

No More Faith Session 2

By Ken Hutcherson

Kathy:

Welcome to the afternoon session of Torrey conference with Pastor Ken Hutcherson, come on in, have a seat, and we'll go ahead and open in prayer. I want to tell you a few things about Ken Hutcherson. First, for those of you that may have not heard him earlier, Torrey conference is the kind of place where people come and go, and people come from off campus to come in and hear speakers. So if you're here and haven't heard about Ken Hutcherson or heard him yet, I want to tell you a few more things about him. In addition to being the pastor of Antioch Bible Church in Washington, he is an author of *The Church*. Also, *Here Comes the Bride, Formerly the Church*, and *When All Hell Breaks Loose*. Also, he holds an honorary doctorate of divinity from Western Baptist Theological Seminary. He's done numerous speaking engagements around the country and around the world for churches, conferences, the Billy Graham Crusade Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pro Athletes Outreach, Black Leadership Conference, Campus Crusade for Christ, just to name a few.

At present, Pastor Hutcherson is working on helping draft a bill with the state of Washington's legislature on adoption reform with Senator Dan Swecker. And last weekend, as you heard-some of you heard earlier today, last weekend, he led over 250,000 Americans on a march on Washington for the--march--it was called *Mayday for Marriage*, a march in support of traditional marriage. He did do the interview earlier today over the phone with CNN that we prayed about. And he might clue us in a little bit on how that went. And he will be having an interview in studio that will be televised tonight. They're going to pick him up right after this session. CNN is

sending a car for him. And let's pray for that as well. If you want to see it tonight, it will be aired on CNN at seven o'clock. So let's go to the Lord and ask Him to anoint our time now, and Pastor Hutchison's time as he's interviewed with CNN in a little bit.

Dear gracious Heavenly Father, Lord God of this universe, we love You. We adore You, and we bow down before You. We do not take lightly what you've done in our nation. Lord, we appreciate not only the right, but the privilege that has been given to us to vote. And we pray that we as well as others will use this privilege wisely, seeking Your will as we consider the qualifications for those to whom we are going to vote. Lord, we ask that there would arise such a force of righteousness in our nation that it would affect every realm and every level of government in our country. Lord, we also pray for political strength of the Christian community and for our spiritual influence in our nation as well. As Ken Hutcherson speaks to us today, lord, we ask that Your power would be upon him as he speaks. Your power would be upon him as he does the interview with CNN, and the Holy Spirit would silence the enemy. Lord God, we pray that You would give him words of wisdom to speak and that those that would come up against the forces of Your truth would be silenced. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen. Let's welcome Pastor Ken Hutcherson.

[Audience applauds]

Ken Hutcherson:

Thank you, Kathy, that was great, carry you around, and let you introduce me everywhere I go.

She makes me sound so important. How is everyone?

Audience:

Good!

Ken Hutcherson:

Man. Do you feel like I do after lunch?

Audience:

Yes.

Ken Hutcherson:

Don't feed a brother.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

He really---[unintelligible]. Alright. We want to finish our final session together. It was really a great time this morning at ten thirty, what was on the phone. It is-it's probably going to be a hostile group that is going to be--they want to make me look bad. So continue to pray. As long as I got you guys praying and long as you encourage me by jumping on that prayer warrior list, that would be great. I highly would appreciate that. But let me give you one example before I pray. The questions that they came at me on. The guy says, don't you feel bad? Now, that's a bad question to start off with me. Hey, man, don't you feel bad that you're trying to force your thoughts on the world that don't believe the way you do? No. I don't feel bad at all, hands on. I said-I said, well, no, you know, I don't feel bad at all because if I don't force my view on them.

They're going to force their view on me, somebody's view is going to be a force in the political process. And if you think that the issue is that my personal view in religion shouldn't be put on you, then why do you think your personal views has a right to be pushed on me?

