

Pressure To Compromise

GENESIS 39:7-10

7. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.
8. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;
9. There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?
10. And it came to pass, as **she spake to Joseph day by day**, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

JUDGES 16:15-20

15. And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.
16. And it came to pass, when **she pressed him daily with her words**, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;
17. That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.
18. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.
19. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.
20. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

AND KNOWETH IT NOT [65-0815]

Where is a church that stands for a principle? **I ain't got a nickel's worth of time for a wishy-washy, give in, compromising spirit.** A woman is a woman, let her be lady. If a man is a man, let him be man.

LIFE STORY [51-0415A]

And dad just set his leg across like that, to cross over the little blown down tree. And when he did, he stopped, pulled a little flat bottle of whiskey out of his pocket, handed it over to the next man to take a drink. And the other man taken a drink and handed it to me for me to take a drink. I said, "No thanks, I don't drink." I was about eight, nine years old.

He said, "What? A Branham and don't drink?" Most all Branhams died with their shoes on. So he... I said, "No, sir, I don't drink."

My daddy said, "No, **I raised one sissy.**"

Oh, my. A sissy. I said, "Give me the bottle." And my daddy looked at me. I took the bottle, pulled the stopper out of it, just as determined to drink it as I am to finish up my service this afternoon. I turned that bottle up, and started to take a drink.

LIFE STORY [51-0415A]

And so then when I was standing there, and I took the bottle just as determined to drink it as I could be. And I heard that going, [Brother Branham illustrates.--Ed.]. I dropped the bottle, and screamed, and run up across the hills through the fields. And they laughed at me.

MY LIFE STORY [59-0419A]

And I was standing on the fender. They had a running board on the old Fords, you remember, and I was standing on that fender, sitting in the back seat, she and I. And she said, "You mean you won't smoke a cigarette?" Said, "And we girls has got more nerve than you have."

I said, "No, ma'am, I don't believe I want to do it."

She said, "Why, **you big sissy!**" Oh, my! I wanted to be big bad Bill, so I--I sure didn't want nothing sissy. See, I wanted to be a prize fighter, that was my idea of life. So I said... "Sissy! Sissy!"

I couldn't stand that, so I said, "Give it to me!" My hand out, I said, "I'll show her whether I'm sissy or not." Got that cigarette out and started to strike the match. Now, I know you're... Now, I'm not responsible for what you think, I'm just responsible for telling the truth. When I started to strike that cigarette, just as much determined to smoke it as I am to pick up this Bible, see, I heard something going, "Whooooosssh!" I tried again, I couldn't get it to my mouth. And I got to crying, I threwed the thing down. They got to laughing at me. And I walked home, went up through the field, set down out there, crying. And--and **it was a terrible life.**

LIFE [58-0512]

As old brother, Methodist preacher, friend of mine, by the name of Kelley, and he used to sing a little song, "We let down the bars, we let down the bars. We compromised with sin. We let down the bars, and the sheep got out. But how did the goats get in?" **It's because we let down the bars.** You're supposed to be a different people, a peculiar people, a called-out people, a separated people, a people walking after the things of the Spirit and not the things of the flesh.

Oh, we used to be down on the corner with the guitar, and some salvation. And today, we're in a great big, swell, half-a-million, two million dollar cathedrals, with a big bunch of creeds like the old cold formals we used to talk about.

THE CHURCH CHOOSING LAW FOR GRACE [61-0316]

One great man of a great organization said, "Brother Branham, **if you'll just compromise on a few things,** we'll fly you to the main--ma--ma--main nerve centers of the world in our planes and let you preach, if you'll just come and join up with us."

I said, "Shame on you, a man of dignity and honor with a doctor's degree would ask a servant of God to compromise on His Word." I said, "If I'm wrong, then you take the Scriptures, show me where I'm wrong." I said, "God... How could you do a thing like that, brother?"

He bowed his head; he said, "I believe you're a man of God." Said, "My wife would died years ago; she was worse cancer case I ever seen." Said, "You spoke her, and called her out in the audience like that by the Holy Ghost." Said, "I believe."

And I said, "Then you ask me to compromise? **That don't beat in my veins.** No, sir. I'll stay with the Word if I die in the pulpit."

THE WAY BACK [62-1123]

The people say, "I have to do this to keep my standard with the people." You don't have to do it. **It shows a shallowness. It shows a cowardliness.** And a preacher that'll stand in the pulpit and compromise on the principles of Christ because some bunch of bishops dominate him and tell him, 'You have to do this, or we'll put you out of fellowship,' **you're a coward. Stand there. Tell the truth, no matter what the price is.**

A DECEIVED CHURCH BY THE WORLD [59-0628M]

I don't care if I have to stand alone, with nobody but God alone, I'll preach the truth of God's Bible and stand for it. If I die, I'll still stand for the truth. Certainly. We want truth. I'll measure up not according to the church, but according to the Word of God I want to measure up.

STRAIT IS THE GATE [59-0301M]

Look, when David was told of his sin that he done, quickly he repented, and God loved him for it. You tell them of their sins, they'll say, "I'll never darken the door again." Why? They got plenty of places to go; they can go to those old illegitimate dens that'll put up with such. But **it's time that preachers put on the full armor of God and preach the Word without compromising, Gospel.**

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD PT2 [57-0307]

Brother, **I'd rather preach to two people and be true in the sight of God, than to stand before ten million, and have to compromise,** or to do something contrary, to hurt my Lord Jesus, to do something against his kingdom. I'd rather stand and preach the true Word, than to have an organization of my own.

WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND? [55-1120]

I'd rather lay on my stomach and eat soda crackers and drink branch water, and preach the true Word of God, if I have to preach it on the street corner, than to compromise with the devil, and live in the best palace that they had and have to compromise. **Preach the truth.** I'd rather wear a hand-me-down suit, and my shoes gone off my feet, and preach the Gospel and tell the truth about It, the way God writes It in here, than to compromise with the devil and take a back seat. Amen. Be honest with people.

"Preach the Gospel," that's what God said. Let the chips fall where they will. That's the thing to do.