

THANK GOD FOR THE ROPE HOLDERS

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Scripture Reading: Acts 9 vs 1-25

This is a well known famous story. I would like to talk this morning about the 'Rope Holders'. They were anonymous. That is the way God sometimes has it. Sometimes he has his specials who seem to rise to the heights like Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the Apostle. But if it wasn't for the rope holders Saul of Tarsus would never have been Paul the Apostle. That is why I believe this morning that this is a message to brother anonymous and sister insignificant.

[Verse 8] "Then Saul arose from the ground and when his eyes were opened he saw no-one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus". That is the reason why you need to be around when people get saved because when they open their eyes they might not see anything. That is why they need your help. They need you to take their hand to guide them, to lead them to a place of safety and fellowship and encouragement.

[Verse 10] "Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias". Thank God for the Ananias's. "And to him the Lord said in a vision "Ananias". He just mentioned his name and Ananias said "Here I am Lord". Perfect obedience. Where can I find somebody to do an errand for me? "Here I am Lord". Not "I'll see you in a week. Let me get sorted out Lord. There are things I need to repent of. There are things that I need to address and then I will be ready". No, "Here I am Lord". You need to be in a state of readiness for action. You need to be ready for action at any time.

[Verse 11] "For behold he is praying". Here is a new Christian and the first thing he is doing is praying. Don't tell me you cant pray when you are just saved. That is how you 'get saved' 'you pray'.

Saul of Tarsus is just saved and he sees visions. How many people have seen a vision? We need more people seeing visions and dreaming dreams because "in the last days your young men shall dream dreams and your old men shall see visions. We need to be open to God visiting us in the dream and in the vision. That is what is going to happen in the last days. You need to keep your mind open, your heart open, not for yoga but for the Holy Spirit. Not for just anything to enter your head but for the Spirit of the Lord to show you things.

The Lord said "there is a man called Ananias coming to see you". He had never met him before in his life but his name was Ananias.

[Verse 15] "But the Lord said to him go". Lets not have a deliberation here, just do what you are asked. Lets not have a debate, a discussion, just obey. Ever been there? I don't understand everything Lord, I am not sure about this but I need to go because I am compelled.

[Verse 16] Listen to this for a C.V. "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake". If the Lord Jesus said to you "I am calling you to suffer for my name's sake". Would you go? "I am calling you to suffer, I am not calling you to win the millions. I am not calling you to be a preacher, I am calling you to suffer for My name's sake". Would you go?

[Verse 18] "Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales and he received his sight at once and he arose and was baptised". When God sends you something happens.

Here is a new Christian and he is only 3 days saved and he is in the tank. "I am thinking about it". You don't need to think about it, you just obey.

[Verse 22] "But Saul increased all the more in strength". He didn't stay a novice. There are people saved 30 years and you haven't moved on. You need to grow, He wants you to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

The man who wrote "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation unto those who believe". Was the church's greatest opponent – Saul of Tarsus time became her greatest advocate. Her greatest danger became her greatest asset. When we look around us today, we look at people and have said "he could never change, God could never do anything with him or her or whatever". God can save anybody. Jesus Christ can change anyone. The Holy Spirit can transform even the people we think He couldn't. No matter who they are and no matter what their background.

Here we see Saul and his former lifestyle. He was breathing out threats against the church and the followers of Jesus. So passionate and radical about his religion he went and asked for arrest warrants so that if he met any Christians he could arrest and torture them, even imprison them and hopefully have them killed. But on the road to Damascus to do his dastardly deed, the Lord Jesus intercepted and arrested him. He was arrested under section 9 of the New Testament Act. Arrested on the Damascus road.

Notice, he is saved, blind, helpless and there were people there sent to minister. Every new lamb in this church needs someone to visit them. Every young Christian needs someone to speak into their life words of welcome, words of encouragement, words of acceptance and assimilation. He is introduced to the church through a man who was a servant called Ananias. He was just "a certain disciple". It wasn't "the pastoral visit". It wasn't the Reverend So and So who was sent to Saul of Tarsus. It says "and there was a certain disciple". In other words one of the church. When people get saved on a Sunday night, find out where they are from. Go out of your way to find out where they are from. If they are from your area, don't be asking me to go and visit them, you visit them. We will be there at some point because we want to and that is the leadership team. But if you know of anybody in your area, 'you go' and visit them and make them feel welcome. Don't be going and filling their head full of rubbish or giving them literature that is controversial or literature that will bamboozle them. Keep it simple, pray with them and love them and receive them in the name of the Lord.

