Good evening people, turn with me, and scripture
is sort of scattered this evening, but I'll try to give you time to get there.
1 Thessalonians 5 is where I'll start, 1 Thessalonians chapter 5.
Now, you don't try to follow what we've been
having, if you want to know if the pressure's on.
I know you don't expect me to be Brian Wayne,
I don't expect me to be Brian Wayne, but I
sure do enjoy his preaching, teaching, all of the above, whatever it is.
Well, your teacher needs your prayers this evening.
I think I had mentioned this a week or two ago in our Sunday school lesson.
I had just by chance, as far as I knew, heard
of a different kind of songs than I'd ever heard of before.
Songs of siren.
Now, I've mentioned that around, and a couple
of people knew what I was talking about.
I was not familiar with that.
And songs of siren, S-I-R-E-N, like siren, songs of siren.
Now, I even called today to get the correct pronunciation
of it, because I wanted to say it almost right anyway.
And it wouldn't surprise me if you know more
about this myth than I've been able to find
out, but I had run across a definition in what
little bit of search I'd done several days ago, but I never could find it again.
I guess I need to screenshot every page that I
find, because I have trouble, sometimes I have
trouble getting off of it, but sometimes I have trouble getting back to it.
But siren, a Greek mythology of half bird, of
a half bird, half woman creature, who lured
sailors to destruction by the sweetness of her song.
And actually, what I read, it said it wound
up being two sisters, and they were daughters
of a god, and they named that god, this Greek stuff now.
And in our Sunday school lesson, you know,
John was dealing with some Greek myths about
Christ and his supernatural, him being all man and all God.
And I probably wouldn't have noticed that
part if we had not been studying a little bit about that in our Sunday school lesson.
And according to what I read, it also wound up being
about eight of them, and it told where they were.
And now listen, you know I'm not superstitious.
If you don't, let me tell you right quick, I'm not superstitious.
Oh.
And in a joking way, I thought I might share
this with you, that I know there were four places
where I could play some of those songs.
And you said, Brother Alton, did you play them?
I sure did.

I wasn't going to play them if it drug those sailors into those rocks.
I certainly don't want to be listening to them while I'm going down the road.
So, but what we know is that's a myth.
Would you want to listen to that going down the road?
Me either.
I don't know the beer will make you drunk, but I've seen some people, and I believe it
has some effect on them, so I don't know for
sure, and I'm glad I don't, so I don't want to prove it.
But anyway, what happens is, in those cases,
there had to be some kind of explanation of why those sailors didn't come home, okay?
And they didn't know.
I could ask, it may be about played out now,
but there were a lot of myths in my younger days.
Donald's grandma mentioned one, well, you know, it was a myth.
Something about what you saw marked babies, if you were expecting babies, it is marked.
Oh, yeah, to do and not to do.
The myths, that's what it is.
And some of you look and say, I've never heard
of that kind of stuff, but go back, go back
a hundred years, and a lot of that stuff was
still around, and probably still a lot of it
now, but anyway, now I've said that to say,
that the best way they could explain that those
professional sailors didn't come home, was to come, I didn't read this, okay, so this
is, this is what I'm saying about it, is they
come up with something, because these boys knew
what they were doing, so something had to lure
them into those rocks, and they crashed their
ships into the rocks, and took their lives, okay?
Now, a few days ago, I was listening, and
there was a message, and his message, by the
way, was siren songs of today, and so, what he
was explaining was how we are lured as people,
into dangerous territories, dangerous places
that we are not equipped for, and how that
it gradually takes us over, and drags us down, not in the ocean, but in life.
And I have a few scriptures that I wanted to read,
first one, as I said, and first Thessalonians,
and I don't necessarily always want to try
to teach somebody else's lesson, okay, or his
sermon, but this is some stuff that I got out
of that, and I made me a little note of it,
I stopped, and I made me a little note of some
of these things, and I looked up some more of stuff that stuff to go with it.
One of the songs he mentioned of the siren
songs of today, that's a, that's a, the siren
would be the myth, or the belief that you're drawn into, into that state of mind.