Now, if you're-if you're afraid of my religious personal views, like, I'm not afraid of your secular views, then you have the same process I have. And that is, if I convince more people to vote according to my views, then you convince people to vote according to your views. Then my views will be pushed on you. Isn't America a great country? I said, well, we can push each other's views on one another just by the voting process. So that's what it's all about. And as Christians, we got to understand that if we don't push our views, don't think they're going to stop and not push theirs. It's whoever pushed the views the greatest and get the most votes out. That's who is going to win. Amen?

Audience:

Amen.

Ken Hutcherson:

Awoman?

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Equal opportunity to respond.

[Audience and Ken Hutcherson laugh]

Ken Hutcherson:

Well, thank you, guys. We need to pray, get me out of the way. And we got a lot we got to run through because this is our last session. If you want to hear me again, you have to come where I am. So let's pray. Father, thank You so much for being our God and thank You for the opportunity we have to open Your word, Father. There's nothing more important than You. So, Father, please allow me not to enter into Your way, not to become an obstacle. But Lord, I can't do it. We thank You for what You want to say today. Teach me that others may be taught. Those of us who need conviction, I pray You would convict us and those of us who need comfort, You would comfort us. In Your Son's most holy, precious, and glorious name, we all say--

Audience:

Amen.

Audience member:

Praise God.

Ken Hutcherson:

Turn to Matthew chapter ten. Let's get back to the third aspect of where we need to finish up today. One of the-when we was in D.C., one of the television stations came up and it was talking to me about having your name get out, you know, in other words, trying to build you up before they cut you down a lot of times. And they said, well, how has that affected you, that you are becoming a household name? That's when I'm one--I didn't know I was becoming a household name. So that doesn't bother me at all. I said uh no no, not really. So how has that affected you as

well? I got three things that keeps me humble. Number one, I'm more afraid of God than I am of you knowing that I'm never going to take responsibility, that only God can do what He's doing through me. Number two, this is not my idea, it's God's idea. He wrote it back long before I was around, it's going to be out there. I'm gone to God [unintelligible]. So it's God's plan, not my plan. And number three, what really keeps me humble is God used the jackass to speak to a prophet in the Old Testament, I'm just glad He didn't use one to speak to you.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

So that's--you do not have to defend God. As Christians, all the time, we kind of figure that when someone throws a tough question at us, we got to defend God, don't defend God, just tell the truth. I have a young man come up to me one time, I was dealing with the same subjects, and he come up and he says, you know, how can you say God is a loving God? Only thing I hear about from you Christians is God's a loving God. Did you know what he did in the Old Testament? He wiped out complete people in the Old Tes--had the Israelites marching, kill women, children, kill rats if they moved. And how can you say God is a loving God? He's--He's been for so much killing in the Old Testament, now many--how would you answer that question? The first thing we think at times that we've got to defend God. I just looked at him and says, maybe they had an attitude just like yours.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Now, would you like to get out of that attitude? Let me tell you about Jesus Christ, the real Jesus Christ you don't know, because in the question you're asking me, I know you don't know my God. Later got to the Lord. That is what we have to do as believers. We did not come to make peace with everyone, we came to bring the truth of God, as loving as much as we can, someone you're only going to meet once and you know you're going to meet them once you lay the truth out because you may never see them again and they will have no excuse when they meet God. Someone you're going to be with over and over and over again. And you may live with them. You may work next to them. You give them the truth the first time and then you live it lovingly in front of them. But when you only got one chance, you can't worry about being so loving that you don't give them the truth. That's the balance of us Christians, and you never have to worry about whose job it is to win anyone. Let me clear that up for you today. It is not my job. It is not your job to save anybody. Our job is to witness and allow the Holy Spirit to do everything else. How many of you think the shake--thank the straw for how good your milkshake is?

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

I can't hear you. How many of you thank the straw for how good your milkshake is? Oh, you are such a lovely straw [kissing noises].

