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Who has a hymn for us to start with? Do you have one? Jesus loves me, you know. I don't have to go find my glasses. And. Somebody found that number for us already #40 Let's sing #40 How about we sing? The first 2 verses of #40 Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me. They are me, but he is wrong. Yes, she is like. Yes, she is by the swamps me. You have lost, she is gone. My Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me. Goodnight. He will wash away my sins. Are coming. Your eyes. Who else has one Plus? There's a hand right over there. Which one would you like? #41. #41 Around the throne of God in heaven will many children sing. You know, I hope that every one of the children here this morning will be one of those children #41. Round of God in heaven will have a children's day. Children's are all forgiven well heavenly and thumbs racing glory. Glory, glory to God. In shining roses a spotless way, each one will be arranged while winging everlasting life and joy that birthday singing glory, glory, glory to God. What brings them to that world? And they're singing for you. Boring, boring. Because I say your shed gives blood to purge away their sins. Now washing my most gracious life be more than white and cleaning, singing for me glory. Glory into God. Well, maybe before we go further as old boy there has one for us, but just before we're going to sing yours. Maybe we'll just ask the Lord Jesus for His help this morning. In your number, maybe you want to tell me the number that you have. Which number? Does he have one for us? Which one? 59 #59 What's 59 in the little book? Somebody remember? I don't remember it well. Maybe we'll sing one in a few minutes. Just before we carry on, though, let's turn to the Book of Proverbs.

Proverbs, The. 15th chapter. Just to introduce what I have in my heart this morning. The 15th chapter of Proverbs. In the first verse it says the soft answer turneth away wroth. But grievous words stir up anger. Grievous words stir up anger. I want to speak this morning a little bit about stirring up. About stirring up. We've had that before us a little bit this weekend. You know, I've appreciated. In the prayer meeting on Friday, as we started, we had a brother that mentioned the thought that our hearts would be stirred up. And then in the prayer meeting for the Gospel, our brother John Kaiser here, he prayed the same way. He prayed that our hearts would be stirred up. On our brother Bob Tony yesterday when he prayed, he prayed the same thing, that our hearts would be stirred up. And our brother Doug Nickley, as he was speaking to us, but our walk, he prayed that he said, and he spoke to each of us, that each of us would be stirred up in our walk. You know, we have a little verse here that says grievous words stir up anger. I don't want to talk about that kind of stirring up. I just want to tell you a little story before we go on. Just before I left, I was working in a home. And the home that I was working with in, we were doing a kitchen in there and the mom and the dad, they were gone and there was 2 little boys there. One of them was two years old and the other was 4. Two boys. And. It came to be lunchtime and there was a babysitter there and she made two peanut butter and jam sandwiches. Anybody had a peanut butter and sham sandwich before? Yeah. Well, you know, these two little boys had a peanut butter and jam sandwich sit in front of them and the babysitter said have to eat your sandwich. Sold the two year old pick up the sandwich and. It was going down with the four year old. He didn't want the sandwich. I want the sandwich. Well, if you don't have the sandwich, you're not going to get a treat for dessert. I don't want the sandwich. And you know, babysitter left and came back in a minute and the two year old was still chomping on a sandwich. And on the four year olds plate the sandwich was gone. It was all gone. And a baby sitter looked and said you finished your sandwich quick. Yep, Yep. You know there was no evidence. And right beside him the dog was going. And so the babysitter said, did you eat the sandwich? Yep. We know the babysitter looked at the dog and there was a piece of the sandwich that was hanging out and it. Babysitter said the dog's got your sandwich. Well, she said. What's that in the dog's mouth? He said it's a sandwich. So, you know, the babysitter said. Well, no tree. And you know, after lunch was finished, the two year old got a treat. And the four year old got no treat. And you know, I thought of this first because the two year old went over to the four year old with his treat and he went over like this and he says, see what I got? And he took a big bite out of his treat. And you know, the little boy was very unhappy and it was war. He was very unhappy. But it says here grievous words stir up anger. You know, it doesn't take very much to stir up anger. But I want to speak this morning, boys and girls, about stirring up, you know, where I where I come from in Rio Ferry. We have a Sunday school, we have a children's meeting. And in that children's meeting, there are boys and girls just like here. There's a class for older boys and girls that are not sitting in the front row, they're sitting back a little bit. And there's a young people's class and, you know, my dad comes to the children's meeting and he's almost 89. And all the older folks that are in around his age bracket, they all come to the children's meeting too, because everyone likes the children's meeting. And I trust that this morning that everyone here, not just the children, will get something from what I have on my heart this morning. And so let's turn to Isaiah chapter. 64.

