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I was chased and you will be chased After I finished working on a book called "Only Remember all your way", in which he shared memories on his way Faith. On the same day, late at night for its editing and publication Forwarded to my son Vladimir. The next day during the morning Prayers the Holy Spirit began to wake me up to start working on one more A book, but in a slightly different direction. At that time he came to me The word of knowledge from God about the book entitled "I was persecuted and you will be persecuted".

These are the words of our Lord Jesus Christ once spoken by Him Students. But these words apply not only to students who were Next to Him, but also to all who confess Jesus Christ as their Lord. This book will be a continuation of my memories related to Opposition of religious structures to my service. The Bible says: "That all who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." They will be persecuted both by this world and by the church.

Talking about persecution, we most often mean persecution from people not Who know God. But today I would like to talk about persecution from the outside Of the church. And Jesus Christ warned us about this during Your stay on earth: "You will be expelled from the synagogues and everyone who beats you will think that this He serves God." -1-

Throughout its history, the Church has always experienced persecution. But with all this, there were often times of calm. And in our time, Especially in democratic countries, believers are not exposed to Persecution, as they are protected by law. Although in many other countries and Today the disciples of Jesus Christ are persecuted for their faith, many of Who even go under the altar for their beliefs.

But inside The persecution of dissidents has never stopped by the Church itself. And in In my reasoning, I want to show it by my personal example. After Any and I turned to the Lord, we started a new one Life. Our jealousy seemed to have no side chapel.

On the one hand, it's Very beautiful, on the other hand, it's also dangerous. Since to this we Have not yet been sufficiently prepared and the enemy of human souls is right there Took advantage of it. He poured all his strength on us and us It was very difficult to resist him. My wife Luba was very jealous about the spiritual and got on this ground Into temptation.

She had a prophetic gift and a spirit at the same time Seduction began to invade her prophetic ministry. This spirit Used well-developed methods due to which many new Believers turned to God fall into temptation. The Word of God Warns us about it and shows that it contributes to it: -2- "Every person, having been seduced by his own desires, falls into

Various temptations. Desires, having conceived, give birth to sin, and done Sin death." On their way of faith by their jealousy of God, some Converts fall into various temptations. And because of That they are

not ready to resist the temptations that have befallen them Do crazy things. Not only that, it serves as a temptation Weak in faith and these people turn away from intimacy with God.

To To save the church from this the dead letter of the law comes into force Killing spiritual manifestations in the church. Church doctrine is being created Not allowing the Holy Spirit to do his work in the church. -3- At first glance, the motives of such a doctrine look very convincing and As if to save the church from demonic invasion. Some Theologians claim that the only primary source is Bible. Which says that the prophets were only before John The Baptist and in our time there are no more prophets.

And based on this All prophets are people who are in error and the church must Get rid of such believers. Thus, the devil using Religious spirit, trying to destroy the manifestation of the church of St. Spirit. In my further reasoning, I want to show how it is Happened on the path of faith in my practical service.

Let's do it now Let's go back to the reasoning I've already started about the temptation in which

Turned out to be my wife Luba. When Lyuba opened a prophetic gift, it began to manifest itself at the same time And an unclean spirit. One of the reasons for this was that Luba had not yet Knew how to distinguish other people's voices and the enemy immediately took advantage of it. I want Offer you one practical example of how this can happen.

Oh Then we will continue our reasoning about temptation. At one time, I served in the Soviet army as a radio telegrapher And sat in headphones receiving radio telegrams sent to us with With the help of a words. By this time we were already well prepared Knowing all the letters transmitted to us with the help of the Morzyanka code. But when All kinds of interference were launched in parallel during the reception.

Some of them were very similar to the letters of the walrus code and they were It's not easy to distinguish from true text. We called it radio Hooligans. Something similar can happen in the manifestation of a prophetic gift. If believers are not sufficiently prepared to serve this gift, they It will be difficult to distinguish the voice of God from the voice of God's adversary.

About The word of God also warns us about this: "Satan himself takes the form of an angel of light and it is not surprising that the servant He takes the form of servants of truth. But know them by their deeds." -4- These words can be attributed both to the unclean spirits serving Satan and to

Believers who oppose the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the church. First of all, I want to show the deception used by the spirit Seduction. And if we are not yet confirmed in the word of God, it's easy We get into his bait. That's what happened to Lyuba when I became through her To manifest a prophetic gift.

Experienced believers were very Wary of her service because it didn't look quite familiar To manifest true prophecy. But it was not difficult to think Find the necessary arguments to expose the spirit of seduction. All What was spoken through her mouth exactly came true, but at the same time, except True prophecy sometimes manifested the spirit of divinity, Revealing the clear deeds of some believers. -5- Once the pastor asked Lyuba to pray in other languages while in At first, tying the spirit of seduction. And when Luba began to pray to the Holy Spirit Spoke with her mouth and said, "the enemy has confused the slave." Said The Holy Spirit crushed her heart and Luba came with repentance before God.

And then the spiritual war began. At first, the enemy did not allow Lyuba to Church, instilling in her that out of her shame she will never be able to To break free. The church did not remain indifferent to this and in the fasts and Prayed for her return. God heard the prayer of the church And Luba came back.

The pastor was the first to approach Lyuba without hiding his Joys about her arrival, and none of the members of the church reproached Luba

The enemy was exposed, but continued to attack for some time Our family, showing a different kind of presence in our house. We Entered into a spiritual war with him, constantly being in fasts and Prayers. One morning the Holy Spirit told Luba that today we will have Guest. We waited all day for him to come, but the guest never came.

By now Late in the evening, the Holy Spirit spoke to Luba again and said: "Go to Kitchen." She immediately went to the kitchen without telling me anything about it. In this Time, the Holy Spirit came to visit us and began to free My wife I love from an unclean spirit. The unclean spirit came out very painfully through her Hands, moving from the forearm to the limbs of the fingers. At this time, hands Lyuba changed their color several times.