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Only thing the straw does is what get it from the cup. To you, man, unless you go to Wendy's, you can blow your brain out trying to suck on three--

[Audience and Ken Hutcherson laugh]

Ken Hutcherson:

She left her [unintelligible] at Wendy's, she had to go back to get it.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

You never thank the straw for how good the shake is, it's just a conduit. And you and I are the same when it comes to getting God's word to people, with just the conduit is no reason to get huffy. I think we are bigger than what we are. We're just a straw to transfer God to other people. Okay, we got it. We're ready. Let's pray. Father again, thank You. Thank You for getting me out of the way. Thank You for allowing me to concentrate on Your word. Thank You for being the greatest thing, the greatest power, the greatest person, the greatest love, the greatest understanding, the greatest being, the greatest force, the greatest knowledge that has ever been. And thank You for giving us the privilege of having a personal relationship with all of what we just said, you. In Jesus' name, amen. I want to relate to you guys, so I ended in "amen." You guys are getting it. You got to take that back to your church.

Audience member:

Praise God!

Ken Hutcherson:

Thank you. All right. Verse 24, Matthew 10. We've already established that you first thing you got to do to deliver extreme Christian life and have extreme faith is to understand what God has called you to be. Once you understand that, you're not surprised when things happen, you might have the government against you, you're going to have the church against you, and how many times you have your own family against you, if you do it God's way. Then we talked about the masterful idea that God has allowed us to see some of the greatest things for His sake. Verse twenty-four starts the third thing. And in order for you to understand the third thing we got to talk about, we need to be reminded of the second thing. And that is, if he ever going to live a life of faith that is extreme, you got to overcome what? Come on and talk to me. If you ever gone over, if you're ever going to be the type of person that is going to walk of extreme faith life, you got to override your--

Audience:

Doubt.

Ken Hutcherson:

So the way to override doubt is to--

Audience:

Doubt your doubt.

Ken Hutcherson:

You gotta doubt your doubt. Now isn't that a great little flow? Yeah. Every time you get ready to get up in the morning, brush your teeth, you got to go "I got to doubt my doubt."

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Unless you got one of them sonic toothbrushes. You know what I'm talking about? [Brushing teeth sound].

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

But yeah, I mean, you got to get you got to get you got to doubt your doubt boy. I'm going to-- the first time I got my son to brush and the battery went out, it died. You know, you got exposed to charge that thing up. But it, it died. I was going, they don't even give you a warning of new. Oh, my goodness, what am I going to do to Quiller? Can't brush my teeth! My brain caught up with me a little bit ago, move your elbow.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

We can get some convenience oriented, even with a toothbrush, and if we can get convenience oriented with a toothbrush, can we not get convenience and comfort oriented when it comes to our Christian life? We don't want to be disturbed. God says you got to doubt your doubt, learn that concept. Now, how do we overcome our doubt? How do we really put it into focus to doubt our doubt? What does that mean? Is it just a thought or is it just a word? Do I just say to myself,

that's right. That's right, you got to learn to talk to yourself instead of allowing yourself to talk to you. This is so important. Don't you-don't think this is a simple step? This is extremely important. In order to live extreme faith, don't let self talk to you, but you need to talk to self. Are you guys embarrassed? I'm talking to you like a first grader.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

How do you doubt your doubt? You got to talk to yourself instead of allowing yourself to talk to you. How do you know if self is talking or if you are talking to self? Anyone got any ideas? That's why you leave most of the time the feet at Christian light, because you don't know the difference. Okay, I sort of--you got an idea?

Audience member:

[Unintelligible]

Ken Hutcherson:

He says, if you're talking, you're going to be talking about renewed things of God and the biblical things that God wants you to say and think about. Okay, and if self is talking to you.

