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Non-Essential Church Traditions  
Acts 10:9-14

Praise the Lord. I said, "Praise the Lord." We're going to have some real session here today. I might shock some of you. "Revive us today." Are you praying like that? Sometimes when that revival comes, you are not ready. You think you want all of heaven. Sometimes, even when you say you want all of heaven, you want nothing of heaven. We're going to pray, and I'm going to share some things with you. We're going to go into the Word. The Lord will need to turn you inside out, and pour out some things away from you. When that is done...and the Lord needs some people that will be walking and knowing that this is a new day.

But if it's a new day and then you are walking with an old concept - and old shoes, an old dress, an old mind, an old heart, old perception - even though it's a new day, you'll not fit in to the new day. The things the Lord wants to do this new day might just pass you by. The Lord might choose other people to get it done. But if you will say that since this is a new day...whatever the Lord wants to do...I'm ready, and I want to be part of this new move of God. Then God will use us. Give me a good, good *Amen*. Let's pray together.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You and bless Your name this very time. Lord, we're praying that, Lord, You'll bless Your people. Open our eyes to see what You want us to see...and to be able to go places You want us to go and to accomplish what You want us to accomplish in this new day. Bless us, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray.

Thank you very much. You can sit down. When you come to a meeting like this, you want to ask yourself *What's your goal? What's your dream? What's your purpose? What's your plan? Why are you here?* Everywhere I go, I always ask myself, "Why me? Why am I there? What does the Lord want to pass across unto the people...maybe through me? What's the Lord passing across to me through the people?"

I'm going to start with Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10. We're looking at it from verse 9. ***"On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw..."*** What? ***"... heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him..."*** Tell me out loud.

He saw heaven opened. Then he saw all these beasts. In the concept, in the understanding of the Jewish people, some beasts were clean and some beasts were unclean. Then he heard a voice. The voice is coming from where? ...Coming from heaven. It says, "Rise, Peter." He mentioned

him by name. **"Rise, Peter; kill and eat. But Peter said..."** But Peter said...But Peter said... Isn't there a contradiction there? He called Him, "Lord." He knew it was the Lord speaking...the same Lord that said in the Old Covenant: "Don't eat unclean animals." That same Lord said, "Peter, rise up; kill and eat."

He recognized it was the voice of the Lord. But this is a man that had said, "What I have, I have. Where I'm going, I'm going. Even if the Lord wants to change that direction, I'm going to say no. Even if the Lord Himself, the Lord of glory, the Lord of heaven and earth...even if He says, 'This is what to do now,' I'm going to say no."

Here it says, "Not so." He called Him Lord, but he still said no. Do you get to the point where you know more than God? Do you get to the point where...here is what the Lord wants to do? "This is a new day, Peter; the Old Covenant is gone. And the God of Israel is now the God of the whole universe. He wants to reach the whole of the universe, and He wants to reach everybody." He says, "Because of that now, I'm sending you to the Gentiles." Actually Jesus Christ warned them ahead of time: "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and then..." Where?

Those are the Gentiles, the unclean people. Those were the people that the Old Testament people would never reckon with. But He told them ahead of time. He said, "You'll be starting in Jerusalem. You'll not stop there. You'll go to Judea. You'll not stop there. You'll go to the Samaria. You'll not stop there. You're going to go the uttermost part of the earth." Then it says, "Now Peter, the time has come. Rise, kill, and eat. And Peter said, 'Not so, Lord.' "

Is this the reason why God chose Paul the Apostle to reach the Gentile world? This single man...Paul the Apostle, also a Jew...in fact he was a Pharisee, and he was more serious about the law and about the concept of the Jewish people...more than Peter and the rest of them. He persecuted the church. But the Lord raised him up, and he was the one that eventually reached all these Gentile people because there is a *Not so, Lord*. Think about that.

Sometimes as you hear what God is doing in other parts of the world, you might say, "Not so, Lord." The Lord is not going to refuse to save the world just because you are not ready. He'll find some other people who are ready. He might find a Paul the Apostle. When He finds that Paul, as you are still there and tradition hinders your prayer, tradition hinders your vision, and tradition hinders what you already prayed for..."Revive us, Lord. Revive us, Lord." Now the revival comes, and He says, "Launch out and this is what to do." Then you say, "Ah, my tradition will not permit that. My understanding will not permit that." Then you just canceled your prayer and your dream.

