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Scripture:

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lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 16:25

Quote 1:

“Now Matthew 16:25, we read this: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Now, this is a very important Scripture. Let’s all read that together. What do you say? Everybody, little children and all, together now. [Brother Branham and congregation read the following Scripture together—Ed.] For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

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Quote 2:

“Now, boys and girls, you know what? There’s a lot of things in the world that’s real valuable. And one of those things is, you have it with you today, it’s the soul that’s inside of that body. And that’s the most valuable thing in the world, to you.”

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Quote 3:

“And that’s what prayer does for the believer. That’s what daily keeps the world out of you, is when you pitch yourself on your knees, and say, “Lord Jesus!” And the Blood comes down, and It seals you all up so the devil can’t get you. See? That’s right. See? So then, oh, many times the people go around and say, “It’s awful,” but, that don’t make any difference, it keeps you safe. That’s the main thing, keep safe. Say, “You’re old-fashion,” but, that doesn’t matter, it keeps you safe.”

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Lesson:

- Let’s turn in our Bibles to Matthew 16:25 and listen while Bro. Branham reads our scripture with us today.
- **Quote 1**
- Jesus said in this Scripture, “For whoever will ____ his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall ____ it.” Children answer, save and find. That is something very important for us to remember. God put it in His Word 6 times, and again spoke it through Bro. Branham.
- I Stop and think for a moment how you would take care of what you think to be the most prized possession in the world. Think how you would make sure that nothing happened to it. For instance, maybe it is thought to be the best car or the nicest house ever, or the best, most advanced electronic device in all the world! Would you entrust the care of it to just anyone? You would probably have it as secured as you possibly could, and do the best you could to protect it, wouldn’t you? Even then, as nice as that possession might be, it’s only temporal. That means it only lasts so long. It will perish one day.
- But, did you know RIGHT NOW “YOU” do have something MORE important than any of those things? Let’s listen as our prophet tells it best.
- **Quote 2**
- What is the most important, most valuable thing you have? Yes, your soul. If you keep it and do just whatever you want to, like cheating, lying, stealing, what about even refusing to obey your parents, what will happen? What about wearing or doing something that would be inappropriate, that you even feel checked about? Yes, you’ll lose it. But if you GIVE your soul to Jesus and become a YIELDED VESSEL for Him, that He can use for HIS purpose, then what will happen? Children - I’ll save it. Absolutely, you will save it and it will never perish, it’s eternal! We want to give it to Jesus to protect it and be ever so careful in all things to please HIM!
- Of all the things we do in life, what is the one thing Brother Branham said we can NEVER do too much of? Pray. We can never pray too much!
- Keeping these things in mind, let’s look at a story in the Bible, in GOD’S WORD.
- The children of Israel are in bondage and the situation looks terrible, it seems there is no way out! There was a man who had a burden for the people. Who can tell me who that was? Yes, Amram. Who was his wife? Jochebed. Who were his two children? Miriam and Aaron. Brother Branham tells this beautiful drama in the Message “Teaching on Moses” of how Amram came home so weary and tired. If you remember the story, Amram had to pour the mortar into the mold and make bricks by the hot furnace. They had taskmasters over them that would beat them. He’d seen their young boys being beat and whipped by the taskmasters till they would bleed. Bro. Branham said some of them were not over 12 years old, about the age of some of you. They had to work hard, pulling a big wagon with ropes around them till they just could not go any further. Think of that, around your age. Brother Branham likened it to young people being under the slavery of the devil, as the devil tries to beat you up and tear at you.