And, and you can let your mind wander a little
bit, if you want to, because you'll know people
that are going to fit some of this, and you'll
know societies that are going to fit in some
of this, and, and whether it be individuals,
or a nation, okay, but the first song that he mentioned was the siren song of peace.
And so when I read there in 1 Thessalonians,
uh, maybe I better stay with my notes, 1 through
11, what I wanted to read, but, but of the
times, 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, verse 1, but
of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have
no need that I write unto you, for yourselves
know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
And when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as
travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.
Now, we understand that this letter that I'm reading here is over 2,000 years old.
Oh, I think sometimes, I think sometimes when I
read the Bible, that I, I look at these verses
and, uh, and, uh, it's, it's almost like, well,
a few years ago, was just like this, except just different names.
But we got to understand that it's two, over 2,000 years old.
And so, but it, it, it, it just fits so well.
And so I read that to say, uh, well, let me read some more.
Verse 4.
But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
For ye are all children of light and children of the day.
We are not of the night nor of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.
For they that sleep, sleep in the night, they
that be drunken, are drunken in the night.
But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting
on the breastplate of faith and love, and for unheavened the hope of salvation.
For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but
to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
Now, I don't think the Apostle Paul here was telling
these people not to go to bed at night as others,
not to sleep as others, because man and
woman, human, we have to have some rest, okay?
But what he was telling these people that were
Christian people, and us people that are Christian
people, is to be careful what we sleep through,
and be careful where we are, and be careful
that we don't get swallowed up in this stuff, and that we wind up being like they.
He said, for when they shall say, peace and safety.
And so that siren song of peace, Proverbs 24, verse

30, Proverbs 24, verse 30 through 34, Proverbs 20.
Proverbs 20, verse 30, Proverbs 24, yes,
Proverbs, maybe one of these is where I can't even
read my own writing, Proverbs 24, lest I lead you astray again, verse 30.
Oh, I went by the field of the slothful, and by
the vineyard of the man void of understanding.
And lo, it was all grown over with thorns and
needles, had covered the face thereof, and
the stone wall thereof was broken down.
Then I saw and considered it well.
I looked upon it and received instruction.
In other words, I began to understand what had happened.
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little
folding of the hands to sleep, so shall thy
poverty come, as one that travaileth, and thy want as an armed man.
So, this scripture is going to fit in with another
one of these songs that I'll mention here in a little bit, too.
But, in Mark chapter 4, I had looked that up
just before, it's one of my favorite places
where the Lord talks about the parable of the sower.
Mark chapter 4, you probably know where I'm
going already with it, because I use it often.
Verse 18, Mark 4, verse 18.
And these are they which are sown among the thorns, such as hear the word.
And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches,
and the lust of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
What I would like to remind myself, I don't know that I
teach lessons to a class, but I like to be the student.
I've not ever called myself a teacher, but when I read,
I would be careful about telling you what you need to do,
and where you need to go, without a real close instruction.
This is to you, too.
When I'm reading it aloud, I'm just like reading it.
If I'm reading it by myself, it would be more to me, okay?
So when I'm reading it, I'd say, okay, I'd say, well, what's that
got to do with us following after those songs that allure us away?
Not to the natural death.
Well, sometimes it would, eventually.
But to the spiritual hindrances in our lives that would
cause us not to be the example that we need to be.
And to get our mind off of what the Lord expects us to do.
Now, anything that takes our mind away from right living.
Now, I didn't say we had to be in church all day, every day.
And I don't think you have to go around on
your knees praying to be able to pray always.
You can have a prayer when you are.
But I do know that we have to be careful about