Audience member:

[Unintelligible]

Ken Hutcherson:

Pessimism. Desires of the flesh. And doubt. That was a safe answer.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

What can--remind me of a little first graders in Sunday school and the teacher walked in and says, okay, listen up, what is great has a big bushy tail? Climb trees? He says okay, Johnny. He says Jesus.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Said, sounds like a squirrel to me, but I know the right answer is Jesus. So if you ever get-if you ever have any doubt, just use what? Doubt? Very good, man. That's right. The difference of knowing whether you're talking to self or self talking to you self is always pessimistic. We talk to yourself, whatever you stupid things like. You got to go slap that big ol black guy up there.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Said I want you to die, you know what I'm saying, self sabotage because of stupid self-pity. You don't have to put up with that. You have to go kill yourself. Every thought a homicide, comes from self talking to you instead of you talking to yourself. If, if, if if you and I had friends as negative as ourself, we would never put up with them and we wouldn't want to be around them at all. So why did you put up with self talk to you? And giving you negative thoughts? Is there one understanding me? We flew on the way to get over, and to realize that you gotta doubt your

doubt. How you do that is to make sure you are talking to self instead of allowing your self to talk to you, and to override the thing that brings them off down, called fear. Verse 24 Matthew 10. "Disciple is not above his teacher nor the servant above his lord. It is not enough for the disciples that he is like his teacher and the servant like is Lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more so they call you of his household who believes and acts like him if they hate it." Jesus Christ, who was perfect, who never sinned, who knew how to treat all people because He created all people, if they can come to hate Him and not like Him and think He's off and to want to kill Him, why do you think that everyone is going to like us?

You and I have got to come to the decision that if I'm going to live a life of extreme faith, I want to be like Jesus. And if I want to be like Jesus, I am going to be misunderstood by those who do not want to be like Jesus. It's that simple. Some of you saying a simple, but some of you are saying, I really don't want to live that. You see, I don't like to be disliked. I really don't you know why I don't like to be disliked when people like you, they give you things, just selfishly speaking. Can I get an amen?

Audience:

Amen.

Ken Hutcherson:

Yeah, we have someone just hate you. Walk up and say, man, I got a six hundred dollar watch. I hate your guts. Here. You have to give if they don't like you, they not only want to take your watch, they want to take the arm that the watch is on.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

I don't like to be disliked, but God says if you're gonna have in life, that is going to be an extreme faith type of life. Be ready for it. And if you anticipate it, you can never be surprised by it. Even when I'm going to speak to Christian groups, my biggest anticipation at times is that people are not going to like what I say. And if they don't like what I say, I can't be disappointed, upset, when they don't like it. The biggest problem with you and I, is we never attempt to make people dislike us by being like Jesus Christ. You got to get over that. Drop it. Drop it like a shot put.

Amen?

Audience:

Amen.

Ken Hutcherson:

You got to do it that way because it's the only way you're going to be able to turn the school around, just by one life. And it can be done. When I was in high school, my senior year in high school, I became a Christian. And I knew one thing, I was an honor roll student and I was just what they call a blue chip athlete. I could go anywhere, I wanted to go to school. I became a Christian around November of my senior year. By the time June rolled around, I had in class every morning before the first period, first period started at eight thirty in my high school. We met every morning at seven thirty. I had over one hundred and fifty students coming about a steady in the morning at my school between the between November and June. And this is a

secular school, they weren't a Christian school. Why? Because I was so out to Jesus Christ in such a way that everyone knew that God had changed and they wanted to know what has made the difference in your life, ask yourself the question, do people want to be around you because you are so different? They want to know where you get your power from, where you get your strength from, whether you get that smile from. With everyone know your life isn't going good, why is it that you have peace when there's no reason in your life to have peace? Don't you want to be the student that becomes that way at Biola?

And when I got my rookie year at Dallas, when I first got drafted, you're going to love this one. Overcoming this fear, don't talk about I was a rookie, I went into training camp. And all the guys was wondering what is wrong with that dude? When you come out, what do they call me, a religious demon? They said, no way in the world you can be a Christian, hit people the way you do, and then smile. Can I help you up? See you next play. They thought I was on something. That Dangerman, this guy, he's on something. And guys would come down and go, come on, man, tell us what? You don't have a clue. Because [unintelligible] I don't think you can handle my stuff then.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Isn't worth the time. I got some Jerusalem Gunji man, I'll knock your head off!

