Brother Brian, don't put this thing on.
Yeah, can you hear me?
Can you hear me now?
Yeah.
It's good to be here tonight.
It's good to see your faces out.
I need your prayers, absolutely.
I'm as nervous as I've ever been.
Every time I get up here, I'm nervous, and I know you are too.
Because this is serious.
When we open the Word of God, it's very serious.
And I need your prayers.
I hope you get something out of the lesson tonight.
If you do, give God the honor and glory.
I guess I've studied as much as I've ever studied on a
lesson, and I still don't feel really comfortable about this.
But I'm never comfortable when I get up here, though.
I guess that's part of it.
I'm not bringing anything new to you tonight.
Matter of fact, what I'm going to try to teach on, you've
heard it over and over again from a child, I guess.
But I'm going to be in Exodus chapter 15.
Deborah asked me last night, I said, what are you teaching on?
I said, well, I give her a subject, but it's changed.
I felt pretty comfortable about what I told
her last night, but part of that is still true.
But I just don't have time to cover all of that
that I was intentionally going to talk about.
But I need your prayers.
I need the Lord's help tonight.
But Exodus chapter 15, I think we're all familiar
with the story of the parting of the Red Sea.
But are you familiar with what happened immediately after that?
And that's in Exodus chapter 15.
But I want to go back to chapter 14 and look at a few things, a few scriptures.
I'm going to kind of skip around tonight and look at
some scripture and remember what happened before this.
You know, the history of the children of Israel was kind of up and down.
They would praise God one time and then go off and do
something else that's not in his will another time.
And I'm not criticizing them.
We have to be careful or we'll do the same thing.
And all of this was written for our learning and our admonition
that we might not do some of the same things that they did.
We're living in the best of times, aren't we?
We've got the Bible.
We've got the Word of God.
And y'all pray for me that I'll always rightly divide that.
But the children of Israel was always complaining to Moses.
Bless Moses' heart.

He put up with a lot, didn't he?
But if you go back to chapter 14 and look at verse 11,
they were approaching, crossing the Red Sea.
They looked behind them and what did they see?
They saw all these Egyptians coming after them.
And here's what they told Moses in verse 11.
In chapter 14.
Randy, did you get Wayne?
Okay.
I'm going to skip around.
That's okay.
Verse 11.
And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt,
hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?
Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us to carry us forth out of Egypt?
Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying,
Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?
For it had been better for us to serve the
Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.
That's a sad state to be in.
God had just delivered them out from under the Egyptian bondage.
But here they are saying,
Well, why didn't you just leave us alone and let us serve the Egyptians
instead of carrying us out into the wilderness
and letting us die?
And you go on down to verse 22.
Again, I'm skipping around,
just getting a little background here before we get to chapter 15.
And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground,
and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.
That was an amazing sight to see, wasn't it?
They had witnessed this.
They looked back and saw that.
We're talking about probably a million people,
maybe even more,
that crossed the Red Sea.
God parted it,
and it says they went across on dry ground.
I don't believe there was a bit of mud there.
Do you, Brother Alton?
I don't believe there was no mud at all.
But God had a plan.
God had a plan for them.
Verse 23.
And the Egyptians pursued.
God knew what was going to happen, didn't he?
He's an all-knowing God.
And the Egyptians pursued and went in after them to the midst of the sea,
even all Pharaoh's horses and his chariots and his horsemen.
And we know what happened.

They went in.
The waters came across.
And it says in verse 29,
But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea,
and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians,
and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians,
and the people feared the Lord and believed the Lord and his servant Moses.
They witnessed this firsthand, folks.
You know they had to be excited and happy about this.
So let's look at what happened afterwards.
There's a couple of things in chapter 15 that I want to try to get across tonight.
You have probably the first occurrence in the Bible of a song in chapter 15.
It's a song of redemption, a song of praise.
And you know God saved us.
He brought us out from the Egyptian bondage.
He brought us out from the bondage of sin.
And let us cross the Red Sea.
And he delivered us as Christians.
I'll never be able to repay him for that.
And I've said this before.
I don't think he wants us to repay him.
I can't repay him.
But I can live for him.
That's all he asks us to do is to live for him.
But you know they had to be excited.
And again, remember, we're talking probably
about a million people, maybe even more here.
It was a great miracle, one of the greatest miracles in the Bible.
When God parted the Red Sea and allowed the children of Israel to go across,
and the Egyptians followed,
and they looked back and they were all dead, folks.
What the Bible says in verse 39,
thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians,
and Israel saw the Egyptians, what?
Dead upon the seashore.
Now, let's look at chapter 15.
By the way, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to speak up.
You're not going to bother me at all.
I appreciate any comments or questions as far as that goes.
Verse 15, chapter 15, verse 1.
Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord and spake,
saying,
I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
Brother Alton, who was the song leader?
It was Moses, wasn't it?
Moses led this.
But it says, then sang Moses and the children of Israel.