At first they turned red, Then they took a dark shade. And when this spirit reached the limbs Of her fingers, the Holy Spirit began to pronounce the word ashes, ashes with the mouth of Luba. Her wrist began to shake violently and at that time an unclean spirit came out From her. -6- After complete liberation from the unclean Spirit, God became strongly To use Luba in a prophetic gift. Called to serve by God Began to take her with them to spiritual work where God revealed secrets The deeds of some believers are hidden in their hearts.

Many believers Received answers to their needs and made decisions in accordance with God's will for them.

I also want to show what the devil's deception is for people Who fell into temptations. In our situation, it looked like this Image. The devil is the father of pride and first of all he Exalts those who have fallen into temptation, putting them above others Believers. This spirit called Lyuba the golden sheep.

And he said, as for All people followed Jesus Christ, so you will lead everyone behind you Believers. Then the spirit of seduction began to reveal to us special Secrets and always said that it was only for us. Since other believers Can't accept it. He also told us to sell all Their property, bought a large amount of food and Cots for an overnight stay.

Because the Chinese will come soon and you are in your Apartment you will keep all this and feed God's people who will be To live with you. And so the spirit of seduction planned to ruin us and So that we would finally be disappointed in God and return to the world again Beaten puppies. That's why the Bible warns us: -7- "Be awake and sober, for your opponent, the devil, walks like a roar The lion is looking for someone to absorb, if possible, believers." And also: "For his plans are not unknown to us." Part one

I want to share my memories of my mother as A woman of faith. My mother, even in her young years, devoted herself to Served God and walked her way of faith trusting in the Lord. Covenant with God

through water baptism, my mother concluded in winter in 1941 год. She dedicated her life to God in a very hard time Period of time.

The Second World War was going on, the Germans had already approached To Moscow. Winter this year was very fierce, the temperature The air reached thirty degrees Celsius. The severe frost did not allow the occupiers to take Moscow and they Were forced to retreat from the capital. And at this time, despite Adverse weather conditions several young people, Those who have recently been turned to God were preparing for water baptism. -1- The way to the lake where the water baptism was supposed to take place lay Through a field covered with a large layer of snow.

Shepherd old man of years Eighty together with those who wish to be baptized clearing The snow-covered path slowly but surely headed for the lake Covered with a thick layer of ice. Having reached the place Destination they with a crowbar, which they took with them on their way to A big well was drilled into the lake. Then the pastor entered the ice

Water taught water baptism of water to those who came with him. My mom Told us that the water in the lake was warm, like in the summer Period of time. God took care of that too, sent His angels So that they can heat the water. After the water baptism, everyone gathered together at the pastor's house.

Young people, filled with the Holy Spirit all night were in Communion with God, gloricing Him. And the old man is a pastor at this time Slept on a preheated stove. During the night watch, the pastor with someone Talked and everyone in his house heard it. When In the morning, the pastor was asked who he was talking to at night, because There was no one near him on the stove.

The pastor said that to him A tempter came at night and he had a serious Conversation. In the spiritual world, this pastor elder was well known not Only to God, but also to the devil. The devil didn't like the sound The teaching of this man, through which all his Insidious plans. The Bible says that we are not unknown to him Plans.

And I would like to show what most of all The devil was afraid of what this man of God taught. -2-

This village pastor taught his few members of the church about The Lord's Supper in a way that is no longer taught in our time. He Said that during the Lord's Supper we connect with By the Lord through His broken body and His Blood shed for Us. And at this time all God's promises come into force Belonging to us as the Body of the Church, the head of which is Our Lord Jesus Christ. This allows believers to accept Their healing at all three levels by three single people.

And so The same release from any demonic claims to us and Get answers to all your needs. This man of God is not only Taught it, but also regularly practiced it in his personal life. With this, he set a good example for church members and many of them Followed his example. My mother learned these lessons of faith well and throughout Of her life confirmed them with her confession.

Her faith served Us examples to follow and especially when mom has her faith Confessed during the Lord's Supper. I want to share one Of many such manifestations of her faith, which I witnessed and My wife Luba. -3-

Once my mother was severely hit by radiculitis and she couldn't Get out of bed. After learning about it, Lyu and I sent her To visit. At this time, the pastor of the church also came to teach To her the Lord's Supper. When the pastor presented her with a cup, Mom I said in my heart just to put the bowl and I will Healthy.

When mom took the cup, she was completely healed Jumped to her feet and began to praise the Lord. My sister who lived in Poland invited me and my mother to Guests. At the church service during the prayer, my mother was fulfilled By the Holy Spirit and began to prophesy in Polish Which she didn't know. At that time, the Holy Spirit rebuked The leadership of the church about the human decision that they Planned to accept without asking the Lord about it.

With this Many members of the church disagreed with the decision, but the leadership The church insisted on their own. And when the pastor of the church found out that my Mom doesn't know Polish, I was very surprised and immediately Canceled this decision. -4- And if there was a prophecy in my mother's native language that Quite naturally, I'll tell you what the reaction would be from the outside

Church management. So what is the position of the church leadership in their Was faithful to the eyes, then such a prophecy would not be accepted. In Both mom and her daughter were blamed for this, saying that she was all I told my mother, and she, knowing about it, began to prophesy Dreams of your heart. The daughter could be taken for a remark and the mother To declare a false prophet.

A human decision would take force, and The church would lose God's control. In this case, the gift of different languages was manifested, as well as with The descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. What does it show on The importance of such a gift, as well as all other gifts in our ministry God. But unfortunately, this gift is often ignored Some believers claiming that these languages allowed People who came to the holiday and speak in different dialects To understand what God was talking to them about.

And since nowadays any The information is translated into different languages, then there is no The need for such a gift. -5- The manifestation of the gift of different languages through the prophetic gift is very An important service in the church. The gift manifests itself in the same way Other languages in combination with the gift of interpretation in other languages. These

Two pairs are also a prophetic gift in its diversity. That's why it's said that we should be jealous of spiritual gifts so that To enrich themselves to the creation of the church and especially to To prophesy. Because prophecy is better than a gift Other languages. But when the church ignores spiritual Manifestations open the doors of human control and not Perception of dissent.

