

Propped up, on your leaning side!!! 11.2.25.

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 are 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.**

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

Today I want to share with you that, **God can prop you up, on your leaning side!**
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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 the 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 the wilderness spiritually and **many homes and families are going through a terrible wilderness experience.**

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 cannot see them when the sun is shining bright.
- **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 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 through and take 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 would pray always ending with ***“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.**

He finally asked, **“Prop Us up on Our Leaning Side” What does that mean?**

Pastor I have a big barn in my backyard that has been there for years...

- 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 through** hurricanes, tornados, **yet it keeps standing!**

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

So, I took big boards, and I Propped It Up on its leaning side.

So, I got to thinking about my own life,

- I got to thinking about **the storms I’ve been through,**
- The **emotional hurricanes I’ve been through,**
- Times when **the winds of adversity** blew strongly against me, my home, and my family.

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

- **Leaning toward giving up,**
- I thought about **those times that were in my life where I would lean,**
- **Leaning towards being angry, bitter, unforgiving, or offended,**
- **I’d start leaning toward my old life and my old nature.**

I’d think about that old barn. And he said I would think about how it was leaning and I propped it up!

My prayer became, God, “Prop me up on my leaning side.”

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

- Emotional Hurricane - Hot Spiritual Summers
- 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.

- Throughout 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 Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

- When Moses died the Israelites mourned!

Numbers 20:29 29 When the whole community learned that Aaron had died, all the Israelites mourned for him thirty days.

- The bible says of Moses that when he died **the Israelites mourned**
- But the scripture says of Aaron when he died all of Israel mourned.

The Rabbis teach that there was more mourning over Aaron, **because he was more popular with the people**, than **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**.
- **Aaron** sided with the wrong crowd and tried to overthrow Moses.
- 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 filled 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 must understand is that God put them there
- To prop you up on your leaning side.
- When marriage is what it ought to be, when he starts leaning negative and leaning in a way that he shouldn't, she is there to prop him up...
- 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 have been times when Corina propped me up on my leaning side.

- I remember a particular time when I was leaning toward resigning
- Leaning toward giving up this ministry.

I had been through 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 **My 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 couldn't 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 through, 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,
- **You’re called to preach**, now you **stop** that, she got all over me.
- And when she got through 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.

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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 Jonathon! 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 fall into sin with Bathsheba** **it would not have happened!**

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 us, *when you start to lean to do wrong and start leaning in the wrong direction you have got friends who will pull you over.*

- You need some friends that when your spirit isn't quite right they will prop you up!
- A real friend will get in your face, a real friend will prop you up on your leaning side.
- There is power when you prop up someone in their weak times...

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

- *He knows what you're facing/fighting/feeling/fearing AND*
- *HE WILL prop you up on your leaning side.*
- *Just when you think you're going to lose 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.

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 you're ready to quit and throw in the towel....
- I can't take it, and I'll 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.

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Exodus 17:11 *The Israelites out-fought the Amalekites as long as Moses held up his arms, but they started losing whenever he lowered them.*

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.

- When his hands were raised, Israel was defeating the Amalekites.

But when his hands 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, you're going to get weary.

When his hands would come down, the battle would turn and the Ammlakites would defeat Israel.

The moment he would lift his hands back up Israel would begin to prevail!

- **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!***

If his hands are up their certain victory.

When his hands got tired the bible says Aaron and Herr saw Moses leaning, and when they saw that old barn leaning, they propped him up.

It's interesting, Moses propped up Aaron, now Aaron is propping up Moses.

People you're propping up today may be propping you up tomorrow!

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

This is what we've learned at My Church -

- If we can **keep your hands in the air** -
- If we can **keep you worshiping God**
- If 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...**
- **Maybe leaning a little, BUT, WE MUST PROP YOU UP!!!**

You may be leaning, but you're not going to fall because he will prop you up on your leaning side!

- ***Jesus is the one who props us up!***

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Jude 1:24 - Glory to God - To him who can keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

- ***Keep us a bunch of old barns!!!***
- ***FROM 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.

If you lean on JESUS, I don't care what you're going through

- He's going to bring you up,
- He's going to take you out of that wilderness.

Somebody get happy in this place!

Jude 1:24 - Now unto him who can 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, 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 you're leaning toward an old addiction or old habit, your *flesh is really wanting it*, maybe you're 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.