how we live because we are our brother's keeper.
And the luring spirit, the devil, is not so much interested in killing us, literally.
I'm sure he would love to do that.
But what he'd really like for us to do, make a mess
out of our lives, bring shame to the Lord of glory.
So our influence wouldn't be any good.
And he'd a lot rather do that if they kill us.
And because there's plenty of time later for that.
And I got touched with what Brother Brown said Sunday.
I wouldn't dare stick my chest out boastfully and say I would never do that.
Whatever that is.
I would never do that.
I think that would be a dangerous place for me to go.
Say I would never do that.
I told somebody one time before, I said, I don't
know how I'll do my wife before we or her one die.
But I said, I know one thing.
I can promise you one thing.
If I maintain a right relationship with my Lord, she's in good hands.
I won't mistreat her.
That's the way it is.
If I maintain a right relationship with my Lord, I won't mistreat my wife.
Okay?
And so that's my goal.
It's to die the death of the righteous if I don't live to get down from here tonight.
The next song that was mentioned and that I made note of was the sign of, I mean, the song of, this would be more nationally, I guess, and if we took it personally, of a military safety, military might.
But we could think of at least one example, and there's others.
We don't have time to mention them all, but we could take one example of one man, Mr. Sampson, that thought he could handle all of this, the cares of the world and not get drugged down.
But he couldn't.
The strongest man we ever have any record of, one that
could carry the gate, post, and all to the top of the hill.
You can read about it, and it'll tell you, strong enough
to do all that, but he stayed too long at the wrong place.
Okay?
And so he was led away.
And I might say this.
I try to pray about this.
I love our president.
Okay?
It bothers me.
Let's just say us.
It bothers me for us to boast about our military power.
Because we know that when we start thinking that we're
self-sufficient, I'm not trying to be critical, okay, to the president.
I appreciate it.

Does he do everything exactly like I want to?
No.
He probably don't.
But I'm with him, okay?
And I ain't a politician.
I'm not up here to try to talk politics.
But I'm just telling you that it bothers me when we think
that we, as a nation, have got it all under control.
And that we have the most military power.
And we have this, and we have that, and it is, it's amazing how precise that is.
But it could also be amazing what just one little
mistake would do and how it could go the wrong way.
And I'm just pitching that in for whatever it's worth.
If I think that I can handle all this stuff, we'll go to a literal case here.
Tom, have you turned that truck over today?
Is that what you said, Brent?
I don't know how many of those he's dumped.
And I know those trucks are easy to turn over.
But something he did today leaned it a little bit too much, okay?
Just takes one, one mistake.
One little something like that could change the whole outcome.
And so that's a song that people could get lulled into, is that we're in good hands.
We've got the best military.
Or I can handle this.
We get that kind of attitude.
It's a dangerous attitude.
Lord, I didn't really mean that I could die.
But the attitude that we have.
The attitude that we have, that I don't need church.
I don't need Sunday school.
That we have that kind of attitude.
So we don't go to Sunday school.
But it'll cost.
It'll cost us.
And people, I might as well go ahead and say, it's very important.
Very important that your Sunday school teachers try their very
best to present this in a way where it would be appealing.
And people would want to live right.
And I appreciate our pastor for the truth that
he preaches and the stand that he takes in that.
Another song was a song to disregard moral law.
And you watch it.
You can see.
And I don't mean to nitpick.
But you can just watch.
But today.
Strangest thing just happened this way.

And I was down here doing a little work.
And I had an extension cord.
This is crazy.
I had an extension cord.
Did you find anything out for me?
I did.
I'm down here working.
And a little bit of a look back.
And I left one of those extension cords.
Called up back there.
Out yonder.
I said, well, that's all right.
I've got to come back anyway.
I'll just get it when I come back.
So I went on about my business all the way down through here.
Another hour or so.
So I backed back up there to get my extension cord.
And I said, well, Julie, you backed over.
And you're just sitting on top.
Well, I moved.
Somebody pulled in that parking lot.
And you got that extension cord while I'm down here working.
Now, I didn't mean to pitch that into the lesson tonight.
But I'm just saying.
A lot of times, and this probably is the worst case.
A lot of times, when we talk about morals and immorality,
it has to do with the men and the women.
But the moral part of us about telling the truth,
thou shalt not steal, bear false witness.
That's the truth.
And all of that has to do with the moral law.
Now, you say, now, Brother Alton, when I mention this,
you're going to say, you're a little bit off of the wall.
I see it.
I see it in a little town of Red Bay.
That's aggravating this place as well.
It's probably not as bad as Psalm, but it seems unnecessary.
And I hear people talk about it all the time.
How aggravating it is to try to get through those red lights.
I see them pull up, stop, and look, and go on.
If it's light red, they just go on.
And I understand because you sit there and sit there
because you've got to wait on that timer to do its thing.
But many times, many times, my light be green.
They know I've not started yet, so they
breeze through around about 30 miles an hour.
That's habit for me.