Due to the fact that my mother served as a prophet in her church For nothing, she constantly felt a gift from both the outside Some ministers, and on the part of ordinary members of the church, Rejecting prophecy and revelations from God. All this Experienced on themselves and other believers having the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the church they attended, they were considered foreign Body. -6- Once my sister had a dream, in the dream my sister together with A big white Angel flew across the sky. Soon she saw on Only one word is written in large white letters in the sky Poland.

After that, my sister was immediately on the territory Poland. Not much time has passed since then and one believer

My brother from Poland invited my sister to visit him. And when Sister came, this brother proposed to her, they Got married and my sister stayed with him in Poland. Upon learning about this, the older brothers excommunicated her from the church, accusing her of The fact that she left without their permission. Mine was also excommunicated for one Mom, because she knew about it and didn't tell them anything.

These The minister did not believe in the revelations from God and could not accept that, That my sister was sent to Poland by God. If the leave is on my Sister living in Poland did not spread. Since her Did not recognize the governing brothers. My mother was going through It's been for several years.

None of the church members Gave her his hands to greet her. And it was even forbidden Communicate with her. I want to offer you another case that happened to my Sister even before she moved to Poland. -7- During the combination of one young couple through my sister to them Was a prophecy. The Holy Spirit said that they would not have children.

The prophecy was not accepted and my sister was pronouncated False prophet. But God will not be left without power any of what was said

They have a word. God is awake over His word so that it Turned out in due time. For two decades, this This couple had no children. All these years they have been calling for To God, that God should send them children.

Maybe this couple I also turned to doctors for help. No matter how God is, everything And showed them His mercy and only in their old age Three sons were born. And my sister was slandered for what she said Through her by God. Returning to the reasoning about the path of my mother's faith, I want to Share the last event that happened on the day of her Funeral.

It's been raining heavily for three days and the sky was covered Rain clouds. But as soon as the coffin with my mother's body became To lower into the grave for burial, for a moment the sky Opened and bright sunbeams illuminated the coffin. After that, the sky Closed again and the torrential rain continued Pour on the ground. It was a sign from God that God Accepted her into His abodes.

And also a testimony for everyone who At that time I was in the cemetery during the burial of my Moms. A rumor about this event spread very quickly among

Believers who looked at my mother and thought she was lost With a sheep. -8- My mother's path of faith began during unfavorable Weather conditions and ended the same way it started. And such Was her whole life path. Passing through many sorrows, through Rejection by the church elite and persecution from Authorities for faith, my mother stood firmly and unshakably in everything Trusting God. All this didn't shake my mother's faith, but only Made it even stronger in its trust in God.

Part two

And now I want to start my reasoning about my path of faith, on Who had to meet a strong demonic Confrontation. And it didn't come from people who didn't know God, And from people who call on the name of the Lord and stand in command Church associations and denominations. People who took in

Their hands are the reins of control in the church and guided Decrees and rules established by them. All this Allowed the religious spirit to destroy God's order Established in the Church by God himself.

I'll start from the very beginning, When I had to face it for the first time. It happened in At the very beginning of my journey of faith. My wife Luba worked at a large enterprise where Showed great care for their work team. -1- The management of the plant acquired a very picturesque plot of land Around which there was a large forest and the Ros River flowed. On Small houses were built on this site, in which in The families of the plant's workers could live during the vacation.

Lyuba Like many other workers, I took advantage of it, acquired A voucher and our family went on vacation to this

A picturesque place. At each house was fixed A small wooden boat with two oars. It was possible in the morning Go fishing or to the forest for mushrooms and berries. Many Vacationers spent time near the river every day and swam On the river on their boats.

During the week, residents near the lying Villages came to us and brought chicken testicles, fruit and Vegetables. All this could be bought from them not very expensive. Others The necessary food was delivered to us once a week from Cities. The conditions for rest were excellent, but despite this We missed spiritual communication a lot, because we didn't have Opportunities to be together with other believers at the service in Churches.

Not far from our camp there was a small rural Settlement. Having found out about it, we decided to go there and find out if there is There is an operating church there. We walked around the village and asked about This local residents. But none of them could help us with that.

Finally, after a long search, I managed to find it. -2- Church premises. It was a small country house in Who was already serving at that time. We entered it

The room and sat down not a wooden bench. My wife was with me Lyuba, our three little children and my mother, who came To rest with us. It was a Baptist church and visited them very rarely Believers came from a nearby city. And even more so people Which they didn't know at all.

The church was attended by forty people and in Mostly they were elderly women. The pastor was Eighty years old and he was the only one who preached. There was more in the church One brother, the regent, who was about forty. When we entered Room at this time this brother read before the prayer A few verses from the Psalter.

To my surprise, the pastor didn't even ask who we were Such and immediately after the prayer he invited me to share a word God's. Assessing the situation, I accepted his offer. Since Except for the pastor and the regent, who has just read a few There was no one else to preach the verses from the Bible. And to read Something from the word of God, as the reagent did, and I could.

To The same thing before that I had to serve as a word once God in one small rural church. -3-

In this room, instead of the chair, there was an ordinary A wooden table on which the Bible was lying and a few Songbooks. And when I came to this table for a sermon with Strange things started happening to

me. Before continuing I want to say my reasoning that maybe not everyone will like it This story, one of you won't want to listen to me in the future. Talking about my path of faith, I just share that Happened in my life and service to God, while no one Imposing it.

I felt like I was wearing a transparent spacesuit and a voice from the outside Began to speak in my ears words that immediately came out of my Mouth. The Holy Spirit told these people that they needed to be Baptized by the Holy Spirit with the sign of other languages. Such Speak in church with a different conviction and even being there For the first time, I would never risk doing this. Taking into account also The fact that very little has passed since the day I turn to God Time.

But at that time the Holy Spirit was in charge of my ministry and I had to obey God's guidance. What happened to me at that time, no one from -4-

I couldn't see those present at the service, it was available Only to me. But there was also the fact that everyone in this The meeting survived in reality. During my sermon, a wooden The floor began to oscillate strongly from side to side as from Earthquakes. People sat with their eyes wide open with Bewilderment watching what is happening.