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

All day, though, I know you know something, man. I know you know something. The man after curfew tonight, when curfew goes off tonight and everyone goes to bed, you sneak down to my room, baby. And I bust it out.

[Audience and Ken Hutcherson laugh]

Ken Hutcherson:

That curfew come round about 11 o'clock, bam, all the lights off by 12:30, you hear footsteps coming down the hall going down. But I'm gonna go check, shut the door, man, and to sit down and sit on the bed, this stuff would knock you out. You know, it's going to be all right. And I walk over and I open my drawer and I come out and I go, Oh. I don't smoke with the word of God. Some Jerusalem borders overspray from Jerusalem. Are you crazy? You're crazy, as I may be crazy, but I'm not running around in somebody else's room trying to get strength. So let me tell you about Jesus Christ, my man. I mean, we let so many guys that get a lot of my crazy antics, it was unbelievable. I mean, a lot of guys off to a--they hey, man, you read the Bible and the first thing you do when you have a secular society with secular people that don't believe, read about it and you're quoting like you read about you, well, you know, sometimes accidentally falls open when I'm sitting there. Ah, you can just overact, as we were talking about ago. Yeah, I read the Bible. Don't you put them right back on the defense. We don't have to be on--we don't have to be on defense, guys. But you never do that if you came back to that. You never do that if you don't believe these three things about fear.

Are you ready? Then I'll give you an example of a woman most phenomenal story of doubt in your doubt in the Bible. Verse 26, it says, "Fear them not therefore, for there is nothing covert

that shall not be revealed and hidden shall not be known what I tell you in darkness that speak in light and what you hear in the ear that proclaim upon the housetops with your mouth." First thing he say is, if you're going to be a Christian, is going to live extreme faith and want with God, and do some magnificent things, and allow God to do some magnificent things through you. The first thing you got to do is not worry about what everyone is trying to do to you. Did you hear me? You cannot worry about all the schemes and all the ways that people is trying to bring you down. God has given us a promise right here, if someone is talking behind your back, if someone is planning to kill your reputation, if someone is planning on trying to prove that you're prideful, you shouldn't spend one moment, one second on worrying about it because God says everything they're trying to do in the dark, he's going to make sure you know about it.

How many of you believe God? Knows everybody's scheme, who's trying to get you? Let me see how many believe that. Why do you worry about what people think? Why is so many of us things, man, that, well, you know, I got such an inferiority complex, let me-let me show you how to get rid of that inferiority complex. Will that help anybody in here if I teach you how to get rid of inferiority complex? Guess what? I used to have an inferiority complex. I met Jesus, found out I was inferior. That got rid of the complex.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Oh, oh, I wanted something heavy, that's heavy! In Christ, I'm asking, I'm one of the king's children. Outside of it, I'm nothing. I'm just one puff away from being nothing, being and totally judged. Now, Christians, we are the only people that can afford to quit breathing. You know that.

So don't worry about what everyone thinks. Don't worry about people trying to undercut you. Don't worry about what they're doing behind your back. Don't worry about what they're saying. Don't worry of the smile on your face. And you know that going behind the target God says, fear that not because I will reveal anything that can hurt you. I am the great I am, and I am capable of taking care of anyone who's trying to get you from behind. If you learn to overcome that, you're learning that you down. Can I get an amen?

Audience:

Amen.

Ken Hutcherson:

How about an awoman?

