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OR: ........ God told me to say. Then I want to bring you up to date cause I've got a mad inside my soul against the devil today. We're not going under; we are going over. (APPLAUSE) So if you've got that thing to show, I guess you'll see it with this here. Turn the lights down low. (LAUGHTER)

(ROLL-IN OF OR) And he said, I want you to believe you can raise the $8 million because in my heart I didn't believe I could. With the regular income we must have to keep all the ministry going, it looked impossible to me. You know, to come this far with hundreds of millions of dollars and then to maintain this every month -- the television work, the Oral Roberts University with its 4,664 students, the signs and wonders seminary, the City of Faith, and to take care of the poor as best as we can, and to go to the nations -- to have enough money each month is a struggle and we've fallen behind for 3 or 4 months. And when God talked to me about raising the $8 million over and above all of these regular needs each month, I mean, my stomach turned over just like yours when you don't have the money to pay your bills. You know how you feel. And he said, I want you to believe.

(APPLAUSE)
OR: The devil has almost pulled a trick on us to defeat us and three days ago the spirit came on me in the desert. I had been very upset inside myself and I couldn't explain it and I'm sure you've had the same experience if you knew something was wrong but you couldn't lay your hand on it. And we've been working hard toward the $8 million and we've been having what I call some good success. We're not quite there yet, but we expect to be.

And then God began to remind me of what he had said. That was to come in above our regular needs. And we had fallen behind in the fall. We had had terrific months in July and August and all of a sudden one or two months we came down to almost half of what it took. And I said that on the air and you saw it right there. And all the media has done is the $8 million. Well, let me give you an example of what God reminded me when he finally got my attention again. If you had all your regular needs raised, all the back needs, all the monthly needs, you still have to raise the $8 million. Or if you had all the $8 and you did not have your regular needs in as a support base for Oral Roberts University for which all of our students are being raised up to hear God's voice, if you don't have a support base, then the $8 million is nothing. It will not do it. If we don't have a support base, if you don't have a support base in your life, just someone giving you a special gift is not going to solve it for you. And there the media was focusing on that one thing, that if we get the $8 million, no matter what, if we don't get our regular needs met, you slam the door shut on what it takes to maintain, we're dead in the water. And I bless God that he got my attention. And Sunday, the 22nd, I'm going up in that Prayer
Tower and I'm not coming down until the end of March 31 except for the essentials of my life... I'll have to maintain an hour or two at a time. And when I come out on April 1, I expect to have every dollar of operating funds, the entire $8 million. I expect to win this thing big for the glory of our God.

(APPLAUSE) Now, here are some notes. After all the onslaught on my life these past 3 months as we have begun to rebirth medical missions so it will not die from the earth like it has the past twenty centuries, not only put medical mission stations and staff them from ORU, but keep them supplied in 1988, 1989, and on through the year 2,000 and into the 21st century, until Jesus comes back to this present earth. Many people haven't understood he's going to come back to this very earth that we live in.... we live on. I expect ORU to be standing right here when Christ comes back to rule and reign with his people and to assign to us different tasks over this earth. And God has spared me, God has spared you for that purpose. Paul said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." And I can tell you, that woe is in my soul, woe is Oral if he does not preach the gospel of his healing and delivering power, to take his healing power to my generation. If Jesus tarries, you will die, I will die, everybody will die. But we don't want to die now. I want my life extended. How about you? I want to tell you something. This healing ministry has worked for four decades. In the month of May I will have finished four decades and this ministry has worked. God's healing power in me has not failed. God's plan works if we work it. And listen now, this is what God is saying to me. Always wait for the overflow, the running over, the twelve baskets left