None of them Resisted what came out of my mouth. Although what was said I contradicted their conviction. -5- All this lasted for about fifteen minutes and when it ended My sermon, no one came to me to express his Disagreement. Only one sister who was at that time Eighty-four years with great excitement in his spirit Ran up to me and said, "They said you were a duhobor, but I didn't I see it." All the other members of this church plunged into Deep reflection and none of them even tried anything Object to me. The pastor himself during my sermon was sitting at Me behind my back.

My mom and my wife Luba are watching him Saw how his face turned very pale. -5- Next Sunday we came to the service again. In this

Time, an experienced one came to visit them from the city of Boguslav Preacher. He already knew about what happened last Sunday and Prepared a sermon refuting what was in the past Sunday the Holy Spirit spoke through me. From the point of view The human component, I couldn't object to him, so He didn't know the Scriptures well. After this brother's sermon, so that Not to offend me, the pastor allowed me to serve as a word God's.

It's hard to remember this sermon now, but during Sermons God spoke again through my mouth and completely He denied what my brother preached. Everyone saw it Present at the service and none of them could object Because of what God spoke to them through my mouth. -6- There was communication after the meeting. And this brother found out that I'm from the environment Pentecostals offered me to go to Boguslav and even gave The address of the church belonging to our association. He is strong I was afraid that my presence in this rural church would entail Are not good consequences.

But I thanked my brother for his Offer and said that I have no more left for it Time. Since our vacation is ending and tomorrow we

We're going home. I want to talk about the most important thing. Despite the fact that we had Differences in beliefs, it did not become a stumbling block in Our relationship. Throughout the time of our communication Good friendships were built with these people.

These people supplied us with food free of charge. Old man The pastor in communication with me told a lot about his The path of life, but at the same time he never touched on the topic of baptism The Holy Spirit with the sign of other languages. But once he said Only one thing: "I don't understand these languages." In conclusion, I want to say that this kind of manifestation I didn't have to experience the Holy Spirit anymore, because God Is diverse in its manifestations. It's hard for me to judge that Why God used me in this way.

But I know one thing that To those who love God, who act according to His will, everything contributes to Good. Only in eternity maybe we can find out which Changes occurred at that time in the hearts of these people. And how is everything It influenced their future life and service to God. -7- Part three

Not much time has passed since my appeal to God I have Like my wife Luba, a prophetic gift began to show. Serving the gift of prophecy is always accompanied by a strong Demonic confrontation. Especially at a time when God Begins to discover and reveal the secret deeds of believers. At the same time, the faith of the prophesiers is tested and Ability to resist demonic attacks.

At the time when the prophetic gift was revealed to me and my wife Lyuba, there was already one sister in the church with the gift of prophecy, many times Proven in practical service. Pastor and other believers Accepted only her prophecies. To everyone else To the prophets in the church, including to me with Any, there was no Trust. Anya and I came to God not so long ago and we were not considered yet Ripe for a prophetic gift.

But despite this, God's time from Time used us in the gift of prophecy. Somehow during the sermon one long believe brother is not ambiguous Said the following words: I've been walking with God for more than twenty years, but not yet Received the gift of prophecy. And some young believers recently Those who turn to God are already prophesying. Serve God for years -1- Twenty, then God will see which of you to give the gift of prophecy.

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Moreover, the governing brothers agreed to make a test text For the prophets. They called everyone separately Of the prophet and put a secret need before him. In their opinion Not a single prophesier gave the necessary for the necessary needs Answer. But to my great surprise, God through me answered their Need and they accepted it.

But despite this, to my prophecies on Still treated with distrust, although they didn't talk about it anymore Open. All the rest of the prophets are just Ignored and did not listen to their prophecies. I had to pass a real test in practical service Of the prophetic gift. And I wanted to share it with you.

On one From Sunday services during prayer, my eyes were Aimed at one brother, who is in several rows Ahead of me. This brother was the most sought-after preacher in Churches. And when my eyes fell on him, a voice sounded inside me: "Go and tell me." There was another brother next to me and I Shared

with him. When my brother and I were puzzled about what was said Continued to pray, this voice once again spoke to me and Said: "Go tell me or I'll ask." I couldn't resist anymore Said approached this brother and released the prophecy. -2-

The Lord spoke to him with these words: "If you don't repent of that What you do in secret, I will make it clear." Even before the word came out of my mouth, my brother's ears became Crimson. Immediately after the service, my brother and I were called for a conversation in The brother's room, where the pastor was already and with him two brothers who came to To visit us from western Ukraine. The conversation was not pleasant. Me Tried to accuse of false prophecy, but they didn't find it Necessary arguments.

I, in turn, desperately defended myself Referring to the ministry of the prophet Jeremiah, showing through what This prophet passed. In turn, the brother to whom there was a prophecy did not agree With what was said to him, attaching his arguments to this. My brother said that in Other places where he served the word of God prophets Prophesied about him and about his services very well. To the big Unfortunately, these prophets were not in the council of God and Prophesied based on what they saw.

Inspired With their brother's sermon, they allowed the dreams of their heart. Pastor. -3- Supported this brother, but was not favorable to me. To I was very surprised that the brothers who came to visit us were Of a different opinion. They advised this brother to accept the prophecy.

They were spiritually mature and guided by the Holy Spirit ministers. They Assessed the current situation based on their spiritual Experience. In turn, my wife Luba during my prophecy I saw a vision. In her vision, she saw a big ship Shipwrecked during a severe storm.

He was Already completely sunk and only one nose of the ship is not yet Immersed in water. After this incident, many members of our church were tempted by me And stopped trusting the prophecies I utter. And this Quite natural, since whose brother the Holy Spirit rebuked was The most sought-after preacher in the church. But God doesn't scold It happens and none of what He said will remain unfulfilled Word.

Not much time has passed and the prophecy I have spoken Began to come into execution. -4- The company where this brother worked was located in the city center. Not far from his place of work, several more members of our Churches. One day during the lunch break, a sister saw Him going to meet her with a group of his employees. This brother is in He was holding a smoking cigarette in his hand.