Saul was introduced into the church and then he is introduced to the ministry. He is only saved and then he begins to preach the gospel. The night I was saved I wanted to tell the world and I have never lost that nor do I want to lose that. I wanted to tell everybody I met and everybody I do meet about Jesus Christ. Saul's ministry began the day he got saved. Your ministry begins the day you get saved, not 12 months after your probation. There is no probation. You earn the right to speak into others by letting Jesus change your life. People will see the change and they will listen to you.

In the midst of it all, conspiracy and controversy arise. If you are doing anything for God, the enemy will throw a spanner in the works called controversy and conspiracy. People didn't like what Saul was saying because it was hitting home and alas they conspired to kill him. So we have **Saul in his former life**, in his **conversion**, in his **introduction to the church**, and the **conspiracy to kill him**. Every 3 minutes there are people martyred for Christ. That takes somebody to conspire against them to go out of their way to plot their death.

Finally we have Saul and his companions. "Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus". Another version says "Saul spent a few days getting acquainted with the Damascus disciples". Immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues [verse 20]

that he is the Son of God. That is the first time that you hear Saul writing that Jesus is the Son of God. That is his testimony. He realised on the Damascus road that Jesus was not only the Messiah but He actually was the Son of God. He mentioned the Son of God in his Epistles.

“But Saul increased all the more”. I am 24 years saved. I believe in my own heart that I have grown and increased but I would like to increase more and more before I leave this life. I want a momentum of God’s moving in my life to increase more and more. If we go on the way we are going, this church is going to affect people across the world. We are going to increase more and more if we are willing.

He is **gloriously converted**, he is **personally committed** & **divinely commissioned**. There are people who are saved today but they are stuck. There are people sitting here today and you have been gloriously converted but you are not personally committed. You have been lifted from the mire but you are not serving the Son. You are too busy wrapped up in your own package, in your own importance. He was personally committed. “Saul immediately preached Christ in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. He increased all the more in strength and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus proving that Jesus is the Christ. So he was gloriously converted then he was personally committed but he was then divinely commissioned. He was to go, he was to obey and he was to suffer. Saul increased all the more in strength. William Barclay says “but Saul’s power grew even greater”. The Message says “but their suspicions didn’t slow Saul for even a minute. His momentum was up now and he ploughed straight into the opposition. He was fearless”. If we are going to win this town we need to remove all fear of people, peer pressure and what other people think of us. If we get into that we are going to get locked up and imprisoned spiritually.

Paul began to preach the Christ. Notice the enthusiasm of a new convert. If you want the church to do outreach, get the new converts to do it. They are full of beans and buttermilk. How many people remember the night or the morning you got saved? You would have jumped over this pulpit. Where are you now? “Oh I am reserved”. What you mean is you are retired. You have retired yourself. Immediately Paul began to preach. Start right where you are right now. Don’t wait until later in a safer place, start right where you are.

I remember getting saved and on the Monday morning clocking in at the factory. There was a girl in my class at school and her tongue was about 10 feet long. She just loved to talk. My daddy gave me a wee Jesus Saves badge and he told me to put it on my jacket and he gave me a handful of tracts. Then he said “if anybody asks you just give them a tract and invite them to church. Don’t be getting into it all. Just tell them you love the Lord Jesus and you are saved”. I remember clocking in and she was clocking in at the same time. When I clocked in and turned round she saw the Jesus Saves badge and she let out a laugh “ah McKim you are not a holy roller are you”. I said “I am alright. What’s that to you?” She said “when did that happen?” I said “last night, I got saved in Whitewell. Here take that leaflet and read it and you are invited to come”. She put it in her pocket and within 5 minutes the whole factory knew that I was saved. She told everybody. God knows how to put people in the right place at the right time. Then the owner of the actual company came down and I was working away at the bench and he said “excuse me what’s all this?” I said “what’s what?” He pointed to my badge which I had put into my overalls. He said “Christian”. I said “yes”. He said “that’s a bit extreme, from one extreme to the other, the maze prison and now”. I said “that’s right, I was in Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle last night. I heard the gospel, I got saved. Jesus Christ came into my life and he saved me. By the way he can save you too”. He said “get on with your work son”.