Audience:

Awoman.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Whoahhhhh. Spiritual karate.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Hey, check it out, look at it, looks very funny, "And fear not them who killed the body but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear him, who is able to destroy both soul and body, and heal." Whoah. "Are not two sparrows sold for a Farthing and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father's knowledge." He says, if you're going to learn to live a life of faith that is to the extreme, that God wants to do great things to you and this is his everyday life is not talking about leaders, not talking about just preachers and not talking about just people that work at a church administrator. We're just talking about the everyday Christian. You can live this way. Don't worry about who can kill you physically. Be concerned about the one who can kill you spiritually. You know, I don't worry about me, I deal with people, I go, look, you can be one or two places in judgment. You can be at the weenie roast. You can be the weenie at the roast.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Can't hear you. Don't make it complicated, you believe in Jesus? Oh, no, you're going to fry like a Jimmy Dean sausage. Let me teach you how to get out of that frying pan. But, you know, sometimes. We do it and love the best way we can, but a good sense of humor would turn away a lot of wrath. You'd be amazed you can get so serious sometimes, you're not spiritually good. You got to enjoy life, folks, get the chips off your shoulders. Let me tell you something, you know, there's a lot of Christians that doesn't have the joy of law because of what has happened to them in their past. True or false? Let me tell you what happened to me. I became a Christian my senior in high school. And I went from hero to zero in a matter of a decision. Now you can go from the penthouse to the outhouse. That's what happened to me when I became a Christian. Before I was a Christian, I had all the African-Americans behind me. My junior year in high school, we did a

riot at our homecoming parade. You've got to be smart back in the south when I was growing up. We turned over float's. Had a couple of guys beat up the homecoming queen. And then told her she better be not telling about who it was. No teacher, no administration ever believed that an honor roll student would ever do stuff like that. It's always the troublemakers that does stuff like that guys don't get their grades. People would tell administration how much was involved with it, no way, not me. Not me.

Then my senior year I became a Christian. Why, they wouldn't have anything to do with me because I spent a lot of years beating them up. The blacks won't have anything to do with me because I sold out to the white man's God. Because I wouldn't fight anymore. Homecoming came up. I'm a senior in high school. 16 years old. The school got calls, Ku Klux Klan says we're going to kill that nigger if we don't do anything else. Got letters at the school, letters at my house. So is he playing the game tonight? He would not make it off the field. Now, I've been a Christian about a month. When I got these kind of threats. How would you handle it? You've got African-Americans saying they don't care because you're sold out, that your Uncle Tom and you are an Oreo, black on the outside want to be white inside. Why don't like me and then the Klu Klux Klan said they're going to kill me if I play in that game that night. How would you handle? I came to one realization, there's no need to fear. God, if I die, I'm better off. But no one is going to control me with fear. Because the worst thing they can do is kill me physically. God has given me a new life. I mean, after one month, I knew my life was so much better than all that mess I had been in before. So we went out on the field that night to play Cobb Avenue High School.

Now, forget it, it's a--in high school, I knew I was in trouble because the team would come in and we would call the play and then they all get away from me. Great camaraderie, one great support if I'm on the sideline, I'm standing right here, the rest of the team is down in the area. I'm by myself, just man, Jesus. I am sweating stress. On a 16 year old like you've never seen before. You know what happens at halftime? And the football game, anyone knows what happened at halftime of a football game. Pistol shot. How would you handle a pistol shot? When they want to say they're going to kill you if they get the chance. Halftime. Boom. I just took off running for the-for the dressing room. Everyone is coming in behind me, making sure they stay good, just don't want no blood on them. I ran into the locker room. Flat on my face, fainted colder than coal, just passed out because of so much stress. We went to halftime, then guess what you got to do? You got to go back out. And I'm getting up all the strength I can get, and see signs that you shouldn't go back out. So this-this just stands out as a coach, I'm a Christian, I'm not afraid of dying. I'm a little stressed out about maybe dying, but I'm not afraid to die.

