

Propped up, on your leaning side!!!

I have a message today that I believe will encourage you today! Sometimes you fell like you need the strength of the Lord to undergird you and prop you up!
Today I'm preaching about being propped up, on your leaning side.

Maybe the winds of adversity have been blowing against you, and your home, or your family, your finances and you just don't know what to do.

There is times when you feel like, "Lord if there is one more thing that comes...

Well, I believe this is the Word that God is going to use to encourage you, to let you know that his everlasting arms are undergirding you today.

Your not alone! He's not going to let you fall, and he is with you!
So let this message speak too you this morning!

I want to talk to you today about, how our **God can prop you up, on your leaning side!**

I want to talk to you this morning about this world; I'm not a pessimist, not a negative preacher. **But, this world is in the wilderness!**

It's in a wilderness economically and it seems to be getting worse!
It is in a wilderness emotionally, people are just at their wits end.
It's in a wilderness spiritually and **many homes and families are going thru a terrible wilderness experience.**

And all I can tell you is ***when it gets dark enough, you can see the stars.***
The stars are in the sky right now on this beautiful Sunday morning, but you can not see them when the sun is shining bright.

But when it gets dark enough you can see the stars and Jesus is called in the New Testament the Day Star.

Sometimes it takes the world getting darker and darker and you and your personal world getting darker ***before you can really see where the day star is.***
And he is the one who can lead you thru and bring you out of the wilderness.

There was a pastor of a little church out in the country and he would end his services by having someone in the congregation to pray the benediction prayer.
He would call on different members of the church to stand up and pray...
He said this one man would always pray a good prayer but he would end it by saying **“And God Prop Us up on Our Leaning Side”**

Prop Us Up On Our Leaning Side! He would emphasize that and say it two or three times while he was praying and **GOD PROP US UP ON OUR LEANING SIDE.**

One day he asked the man, you always end with **“Prop Us up on Our Leaning Side”** **What does that mean?**

He said well Pastor ***I have a big barn in my backyard*** and he said that barn is old and has been there for many years.

- He said that barn has survived ***some of the worst storms you can imagine.***
- **It stood** when winds were strong and adverse and blowing against it,
- **it stood** against the freezing of winter, and the hot of summer,
- It has stood and been thru hurricanes, tornados, **yet it keeps standing!**

Some time ago I noticed that the old barn that had been there for years thru all kinds of weather was leaning towards one side.

He said I took big pine beams and boards and I Propped It Up on its leaning side.

He said I got to thinking about my own life,

- I got to thinking about the storms I’ve been thru,
- The emotional hurricanes that I’ve been thru,
- Times when **the winds of adversity blowed so strong against me and my home and my family.**

I got to thinking about the times when I started leaning toward quitting,

- **lean toward giving up,**
- I thought about those times that were in my life where I would lean,
- lean towards being angry with somebody who had done me wrong,
- be bitter, being unforgiving, being offended,
- I’d just lean that way I’d start leaning toward my old life and my old nature,

But I’d think about that old barn. And he said I would think about how it was leaning and I propped it up! **And my prayer became ole God, “ Prop me up on my leaning side.”** *****

Sooner or later you're going to feel the howling forces of spiritual Mother Nature.

- Emotional Hurricane - Hot Spiritual Summers
- bugs are going to eat at you, things are going to bug you
- **You'll start leaning toward the negative.**
- **Leaning toward the critical, God isn't good and maybe this Christian life isn't the best life.**
- **When you start leaning and about to topple over that's when I found he will come and prop you up on your leaning side.**

You see thru out the history of the bible there were match's that were made in heaven.

- **God put people together to prop one another up on their Leaning Side.**

Deuteronomy 34:8 – The bible says of Moses that when he died Israelites mourned but the scripture says of Aaron when he died **all** of Israel mourned. (Numbers 20:29).

And the Rabbis teach that the reason that there was more morning over Aaron was because he was more popular with the people, than even Moses, the great man of faith.

Because, they could relate more to Aaron!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- **It was Aaron** who backslid and made a golden calf while his brother Moses was up their hearing from God.
- **It was Aaron** who sided with the wrong crowd and tried to overthrow Moses.
- **But yet it was Aaron** that god chooses to be high priest
- **It was Aaron** that Moses kept propping up.

I propose to you that Aaron had a leaning problem.