Isaiah chapter 64. We read a verse there. In verse 7. It says there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee. So it's a sad verse. That's a sad verse because we read this portion. We don't read about anyone that's stirred up. I want to be a sad thing, boys and girls. If we came to the Saint Louis General meetings here and we went back home and there was nobody that was stirred up, nobody that was stirred up, wouldn't that be sad? It would be here. We read it about a time there was nobody stirred up. There's none that calleth upon thy name that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee. What a sad time that we read of in the book of Isaiah here. Not something that's very needful for us. We're going to do something here this morning. Klein's sister brought this for me. I haven't even looked in the bag yet. See what's here. Well, who can tell me what that is? Orange juice. Well, we're going to do something here. We're going to. Take the lid off. Like this and we're going to put the orange juice. You know, we're doing something here that all you boys and girls have seen done before. Every one of you have seen this done. And at home we take glasses of water and we put it in to the orange juice, don't we? So would anybody like a drink? Anybody like a drink of this? I see some dubious faces. What do you suppose the problem is here? Pardon me. I need to stir it. That's right, I need to stir it. You know, I trust we learn from this this morning. That's something that we need to do. Could you come and help me? We need to get this stirred up, OK? You just reach in there and you just stir that for a little bit, OK? You just help me out there. And we stir and we stir, and sometimes it takes a little while to get something stirred up. And sometimes it's like that with us, too. We need a little time to get stirred up. But while she's stirring there, let's just turn to another portion in Second Peter. You just keep stirring there,

Second Peter. I. Second Peter, the 1St chapter. OK. Thanks very much. For helping me stir this, this is helpful. You know, it's not all stirred though. We see. But we'll just leave it there and we'll do some more stirring. And let's look at second Peter and the first chapter. And I thought, you know how. How do we? How do we stir ourselves up? We know how to we know how to take this orange juice and stir it up. But it says in Haggai there that there was none that stirred himself up. I thought, you know, how do we get stirred up? Do we take this spoon, open our mouth and put it down? We stir our styles up like that. Is that how we're going to get stirred up? You know, we're not. And I trust that as we go through this little portion this morning, these verses that will see how to get stirred up. And so here in first, the second Peter chapter one. And we read. In verse 13. Yeah, I think it meet as long as I am in this Tabernacle to stir you up, to stir you up. By the putting you. By putting you in remembrance. You know, we have to have our memories stirred up. We have to be putting remembrance. You know, I have not such a good memory, but I have something that helps me remember. And here I got what I have to help me remember. I got it about 20 years ago. The Lord gave me a wife and that helps me to remember, helps me to remember. So here in this portion we find that it's needful to be stirred up by ourselves being put into remembrance. Now, boys and girls, let's look at the Book of Haggai for a moment. Turn over to the Book of Haggai. We're going to read a little bit more. About being stirred up. Haggai, chapter one.