But from the very first moment I have told people about Jesus and I have wanted to do that ever since. When you get into a rut and you don’t want to, you need to get out of that rut.

You need to get back to your first love. You need to get back to it. Don't wait until later for a safer place at a better time. Start right where you are. There is no place like the 'now'. Paul remained with the disciples in Damascus for some time but immediately he began to preach and he increased the momentum.

Between verses 22 and 23 there is a 3 year gap. It doesn't say it but it says it in Galatians 1 vs 17 & 18. Paul stayed there and then he went to a place called Arabia. He began to witness and then the Lord took him to the wilderness. He gave his testimony and then he needed to hear direction from God. The next 3 years approximately he spent in Arabia alone with Christ. I wonder why it was 3 years. Was that because he missed out on the apostles? They spent 3 years with Jesus? Now he was spending 3 years alone with Christ. I don't know but it says in verse 23 "now after many days". According to Galatians 1, when he left Damascus the second time he went straight to Jerusalem and according to Galatians 1 vs 17, it was 3 years from his conversion that he had went to Jerusalem. So he spent 3 years somewhere in Arabia. Sometimes you have got to get alone with God. You have got to know God's will for your life, you have got to know what He wants you to do. You have got to spend time alone with Him away from the public view.

Now 3 years later he is back in Damascus and he is preaching even better and with greater effect. So much so that in verse 23 the Jews plotted to kill him. If you preach the undiluted gospel of Jesus Christ with passion and power, your life will be in danger. There will be a reaction. Notice the enthusiasm of the new convert. He immediately preached the gospel. Three years later we have the passion of a mature believer. He didn't lose it. He didn't settle down or rustle himself into a nest and cluck like a chicken. Paul returned to where he had started, enthusiastic as ever before but more passionate than before. He returned preaching the very same message.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has changed his message. Many of those Archbishops and all the rest of them, do you know why they can't stand up against Peter Tachell? Because they themselves are playing around with homosexuality. That is why they can't say anything. The message has been diluted and it has lost its power through human beings. He returned preaching the very same message that he preached at the very beginning only with greater and more mature effect. That is what many preachers need to do. They need to go back to what they started preaching - the simple straightforward gospel of Jesus Christ as you did at the start. That is what the Jews reacted to – the same message. They reacted to him.

So we have Paul's conversion and his commitment. Then there is the conspiracy against him. But I want to finish by talking about Paul's companions.

Paul met Jesus. Paul met Ananias who introduced him to the church. Paul met opposition but finally Paul met opportunism in the form of the rope holders. This message is about them because in them I see some of you. The rope holders. After a while the Jewish leaders determined to kill him but Paul was told about their plans that they were watching the gates of the city day and night prepared to murder him. Many cities were surrounded by walls. Some of the walls were thick where you could have chariot races on the top of them. That is how thick they were. People lived in the city walls. Their houses were there. In a house on the city wall where Paul was staying. During the night some of his converts, the people he led to Jesus, the people he pointed to Christ, let him down in a basket or a hamper in an opening through a city wall. Here is the New Testament's "Hole in the Wall Gang".

Three times you will read about ropes, baskets, people escaping. In Joshua 2 vs 15 we are reminded that Rahab a prostitute helped two of the Israeli spies to escape. How did they do

it? Rahab the prostitute let them down by a rope through a window for her house was on the city wall, she dwelt in the wall.

There is another place where many of us forget and maybe haven't read. The lady's name is Michal and she was married to young David. Remember she despised him when he danced before the Lord? She can't have been all that hard because when her daddy King Saul came and surrounded the house and was ready to kill David, in I Samuel 19 Saul sent messengers to David's house and to watch him and to kill him in the morning. Michal David's wife (Saul's daughter) told him "if you do not save your life tonight tomorrow you will be killed. So Michal let David down through a window and he fled and escaped. Do you know what she did? She also put stuff in the bed as if there was a body. Read it yourself. I Samuel 19. Whenever Saul's messengers came in and seen they thought they had him and when they went to dive on him it was just pillows or something.