Can you imagine the voices that went up on this song?
Multitudes of people.
They had just saw, they had just witnessed what the Lord had done for them.
You would think that they would never cross the Lord anymore.
You would think that they would never disobey God after seeing all that.
But again, let's be careful.
We'll do the same thing.
And I guess I need to speak for myself, not you.
But the Lord has gloriously saved me.
And I've got a better place to go than this.
And I always want to remember what the Lord has done for me.
Yes, I failed him in my Christian life.
But I'm thankful for his grace.
I'm thankful for his mercy tonight.
Thankful for his forgiveness.
What a song this must have been.
It's a lengthy song.
I don't think this is something that took two or three days to think on.
I think they, the Lord put this in their heart.
And they sang it that way.
Verse 2.
I love verse 2.
Because there's a little two-letter word that's
mentioned over and over again in verse 2.
The Lord, let me read it and then we'll go back.
The Lord is my strength and song and he has become my salvation.
He is my God and I will prepare him an habitation.
My Father's God and I will exalt him.
It's personal.
It's personal.
Salvation is personal.
You look at verse 2.
The Lord is what?
My strength.
And song.
And he has become my salvation.
He is my God and I will prepare him an
habitation, my Father's God, and I will exalt him.
You know, when God saved us, he put a song in our heart.
I'm not a very good singer, but he put a song in my heart.
I'll sing one day with those glorious voices.
Verse 3.
The Lord is a man of war.
The Lord is his name.
Verse 4.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea.
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
Verse 5.
The depths have covered them.
They sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power.
Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
They knew who saved them.
They was giving God the honor and glory for that, not man.
Verse 7.
And in the greatness of thine excellency, thou
hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.
Thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.
Verse 8.
And with the blast of thy nostrils, the waters were gathered together.
The flood stood upright as in heat.
And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
Verse 9.
The enemy said, I will pursue.
I will overtake.
I will divide the spoil.
My lust shall be satisfied upon them.
I will draw my sword.
My hand shall destroy them.
Verse 10.
Thou didst blow with thy wind.
The sea covered them.
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
You know, while they were under the Egyptian
bondage, they saw all kind of worship, didn't they?
All types of gods.
But here they say in verse number 11, who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?
You know, they had witnessed false worship.
They had witnessed all of these idol gods that the Egyptians were worshiping.
They said, who's like unto thee, O God?
You're the one.
You're the one that's rescued us.
You're the one that has redeemed us, that saved us.
Verse 12.
Thou stretchest out thy right hand.
The earth swallowed them.
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed.
Thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.
Verse 14.
This is still the song that they're singing here.
Verse 14.
The people shall hear and be afraid.
Sorrow shall take hold of the inhabitants of Palestine.
Verse 15.
Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed.
The mighty men of Moab.
Trembling shall take hold upon them.
All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

I'm going to stop there for just a second.
Forty years later.
About forty years later.
Rahab the spy.
Rahab hid those spies.
And she told them, we've heard about this.
We've heard.
By word of mouth.
We've heard that the Lord had parted the Red Sea.
And killed those Egyptians.
God's word is going to go forth.
The devil will try to stop it.
There's no doubt about it.
But there's one thing for sure.
God's word will spread.
It will go forward.
Verse 16.
Fear and dread shall fall upon them.
By the greatness of thine arm.
They shall be as still as a stone.
Till thy people pass over, O Lord.
Till the people pass over.
Which thou hast purchased.
Thou shalt bring them in.
And plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance.
In the place, O Lord.
Which thou hast made for thee to dwell in.
In the sanctuary, O Lord.
Which thy hands have established.
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.
Let me get verse 19.
For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots.
And with his horsemen into the sea.
And the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them.
But the children of Israel went on dry land.
In the midst of the sea.
That's the song.
Sister Rhonda.
That they were singing.
After they witnessed this great miracle of God.
He delivered them.
Again, I'm thankful that God delivered me one day.
From the bondage of sin.
I'm no longer under the bondage of sin.
I'm not perfect.
I'm not perfect.
But I'll be perfect one day.
There'll be no more sin.
That was the song that Moses and the children of Israel sang.
But then something else happened also.

