. He suggested he win his confidence first. Well. The next day, the next day, he says you can introduce the subject of Christ. What Dr. Chapman said with many misgivings I made my way to that young man’s room sat down for half an hour. Talked to the young man about music and politics of the city. Then I rose to leave. Not a word about his future. And just as I reached the door I turned my face back and his great eyes just seemed to be burning me through. He says to this day I have not forgotten,
I can’t forget the look of those eyes. I went, went home but I couldn’t rest. I had no rest at all. Early in the morning, as early as I could decently go, I went back to that house. I touched the doorbell. the door opened, and I was on my way, making my way up to the sick man’s room when the maid called me back and she says didn’t you know sir that he died a half an hour after you were here yesterday afternoon? said Wilbur Chapman I don’t know what anybody else would say about it but I’ve always felt that when I stand to the judgement seat of Christ I shall be expected to answer a question as to why I let that man slip into eternity without a warning.

Diversity of effort. You do it one way, somebody else does it another way, and so forth. Someone was finding fault with a sole winner about the way he was presenting Christ. He says do you mind telling me how you do it? Oh I don’t do it at all he says then I like my way better than your no way. Do we realize that were neglectful when we are of more material things souls. If you view them correctly, they are a purchase of the blood of the lord Jesus Christ. You know what my main motive, I think every so often a preacher should tell what his main motivation is in ministry. You know what mine is? Isaiah 53 that he Christ Jesus shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. That blood bought one Christ claims. That one should be one for him doesn’t he deserve it? Didn’t he do enough on Calvary for it? Of course he did. These nobles were such in name only. And then there is a beautiful touch really. In chapter 3 verse 30. Watch this. After him, after the certain one mentioned in verse 29, often times they’ll say next to him, now it says after him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, watch this, opposite his chamber. Opposite his chamber. He didn’t have any home of his own, he didn’t have any household. He just had a room. He was a roomer. A boarder. His place was small. His responsibility doubtless less than others. But he was faithful in it. Oh how god looks for
faithfulness. God given you 10 talents. Use 10. 5? Use 5. One don’t go baring it. You and I
serving god in a little place. If you don’t, beloved, I tell you he won’t use you in the large place. I
knew a fellow he told me I had a portion of the joy of witnessing to him, sharing Christ with him.
He came down from Oklahoma City to Dallas where I was teaching at the time. And he was
from a wealthy home, pretty well off home. Jewish home.