Before I go to the message, I want to interpret what I've said unto you. Earlier this year I wanted to go to Abuja. That's FCT, Nigeria...the Federal Capitol Territory. I'd been there in (I think) 2006, and we used the stadium. When we used the stadium, I was disappointed. I didn't say that. I didn't show that, but I was disappointed. We didn't fill one quarter of the stadium. I'm not used to something like that. Any part of Nigeria I go, normally we fill the whole place to overflowing. But this particular time, the first day and second day and third day and the fourth day...the place

was scanty. Some great, great miracles still took place, but I felt that we could have reached more people. But since 2006, I've been going to other places and we'll just pack the place full.

Now, I was to go this March. When I went this March...before going, I called the state overseer there. I said, "Now, state overseer, we're not going to do this alone. The way we're going to do this...we're going to get in touch with Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria (PFN), and they're going to cooperate with us. You tell them I'm coming to Abuja there. We're going to do this and that."

So he called me back and said, "Sir, the chairman of PFN is ex-Deeper Life." I said, "Is that so?" I said, "What's his name?" He told me the name. He was the state overseer in Abuja before. But because I transferred him out of Abuja to go to another place, he said, "No, I don't accept that." That's why he left the ministry. Then he started his own ministry. He happens to be pastoring a Pentecostal church. Now he's the chairman of that Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria in FCT.

First, to be able to get to the people and to be able to rally the people together, you have to get the consent and the agreement of the chairman. So I said, "Go tell him that his father in the Lord is coming to town and that...whatever he can do...rally all the people together." We he got to him and told him that I sent him and said, "I'm coming to the city and that he should do whatever he can do," he said, "That's my father. Everything I ever knew, he taught me."

Then he went to PFN and he told them, "We'll be having a program." They took it up. As they took up everything...they rallied round together... Number one, I wouldn't do that 10 years ago. You were in Deeper Life. You left. You're now ex-Deeper Life. Whatever it is you have, I'd just say, "No, you will come back to me. I will not come back to you. You are the one to come to me." But this is a new day.

If you don't have that understanding, and if you cannot forgive him and forget the past... He's the gatekeeper. As the gatekeeper there, now he was here before, he's not here now. Because he's the gatekeeper and millions of people are inside that place I need to reach - "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Part of the people I am to reach is inside that cage. He is the gatekeeper. And even though he's ex-Deeper life, he says, "Daddy, I will open the door for you. I'm a gatekeeper here."

Now what am I going to do? Forget the past, this is a new day. If God is answering your prayer because this is the way he wants to go and you say, "No. I will not compromise." What's compromise? Are we committing sin? Do we want to reach the people who are there and this is part of "every creature"?

This is the man God is...just because he left Deeper Life and disagreed... He didn't disagree with me on doctrine. He disagreed with me on transfer. I could have made a mistake in transferring him. Whether mistake or no mistake, this is more than 10 years ago. Are we still going to be kind of fussy and getting angry over something that happened 10 years ago? Forget all about that. Let us move on.

So we got started, and the Lord did some things we've never seen. In fact, in that meeting there were people...they just came there. They would sometimes put their telephone near a microphone. The sick person was in Ghana, and the moment we were praying, just like that the fellow got healed.

There was a man in March...when we got there, this man was dying. They took him to the hospital. The wife was there. The children were there. When the doctor saw him and his condition, they said, "Madam, this one is written off. There is nothing that can be done." Eventually that woman brought the clothes of that man to the crusade. In fact, we held the crusade in about five places. That was the first time we did that. We just went to this place, had a crusade two nights, this place two nights, that place two nights, that other place two nights. As she raised up the clothes, the children were with the man in the hospital. This was a man they had written off. When we said the final *In Jesus' name we pray*...with that woman raising up the clothes, the man got up from the hospital bed.