That's habit for me.
And you say, what has that got to do?
It's a way of going just a little bit further than where we're supposed to go.
And it's habit for me.
Now, if I want to wreck and kill me, that's my business.
But if I'm going to wreck and kill you, that's altogether different.
You say, well, just keep going with that.
Keep flirting with that.
That's what I call flirting with you.
Just keep, well, I've made it all the way up until now.
Just keep doing that.
You know, and it'll finally haunt you.
And so that's the song that we get in in a society that we, well, I know how to drive.
And I know, I know these things, but our driving, not stopping at the stop
sign, people pull out in front of people because they're in blind spots.
They didn't mean to break the law, okay?
They didn't mean to break the law.
It's just that the sign said stop.
And so we don't stop.
Just have it for me.
The more you've seen it thousands of times.
Just have it for me.
And the more that you do, you say, well, what's that got to do with it?
If you go too far with that, then it's easier to go too far with other things.
Are you perfect, Alton?
I'm not trying to say that I'm perfect.
I'm not even expecting you to be perfect.
I'm just saying that the rule is the rule.
It don't apply to everybody but me.
It applies to everybody, okay?
So the rule applies.
And so to disregard, and you see it, are we going to put them in jail?
I didn't say that.
It's attitude.
It's attitude toward that.
If we're not careful, it plays over in to our attitude about everything else.
How important.
How important is church?
How important.
I don't believe, and I may change my convictions about this before I die,
but I don't believe that I have to make me a list of people
and how that I think they ought to look
or how that I think they ought to dress
and what they should put on or take off
and where they should go and what they should eat and drink.
I'm supposed to tell you that with the way I live.
I'm supposed to be an example.

But I don't think I have to go and call you out.
You're my sister.
So I can look at you.
I don't have to call you out or call you down.
You hear the same thing I do every Sunday.
If love in the Lord,
if love in my wife won't keep me with her,
I ain't going to stay.
If love in my wife won't keep me with her,
if love in our Lord won't cause us to want to be faithful to him,
we ain't going to be faithful to him.
Okay?
We're not going to be.
I'm not saying that we're not faithful to him.
I'm just saying that he taught those people
to be careful,
to beware lest you forget.
And the other song,
and I want to look at some scripture just in a minute in Deuteronomy.
The last song is the song of this pessimism.
And I've made me a brief definition of what that is.
Expecting the worst outcome.
And so it's too late to do anything.
No use to try now.
And I'm sure that everybody in here
that has watched society
has seen somebody
that used to care about themselves
and to care about life
and to care about things.
But for lack of a better term,
the hand that's been dealt to them
has just smothered them out
and just didn't have enough support
and enough help
to keep hanging on
and to keep going on.
And so they've just sort of let their hands down.
And it's almost like it was no use to try.
It's not any good in here.
I hear people all the time saying,
I ain't going to vote.
My vote don't count anyway.
You say, here, you're back on politics again.
I didn't mean to be.
But it's important.
It's our duty to do these things.