I'm going back out. We went out to finish that game. What happens at the end of the game? Pistol shot. Here I come, the crowd comes down to gather round. And I'm saying, if they don't get me, they got to get me when I go through the crowd to get an address from them. And I just put my head, had my helmet still on, and I remember just running for the door and every step that I took, like that door got further and further away. I finally made in the dressing room. Past out colder than coal. But for the first time, my teammates, my coaches, the white players and black players, stay out of the game and after everyone left and they said, we're your teammates. And you don't have to stand alone. But it took that to override. Someone able to kill you physically if you want to live in extreme light, you must override the fear of someone taking

your life. Third, look at this. I love this. Verse 29, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them should not fall on the ground without your Father knowing, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered." And in my case, that makes it a lot easier. Amen?

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Don't laugh.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Some of you guys in here, got you guys, your hair is getting so thin you can blow dry with a flashlight.

[Ken Hutcherson and audience laugh]

Ken Hutcherson:

Oh, sorry. You know what they say, if you bald in front, you are a thinker.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

If you're bald in back, you're a lover. But if you're bald in front and back, you think you're a lover.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

I wonder what I am.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Listen to this, "But the very hairs of your head are numbered. Fear not therefore, you are more valuable than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confessed Me before man, him will I confess also before My Father, who is in heaven." The third fear you got to overcome if you're going to walk with God, with fearless faith, with an extreme faith, is you got to get over ever thinking that God does not care about every aspect of your life. He said, if I could care for the sparrow, aren't you much more important than that? Matthew six. You can never, ever doubt that God does not care about everything about you. You got to wipe out the fear that He will never forsake you or leave you. You got to wipe it out. You got to eliminate it as a doubt. And let me tell you something. When you overwrite those three fears and you learn how to do it now, you are a force to be reckoned with. You are a force that God can do whatever He wants through. You will be used greatly by God. How many minutes we got, Kathy, what time is it? Quarter to three, okay, let's get let's finish this up.

I want you to turn over to Matthew chapter 15, please hurry up, you got to listen a lot faster than what you're used to. Everyone go to Matthew 15. This is unbelievable. This is a woman who does everything that we've just talked about the last two days. Verse 21, "Then Jesus went from there and departed into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the name, out of the same borders and cried on him saying, Have mercy on me oh, Lord, the

son of David. My daughter is grievously vexed with the demon." Picture being a woman, a Canaanite who is despised by Jews. Jesus Christ is Jewish. How much pride do you have to swallow to come and beg a Jewish man to help you as a Canaanite? You got to swallow every bit of pride in the world, and it's very hard for you and I to relate what's happening here, but I'm going to make it very, very clear to you what's going to happen and what Jesus said to this woman. Please help me. She's making a spectacle of herself. You can do it, Jesus, help me, my daughter has a demon, she is sick. Help me. Basically, our society will say she's making a fool of herself. Listen to this, but He asked her, not He didn't even acknowledge her, and His disciple came after him saying, will you please send this woman away who is making a fool of herself and calling, while you know, we're not going to do anything for her. Now, I want to ask you a question here. You are a woman. Guys, use your imagination, okay? And at best, if your a guy got to pretend like a woman, pretend you're an ugly woman.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Coming up, and you are screaming in the middle of this crowd, help me Jesus, help me, and you have made a fool of yourself and Jesus says here, she is right here. She's screaming and yelling, disciples here, everyone here. And Jesus walks right by her. Doesn't even paying attention to it. Don't even say a word to her. Just dismisses her. Oh, that's a good brother word.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

You just got dissed by Jesus of all people.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

What would you do? Do you think at that moment she has a right to doubt? Can't hear you. Do you think for a moment she has a right to fear that Jesus don't care diddly squat about her? That He could care less, that you can and I don't, you know, don't--I'm Jesus. He didn't even say that he just walked by, you know, Jesus well, just like, you know, had to have a dip in his hip when the glad in his stride. I mean, he was Jesus. How would you feel about that time? Dissed. That's a good word. Didn't even acknowledge you, and then you got about 12 guys, you got 12 guys around, you're going to tell them to leave, just to get out of here, messing up our. How would you feel? Did you think, you think you'd be a--you have a little doubt in your mind? Time Jesus Christ just walked right by 12 guys to scream and get rid of, get rid of her. She's making a mess of our time. Think you got a little fear that the man that could heal your daughter and you pay attention, and maybe your daughter is going to remain that way for the rest of her life? And not only does He not care about you, He doesn't even care about your daughter. How many you wouldn't give up at that time and leave the church, leave that meeting and say, Jesus, it don't work. I tried. He didn't even work. I prayed about it. He didn't even answer.