over after the 5,000 are fed. Don't spoil the abundance by trying to get the critics and fainthearted off your back. Don't lose the full hundredfold return for fear of persecution. He said, "You shall receive a hundredfold now, in this life, with persecutions." Don't miss out on the hundredfold just because you're afraid of persecutions. We've already got enough of the persecution. I'm ready for the hundredfold. We've already paid the price in persecution. You know, to get a big 747 airplane off the ground it takes a lot of preparation, a lot of momentum down the runway. It's so big it starts off slow and it just lumbers along for thousands of feet, then picks up speed and starts taking off. But if it stops before takeoff, it takes a whole lot more time to get it back, to start it off, and to get it back up in the air. It's much harder. We've got the head of steam going on medical missions along with our regular ministry and meeting the regular needs of it, but if we stop it before we get it all, before we get it all in, just because of the persecutions, we're in mortal danger of losing the momentum, of losing it all, of losing medical missions and a support base at Oral Roberts University for it. Another twenty centuries without Paul and Luke coming together. In the early part of my ministry I had a message on the pace of faith and it starts with a few seeds being planted and you keep on planting until you get into a rhythm of sowing and reaping, of reaping and sowing, of giving and receiving, of receiving and getting, so that rhythmically you don't let satan steal your hundredfold return. There's always a seed you sow that signals the start of your hundredfold return. Somewhere in your seed sowing, there's one that you sow that
starts the hundredfold return coming back to you. Don't quit just before your victory. The prize is at the end of the race. Hold on, stay with it, don't quit. Keep sowing, keep expecting to receive, keep looking for your breakthrough. The pace of faith operates on the principle of God's abundant life, not on just barely making it. You can't live just for living. You can go to jail and live, but what miserable living. You can't live just by living. God wants you in his abundant living. He wants you to live out the overflow of your faith. The pace of your faith is designed to get you into the overflow. The pace of your faith is designed to get you into the overflow. Examples: when the little boy gave Christ his five loaves and two fishes, Christ multiplied it and fed the entire 5,000 and did not stop. He left twelve baskets over when all were fed -- the overflow. When Peter, James and John had been fishing and had caught nothing all night and Christ came to borrow their boat to preach from, and then he told them to launch out into the deep and let down their nets for a catch, they caught a net-breaking, boat-sinking load of fish. And you know what? Peter remembered that. In the 10th chapter of Mark when Jesus dealt with the rich, young ruler who wanted God and money, he wanted them both and God didn't care about that. He was happy for him to have God and money, but he couldn't serve both of them. He couldn't serve God and money. Because he was serving money and wanted God, he had to make a choice. God was not against the money. We can have both but we can't serve both. And when the rich young ruler turned away, Peter, in the 10th chapter of Mark, blunt spoken as he was, said, "Lord, we've given up all." What he meant was he had given up
his real estate, his boat, his fishing business, loved ones had turned against him. And he said, "What are we going to get therefore?" All my life I've been taught that was a wrong question to ask. All my life I've been taught that you're to give everything you've got to God and expect nothing back. It's a satanic thing. Peter said, "What are we going to get?" and Jesus answered the question. He said, "Here's what you're going to get back. If fathers and mothers have turned against you, I will give you others. If loved ones have turned against you, I'll give you others. If you've given up houses and lands, I'll give you other houses and lands. I'll give you the hundredfold now of loved ones, of friends, of houses, of lands and real estate. You won't just barely be getting by. You'll be into the overflow. You'll be into the hundredfold return now, but with persecutions, with persecutions." Then he said, "In the world to come, in life everlasting, in the world to come...." Everybody say it. In the world to come...... (REPEAT). There was a world to come. It's better than this world and our work will just begin. God said to me: People think that if they just get their foot in the door of heaven everything will be fine. He said: They'll be disappointed cause your life's work will just begin in the world to come. With persecution, but in the world to come. But now in this time you're to have a hundredfold. This is what changed Peter's life. It changed it then, it changed it later. At the day of pentecost Peter was released with great power to preach. He was able to give out of the hundredfold to the lame man at the beautiful gate. "Such as I have I give thee," and the lame man could walk. Out of the hundredfold he was able to open