When he saw this sister Immediately threw away the cigarette. After a while, this sister's father

Who worked next to this brother's company saw him sitting In a designated place for smokers. It was my brother who smoked with others Who are there. When this man asked him why he did it Does. He replied that he had a bad toothache and smoked in order to Dull the toothache.

But these were only the first bells, through For some time this preacher was caught in the sin of adultery And he was excommunicated from the church. But despite this, none of the church members, Who condemned me for such a prophecy, did not apologize to me. And this is quite natural, this is how the prophets have always been done through Which God revealed the secret deeds of people who do iniquity. After the authorities allowed registration, many churches Those who were underground accepted it and the authorities stopped To pursue them.

At that time, two were built in our city Prayer houses where services were held. Me and Any Repented in one of them and served God there for three years. Once I had a prophetic dream. It was shown in the dream A truck with open sides and filled with Not a large size of watermelons.

Watching this, I said to God: "a Where are the big watermelons." God answered me: "And the big ones for later." -5- Then another picture opened up to me. The same car with open

Sideboards. There were already only three in the back of this car Watermelon. Bending down and stretching out my hand, I first pulled it towards me First one watermelon, and then pulled up the second watermelon. But when he started Pulling the third watermelon to you saw how on the other side of the body Machines, someone is also trying to do it.

In the end, I I managed to win this single combat and the watermelon was in my hands. This dream had three meanings that became clear to me only After a while. But I want to talk about only one of them, so what is it Is connected with the internal church confrontation with the manifestation of gifts Holy Spirit. And especially it concerns the prophetic gift.

To the big Unfortunately, not only our church was in this position, but also Another church that accepted the registration. One of the parts of my dream Directly related to one event that occurred in this Churches. Immediately after this dream, God encouraged me to go to this church For the evening service. During the service, my dream with three began to open up to me in stages Watermelons.

The first watermelon was the first sermon in this narrowing, Served as an edification. It happened in a similar way with -6- The second sermon, after which the preacher finished with a prayer

Service. At the moment when this brother should have already said Amen, the Holy Spirit filled me and the prophecy came. But some kind of A moment of praying brother and the whole church came to a state Numbness. And as soon as the prophecy ended, my brother immediately said Amen.

After the meeting, one of the leaders immediately approached me Brothers, a man of a very frightening appearance. He literally tried Drag me into the brother's room to spend over me A spiritually educational conversation. Realizing this and not wanting to be in Human hands, I tried with all my might to avoid it. To me I had to compromise with my conscience and tell this Brother, that I urgently need to be at home because my wife and my children Health problems.

It helped me get out of the hands of this Man and avoid the court of the Sanhedrin. -7- In the future, we had to confront even stronger Intra-church confrontation in relation to spiritual Manifestations in the church. To the spiritual prayer that took place in Of our church after the first Sunday service, they came to us Members of another registered church also come. God is in prayer Many were baptized with the Holy Spirit and some baptized began

To prophesy. During the prayer of one young brother Who came to us for prayer from the church where God sent me The devil opened. The leadership of the church of which this brother was a member Made claims to the leadership of our church. They said that You in prayer instead of being baptized by the Holy Spirit, believers become Possessed demons.

And then the leadership of our church forbade To hold spiritual prayers and all prophets were forbidden To prophesy in the church. All believers with spiritual gifts Were in great contempt and in the eyes of other members of the church Were a foreign body. Getting rid of God's management Our church has completely come under human control. But It didn't stop us, we still kept getting ready, but already Not in the church, but at home.

But these were only the first steps on my way Faith. Part four

After my three-year stay in the church where my The path of faith, some events have taken place. The Bible says that God Creates everything new. These events have changed a lot in my future Spiritual life. They opened the way for me to a deeper knowledge God's will both in my life and in my service to God.

When the calm comes to the sea, they say it will start very soon Storm. After a short lull, we began to observe it in our Churches. At the beginning, the authorities gave us complete freedom and did not interfere To our church events. We freely spent our Ministry in accordance with the charter adopted by the church.

But with all This between the church and the authorities, was put by the authorities Commissioner for Religious Associations. This man was watching According to the order in the church in accordance with the established authorities Rules. And when these rules were violated, the pastor appeared Problems. He was summoned by the Commissioner for Religious Affairs and urged To put the church in order.

The pastor was forced to do it because in Otherwise he was fined. -1- Very often our services were attended by a representative From the Commissioner for Religious Affairs. During the service, this A man was sitting somewhere behind and recording violations that

I saw it. Any prophecy was considered a violation of the law on Religious associations. And since in the church God often used Me in a prophetic gift, because of this pastor constantly Fined. The pastor, in turn, tried to persuade me not to To prophesy, but it was difficult for me to agree with it.

And then my Uncle, who was the pastor's assistant, went to the trick. He Offered me to turn my head before the prophecy and Look around. And if the representative of the authorities is not At the service, then boldly prophesy. And if he is present, then Refrain from prophecy.

I liked his offer and I tried to do it once. But my head became Twisting around, my neck immediately twisted. And then I immediately It became clear that it was God who was stopping me. Because it is necessary To obey God more than to man. -2- Over time, the pressure on the pastor from the authorities became To increase.

It was connected not only with prophecy. Many The resolutions established by the authorities were a gross violation Not only the church charter, but also the biblical principles. At the end In the end, the pastor had to say about it and about his unwillingness Comply with the decisions of the authorities. And then the real one broke out

Storm. The authorities told the pastor that if he goes out of the pulpit to stand From the church leadership, they will put him in prison. The pastor announced The decision of the authorities before the

church. But unfortunately, many The believers did not support their pastor, they were tired of persecution and did not Wanted to leave their comfort zone.

For this reason, half Members of the church remained in the prayer house, and the other half Left the church together with the pastor. Any and I supported the choice Of our pastor and together with other believers found themselves underground. This was the beginning of the persecution for faith and for our beliefs already Not only from the church, but also from the authorities of this world. We have become Gather at home, but since the members of our church lived in different There was no opportunity to get together in the districts of the city.