The women come in.
Verse 20.
Any comments or questions before we get to verse 20?
Verse 20.
And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand.
And all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.
Now this was not a lewitt dance.
This was a dance for God, folks.
It was not lewitt at all.
They were praising the Lord God for what he had done for them.
Verse 21.
And Miriam answered them,
Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea.
And they went out into the wilderness of Shur.
And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.
Absolutely.
You go right ahead.
What Miriam said in verse 21.
She said, sing ye to the Lord.
This was a powerful song.
Yeah.
You go back and look at the word of the song.
There's songs that are addressing God.
You know, that's what the Lord should be.
Yeah.
The rest of the song is.
So, you know, we're here at Olive Island.
And it has an impact here on Olive Island.
The purpose of it is the speaker part.
Absolutely.
Yeah.
No, we're not doing it for show or anything.
Like you said, they're praising God, lifting him up.
But I know a lot of you are special singers.
And I get a blessing out of hearing you sing because I can't sing myself.
But I realize that you're not doing it for your benefit.
But you're doing it to praise the Lord God.
That's what it's all about.
It's to lift his name up and not man's name.
That's what we're here for, isn't it?
It's to praise him and lift his name up.
And that's what they were doing.
They were lifting his name up and praising him.
And by doing that, you can also be a blessing to other people.
And that's happened here many times at church.
Absolutely.
Anyone else have anything to say?
All right.

Immediately after that, they had just crossed the Red Sea.
And in verse 22, look at the direction they're going in.
And I want to say this.
This is the direction the Lord led them in, folks.
They were in the wilderness.
They had just experienced a great miracle.
And this was three days later.
They had went without water.
So let's look at verse 22.
I love the rest of these verses.
And that's the part that I want to try to get across to you about
what happened afterwards, after these praises and these psalms.
Verse 22.
So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and
they went out into the wilderness of Shur.
And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.
Again, I'm not criticizing them at all.
But what would you have done?
You're talking about going three days without any water.
More than likely a million people or more.
Nothing to drink.
But they had just witnessed a great miracle.
And they were looking to God.
And they should have been looking to God.
But then they started complaining.
Verse 23.
And when they came to Marah, they could not drink
of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter.
Therefore, the name of it was called Marah.
So we see here what the name Marah or Marah actually means.
It means bitter or bitterness.
And it says in verse 24.
And the people murmured against Moses.
Say, what shall we drink?
In verse 25.
And he cried unto the Lord.
He went to the right person, didn't he?
Moses knew where he needed to go.
Moses was a great leader for the children of Israel.
He was a man.
He made mistakes just like we do.
But he was considered a great leader in my book.
When you're talking about leading millions of
people out from under the Egyptian bondage.
And you remember when God called Moses, he said, I can't speak.
He tried to find an excuse.
But God called him.
God takes a common man to do great things.
As long as that man will look to him.
And let God be the leader.

But it says in verse 25.
And he cried unto the Lord.
It doesn't say he just went to the Lord.
It says, Brother Andy, he cried unto the Lord.
He needed God's guidance.
He needed God's leadership.
He could have just thrown up his hand and said, I don't know what to do.
But it says he cried unto the Lord.
You know, when we have troubles and trials down here, who do we need to go to?
We need to go to God.
He's got all answers, folks.
I've had trouble in my Christian life.
I've had trouble in my Christian life of leaning on him.
And instead of leaning on him, leaning on myself and what I think needs to happen.
But it's not always going to be that way.
It's usually not that way.
We need to go to God when things happen, when trials and tribulations come our way.
He's got the answer.
And we need to be patient and wait on God.
Or I do.
I'll speak for myself on that.
I love these next few words.
In verse 25.
He cried unto the Lord.
And the Lord showed him a tree.
It wasn't just any tree.
It took a special tree.
It took a specific tree.
To turn that water from bitter to sweet.
And my Lord Jesus Christ died on the tree.
The cross of Calvary.
And that makes my life sweet, folks.
That makes our life as Christians sweet.
Sure, we're going to have bitterness.
We're going to have bitter in our Christian life.
But how do we handle that bitterness?
We've got a marrow in our lives as Christians.
We're going to face bitterness.
And that's what they were doing.
Moses knew where to go.
To get the answer.
And God showed him.
I believe God can show us things too, don't you?
Through his word right here.
Or through his Holy Spirit.
He can show us what we need to do.
And he showed Moses a tree.
I don't know how many trees were out there.
The Bible doesn't say.
But Moses probably wasn't even aware of that tree.