the doors of the Gentiles which had not been opened for thousands of years. I am a Gentile. Because Peter was able to open the door to the Gentiles, Oral Roberts is a saved man. That came out of the overflow. He came out of prison the night before they were to kill him because a church was praying and believing in the overflow. His shadow falling on the sick brought healing and the casting out of devils because he was operating in the overflow. Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall men give to your bosom." Shall men give to your bosom. Pressed down, shaken together and running over. Not just barely getting by. Not living on the edge where you don't know where your next dollar is coming from, where you're wondering if you can make your tuition, or your board and room, or if you have to check out of school, or your parents at home don't have enough. Not on the bare edge as a believer in the Son of God, but pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Don't stop expecting till you get beyond, you get beyond just barely living. Get into the overflow of God's abundant living. Don't just be thrown into the fiery furnace because you won't bow. Don't just stay in there barely staying alive under the threat of destruction by satan. Expect the fourth man. Expect the fire not to touch you, for the fire not to singe your hair or scorch your clothes or burn your body. Expect to walk around in the arms of the fourth man. Expect to be promoted by the very ones who threw you in the furnace. Don't just get the furnace; get the gold. If you pay the price, get the reward. If you run the race, run all the race to get the prize at the end. Don't just follow Jesus as your
shepherd, barely making it. Expect Jesus the Shepherd to bring you into the overflow where you shall not want for he shall restore your soul, for he will lead you in paths of righteousness, where he will guide you into green pastures and through the valley of the shadow of death, where he will prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies and make your cup run over; not run dry, but run over. Where goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your lives. Don't just get into the boat with Jesus to go over and stay in it until the storm hits and then start crying, "We're going under." Stay in the boat until Jesus stands up and rebukes the storm and you arrive on the other side. Not under, but over. Get it into your spirit that you're going to believe God. You're not going under. Get a missionary heart. It's not the $8 million that's at issue here. It's not even the regular needs of our ministry that must be raised that's at issue here though they are part of the issue. Just having all that money to pay our bills and the $8 million to scholarship the medical students is not going to get the job done because if it's not in our hearts, it will never be done. It's done by people, by people who have a missionary heart. Believe you can do it, God said to me. Believe you can do it above your regular needs. Believe for your regular needs, believe all of it. Believe for all of it, believe for the overflow. Don't stop with the bare minimum of your regular needs. Don't stop just with getting the $8 million. Get the net-breaking, boat-sinking load. Come down out of that Prayer Tower on April 1st and announce to the world we've reached our goal and gone over our goal. Let the world know that God gives a net-breaking,
boat-sinking load. (APPLAUSE) Let the world know we're the head and not the tail. We're on top and not on the bottom. If the media's got something to say, let them say something big for a change. Don't stop with the bare minimum. You've been laughed at, mocked out, cast out, persecuted. Now get your hundredfold return. The persecutors are all over you every day, every hour. You know what I'm talking about. Why should I rehash that? Don't stop short of your hundredfold just because persecutions are all over you. The persecutions are coming as the old wave, which has never won. On every beach of every ocean in the world right now there is an old wave coming in, coming in to shore, coming up on the beach, spending its force and turning around to go back. And right behind it is a new wave. And the old wave turns to go back and says to the new wave, "You're not going to do it." The new wave says, "I am going to do it." The old wave says, "You shall not come." And the new wave says, "You can't keep me from coming in." And the old wave says, "You will fail." The new wave says, "I'm going to go right over you." Have you ever been caught in an undertow when the old wave hit the new wave? I have and been slammed to the bottom wondering if I'd get back up on top because that new wave, when it hits that old wave, and the old wave says, "I'll stop you," and the new wave says, "I'm coming through you." If you're there, you are there. That's what this deal is right now. We are right now where the old wave, the wave of persecution is coming against us, says, "You shall NOT revive medical missions. You shall NOT put Paul and Luke together again. You shall continue with a watered-down religion, four walls of a church, thinking that's the kingdom of