And here we read about a stirred up spirit, stirred up spirit, an egg eye, chapter one and verse 13. It says, then spake Haggai, the Lords messenger, and the Lords message unto the people, saying, I'm with you, saith the Lord. And the Lord stirred up the spirit of the rubble, the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Josadec, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and did the work in the House of the Lord of hosts, their God. I've enjoyed that, you know, because. It says the Lord speared up the spirit of these ones, and he used Haggai the prophet. And you know, boys and girls. Sometimes when we need to get something done, it's good to have some help. I know in our house, you know, when I ask the boys sometimes to do something and sometimes there's not a real willingness like I'd like to see. But you know what really helps? It really helps just to do what Haggai did here, because if we were to go to the book of Ezra, you know what we would find? We would find that the people were stirred up and they went to work. But you know what it says there in Ezra, I believe it's the 5th chapter, it says that the prophets worked with them. The prophets worked with them. He, they normally stirred up the people, but they went along with them. They helped them. And you know, we get something done around our place when Dad tells the boys to go and do something. And then Dad goes long as it helps too. That's when something really gets done. Well, here we find the Spirit was stirred up. I don't know, it's a little different word here, but I've just thought of the Spirit of Christ. You know, sometimes it's dormant in us a little bit. Sometimes it needs to be stirred up, stirred up a little bit. Just like this orange juice here needs to be stirred up. You know, boys and girls, I want you to look at this orange juice we've been stirring here for a little while. I'm going to show you what I've got in here. Is this orange juice all stirred? You know, it's not all stirred yet. We still have some there. And so we just keep stirring it until it's all stirred up. And we'll speak about that a little bit. Let's look now over at something else that needs to be stirred up in Second Timothy. We find a verse there. You could go to Second Timothy. And. In the first chapter. Of two Timothy. We read the sixth verse that says, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. You know, boys and girls, each one of us have something that we're good at. Is that right? There's boys here and there's girls here. You know what? Each one of you are good at something, and us older folks are good at something too. And sometimes we don't use what we're good at. And here I wonder if Timothy was using what he was good at. And so you know what the apostle wrote to Timothy? He said he told them that they need, he need to stir up the gift. Well, he had the spirit stirred up. But now the gift had to be stirred up, had to be stood up, just like we're stirring up this orange juice here, get it all stirred up. A gift in Timothy needed to be stirred up. Now let's go back over to Second Peter, where we were earlier and we read. Again. In Two Peter chapter 3. Well, we read about our minds. That that need to be stirred up. And we read in second Peter chapter 3. The first verse, this second pistol, beloved, I now write unto you in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that she may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior. Oh, to have our minds stirred up. You know, boys and girls, sometimes at our house. We get the supper time and there's nobody around. Nobody around. And so, you know, sometimes Dad might say it's supper time and nothing much happens, but you know, when I call the children by name. You know, I could, I could go over to Abby if she's in a book and I can say it's supper time and nothing happens. But when I say Abby, it's supper time, when I do that, you know, she wakes right up. She wakes right up and she comes for supper. And you know, the Apostle Peter here he, he's, he writes and he says. His desire would to have their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance.

And you know, I was thinking of this little subject for you to turn over to Exodus Chapter 35. I was thinking of our brother Dawn as he as he was speaking to us on on Friday. He didn't speak about being stirred up, but I thought of this little portion in the 35th of Exodus where we have that little subject before us, but we have taken up in Exodus 35 what he took up on Friday. And so in Exodus 35 and the 20th verse, in connection with bringing all the things that were needful for the Tabernacle, it says all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses and they came everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whose whom His spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the Tabernacle of the congregation. And for all his servants service, and for the holy garments. And they came, both men and women, and as many as were willing hearted. The 25th verse all the women that were wisehearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both a blue and purple, and a scarlet and a fine linen. And all the women whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom spun goat's hair. 29th verse The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman whose heart made them willing. You know, boys and girls, we had that little message about giving. And it's so needful, but here we find that. These people, they had to have willing hearts. They had to be stirred up to have willing hearts. That's a wonderful thing to be stirred up. You know, boys and girls, I wonder if we could just. Sing another little chorus before we carry on. How about we sing #47 Just the first verse in the chorus #47? When he cometh, when he comes. So, boys and girls, I want to look now back in the Old Testament for two more little portions before we close in the book of Zephaniah. And we're going to learn a little bit about this orange juice. In the book of Zephaniah, the 1St chapter. This is also a solemn portion in the first chapter of Zephaniah, the 12Th verse. It says, And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lease, and say in their heart, the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. This is a sad time. It speaks about those that are settled on their leaves. You know what that means, boys and girls. That means they're nuts, not stirred. They're just not stirred. You know, boys and girls, if you were to take this orange juice, and this happens at our house sometime and we leave it there and we were to leave it there for a day. You know what would happen? We would find that all of a sudden, at the end of another day, there would be a line here. It would be really dark on the bottom and it would be light on the top. And that's what this means. It speaks about men that are settled on their leagues. You know when you have orange juice and you look at orange juice and it's very dark on the bottom? It's light on the top. What does it need? What does it need? Somebody know? Dave's helping me out here whispering. He said it needs to be. It needs to be stirred up. It needs to be stirred up. That's right. You know, boys and girls, let's go to