Besides that Everyone couldn't fit in one apartment from the outside Conspiracy to do it was very risky. It was accepted The decision to divide into three groups by place of residence. In each The group was appointed responsible for the service. Pastor at times Attended every group and came once a month to teach Lord's Supper. -3- On fraternal conscience, they decided to entrust me with being responsible for

Our group. The pastor and the deacon of the church prayed for me Calling my dedication as helping the brothers. For three Years up to perestroika, we were underground and constantly Being persecuted by the authorities. You can read about it in My book "Only remember all your way".

My further Reasoning will be connected only with internal church persecutions. After a while, our church entered the unregistered Brotherhood from which our pastor came out. The pastor and I Were in this brotherhood for four years, until then Until God recalled him to Himself. After that, the management of our Associations sent another pastor with whom we served God About four more years.

All these years I was an assistant pastor, but My brothers never even put me to achieve a deacon. Our bishop held pastoral meetings once every few months Churches of the Kiev region. The bishop kept telling my new To the pastor to take me to these meetings, although they were present there Only pastors of churches. One day one of the pastors called Invited me to another meeting of pastors in an orderly tone.

Without suspecting anything, I gave my consent to it. -4- At that time, our bishop was on a planned business trip and did not

Could come to this meeting. Taking advantage of this, the older brothers Decided to show me my place. The reason for this was that my Activity in serving God went beyond their understanding. Regular jealous prayers that took place at my house and Some members of the churches of these ministers visited them.

These people Were very worried that they would lose their church members who are with Will sometimes go to our church. -5- Everything was going well at the pastoral meeting. Discussed all kinds of Church issues. Communication was already coming to an end, but unexpectedly The pastor who called me to the pastor's room gets up from his chair Meeting and starts saying strange things. Listening carefully Of this pastor, I understood that it concerns me directly.

He Began his speech as follows: "In our churches there are many Believers not baptized by the Holy Spirit. To pray for them for Baptism with the Holy Spirit, they are forced to go to other areas Of our country. Because we can get a spirit at such prayers Seductions." When this brother stopped talking, I told

him: "you You mean me personally and our prayer group." He's right there Confirmed this and read a list of twelve charges in My side.

The list of accusations was given to him by some gypsy with whom I didn't even Was familiar. After listening carefully to each of these accusations, he said To him and all the beginning that none of them has ever had a place in Of my life. After my answer, everything fell into place, but none of They didn't apologize for the slander they tried to accuse me of. In At the end of the conversation, they greeted each other as usual and then Went home.

When the Soviet Union collapsed and freedom came Religion, the preaching of the Gospel became available to everyone To those who want to hear the good news. At this time, I also went out with no Of the registered brotherhood began to preach the word of God to people To those who do not know God. Having learned about this, the bishop of the association in which I used to come to me and began to persuade me To go back. And then I had to share how they did it With me at the pastoral meeting.

Having listened to me carefully, the bishop Said in anger: "They all envy you." And then I had to Answer him and say: "how can you do the work of God with people Living in envy. -6- ++++++ A church that is under human control is strictly Adheres to various rules and regulations established

People. And someone is trying to show that it's not Corresponds to the teaching of the Bible, is not able to accept it. Trying Defend their beliefs, both the minister and the members of such a church Often compromise with their conscience. I want to bring two of these An example from your personal practice.

Once God sent me and my wife Luba to serve in one A small traditional church. In spiritual matters, we have with The pastor had a lot in common. And despite the fact that in Doctrinally, there were big disagreements, we kept Unity and spiritual harmony. My sermons were perceived as Pastor, and members of this community.

During communication with the pastor We often talked about some resolutions adopted by this Church. And when the pastor could not confirm with the word of God Resolutions adopted by the church, he immediately referred to the church Charter. The pastor was very afraid of breaking the charter so as not to be An oath offender and not to fall under the condemnation of God. Having tied yourself And his church was adopted by the charter together with the members of the church In his captivity. -7- Once the Holy Spirit sent me to a traditional church with With a prophetic word.

Through prophecy, God rebused the church

Management of their decision on jewelry from Precious metals. Believers were allowed to wear only Wedding rings. All other decorations were under Strict prohibition. Immediately after the prophecy, the pastor approached The department and said that the prophets need to stay awake, because the church is not Accepted this prophecy.

Trying to defend the decision made The pastor compromised with his conscience. Because without asking About this church, and on behalf of the church himself expressed his opinion on this About. -8- Continuing to defend the adopted resolution, he appealed to the church: "Tell me gold from God or not." The church was not in silence Knowing how to answer the question asked. Then I told the pastor that

Gold from God. Since God himself commanded Israel, taking it out of Egypt, To ask the Egyptians for gold and silver jewelry.

And such In this way, God Himself decorated His people with this. At this time, from the hall to The pastor's defense was a line: "And what did they then do with Of this gold." My answer was without cunning: "They made a golden Calf." But in the future this gold was also sacrificed for decoration Tabernacles. Not wanting to continue the dialogue, the pastor said such Words: "so let them bring their gold and donate it to the church."

How difficult it is to recognize our decision as wrong. And this Because I don't want to lose the trust of the people entrusted to us God. To realize that we were wrong in many ways and it's time To repent of it. To start church reforms in accordance with God's will for us.

Will be freed from human control and Trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These processes will be It's painful to pass, not everyone will accept such reforms and we will lose Many of them. But let's keep the Church created by Jesus Christ, whom the gates of hell will not be able to overcome. Part five

Once upon a time, a pastor with whom we were connected together at that time Service, invited me to serve in a young church. The pastor of this church was a brother with whom my friend is with him Studied at the Bible College. Members of this church mainly There were young believers who had recently turned to God. God visited us By my presence and during the service through me there were several Prophecies.

The young pastor and members of his church were strongly Inspired because they have never experienced such manifestations before Holy Spirit. The pastor asked me to visit them more often. To me It was hard to refuse such an offer, because I understood that This young community needs spiritual sowing. Once God encouraged me to visit this church.

Service Took place on Wednesday evening. The church was located on the periphery and Very far from my place of residence. On the way to this church, I It was necessary to change three modes of transport. At the beginning of thirty minutes To take the tram.