But any other tree would have made that water sweet.
It took that tree.
And it takes the cross of Calvary to wash away our sins too.
It took Jesus Christ.
It took Jesus Christ.
Coming into the world.
And living a sinless life.
And dying on the cross of Calvary.
Dying on that tree.
But that wasn't the end.
He rose again on the third day.
Did you see the three in the previous verse?
It said in verse 22.
So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea.
And they went out into the wilderness of Shur.
And they went how many days?
Three days in the wilderness.
Numerous times in the Bible the word three is mentioned.
And I think this could very well be a foreshadowing of Christ dying on the cross.
He died on a tree, didn't he?
And he rose again on that third day.
And he turned sin.
He gave his life, his sinless life, for our sin.
What can wash away our sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ.
That's what it took.
That's what it still takes.
It takes the blood of Christ to wash away our sins.
So getting back to verse 25.
And he cried unto the Lord.
And the Lord showed him a tree.
Which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet.
There he made for them a statue and an ordinance.
And there he proved them.
They went through this as a test, folks.
That's what happened.
He proved them through this bitter water.
We're going to face trials.
We're going to face temptations.
God don't tempt us.
But he proves us.
That's what he does.
We go through a process called sanctification down here.
I'll never be perfect in this life.
But I'll graduate one day.
But I'll graduate one day.
And I'll be perfect.
There'll be no more sin.
But it says there, admiral.
He made a statute and an ordinance.

And there he proved them.
We need to grow as Christians.
And God knows what it takes for us to grow.
We don't understand a lot of times the things
that are happening in our Christian life.
But we just have to depend on God.
He knows what's best for us.
And I have trouble doing that.
I don't know about any of you.
But I really have trouble on that.
But I want to lean on him more than I have in the past.
I need him every day.
There's no doubt about that.
We all need him.
Verse 26.
Let me go back and get 25 and 26.
I'm sorry.
I stopped right in the middle of that.
I couldn't help it.
I mean, that verse 25 is so good.
There's so much in there.
Verse 25.
And he cried unto the Lord.
And the Lord showed him a tree.
Which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet.
There he made for them a statute and an ordinance.
And there he proved them and said, here's what he told them.
If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord
thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight,
and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes,
I will put none of these diseases upon thee,
which I have brought upon the Egyptians.
For I am the Lord that healeth thee.
That's where we get our healing.
And it says in verse 27.
And they came to Elam, where were twelve wells
of water, and threescore and ten palm trees.
And they encamped there by the waters.
After the bitterness, come blessing.
Seventy palm trees.
So from Myra to Elam.
How about that?
From bitterness to joy.
Twelve wells of water.
And it says, and they encamped there by the waters.
That's what I had on my heart.
I don't know what time it is.
I hadn't got my watch.
That's okay.
I may have finished early.

I don't know.
But that's what was on my heart, and I wanted to share that with you.
I want to encourage us to remember what God has done for us.
The greatest miracle of all is when He saved my soul.
This is a miracle that's overlooked in the Bible a lot of times.
Yeah, the Red Sea, parting of that, was a great miracle.
But this was a miracle, too, turning the bitter waters to sweet.
It was a miracle, folks.
Some people consider that not on the same magnitude as parting of the Red Sea,
and it may not be, but yet it was still a miracle.
Anyone have anything to say?
Anything on your heart?
And I wrote this down.
It says,
The cross of Christ makes sweet the marrow experiences of life.
The cross of Christ makes sweet the marrow experiences of life.
In other words, the bitterness of life.
That was J. Vernon McGee who said that.
J. Vernon McGee also said they had a song of redemption,
but before that they were singing desert blues.
That was good, I thought.
I wrote that down.
Before this, they were singing the desert blues.
But then after the parting of the Red Sea,
they were singing a song of redemption.
He rescued them.
And I'm thankful that he rescued me one day, folks.
I'm no longer under the bondage of sin.
The Bible talks about that in the book of Romans.
And you want to have anything on your heart?
Brother Brown, you want to close out?
You feel like I'm going to turn this thing off?
I'm about ready to give it back to you.
You're going to have to get that thing.
Got it.
Thank you, Nicky, for opening up God's word.
If I could, I'm not the best person to give anybody advice.
One of the best ways,
and it's not one of them,
it is the best way
to really get something
out of your daily Bible reading.
I don't even like to.
I mean studying your Bible.
It's to slow down.
Slow down.
Read it.
And read it.
And read it.
And read it again.

And it has a way
because it's God doing it.
It just gets pregnant with meaning.
It begins to show itself.
And you say,
how has something like that be applicable to where I am today?
But it all is.
And take time.
Just spend time in that word.
And as you read it,
it'll talk to you.
And in turn,
thank you for coming and sharing tonight,
Nicky.
I appreciate it.
Anybody got anything on your heart tonight?
Anything before we just miss?