God." When God's got a concern for the nations in his heart, the old wave has said, "You can't reach these nations. You can't get in them." Communism says no, nationalism says no, Marxism says no. But the new wave coming out of Oral Roberts University and this ministry says we can, we can get through. (APPLAUSE) We are going to get through. We're going to go through the old wave. We have 13 days, 13 days left in March, 13 days. Will you not tarry with me one hour? I'm asking every student in the next 13 days as you leave the campus and go on mission or go back home or wherever, either with your parents, your loved ones, or friends, to try to see me up in that Prayer Tower. Many ministers are going to fly across America and come up in the Prayer Tower and spend an hour with me. My prayer warriors across this campus will be coming and going as I'm up there those 13 days. I'm asking you to pray a solid hour, to tarry with me one hour. Jesus said to his disciples on that night of his life in Gethsemane, "Could you not tarry with me one hour?" And I'd like for you students to write on a piece of paper your name and your needs, the hundredfold return. Put down on it what the hundredfold return is that you need. Write it down and then give it to.... I suppose they'll tell you who to give it to. And I want all of those pieces of paper brought up into the Prayer Tower and I'm going to hold them in my hands and arms and pull them to my heart. And I'm going to bombard heaven for you. I want you in the overflow. I want you as a new wave to win over the old wave. I want your needs met. I am sick and tired of the devil holding you down. Are you sick and tired? Then I want the faculty.... I want you to write on a piece of paper your name and
your hundredfold need. Spell it out. Let the devil read it. Spell it out and I'll take those in my arms as I do the students' several time, and every administrator do the same things. The partners outside the university in the room today, you do it. And during these 13 days, tarry at least one hour with me. I will not come down from that Prayer Tower until victory is won. They asked if we will reveal our amounts on April 1st. We'll be honored. We'll tell it to the world. We'll let everybody know what came in. If I don't come down, you'll know where I am. But I intend to come down. What is the overflow? In the Prayer Tower these next 13 days Oral Roberts is going to rekindle the healing gifts in his life. Everybody please be patient with me and don't write on your piece of paper now. I've got something to say that has to be said. I really think your life hangs on it. Oral Roberts is going to rekindle the healing gifts in his life. As I'm in the Prayer Tower and the healing gifts are rekindled in my life, I expect a healing wave to emanate through the walls, across this campus, across the City of Faith, across America and Canada, across the earth. And in my program Sunday morning on television I'm going to ask people all over this... wherever they are listening to me... to look for the healing wave coming. We're going to rekindle the healing power. That Prayer Tower is the focal point of prayer for millions in the world. We're going in there with anointing oil. We're going to take off our shoes and we're going to walk through every foot of it and we're going to anoint it. We're going to resanctify it, we're going to rededicate the Prayer Tower to prayer. We're going to lay our hands on every prayer partner up there answering phones
and we're going to anoint them with oil and I'm going to anoint every letter, every piece of paper, every name. We're going to rededicate that Prayer Tower that healing will flow from it to the ends of the earth. I'm going up there to do what Lindsay Roberts did last night in the final birth pangs to bring forth little Catherine Olivia Roberts. In the final birth pangs of birthing medical missions so medical missions will live and never die out again as it has in the past 20 centuries, that God's concern for the nations will never again lack for Pauls and Lukes and healing teams until the second coming. I call upon every pastor and every church. I wish every pastor would write on a pastor the hundredfold return they need in their life, their family, and for their church, and get it to me. I'd like to see us come into agreement and not come out of the agreement in these next 13 days. Hear me carefully. The big miracles that have come through my ministry for four decades came when I operated within my healing gifts which I am now rekindling. God has a system. Everybody .......... (TAPE SIDE ENDS) .......... say it again. God has a system. (REPEAT) Now listen to me. When we follow the system it never fails. We win every time. We win every time. Now God has sent me administrators, faculty, partners, and a student body unlike any other human has ever had. No other group of people have built what we have here, not in the history of the world. I'm a man surrounded by many witnesses and I must not fail, I myself. I am trying to help rediscover God's system of the hundredfold return, of God's reward system. I'm trying to get us out of just barely eking by and get into God's overflow and operate our lives out of God's overflow and then
take the nations for Jesus. I can hardly wait to get on the planes and start flying to the ends of the earth. The next 13 days.... I want to say something about them and then we will pray. We've got 13 days to finish raising the $8 million and to finish raising the regular needs of the university, including what we fell behind on in the fall. We have 13 days to turn medical missions around, the ORU medical school around. We have 13 days to turn the Body of Christ around and send out a signal that the Body of Christ develop a heart, a missionary heart. We have 13 days for what the media is going to do to ______ whatever we do around the world, to take a message. I say we have 13 days to reach the promised land. Not just to stand there and look at it, but to enter it. Will you be with me? Are you with me? Are you with me? Thank you, Lord. Carlton.