Jeremiah. And I appreciate this because our brother Stan Jacobson, he referred to this verse in the first reading meeting. He didn't turn us to it, but he referred to it in Jeremiah chapter 48. And we're going to learn a little bit about. What it means to be settled on our lease and stirring up because we read here about Moab in Jeremiah 48. It says and verse 11. Moab hath been at ease from his youth, he hath settled on his lease, and now it says, and have not been emptied from vessel to vessel. You know boys and girls. We're going to learn a little bit about that verse because it says here about Moab they were settled on their leaves. It's just like orange juice that settles all down to the bottom and needs to be stirred up. And you know, boys and girls, sometimes we're like that. Sometimes we're like that. Our desire this morning is not simply that the boys and girls here would get saved, but that everyone of you, if the Lord leaves us here.

But not only come to know the Lord Jesus, but that you would be gathered to His precious name. And go on in the assembly in a manner that's consistent with this precious book, with the word of God. And so you know what it says here? It says they have not been emptied from vessel to vessel. You know, that's another way of stirring. And if I was to take this orange juice and I was to go like this. That's what I'm speaking about here in Jeremiah. It's speaking about being emptied from vessel to vessel and the old boys and girls. Sometimes the Lord does that in our lives. Sometimes the Lord needs to. Bring things in our lives that are difficult for us. They're hard. And it's just like being emptied from vessel to vessel just like this. You know what happens when that gets done? See any chunks of orange juice in here now? You know what that means? That means that this orange juice is all stirred up properly. That's the way the Lord would have us to be. You know, we need to have that smooth consistency in our lives, not to be full of chunks like the orange juice was when we first started. That's what the Lord's desire for us. And so we find here in Jeremiah the 48th chapter, it says Moab hath been at ease. And that's a sad thing to think about. Moab from his youth. That means from children never got stirred up, never got stirred up. It's a sad thing when there are boys and girls. They never get stirred up. Their spirits never stirred. Their minds aren't stirred, their hearts aren't stirred. The gift that's in them never gets stirred. They're not stirred up. Because they haven't been emptied from vessel to vessel. Oh, boys and girls, this morning my desire is that. You'd be stirred up. You know, there's young people that came here this weekend, and I trust that they got stirred up this weekend, that their hearts would be encouraged. You know, as we leave Saint Louis today at the Lord Tarries, that all of our hearts would be stirred up, that we would be like this orange juice that's been poured from vessel to vessel so that now it's good orange juice, it's good orange juice. It's all stirred up. And that's what the Lord's desire is for each. One of us. Little boys and girls. You only have a little drink now. You know, if I had a drink at first. I'm sure it wouldn't. It wouldn't have been much good. Maybe somebody else would like one. Somebody wondering, you want to come and help me drink this? You know, I just have you go ahead and you tell me what it's like. It's a good orange juice. It's good orange juice. You go ahead and take that. That's good orange juice. It's all stirred up. And the Lord's desire is that every one of us would be just like that orange juice. We'd be a refreshment for someone else as we go back to our little meetings. We would be refreshment for them because we're all stirred up. We're all stirred up having been here at Saint Louis at the special meetings. Well, boys and girls, let's just ask the Lord now to bless his precious word to us.

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