Because if we get where we don't care about that,
then we don't care about something else.
And I can't help it.
I don't know what to do.
But I do have a responsibility.
In Deuteronomy, chapter 6,
there's some other scriptures I had written down,
but I see I'm going to run out of time.
With these songs,
the song of peace when there is no peace.
The Lord's the only one that can give peace.
The song of military might
or enough power to handle it.
The song to disregard moral law.
And the song of pessimism.
Not caring or expecting the worst to be.
That's the four that I mentioned.
And you can think of another area or two.
If you could go somewhere.
What about, what about,
think about this.
That would be a song too if it lures us away.
Yeah.
If it lures us away,
it could be a siren song of today.
I had maybe a note to look at.
Deuteronomy chapter 6.
And I could read her before that, but I want to start at verse 12.
And read a few verses here.
Then beware.
You better let me look at 11.
I know I've used these before.
I can tell one way I know I have
is because I've scribbled a little bit here in my Bible.
And he's going to teach us here and teach those people
to beware lest we forget.
Lest we forget
where we've come from.
Lest we forget
where we're going.
Lest we forget
the important things in life.
The most important things.
Not let the urgent crowd out the important.
Verse 10.
Let me back up that for.
It's all good.

Verse 10.
This shall be when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee
into the land which he sware unto thy fathers to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob
to give thee great and goodly cities
which thou buildest not.
They're going to inherit these cities.
All of them's up here.
They tore it down.
And houses full of all good things
which thou fieldest not.
Wells digged
which thou diggetest not.
Vineyards and olive trees
which thou plantedest not.
Then shalt thou have when thou shalt have eaten and be full semi-cold.
Then
at that time
when you get there
beware
lest thou forget.
And I wouldn't have to read any more of that.
I could just say then
which means at that time
beware
lest thou forget.
I could read that to me
and close the book
because
at that time
that means any time
beware
lest thou forget.
Forget.
Forget what God has done.
Forget what are my
what if somebody is watching me.
What if somebody is watching me.
Then beware lest thou forget the Lord
which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage.
Now see I could
I want to mention this because if we get in this
the song of peace the only peace we have is with God
and the song
of military might the only the only assurance that we really have is in the Lord.
Okay.
And so we can incorporate these scriptures into all these

songs that I've mentioned.
Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve him and shalt swear by his name
you shall not go after other gods.
In other words you shall not get caught up in other songs.
Siren songs.
That's other gods.
Don't get caught up
in the music.
It will lead us astray.
You shall not go after other gods of the gods
of the people which are around about you.
In parenthesis it says for the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you.
Out of parenthesis lest the anger of the Lord be kindled
of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee
and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.
You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted a mess that was at the water
water coming from the rock.
You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his testimonies
and his statutes which he has commanded thee.
I'm getting to a place here.
I don't want to get too fast.
And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord.
In the sight of the Lord
is very important.
That it may be well with thee that thou mayest
go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers
to cast out all thine enemies from before thee as the Lord hath spoken
and this is the part I like.
If you don't have any other reason
this is a good one right here.
And when thy son asketh thee in time to come saying what mean these testimonies
and these statutes and these judgments which the Lord our God
hath commanded you then
at that time
thou shalt say unto thy son
and you can tell them the whole story
we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt and the Lord brought us out to Egypt
with a mighty hand and the Lord showed signs and wonders great and so upon Egypt
upon Pharaoh and upon all his household
before our eyes
and he brought us out from thence that he might bring us
in to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers
and the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes to fear the Lord our God
for our good always that he might preserve us alive as it is at this day
and it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments
before the Lord our God as he hath commanded us now
I'm not reading any of this

to correct anybody
but I'm of that old saying
I mean if it does
if it hits me
first thing I need to do is get that get that right with the Lord
but
I like the old
application of an ounce of prevention worth more than a pound
of cure
if I can keep these things from happening to me
I'd be a lot better off if I can
stay right with the Lord if I can listen to his voice brother William preached Monday
night about the voice of the Lord in Psalms chapter 29
the voice of the Lord the voice of the Lord in about
several verses it mentions the voice of the Lord
Isaiah said
thou shalt hear a voice behind thee
I'm paraphrasing that might not be word for word you'll hear
the voice
it'll tell you when to turn left or right church I've enjoyed trying to study this
trying to meditate on it I hope you've got a little something out of it let's stand
anybody got a comment
Doug why don't you dismiss
us