CARLTON PEARSON: For the last 15 years, 16 actually, I've been involved in this ministry either directly or indirectly as a student, as an employee, and now as a member of the Board of Regents. And when I came here yesterday, somebody from the "Chicago Times" came, the religious editor for the "Chicago Times" came to my office to see me and wanted to talk about ORU. And I received phone calls and letters from all across the country as may be some of you have or will in the next few days when you go home. You're going to hear people who are going to ask you questions. Two things I want to say to you before we pray and go, some of which I've been saying to this man what I said yesterday. Paul said, "Do not be ashamed of me or the Lord, to testify as I am in prison." He was in prison when he wrote
those letters. He said to Timothy, "God has not given us a spirit of fear." He used the Greek word cowardice, timidity.
"But of power and of love and of self discipline." I said to the "Chicago Times" editor yesterday, "I am a product of ORU. I am a son of the soil of that ministry. Look around this office, look at this church, look at me. I am not a weakling, I am not about to die and neither is the ministry from which I've come." I said, "We are an example. I am an example of the fruitfulness of that ministry." I said, "ORU is one place where you can at least see where the money has gone and is going. You can see it with your own eyes. We're not ashamed of it. We have no reason to be ashamed of it." (APPLAUSE) Everywhere I've preached in the last 3 months they've said to me, "Is Oral Roberts going to die?" I've said, "Yes, and so are you one of these days, so get ready. When you do die, what will you have to leave? What will you have to show that you ever lived?" And so I was preaching in Oklahoma City just a few weeks ago and when I've been talking, everywhere I go I have to make references to this place and to what's going on, as I have for the last 16 years both as a World Action Singer and as an employee. Now I can still do it. And when I got through preaching, the pastor got up and before I could make the altar appeal, raised an offering of $10,000 just like that as the result of the comments I had made speaking pride of that. Some time back I was in the home of one of the 400 richest men in America. The place was so fine and so fabulous and so out of sight I couldn't believe I was there. I kept looking around the place thinking I was supposed to clean it for some reason. (LAUGHTER) The only other time I had been in a house like that
was to clean it with my mother and grandmother. My God, there I was sitting and a few days earlier Bo Derek had been there, Jonathan Winters had been there, Robert Mitchum had been there. And by the time I got through talking to that man.... the first time I had only ever gotten a $1,000 check.... he had never given to a ministry or minister before but he loves Oral Roberts. He's not a believer and I got $1,000 three years ago for the ______ machine at the City of Faith. But in January that same gentlemen... and I was sitting with him thinking: Lord, what in the world am I doing here? What am I doing in this chair? What am I doing in this house? They haven't asked me to clean it yet. What am I doing here? That man ultimately sent $40,000 worth of stock here in January and he's not even a born-again believer. God turned that situation.... it was an opportunity for us to share what we believe here, because every time I'm with that man he talks about this place. Now I want to say this before we pray. David, before he killed Goliath, the only thing he had to fall back on was this. When Saul said, "Listen, son, you're but a youth and this man has been fighting since his youth." The only thing David had to fall back on was he had already killed a lion and already killed a bear and he wasn't afraid of Goliath. Through many dangers, toils, and snares we have already come. His grace has brought us safe thus far and his grace will lead us on. We've already killed the lion after four decades, Oral Roberts. He's already killed the lion, he's already killed the bar. And he's going to kill Goliath and restore the grace to the Body of Christ. (APPLAUSE) Stand on your feet. We've got to pray about this thing. Everybody say, I've got a feeling that