- So Amram was so tore up. He got to where he was so tired he didn't even want to live! He told Jochebed even though he prayed and prayed, it seemed like God just turned a deaf ear! How many of you have ever felt like you prayed for something and it seemed like God didn't hear you? Maybe it was a trial that only got worse. Brother Branham told us that God doesn't always answer prayer real quick, and sometimes He makes us wait, but God does answer prayer! He said even when everything is going wrong, we should still pray on anyhow. And Brother Branham said in the Message, Be Certain of God, when we have made all our wrongs right, and met every requirement, and yet He seems to be silent, that's when you've got to be sure that He is God. Believe that He is. God is only testing your faith, for He loves to do that.
- So every night Amram would come home tired and weary, but even then he would still go to pray in his secret room up in the attic. Brother Branham said he prayed till 3 or 4 in the morning. He tells how Amram lifted up his hands as he prayed, and then how he came down the steps in the early morning hours, looked over to see his lovely little wife asleep and the children tucked in the bed sleeping. He even said, "His eyes were strained with tears, because he cried for the people."
- Then one day he heard a rumor that a council was going to meet. The Israelites were growing in number; some families had up to 20 children! From that council meeting, one of the generals had an idea to get some police women that had never had children, and they were to take the baby Israelite boys and kill them. You've heard Brother Branham tell the story of the long nosed witches with old long fingers, painted up faces.
- Amram became so desperate, and he prayed like never before, even though it continued to get worse for the Israelites. Remember what we said earlier? Do we give up or keep praying? We keep praying.
- Branham said, "Just keep on praying, no matter what goes on." We what? Keep on praying. They could hear the screams of the mothers as they were losing their baby boys. And not only that, but another issue was made and now the women also were put to work! What did Amram do? Kept praying. He was very FAITHFUL in prayer! Bro. Branham said he knelt down, he put his hands up in the air, and hollered, "God, I'm speaking to You now." ... "God, Thou hast ears, and You can hear. Thou hast eyes, and You can see. Thou hast a memory; You know Your Word. You know Your promise." Amram was tired, but he was DESPERATE. Brother Branham talked about getting tired when you pray, and he said, "That's no time to give up. Keep on. God will answer."
- Jochebed was getting worried about Amram. He was so nervous that he was pale and had been vomiting up his food, and he had lost a lot of weight. Some of the people were getting bitter when they prayed and nothing happened. But not Amram. Each night he would go to his secret place and pray on anyway. This time he prayed like never before! He was crying out to God! With his little old frail body, Amram prayed till he fell on the floor and went to sleep. Then he was awakened by a Light, and an Angel stood in the room. He told Amram that God had been hearing his prayers, and that they were going to have a child who would deliver His people. What a blessing!!



- How many of you have ever prayed and seen God answer your prayers? It might not be just the way we think, but God answers prayer. So, did Amram give up when it seemed God was silent? No, he was faithful. He was sure of God! What did Amram do EVERY night? He prayed! He had a prayer meeting in his home. He had a secret place in his home. How many of you have a special place you go to pray?
- Because of Amram's faithfulness, God used him to play a great part. Now remember, they were killing the baby boys. But instead of being scared, Amram was again sure of God. He knew if God would give them this baby, He would also take care of him! Instead of being weary, the next day he had his shoulders up and was so happy! God was answering prayer! The other workers noticed he was different, and didn't see how God would answer prayer, but that didn't discourage Amram.
- He had put GOD first and we always want to PUT HIM FIRST! When the enemy tries to distract you with bad thoughts or temptations, or pulls at you from every different way, put God first. What if you're in a situation without mom or dad, and you have to make a decision? It is so important to stop, think, and pray, "Would God be pleased with what I'm doing?" Seek Him FIRST.
- About a year later, the prettiest little baby ever was born came into their home. They had to hide him and keep him quiet because of those witches, the police women. They hid the baby in a secret place where they couldn't find him. When they told them they would be back to find their baby, guess what Amram did? He went to his secret place to pray.
- Yes, he prayed. He fell asleep again, and this time he had a dream telling him what to do. See how prayer is changing things for Amram through every trial? What was he doing first? Seeking God, putting Him first. So he made an ark and pitched it (pitch is tar) which kept the enemy, the crocodiles and alligators, away. It was sealed, the water couldn't get in.
- **Quote 3**
- What does prayer do for the believer? Yes, keeps the world out. Then the Blood comes down, and it seals you all up so the devil can't get you.
- So what were they having to do? Give the baby back. Yes, because if they kept it, they would have lost it! So we know how the story goes. They placed the baby in this little ship, as Bro. Branham called it, in the Nile River. Could you imagine! But they were doing as God told Amram and were trusting God to the very end! Do you think Amram was scared and unsure of what was going to happen? NO! What did he do once again? He PRAYED! On his knees he had his hands in the air praying! And God called Gabriel and told him to call ten thousand Angels to the scene. He commanded that no crocodile, not even a chunk of wood come near that cargo! Bro. Branham said God was on the receiving end. He said, "When people trust Me, I have something, a purpose..."
- Here little Miriam walked along the river and watched the basket. It ended up in the palace park, where he was found by Pharaoh's daughter. Brother Branham tells us that all the love God could put in a human's heart, a mother for a child, He put in that girl's heart. She named the baby, Moses. God took care of everything! Remember how Jochebed got to nurse and care for her own baby, and even got paid to care for it? If Jochebed would have kept the baby, what would have happened? Yes, she would have lost it. But because she gave it back to the One Who gave it to her, what happened? Yes, she found it! And if WE keep our SOUL, do whatever we want to, what happens? We'll lose it. But, if we give it back to the One Who gave it to us, then what? Yes, we'll keep it!