But it was Moses that God put in his life to prop him up

- Just when he would disqualify himself
- Just when he would start leaning toward I can't be the high priest.
- **I can't be the one** who ties a rope on his ankle and walks into the presence of god
- I'm filed with so many faults and so many sins...
- **It was Moses who would say you're the man and god's hand is on you he was propping him up, on his leaning side.**

You know what marriage is when it works like it is supposed to? It's a match made in heaven.

The thing you have to understand is that god put them there to prop you up on your leaning side.

When marriage is what it really ought to be, when he starts leaning negative and leaning in a way that he shouldn't be going, she is there to prop him up, and vice versa.

When she starts leaning, and hopefully you both don't start leaning on the same day in the same direction. **You have got to encourage one another.**

There has been times in my life when **Corina**, propped me up on my leaning side. I remember a particular time when I was leaning toward resigning and leaning toward giving up this ministry.

I had been thru a series of one problem after another and every day when I would get to the office it was always something else.

Then trouble broke out in the church and CLNM and **stuff was happening and I was getting so negative** and **I was leaning** and then one day I'll never forget it, it was right over here in the house next door. I was next door and I was pouring into the hearts of men and women and I received a phone call to tell me how out of order I was because I would not let someone have their way. I was so mad and could'nt even speak.

Corina took the phone. She had already went before me and made the calls and contacted who needed to be talked to, then she let them know you do not speak to my husband like that and you don't disrespect our Pastor.

Corina took over and when she was thru, I was falling apart and she propped me up on my leaning side. Then she says, "were not leaving here, hell can't make us leave here, your called to preach, now you stop that, she got all over me. And when she got thru with me I felt like I could whip a pack of lions.

I said bless God were going to build "My Church", what happened? **She propped me up on my leaning side. She could have pushed me over, but she propped me up.*******

I thought about how God puts friends together, do you believe that?
Do you believe that God put you in this church? *God puts friends together*.

David had a friend named Jonathan! When he lost his job, he was unemployed, he was kicked out of the palace, Saul was trying to kill him, he was living like a pauper, he was in the soup line, he was living in caves, eaten berries, digging up roots and like a bear, out eating bugs and stuff, he had no food, but, Jonathon came to him.

When David's old Barn was leaning and about to fall over, he was about to go the wrong direction, saying God is thru with me, my life is over.

It was Jonathon who propped him up on his leaning side.

- He told him you can't quit now, you're a king
- You don't look like a King, you don't have the wealth right now
- You may be unemployed right now
- **But YOU'RE A KING David.**

I'm telling you your day is coming and god is faithful and god is going to raise you up.

Don't you let these hard times get you down, keep your head up David, god has his hand on your life. **Jonathan propped him up on His leaning side!**

Many bible scholars say that if Jonathon would have still been around when David messed up and fail into sin with Bathsheba it would not have happened!

Because Jonathon was the kind of friend who propped him up on his leaning side.

See you need to get some new friends!

That's what's wrong with some of you, when you start to lean to do wrong and start leaning to go in the wrong direction you got the kind of friends who will pull you on over.

- But you need some friends who when they sense your spirit is just not quite right the prop you up!
- **A real friend will get in your face, a real friend will prop you up on your leaning side.**

Oh the power of someone being used of God to prop you up in your weak time on your leaning side.

During the 1940's in the darkest hour of Brittan when Hitler and the Nazis were invading Europe they had already taken France and they were about to invade England and England didn't have a strong leader **there was a General over the military named Hastings Ismay** (1887-1965).

General Ismay saw that there was only one man in the whole nation of England that could bring that nation through the dark times that they were going through in that war. ***It was a man by the name of Winston Churchill*** (1874- 1965).

He knew that he had the gifting, the elegance, the courage, the backbone, the boldness, **to arouse the nation and cause them to fight against Hitler** and Germany.

He recognized the gall that this man had. He also recognized that he had another side. It was this General who recognized that he not only had a good gift but he also had a bad gift.

He said that Churchill was very eccentric he would sleep 9-10 hours per day and he was weird and a little strange. He would be charming one moment but have a very short fuse the next moment. He would make people mad, he would tick people off, he had a short tongue and he didn't understand the politics and how he had to be careful with what he said and would just say anything. He was creating enemies inside of the political system.

For example:

A story is told that one night he went to a banquet, Churchill did, and at this dinner banquet there was a woman named Lady Ashquith. She was sitting at the banquet next to Churchill and Churchill had been drinking too much alcohol and he was lit up a little bit and so the woman looked over at him and said in a snooty manner, she said, " **I perceive Mr. Churchill that you are drunk!** He looked back at her and He said, "**and I perceive that your ugly.**" Then he went on to say "**and I will be sober in the morning.**" Then he walked off!