everything is going to be all right. (REPEAT) Say, I am not ashamed of ORU, I'm not ashamed of being a student. We have nothing to be ashamed of. (REPEAT) We're not going under, we're going over. (REPEAT) How many of you have already killed a lion in your life somewhere? How many of you have already killed a bear? You've already been through something. Why should God fail you? Look at the person next to you one more time and say, "I've got a feeling deep down in my heart that everything, everything is going to be all right." Yeaaaaahhh. (REPEAT) Come on, clap your hands. (APPLAUSE) At Higher Dimension we clap our hands for three reasons. Number one, we clap just to praise the name of the Lord. Number two, we clap to summon angels' assistance. And number three, we clap to remind the devil of the sound of the seed of the woman's heel bruising the head of the serpent, a crushing blow of defeat to the devil. Come on, let's clap our hands and let the devil know he's already defeated. We are the winners in Jesus' name. (APPLAUSE) Halleluia. Take hands with the person next to you. We're not going to be ashamed. Oral Roberts, we are with you. This is our dream. We're a part of it too. And when he is in heaven one of these days, we're going to still be here and so will the university if the Lord delays his coming. And we've got to carry on starting right now. If you be ashamed now, God will be ashamed of you later. This is one of the greatest places in the world to live and the best university under the sun. And I don't care what the people say to you or what questions they ask, I always say, "Folks, I'm there. I'm there. I see what the place is doing, I know what it's like." And as I told the news editor
yesterday, "I would not be where I am in life." He said, "I came to you...." I said, "Why did you come to see me?" He said, "I came to you because they tell me you love Oral Roberts. As a young, black man in this world, what kind of influence has he had on your life?" And I began to tell him. He said, "Ah, you've given me more sense. I have no bone to pick. I just have something to say. Six hundred thousand readers in Chicago are going to read that article about this university." Folks, anywhere they ask me, I just say I'm not ashamed. I'm a product of the university and I'm not ashamed of Carlton Pearson so I'm not ashamed of the soil from which I've come the last 15 years. If you're ashamed of yourself, then you go ahead and say you're ashamed of us. But if you're not ashamed of yourself and what you're doing, and if you believe God called you here and you believe in this work and you're not an accident going somewhere to happen, God's ordering your steps. If you believe that, you just say it and don't shirk it off. Don't let the devil step on you. Just spit in his face in the name of Jesus with truth. God has not given us a spirit fear. We are not cowards. Let's join and enter the conflict. Be bad. And we're going to close with singing "I've got a feeling that everything is going to be all right." Get your saxophone. As the people leave in a minute, that's the way we're going to sing. "I've got a feeling that everything is going to be all right." Everybody say, it's going to be all right. (REPEAT) Say, the devil has won some battles but he will not win this war. (REPEAT) Everybody say it again. The devil has won a few battles but he will not win the war. (REPEAT) Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth we would bind the works of the devil. We come against the spirit of the adversary. We rebuke the enemy of our souls. We stand firm on the Word of God and on his promises. And by the anointing of the Holy Ghost we will go through the fiery furnaces of life. We will walk and spend the night if we have to in the den of lions. We will walk through the valleys of the shadows of death and we will not fear any evil for you are with us. You promised us you'd never leave us nor forsake us but, lo, you would be with us always, even to the end of the age. We bless Oral Roberts, we stand with him, we hold him up with our faith in the name of Jesus. And we're not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ because we have a feeling that everything is going to be all right. Father, bless these young men and women. Let every one of them stand up in boldness. Anoint their lips and their tongues. Give them what to say, how to say it, when to say it, to whom to say it. Let them say it with boldness and with power, with a strange and unusual anointing, one that they've never experienced before. Let them speak in their churches and their homes and communities and answer every question saying, "We've already killed a lion, we've already killed a bear, and Goliath, you'd better go lieth down before we knock you down, in the name of Jesus. You come to us with a sword and a spear and a shield. We come to you in the name of the Lord God of the armies of Israel whom you have defied. And, Goliath, we will remove your head from you in Jesus' name. Everybody say, in Jesus' name. Look at somebody and say, "I'm in this for the long haul. I don't plan to lose. I'm not going under. I'm going over."

(REPEAT) Halleluia. Well, let's sing this. We're out of time.
SINGING: "I've Got A Feeling Everything's Going To Be All Right"