Years ago, we had an early morning prayer meeting in the Christian Centre on a Wednesday morning. We used to have it once a week. I remember going in one morning and a wee sister called Ella Lawson who is up in years now, but used to come here to the services. She came in at 6.15 a.m. I said "Ella, what are you doing here at this time of the morning? I didn't expect you to come". She said "I am here but I am not really supposed to be here. He doesn't know I am out of bed". I said "what do you mean?" She said "I put pillows down so that when he turns round he will think I am still there". That is what she did to get to the prayer meeting!

This incident highlights a couple of things that I want to share with you. First of all it is a witness to Paul's courage. Tonight we will be talking about people who gambled with their lives for Christ. If we live in a comfort zone for the rest of our Christian life we will accomplish nothing. You have got to step out of the comfort zone and out of the norm. If you stay in the status quo you will accomplish and achieve nothing. Now you will get there in the end but there will be nothing said about you because you have done nothing. I am saying this for a reason. There are people who gambled or risked their lives in order to promote the gospel of Jesus. Tonight we will be talking about some of them.

It is a witness of Paul's courage. He must have seen the threat gathering against him in the synagogue. He must have heard them in the church services, nipping, standing in the corner chin wagging. He must have seen them and then went over and said "how are you doing brother?" "Oh I am fine". Then when he went away, they would start again. He must have seen the threat gathering. He knew what happened to Stephen - he was stoned to death. He knew and probably felt the indifference and hostile attitude toward him especially when he had come from a similar background to that of the angry Jews. He knew what his attitude was like then and what he intended to do with the followers of Jesus as Saul of Tarsus. Now the shoe was on the other foot, he was looking from the other side of the fence - the believers side and it didn't look very safe. He probably recalled Christ's words of truth, honesty and reality that "he was a chosen vessel and that he would go and suffer many things for Christ's name sake".

Christianity for Paul wasn't going to be a bed of roses or the red carpet treatment of honour and respect. Rather it was to be a life of danger and denial, trouble and trial, hardship and heartbreak. But also one of joy and victory. In spite of all the opposition such difficulties became opportunities for Paul to declare his love and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ.

As they plotted to assassinate him, how they discovered the plot, we don't know. Paul's letter to the Corinthians gives us an insight. If you read II Corinthians 11 vs 32 & 33 we read "In Damascus under the Governor Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped from his hands".

Acts 9 vs 24 reads “But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him”. That is what they were doing, they were going to kill their target but we see Paul’s courage, he kept preaching. I seen last night on the news, some of the Church of England ministers writing posters in support of the gays. They are trying to get some sort of compromise going. Before they know it, the Church of England will lose its teeth and its identity. Homophobia is going rampant now, you are not allowed to say anything about gays. It is a gospel of hate, that is why Peter Tachell said last night “come and burn me or stone me to death or kill me because that is what the Word of God says”. We live in a civilised society, what the bible says is that we should have nothing more to do with that kind of stuff. If you have repented of your sin you do kill it. Homosexuality or adultery, you should have nothing more to do with it. In other words it is repentance, a change of lifestyle.

Secondly it is a witness to the effectiveness of Paul’s preaching. There are some people and when they preach they are like a dog barking at the moon, there is nobody listening because they haven’t got anything to say. There is no weight behind what they are saying because they haven’t spent time in God’s presence, they haven’t searched the scriptures, they haven’t prepared a message, they haven’t received a Word from the Lord so therefore when they get up to speak they want to say something but they have nothing to say and nobody listens. You think how many sermons are preached all over the land today. How many people’s lives are going to be changed?

Paul encountered Jesus Christ. He preached the Word of God alive in his life. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. He moved in the supernatural power of God’s anointing when the Jews were helpless in debate they resorted to violence. See when they can’t get you and trip you up in the Word of God they will try and hit you and hurt you and persecute you. That is what happens. No-one listens to a man who is not anointed. I wouldn’t. Would you listen to someone who is not anointed? If you do, you are wasting your time.

