

and in Czechoslovakia and in most of these other countries. So now this very week there's being held a meeting in Spain, a meeting to review the Helsinki accords and nobody suggests ~~that~~ going back on our promise that we will recognize their right to everything they had to have, but we say you give us proof that you are giving the human rights and they are insisting that is something they are just not going to talk about. That is going on right at this very moment!

We put our faith in those who have never intended to follow through on their promises, and we are still putting considerable faith in them and the world may suffer grievously in coming years as a result. To (show) our faith in Russia we have cut down our military strength, to where if they had the courage to attack us now they could very easily win because we would not have a year to get ready as we had in the last decade.

Misplaced faith is something that is quite common. People hear voices. They have dreams. They have all kinds of impressions. These impressions might come from God, but they might come from the devil. They may be the result of something they have eaten and affected their mental situation. We cannot tell. We have one source of knowing what the truth is and that is the Scripture.

So faith per se is not a thing to run(?) for. We want to test our faith and see what we have faith in. So fourthly we mention the important part of faith in salvation. In these days with all our lights we have it is a little hard perhaps to recollect conditions as they were when I was a boy or as it may be now in some rural areas. But let us image a situation in a rural area where there is a burned(?) building and there are no streetlights around. The building is burning. A boy is in a window up on the 3rd floor. He does not know whether to jump out of the window. with The probability of being of being battered and injured badly, or to stay there with the possibility of being burned. In the darkness below he hears a voice. He recognizes the voice--the voice of his father. His father says, Jump-- get a little more to the right end of the windows so you won't come down on the side of the hill, get a little more on the other side and jump and I will be right there to catch you. The boy can't see his father but he hears his voice, and he puts faith in it and jumps and the father catches him and the boy is not injured.

It was not the boy's wisdom that saved him. It was not his knowledge or his courage. He simply trusted his father. If he'd said, No I think it's better to do it this way, he probably would have been badly injured. If he said No, I don't want to jump into the dark. I can't see you. I can't see anything there. He would most likely have been burned. It was simply trust that brought him deliverance. That's the way it is with us in relation to Christ. It is no goodness in us that we trust in. Our trust is in Him. Our trust is necessary. Our trust is the means he uses to deliver us.

I heard of an evangelist who was in a coal mining section where they had very deep mines. He held a meeting there and afterwards he was talking to one of the miners, and the miner said, You say I must