Oh she was a very powerful woman, and she begin to get enemies for Churchill. A few weeks later he was at another party and she came up still steaming from what had happened. And she said to him, "**If I were your wife I would poison you to death**" And He said, "**If I were your husband I would drink it!**"

This is the kind of enemies he was creating left and right. And yet he had the ability to get on a microphone over the radio and arouse the people and their will to fight.

He said we will fight the Germans in the air and we will fight them on the sea we will fight them from house to house, from neighborhood to neighborhood. We will fight! **We will never, never, never give up!**

General Ismay knew that this was the only man that could save the nation, but he had so many enemies.

General Ismay began to be his buffer he began to be his middle man he began to take flack **he began to be the bridge builder** he began to follow up behind and apologize and send flowers and write notes pretending to be Churchill and somehow bridge back these people so they would be unified in fighting the real enemy.

It was Churchill who said "I owe more too General Ismay than anybody else in the entire execution of the war; I couldn't have done it without him." They honored that man by making him a Lord and they honored him by making him be the first commander of NATO after the war.

All because he propped up Winston Churchill on his leaning side!

I want you to understand that God knows and loves his people.

- He knows what your facing,
- He knows what your fighting,
- He knows what your feeling,
- He knows what your fearing,
- AND **HE WILL prop you up on your leaning side.**

Just when you think your going to loose it, just when you think you're going to fall over, just when you think I can't take it anymore.....

He known's how; the Holy Spirit is called the Comforter.

The Greek word comforter is Paraclete which means one who is called alongside.

- He is the Prop that will come and prop you up on your leaning side!
- Just about when your ready to quit and throw in the towel and
- I can't take it and I just go back to my old ways,
- I'm just going to fall into depression, fall into this hopelessness, **He'll come along and prop you up on your leaning side.*******

Exodus 17:11 The bible said that Moses had his hands up, almost like a funnel, and the Power of god would flow through him, and as long as his hands were raised, this is a strange scripture.

As long as his hands were raised, Israel was defeating the Ammalikites in battle.

But when his hands would begin to get weary, I mean how long can you keep your hands up? Five minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes but at some point you're going to get tired, your going to get weary. When his hands would come down, the battle would turn and the Ammlakites would defeat Israel.

And the moment he would lift his hands back up Israel would begin to prevail in the battle, ten's of thousands fighting in the valley, and all Moses had to do was raise his hands and if he kept his hands up, victory was won. There is a powerful lesson in that!

I want you to see it (bring up props) as long as his hands are up there is certain victory. But when his hands got tired the bible says Aaron and Herr saw him leaning, and when they saw that old barn leaning, Aaron and Herr, now Herr was not a Her Herr was a him, and Aaron and isn't it interesting that Moses propped Aaron up.

Some of the people you're propping up today are going to be propping you up tomorrow.

When he couldn't take it any more.

This is what I hope happens to you every time you come too "My Church!"

Because this is what we've learned, as long as we can keep your hands in the air, as long as we can keep you worshiping God, as long as we can keep you praising God, I don't care how bad things get if we can keep you with your hands in the air we know that **you will come out of the wilderness leaning.**

You may be leaning, but you're not going to fall because he will prop you up on your leaning side! See Jesus is the one who props us up!

In Jude 1:24 *it says now unto him that is able to keep you, FROM what you bunch of old barns? FALLING!*

I want you to declare that I may lean, **BUT I will not fall!** He will prop me up on my leaning side! I'm leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on His everlasting arms.

And if you'll lean on him I don't care what your going through he's going to bring you up, he's going to bring you out of that wilderness.

Somebody get happy in this place!

Jude 1:24 - Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, be all glory and dominion and power and majesty. The only true god, he is worthy!

We live a dark crazy scary world. Winds are howling, howling from house to house, from relationship to relationship, from marriage to marriage trying to wipe entire families out, and trying to get entire families to topple over, under the pressure of times. **But He will prop you up on your leaning side!**

You don't have to throw in the towel, You don't have to quit, **you don't have to give up,** maybe your marriage is leaning toward divorce, **maybe all hope is gone in some situation in your life and you are leaning toward the negative,** Maybe Satan is whispering (Check Mate) god isn't good and the Lord really doesn't love you!

Maybe your leaning toward an old addiction or old habit, your flesh is really wanting it, maybe your in a weak season and you knew you had to hear from God today and I've come to tell you today that the Lord has told me to tell you. **He will come running to prop you up, he will prop you up on your leaning side.**