- The FAITHFUL prayers of Amram changed the situation, didn't they?! What about YOUR prayers?
- What if you knew your parents were sitting and waiting just to talk, visit, and “commune” with you. They just want to spend time with you. You would not just leave them sit there and go do other things, would you? Well our heavenly Father, Who cares for us, desires us to commune with Him and worship Him. We should pray before going to bed, first thing in the morning; thinking on Him and speaking to Him throughout the day. We want to have that relationship with the Lord all the time, when we are in the face of trials or have need. Then when we call on Him, we are sure that He is God.
- Brother Joseph mentioned sometime back about not just telling God our problems. He wants us to worship Him! He longs for our fellowship!
- Satan tries to tell us we are unworthy and can't talk to God. We are God's children and we can talk to Him. He wants to be worshiped! Sometimes it takes a little while to break into His Presence. And when we do, we should worship Him. As Brother Joseph encouraged us to do even throughout our day, just take a moment to tell Him, “Lord I love you!” He said that is a prayer meeting! But he also told us, “some of our greatest victories in prayer are when it's late, and you don't feel like praying, you're tired, and just want to go to bed.” He said, “THAT is the time to be an Amram, make that sacrifice, and call upon the Name of the Lord in desperation!” We have to make that time amidst our busy lives, and give God more than a quick 15-30 minutes. That is how we become closer to Him!
- Brother Branham said on the Message, The Worst Sinner In The City, “Jesus wants to be entertained.” When He comes, we do not want to leave Him sit there with dirty feet. Later he said, “We got too much to do. We're afraid we'll interrupt something.” He said, “Don't worry; you won't interrupt nothing when you're entertaining Jesus. You'll be right in the program of God.” Right in the program of God! I think that is what we all want! Pray, entertain Him day and night, giving your soul to Jesus that you might save it, and have eternal life!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Several colors of fabric
- Fabric scissors
- Stencils
- 18” dowel rod
- Hot glue gun
- Transfer tape
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Ruler
- Paper scissors
- 3ft of yarn
- Vinyl scraper
- Vinyl pick tool



Steps:

1. Choose your fabric.
2. Decide on a design.
3. Make stencils of shapes you like with paper.
4. After you choose your design, cut out the fabric using your stencils. Pin the fabric to the paper to make it easier to cut.
5. After all of your fabric is cut out, hot glue the bottom layer pieces. Then work your way up layering that fabric. Glue as needed. Be creative! We loved using the “press play” to create our fun banner.
6. Apply stencil—we used a vinyl stencil and used transfer tape to apply the stencil to the fabric.
7. Once the vinyl is applied, make sure to press down around the letters. This will help the paint stay within the stencil and not bleed under the vinyl.
8. Paint the color of your choice within the stencil lettering. Let it dry completely before removing.
9. Paint your dowel rod.
10. Hot glue the top of the banner to the dowel rod.
11. Tie your yarn to each side of the dowel rod.
12. You are finished!





Good job!