After that, transfer to the subway train and Another thirty minutes to go. And finally, the last transfer to -1- Suburban train and it takes about thirty minutes to get there. This The train, which was called an electric train, went on a strict Schedule. And if you're late, the next train

Had to wait a very long time. And especially late in the evening Time the train could arrive only in a few hours. Besides Arriving at the destination, we had to walk to the church for another few minutes Ten fifteen. At the best situation, the whole way in the general Difficulty took about two hours of time.

I didn't have Opportunities, as in most ordinary people living at that time To buy a personal car in Ukraine. Therefore, constantly Had to use urban and suburban transport. The way back was much more difficult. You can't right after the service It took a long time not to miss the train, because in Trains ran very rarely in the evening.

In turn, and Public transport ran only until twelve o'clock at night. Everything Being late was undesirable. The one I described is only Preparing your attention to what happened to me in Further. Having arrived at the church safely and on time for the evening Service I had to face a strong human -2- Confrontation.

At this time from the city by church minibus The bishop of this association came. He and I were from the same city and Knew each other well. Although they weren't in one religious

Unification, but sometimes our paths crossed. He attributed me to Categories of believers who, in his opinion, were in Delusion. His visit to the church was not planned, Bishop I came only for one purpose not to let me serve these people. Without consulting with the pastor of the church, this man immediately took the ministry in Your hands.

The ministry began with his sermon, which Lasted until the end of the service. He preached about False prophets and false teachers who need to beware of and not To accept them. It immediately became clear to everyone present at the meeting Who does this person mean. After the end of the service, there was a very short communication.

With his From the side there were no hints in my direction about my Stay in this church. The bishop behaved very friendly. In Greeting award, he hugged me tightly in a brotherly way and that was all Said. This man was very large and endowed by nature With great force, which was not too much to say about me.

After his Friendly hug, I thought that all my ribs were already broken. And then This man of God together with his driver got into his -3- The minibus on which they arrived and went home. Bishop Just ignored me and didn't even ask how to do it later

I'll be coming back home later. All this happened in the season of my rejection. God destroyed everything That used to serve me and my family as a blessing from God. In this Time is not only my friends but also people with whom we shared Communication refused me.

And even my blood relatives don't Were on my side. In three independent Christian Associations considered me a lost sheep, a false teacher and False prophet. Believers with whom we used to be in the ministry and Did joint work in the field of God, turned away from me and Avoided communicating with me. All this happened for a long time Four years.

At that time, God freed me and my family from everything What else was an obstacle to our trip to America. It was hard for me to accept my infertility, because I always Was in active service to God. God watched all this and not -4- Allowed me to finally be disappointed in His love for me. And Soon he sent me to a young church for two years where I have There was an opportunity to serve people with the word of God.

The pastor of this Church with the leadership of the association in which he used to be There was some kind of conflict. He is together with his church members Left this association.

With my arrival, the service of this church has become more effective. Because except for the pastor, all the members of the church were people recently Turned to God. I was very active serving this People not

only by the word of God but also organized Evangelization services. No one was engaged before I came. This and it served as a great blessing for this young Of the Christian community.

Expanding my activity, I started two Home groups to which not only believers came but also People who don't know God. Everything was going very well and I was hoping Stay here for a long time, but one case ruined all my Plans. Some members of this church are on one home group Turned to me with a question about baptism by the Holy Spirit with a sign Other languages. I had to confess that I was baptized as a Saint The Spirit with the sign of other languages, although before this incident in the church I haven't told anyone about it yet.

And then three people expressed The desire to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. During the prayer came down The Holy Spirit is on them and they began to speak in other languages. -5- When the pastor of this church invited me to support him in Ministry, he knew that I came from the Pentecostals. But never Did not warn that it should be kept secret from its members in the church.

In turn, I had to be careful about it, so that To continue to serve these people without hindrance. For the time Staying in this church, the pastor and I have developed friendships Relationships. And people were inspired by my service and strongly Fell in love with me. Once the pastor hugged me in front of everyone and said that he Doesn't consider himself superior to me.

It said that he and I were not Only friends, but also employees in the work of God. Together with his father, Who was also a pastor in the past, we visited the sick and Prayed for their healing with anointing with oil. At the service in their Sermons, I could fearlessly talk about the manifestation in the church of all The gifts of the Holy Spirit. But the only thing I didn't touch on preaching was Baptism with the Holy Spirit with the sign of other languages.

What happened at the home group soon became known To the pastor. He struggled with himself for six months, but so Couldn't beat myself. One day after the service, the pastor invited Me to my house and spoke to me in an aggressive manner. And at the end Conversations said that I should leave his church.

I didn't have any left Choice and we soon parted. People have also left this church. -6- Baptized by the Holy Spirit, as the pastor tried to forbid them To pray in other languages. And when I found out about visiting my

Friends from this church, he immediately called me and in an orderly tone Forbade to do it. Our beliefs that we sometimes hold on to with both hands, Can destroy any relationship, even if they are connected Bonds of love for each other. As someone said that from love to Hatred is one step. Unfortunately, this person is not Submitted to God's design and destroyed his own hands Service.

Shortly after that, he got cancer and further his Fate was tragic. Finding myself without service and being in constant languor of spirit I had to look for an opportunity to be useful in business again God. And then I wanted to go back to that church again Where my journey of faith began. The pastor of this church knew me well and Was friendly to me.

At that time, the church needed In the youth leader and the pastor offered me this ministry. For this It was necessary to become a member of this church again. It was simple Formality, I just had to apply in

the name of The senior pastor that he had to sign. This person Was a bishop and headed this denomination. -7- After a while, when I came back to find out about the result, I was

Very disappointed. When the senior pastor saw my statement, and He knew well who he was dealing with, told his assistant: "Put It's a statement under the cloth, we don't need false prophets." And that was all Said. Both in the first case with the pastor of the Baptist Church, and in The second with the Bishop of the Pentecostal Union were confirmed The words spoken by Jesus Christ to His disciples: "You will be cast out of Synagogues and anyone who beats you will think that this is what he serves God." part six

In the four-year devastating period, God continued Support me even when I was once again deprived Opportunities to be useful in God's housekeeping. After My departure from the young Baptist Church, God sent me to Transcarpathia. In this case, my ministry was episodic in Different churches in their confession. He began to invite me to There is only one elderly brother with whom we have made friends.