No-one takes notice of those who are not effective. No-one bothers, not even the devil. Anyone who is not creating ripples. No-one persecutes a man who is not doing anything for God. The devil doesn’t have to worry that thousands of preachers are speaking in pulpits across the land this morning. Why? Because they are ineffective. Infact he is allowing them. I believe there are dead men speaking dead sermons to dead people today.

George Bernard Shaw said “the biggest compliment you can give an author is to burn his books”. Someone else said “a wolf will never attack a painted sheep”. Counterfeit Christianity is always safe. Real Christianity can damage your health. That means you must be being effective for Christ if you are creating a reaction as well as a response. When we go to the open airs, more so when we are at the Steeple, the police used to come every week because of the reaction from some of the shop owners. They used to say “its too noisy, that shouting and singing its too noisy”. Yet when there is a brass band there, nobody says anything about the noise. Its not about the noise, its about the content. It is about the gospel of Christ, it creates a reaction.

To suffer persecution for Christ’s sake is to be paid the greatest compliment because it is the certain proof that men think we really matter, we have got something to say. What do they think of you in work? “Its just him”. Or do they say “I can’t go to him because I know what he will say, he talks the truth”. There are people have left this church because I told them the truth and they didn’t like it. They wanted me to scratch their ears and tell them things that were nice, not honest. When you talk honesty they leave because they don’t want to hear the truth. I am not talking about people who are not saved. I am talking about people who are saved. That is the price that I pay because I believe that I have to honour the Lord by speaking the truth.

The reaction to Linda last week from a cowardly anonymous individual tells me Linda must be doing something right because the enemy is not happy. When you do something that is right the enemy will try and take you down and take you out. We must be causing a reaction and ruffling or rattling somebody's cage. Paul's preaching created a reaction.

Finally, it is a witness to Paul's companions. [Acts 9 vs 24-25] "After many days were passed they tried and plotted to kill him. But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket". Thank God for the rope holders of that basket. Thank God for people who held the rope in order for God's servant to escape. Remember when Paul was first saved those same rope holders were cautious of his conversion yet they willingly accepted his testimony. They gave Saul the benefit of the doubt. Remember when Paul was beginning to preach, they too were conscious of God's anointing upon his ministry and were delighted by its results. When Paul's ministry brought controversy and conflict they were inspired by his undaunting love and boldness, his loyalty was unmoving toward the Lord Jesus and they knew Paul was one of them and he wouldn't leave.

When they had watched the reactions, were conscious of the conspiracy and were aware of the plot against Paul they knew it was time to protect God's servant. There are times we have to protect each other. We need to protect each other from wolves in sheep's clothing and from outside adversity. Paul was God's servant but to the rope holders he was their brother in Christ. So they acted with care and calculated craftiness to allow Paul to escape. Another translation says "the disciples engineered his escape by lowering him over the wall in a basket. They engineered, they had a plan, they needed to get him out. "Then the disciples". Who? The believers in Damascus that Paul had been going to arrest and persecute. Then the disciples took him, the guy who was their former persecutor but now their brother in Christ, God's servant, a powerful preacher, a mighty soul winner. They took him like Gideon and his helpers, they took him by night and let him down by the wall in a basket. They didn't let him out of the gates where the trap was set but out by the wall like Rahab did with the spies. (The basket that was a common storage space or a food hamper, became a catalyst for freedom).

In Matthew 10 vs 23 Jesus said "when they persecute you in this city, flee to another". Paul wasn't for hanging around to be martyred. He had too much to live for, too much to do, too many cities to visit, too many souls to reach. Paul wasn't for staying and facing an early death, he had a destiny and it wasn't ending quickly in Damascus. In fact he had to live another 28 years. Paul knew if he stayed he would die. The plot had been uncovered, the Holy Spirit had impressed to leave, the church had to help with his escape so the rope holders played a vital role in the plan and purpose of God.