What if I didn't allow that ex-Deeper Life man to get involved? Think about that. That man could have died. You could have lost many, many souls. That's the reason why in a new day, when something is being done, you're not going to say, "Not so, Lord." The Lord might not be speaking to you from heaven. The Lord might use me to tell you that this is what to do. Then you say, "But we were not doing like that before. Since we were not doing like that before, we want to do that now? Not me, Lord. Not so, Lord." You'll miss out on the plan of God. I'm here to tell you that you need to open up and relax. Act as if you didn't know anything. If God is speaking to us and we are speaking to you and we're saying, "This is what to do," you are not going to say, "Not so, Lord."

But eventually we finished. Then I came back to Lagos on the fifth of April. Now, this is public. Everybody knows that Mommy Kumuyi went home to be with the Lord April 11, just about a week after I came back. Then, eventually Abuja people said they still wanted me back. I was thinking...for me, I had no problem that Mommy went to heaven. And since she went to heaven, I should be up and doing...whatever I want to do, I will do.

But I thought, *What will people think if I just keep running around now? Would they think, Look at this man. He's not even feeling the absence of his wife?* So I first of all said...I told the overseer there...privately I said, "No. I would have wanted to come, but because really...I'm okay. I'm happy that Mommy has gone to be with the Lord in heaven, but if I go, what will people think?"

Later I then said, "What will people think?" That looks like Peter's spirit: "What will the Jews think? What will the people say?" So I called him and said, "It's not what the people say, now. God wants me to come. I'll come." Then, I'm still on this *Not so, Lord*. Eventually, instead of just limiting it to PFN, our brother the overseer went to Christian Association of Nigeria. The Christian Association of Nigeria has Catholics there. It has the white garment people there. Do you know white garment? ...The people that don't wear shoes when they go to church. All kinds of people they had there.

So, eventually, when he went, they first of all argued, "Deeper Life. You think you are the only one going to heaven? Why didn't you come before? You think we don't want to be born again?" Catholic people told him and said, "Don't you think we, too, need to be born again? Why are you keeping yourself away? If you stay away like that, who will ever show us the way?"

Then they called me in Lagos and they said, "This is what Catholic people are saying." I said, "That's true. They want to be born again. We should give them the chance." So everybody rallied around. Then CAN then told PFN and said, "PFN, remove your hand. You're small. CAN, Christian Association of Nigeria, is the big umbrella body that is bringing this man now to Abuja." The PFN people...they gladly accepted because they knew this would open the way for the Gospel to get to the Catholics and the white garment people and all that. Eventually we went to Abuja in June.

But to continue this story...at the end, after everything has taken place, one of the white garment people that actually was very instrumental in bringing a lot of people from their area. He had one of our magazines that we had published in 1998 with him. When we were kind of settling what we had done, evaluating what had been done, this one rose up, he's in charge of mobilization...this one in charge of publicity...that one in charge of finance...and all that."

The Catholic father was there, the chairman of CAN in FCT, and the archbishop of CAN who's also Catholic. He had come to the open field to say, "All of you Catholics who are here...I want you to know that Catholic endorses this program. All of you pay attention. We're talking about Jesus. Whatever they tell you, listen and give your heart to everything that is said." When he said that, then he went back. He didn't hear the rest, but he released all the Catholic people to listen.

What else are you looking for? The gateman came to open the gate and he said, "I'm going. The gate is open for you. When you are through, I'll come back and lock the gate." But in that meeting, one of the people stood up. He happens to be a white garment person. He had a magazine of Deeper Life that we published in 1998. So he said, "Please, now the program is over. But I want to tell you..." As he was facing me and talking to me, saying, "My people...when I carried this thing on my head and shoulders and I started publicizing...this is what my people...they gave me this magazine. I opened and I read where you spoke against the white garment churches, black and white...here it is."

"Now, you call us together. All of us...we are calling you our father in the Lord. What have you got to say?" So I then stood up and said, "When did we publish that magazine?" He said, "1998." I said, "Tell me now, between 1998 and this time, how many years?" He said, "11 years." I said, "That's what you are still fussing about?" I said, "Here is father so-and-so. That's a Catholic. Here is so-and-so. He's Anglican. When the Anglican Church started, they fought against the Catholic people and they spoke and they persecuted. And the Catholic people also persecuted them. But look at both of them here today."