Deep down, I'll tell you what Jesus is saying. Don't give up, girl. Don't lose doubt. How's this, "But He answered and said, I am sent but to the lord chief of the House of Israel." In other words, Jesus says, I came for the Israelites, I came for the Jews. I didn't come for Canaanites. Now, if He walked by, you then get you confused and get you upset and get you fearful and you make it out, you just heard Him say, I didn't come down here for anyone but the Jews. How

would you feel? Dissed. How would the rest of you feel? Would you have some doubt? If you're going to do something great for God and God's going to come through for you, what do you got to do with your doubt?

Audience:

Doubt your doubt.

Ken Hutcherson:

Doubt your doubt. And you got to keep after Him, even though it looks like He don't pay any attention, like He doesn't even care and like He's not going to do anything but put you down some more. Look at this. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. Oh, my goodness, He is totally just ignored her. The other guys are screaming at Him to get rid of her. He says, I didn't come down here to help anyone but Israel. And this woman came and worshipped him. Fell at His feet and said, Lord, help me. I wouldn't have been a Christian, would have already given up by now. The average Christian commitment to God is like the kamikaze pilot, they flew 30 missions.

[Audience laughs]

Ken Hutcherson:

Some of you'll get it on the way home. This is this--we got like five minutes. Then came she again and worship him, saying, Lord, help me, but He answered her and said it is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs. Jesus Christ called this woman a dog. You don't understand the emphasis of that statement, do you? Let me let me make it very relevant to you.

Let me make it very relevant to you right now. You know what Jesus did? Because Jews are not supposed to like gentile's. They call them a very derogatory word, called dogs. Jesus called this woman a dog. How do you feel? Totally dissed. You think He cares about you? No. Got disciples, 12 of them, screaming that to get this woman out of here, she worships him anyway, and then He turns around and says, I can't give it to you. This is meant for the children, in other words, this bread was meant for white people. How can I get bread to get out of my life? That is the same emphasis. I came to help white people get out away from I can't get what I came to give white people to black people, get out of here. I mean, that was, would--especially if he was black. How many of would say that's a white man's religion? I don't want no part of this.

But listen to what that woman says, because she knows how to doubt a doubt and she knows she's being tested by God because she knows God is a god of love and she knows God, even though it seems like that He doesn't care about it. She knows He cares about it. And she looks up at him and says, even the dogs get the bread that falls from the table. And Jesus says, Wow. Yes. Honey, you pass the test, your child is healed. You don't think that woman got up from this? Ran home, grabbed that little girl and says, oh, you here. This is a moment. I'm healed. All because. She knew how to doubt her doubt. She knew how to override her fear. And she knew how to trust a God who loved her, even though His actions and His way seem like He didn't. I only need one. I only need one. Here at Mount. That could believe that way, and great things. What happened? Great things. Which thou knoweth not. Call unto Me, and I will show you great, mighty things. Jeremiah 33:3. Isaiah 55:10-11, "His ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. As the heavens is above the earth, so is His thoughts above our thoughts. And His

ways above our ways. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Just one of you. Father, thank You so much for being our God, and thank You for allowing us to see in just a glimpse, just a small way, of what it means to learn to doubt our doubt, to override our fears, to understand why You sent us. So that we can walk with You to the end. I pray for these students, Lord, that You impress upon them the awesome power that You have. That You want to use through them. But You got to let them see little by little, every low on as they submit to You. Father, pray for at least one. That we hear this word this week. And we'll believe it with all their hearts. In Jesus' name, amen.