Had it not been for the ingenuity, opportunism and the endearment of those rope holders, the Apostle Paul would never have made it out of Damascus alive. Souls would not have been saved, churches would not have been pioneered and most of the New Testament would not have been written. You and I would have lost one of God's greatest assets to his work for this church. But for those rope holders, Paul's testimony, ministry and effectiveness would have been destroyed. The rope holders helped God's servant escape. Their ingenuity was brilliant. Their creativity was superb, their ministry was vital, their responsibility was essential and their faithfulness was absolutely paramount. Folks, we need rope holders. Have you got the qualifications of a rope holder? We need people who are going to be faithful, not here one minute and away the next. Don't be offended at that, just ask God to make you faithful. Don't fight with me about that, ask Him to make you faithful. Don't be taking an umbrage with me. Don't be hanging me.

Listen to the Word of God. II Timothy 2 vs 2 says "you therefore my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus and the things that you have heard from me among many

witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also". Faithful men, not any kind of man or woman. We need the rope holders to be faithful, to be dependable. Lets be honest, if I am hanging in the basket and you have got hold of the rope, can I depend on you that you are not going to let it go? Can we depend on you that you are not going to let go? Are you able, are you reliable, are you responsible, are you accountable? These were anonymous men, they didn't have a position, they didn't have a title they were just there. They were followers of Christ who were willing to take the strain, to hold the rope to play their part to help at this time of persecution, this time of slander, allegation and even attack.

I thank God for the time that I have had alone with God in my home and with Linda and the kids. But I dearly thank God for the rope holders in The Peoples Church. There are people who are here every meeting, they are holding the rope, they are taking their strain, carrying the weight, they are holding their end of the rope and they are helping in the work of God.

Paul escaped death by the help of anonymous rope holders who fulfilled their high calling and God given destinies by holding onto a rope that in turn let down a basket within which was a preacher hidden inside to escape. This allowed God's servant to escape so that he could preach the gospel again to win more souls, to pioneer new churches and to write most of the New Testament. To inspire many young men and women not to give up, to instruct many an assembly to keep living in holiness and to learn how to hold a rope for other servants of God today.

We are holding ropes today for others that we serve. We are holding the rope for them by bringing them to the throne of grace. Proverbs 17 vs 17 says "a friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversary". The amplified version says "a brother is born as a brother for adversary". The Message says "friends love through all kinds of weather and families stick together in all kinds of trouble. Friends come and friends go but a true friend sticks by you like family". Thank God for the rope holders, men who were not afraid to help God's servant. Men who never wavered or were found wanting in the face of danger. The Peoples Church needs rope holders.

Chuck Swindoll said "put a scrap of paper out of your memory bank and see how well you do with the following questions.

- Who taught Martin Luther his theology and inspired his translation of the New Testament?
- Who visited Dwight L. Moody at a shoe shop and spoke to him about Jesus?
- Who worked alongside and encouraged Harry Ironside as his associate Pastor?
- Who was the wife of Charles Hadden Spurgeon?
- Who was the elderly women who prayed faithfully for Billy Graham for 20 years?
- Who financed William Carrie's ministry in India?
- Who helped Charles Wesley get underway as a composer of hymns?
- Who found the dead sea scrolls?
- Who taught Campbell Morgan, the peerless expositor his techniques in the pulpit?
- Who followed Hudson Taylor and gave the China Inland Mission its remarkable vision and direction?
- Who disciplined George Muller and snatched him from a sinful lifestyle?
- Who were the parents of the Godly and gifted Prophet Daniel?

Well how did you do? Before you excuse your inability to answer these questions by calling the quiz trivia, better stop and think. Had it not been for such unknown persons, such no-bodies, a huge chunk of church history would be missing and a lot of lives would have been untouched".

It doesn't matter who they were, but they played a part. They held the rope for others to succeed.

Would you let me hold your rope this morning? Would you let me take the strain this morning, would you let me carry the weight in order to release you to escape to do something brilliant with your life for God? Had it not been for those rope holders we would never have had a great church today. I say that with all due respect. God had his rope holders in position for Paul to escape. Today we are here because they held true to their testimony. Do you want to be a rope holder? Your name is not attached to it. It is an anonymous thing. It is a trivial thing but it is vital because it is going to help others escape to their destiny. You may not be talked about, your name may not be in big lights but it will be recorded in heaven that you held the rope to let him succeed.

I don't want a platform for my ministry and I really don't want to go round the world and preach but if God opens the door, if He does open the door and I go through it, I need people here to hold the rope in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Lets bow in prayer.