Then I said, "You Cherubim and Seraphim, is that where you are coming from?" He said, "Yes." "When you came out of the Anglican Church, you thought Anglican was not praying and fasting enough. Then you were throwing bombshells at them. Didn't you do that?" He said, "Yes." I said, "You there...CAC, Christ Apostolic Church...when you came out of the Apostolic Church,

didn't you feel that because they were using medicine and you felt you were going to trust God. You'd never taste medicine in your life. Didn't you oppose them?" He said they did.

Then I said, "When Deeper Life started, we saw what we had...that's why we call it Deeper Life...the rest didn't have. Just like Anglican fought against Catholic, like Cherubim and Seraphim - you fought against Anglican, and like CAC, they fought against the Apostolic Church..." I said, "I just did what you did. What you sowed is what you reaped. Like you opposed all the other churches, I also opposed you, only I put my own in writing." They said they understood. Then I said, "But this is a new day." That, I don't say that again. Now, everything is all right.

Do you know what? Immediately, that man invited our state overseer to his church. He said, "Come and preach." But please understand...when he said, "Come and preach," our overseer told me: "The white garment man who confronted you that day...he has now invited me". Again, that's a gateman. You see, you need to understand. If you understand this is the gateman and all these people are there not hearing the Word of salvation, and he's inviting us to come and talk to them.

Those other people, the concept they have - when you come to church, you don't wear shoes; when you come to church, this is how to behave. ...For them to know you have a message from God...They will refer to the Scripture that God told Moses to take off his shoes. He told Joshua, "Take off your shoes." We don't do that. Now for me...I'm different - because of the stature and because of what they know that God does with me, I can go anywhere. And they accept me the way I am.

So I told our overseer: "Please, when you go there, all those people are watching you, whether you'd put on your shoes or not. The first thing you do (without their telling you)...remove your shoes." What if the overseer told me: "GS (General Superintendent), what are you telling me? I will never compromise in my life. I will never do that. And, since we need to teach them, ...." But you don't clean the fish before you catch the fish. If you want to clean the fish before you catch the fish, you'll never catch any fish. Which fish will remain there and stay there for you to clean it up before you catch it? You catch the fish first before you clean up the fish.

So he went. When he got there...by the time they just got to the building, he just removed his shoes without their telling him. It opened them up. They said, "What? You, Deeper Life man, and with everything you have written against us before now, you've come and you've done this?" He said, "How long should I preach?" They said, "Just go on. Anything you want to say."

Look at that. But what if he said, "Not so, Lord. I can never do that"? You will miss out on this new day. If you are still staying back there criticizing everything that is going on and you say, "Look at this and look at this," you're going to lose a lot. But if you'll say, "Oh Lord, whatever You want to do." Who is going to... Look at all the knowledge you have. Look at all the messages you are hearing. Look at the great deposit of revelation in Deeper Life...in your life, in your heart.

Then, because of tradition and because of this, this, and that, you're not going to take this revelation out there where people are waiting. You're still standing by the side of Peter... "Not so, Lord." I pray you will not miss out.

Do you know what happened? Eventually, as we got to the program and I had to pay a courtesy call to the archbishop. Not only that, I had to pay a courtesy call to...they call them *Sarki*, that is the chief, the king of that land, of the native people there. When we got there, all the people were sitting on the ground, but I told you they give me some special attention and some special privilege. They gave me a chair to sit on. Then the king, too, was sitting on a chair. Eventually, as all those people were sitting down with their turbans and everything. So they spoke in their local language interpreted into English and told me to talk.

How would you approach that situation? I'm telling you so that you do not miss out in this new day. Here is a man that is in charge of all that community, and here is...from the other religion. Now we're sitting down together. All these people are there. Now he says I should talk. I said, "Thank you very much." I gave him the respect that the title demands. I then said, "Here we are today, creatures of the same Creator."

I didn't start with Calvary and Jesus and all these other things. I said, "We're creatures of the same Creator. He created us. How is the Creator looking at us now as we are fighting one another? And these are our boys...boys on my side and boys on your side. They don't understand. They're out there fighting one another. Here we are, we're sitting down together here. Those boys outside, they don't know how united we are because we are from the same Creator." He said, "That is true."

Then I spoke, I spoke, I spoke. When I finished speaking, I said, "Now you know what?" I didn't say, "We're having a crusade." I said, "We're having a kind of gathering together...social gathering, a lot of your people are there. They're going to come to that social gathering tonight." ...Instead of saying, "They're going to come to crusade tonight," I said, "You don't want to hear what we're telling your people? If we're brainwashing them and we're telling them to fight against the authorities and the government... Here you are in the palace; you don't know what we're telling your people. Why don't you come out? A leader must be near to his people He said, "Yes. That is true."

So eventually he agreed he would come out. Then I said, "Not only that, we are having a special meeting with senators and directors and politicians Sunday night. That will also be about two days after." And I said, "You'll meet a lot of people there. Some of the people...they're decision makers...the people to construct your road, and the people to do this...." He said, "Yes. This is true." I said, "If you keep yourself away from these decision makers, you're going to lose a lot." I didn't tell him to come to the crusade. I just put it another way. If we don't know how to approach people today, this new day, and you're still with the old, old concept...I pray you will not lose out.

When I finished, I did as if I wanted to stand up. Because you know Jesus... He was going and then he did as if He would pass them by. Then he made...the people said, "Don't go. Stay with us." Sometimes you have to make them show their desire. So I stood up. They said, "You cannot

go yet." I said, "What else remains?" They said, "You must pray for us." I didn't impose the prayer on him. He said, "*You* must pray for us."

Then we prayed. After we'd prayed, he said, "We must take a photograph. I want your photograph." Then I wanted to go. He said, "Now, you have been speaking. It's my turn to speak." So I sat down. Then he pointed to all his people. He said, "Now you people, you don't know this man. This man is a man of God."

Then he faced me and said, "You lost your wife just a few months ago." Listen, *Sarki* means great, great person on the other side. I said, "Yes sir." He said, "But that time when you lost your wife, you were teaching the people of God the way of God." He said, "Way of God." That's what I was teaching. I said, "Yes." He said, "But when they told you the news, you kept on teaching the people the way of God. We are following your story. You are a leader. We'll follow you."

Now when you think about that... So if you still sit down there... Some of the places I go today, I wouldn't go there 10 years ago. Some of the things I do today as I move with these people, I wouldn't have done those 10 years ago. If you are still carrying the concept of 10 years ago, and here we are now, this new day...and we say, "This is what to do." Then you say, "Hmmm...me? Never! Even if the GS himself tells me, 'This is what to do', I will not." I will not even try to tell you because I know tradition will cancel revelation from your life.

You hold on to your tradition...you'll still get to heaven, but you'll get to heaven alone by yourself. Some of us who are willing to drop tradition and go on with new revelation, we're going to carry millions of people with us. That's why I'm inviting you...if you want to get a lot of people saved, you want to get a lot people into heaven...that's why I'm calling you. Let's stop some of these traditions. Then you move on with revelation.

A little thing would have spoiled the crusade in Abuja city. That little thing is this. To avoid any confrontation, any problem, we wanted the PFN and the other churches to sing...have their own choir. Then, we wanted Deeper Life to have their own choir, separate, because we wanted to avoid any kind of clash, any kind of musical thing that would bring any problem. So when we said that, they said, "No. All the churches are coming together. This is the day of unity. And since this is unity, the people will see us sing and if we say we're united, our choir must be united." We said, "Alright."

But then we had a problem. The problem we had is that our sisters in the choir...they wear their normal scarf, and it's good. Isn't it good? ...And beautiful, too. Deeper Life kind of...that's our special thing. But the choir of the PFN...they use a cap. They said, "We must be together." I had already said, "Yes, we can be together. Let them sing together." They said, "If they're going to sing together, they must look alike."

So the overseer called me and he said, "We have a problem on our hands." This little thing would have scattered the whole of the crusade. The thousands of people that were reached, we would have not been able to reach them because of this little thing. So eventually, when he said that, then he went to them. In his normal, characteristic Deeper Life way, he tried to argue them out: "We're united, but you know, Anglican is still Anglican. Methodist is still Methodist. Deeper

Life is still Deeper Life." They said they understand, "When we go back to our churches, we can do whatever we want to do. But when we appear before the public, we must do the same thing".

So the pastor called me again. They normally check up...even while I'm here now, we're planning (a crusade), in Benue State, it's going to be the first week of August. They keep on checking up with me..."We're doing this. We're deciding this. We're deciding this." Even until yesterday, we were still planning together. But at that time they got in touch with me and he said, "What are we going to do?" I then said, "What do you want to do?" He said, "Our sisters are saying if it's like that, then they will not sing because they cannot go out there and wear a cap."

So I said, "My brother, they tell me the kind of publicity you have for this crusade coming...what is it...we have handbills, we have posters, we have this, we have publicity cap." I said, "Wait a minute. You have what?" "Publicity cap." I said, "Those publicity caps...do the sisters wear them?" "Yes, they do." I said, "How long do they wear them?" "They wear them from morning till evening, everywhere they go...to the office, with that publicity cap." "Okay. Publicity cap...choir cap...there is a difference?" That opened his eyes. I said, "Now tell the PFN we will use caps, but everybody will use the publicity cap."

So the PFN and the Deeper Life and everybody...because they had been wearing all these caps about for publicity and they never thought that was wrong. Only to sing for 10 minutes...they felt that would be wrong. Do you see our tradition...how sometimes tradition can hinder and destroy revelation? Thank God...sometimes, anywhere I go...I don't know about here, yet...but anywhere I go, whether it's Africa or Europe, wherever...they know that I know more than them. Over here, do I know more than you? A little bit more. So, those people...they never argue with me.

Eventually, they came out like that. I wish we had time. I would show you some of the video. You see a sea of heads. Then, eventually they had to invite me to the presidency to come and minister in the chapel there. Then, after that, they called members of Deeper Life to please always attend the presidency...the chaplaincy there called them... a lot of things happening. It's a new day. Because it's a new day, we need to allow all these things to melt away.

By the way, by the way, this kind of dressing that we have now...look up here. Are you there? This tie...Did Jesus wear a tie? Did He wear a coat? It's a different kind of dressing. This one is not Jewish dress. This one is not New Testament dress. It's just to cover your nakedness. This scarf you're putting on...is this the way they wear it in Israel? No. It's just Nigerian. It's not American. It's not Jewish either. Don't argue for something that is just tradition. Do you understand? Are you still with me? Praise the Lord. I said, "Praise the Lord."

Why are we talking about all this if the latter rain is going to come? It's going to wash away a lot of things. When that latter rain comes and we allow the Lord... Did you see I didn't sit in front this time because I just wanted to take a place there? But I wish I...it was too late yesterday when the Washington people were singing. Did you see their style? And you see the effect they brought. I know they took it from the keyboard there, the drumming and everything. I felt I should have sat over there to be looking at your faces to see those who are queasy and those who

are bending over, because I said, "Look at Washington. They're going to step on a lot of toes today." But I wasn't prepared to look at your faces, but I catch you. Praise the Lord.

What I'm just saying is that there are some of these things...we call them non-essentials. When it comes to essential things - that's the doctrine, that's the Word of God. Jesus is Savior. There's no other Savior. That's central. But as to the kind of music and the kind of approach and this tradition and this tradition and the sisters wearing a cap and others wearing a scarf and wearing this and wearing that...cover your nakedness. Then let's move on and do the work of God together.

Don't let us spend all our time arguing about things that I think we ought to outgrow. I think we can outgrow them. Can we? Praise the Lord. Are you still with me? Some people will have stomach problems. They will not be able to listen to the message today. But I'm going to preach and you will listen. I said, "You will listen."

By the way, those brothers who are recording, please record all this along with everything we are saying so that when we go back to our localities and everything, we'll hear everything. I know some of you would like to send this to Nigeria and say, "See what the GS has come to say in the U.S."

By the way, let me tell you...I've been also telling them over there. I've been showing them that this is the way and that in essential things, we're united. In non-essentials, there is liberty.

Let's close our eyes to pray. I want you to talk to the Lord now and ask the Lord and say, "Lord, wash tradition away from my heart. Whatever will hinder the preaching of the gospel...whatever will hinder..."