This man was from the traditional Pentecostal church. He lived in Rural-type settlement and visited the local church Pentecostals. It wasn't a big local church that for years Thirty had no communication with other churches. The church was developing By itself on the basis of the traditions they adopted and doubtful Doctrine confirmed on their beliefs.

They didn't accept me very well Friendly. Constantly experienced by asking tricky questions. To me I had to be very careful with the answers. If it was difficult Immediately give them a convincing answer, said that upon arrival home I will study this issue more carefully.

And next time I'll come to Them with the answer to their question. -1- Once there was one incident that ruined everything

Distrust of me and it contributed to serving for some time Named after During the prayer, the pastor showed the gift of languages under Interpretation. I had the gift of interpreting other languages and I became To interpret what he said. This gift has not been manifested in the church yet Several decades. After that, the turning point came, The pastor began to trust my ministry and I was temporarily taken for Yours.

It untied my hands and gave me the opportunity to show Initiative in some other areas. -2- In this village, in addition to the Pentecostal church, there were two more Christian churches. One Baptist church and another church Confessing Saturday. I offered the pastor my plan with which he Agreed at the beginning. All three churches were supposed to gather in the center Of his village and conduct an evangelization service together.

Thanks to this, local residents would see the unity of these churches and Maybe some of them would come to church and begin to serve God. But something went wrong. On Sunday early in the morning, this pastor I came by bike to my brother, where I lived at that time. He was Very scared and looked very pale.

The pastor told me that I hardly slept at night. This man has utterly abandoned my Proposals and did not allow the Holy Spirit to lead to unity

Scattered churches. That's where our cooperation ended, but God has for me in There were a few more tasks in this area. My brother, whom I often visited, was in a nearby A friend in the city of Tyachevo, pastor of a small Baptist church. This love Abundant man has always strived for unity between believers Of all Christian denominations.

He accepted me, allowed me To preach in his church and even took to another sister The church, and there gave me the opportunity to serve as a word God's. Guests came to these churches very rarely and my presence In these churches strongly inspired the believers. But all this Didn't last very long. Soon I found out about my visit The regional leadership of the Baptist Brotherhood and sent two of their Representative to deal with the current situation.

These people arrived when the service was already going on. They are literally Broke into the room and began to behave like owners. Right after Service, I was almost dragged into one of the rooms and Arranged an interrogation for me. After the procedure, they banned -3- The pastor to accept me and allow me to serve the word in his church God's.

The pastor made a serious remark and was told that if

Such a repeat, he will be removed from the service. I want to share another interesting story. By means of Which God taught me and some other children of God very much Instructive lesson. God brought together several people from different Christian denominations and sent them to serve in the church Clean-up workers.

It was a representative of the traditional Pentecostal and I, the freer Pentecostal, who was At that time visiting this brother. The Baptist pastor was also with us about Which we have already talked to you about. This pastor had a friend, a pastor Churches of the subbotniks. Once the pastor of the clean-up people invited to his place For the Sabbath service of the pastor of the Baptist Church.

Without thinking for a long time Our mutual friend took us to the service in this church. -4- At the beginning of the ministry, one elder preached. During the sermon This old man sometimes turned off and at that time the Bible fell out of His hands. He managed to intercept it, not allowing the Bible to fall to the floor And it happened to him several times. After his sermon, the church Plunged into a spiritual sleep.

Then the pastor offered to serve By the word of God to your friend, the pastor of the Baptist Church. Pastor Went to the pulpit, read one verse from the Bible and said: "I want So that brother Victor would share the word of God instead of me." Mine

The sermon was about faith. God gave me this sermon to my tribe Missionary trip to Cuba. When I preached, the power came down The Holy Spirit and the church woke up from spiritual hibernation. Right after My young brother came to the sermon.

Filled With The Holy Spirit This brother said that God sent us a triple blessing today and Revealed the topic of faith even more deeply. When the service was over, the pastor invited his guests to his place Home for lunch. On the way, he kept asking me the same thing Question. "Brother, what do you think about the fourth commandment?" My The answer was very simple: "we came to your service on Saturday and We've already honored Saturday with this.

His wife was a wise woman and Stopped her husband in time. He told him not to Encouraged us to argue, as the guests came to us with good Intentions. At the table during the meal, I said: "let's We will talk about what unites us, not about what Separates us. That is, to talk about our common savior Jesus Christ who redeemed us from the power of sin and death.

In the future, our communication was very fruitful. Each Shared what Jesus Christ did for him. We couldn't for a long time To disperse. And already at the expense of the pastor of this church was so -5-

Inspired by such communication that he asked me to come more often to Him to the church for the service. But unfortunately, I have more There was no such possibility. Once in a conversation with His disciples, Jesus Christ said such Words: "I was chased and you will be chased. My words were kept, and yours Will comply." Intra-church persecution can be perceived by Differently.

On the one hand, it's a demonic confrontation Aimed at destroying God's definitions for the Church. At This devil uses human control in the church, Built on the resolutions adopted by people who are not in God's advice. Behind all this is a religious spirit that distorts The word of God to please human desires. On the other hand, the so-called foreign bodies located in The church under human control, by their disagreement -6- Open the spiritual eyes of believers looking for a close relationship with God.

Who will strive for a close relationship in the future With God, growing into the full age of Christ. This is the Church Created by Jesus Christ and which the gates of hell cannot overcome. Today we are faced with a choice, to seek favor from people or from God. To please people or God.

This was the position of Apostle Paul,

Who also said: "If I had pleased people so far, I wouldn't have been Would be a slave of Christ." For this reason, believers who have dedicated themselves to Serving God, they chose this path for themselves. Povel also talks about: "That working for the Lord in the midst of temptations. And also: "We have a wide And a spacious door, but there are also a lot of opponents." Finishing my Reasoning on this topic, I will say the following. God gave us Free will of choice and each of us must decide whether What he sees himself in.

But at the same time I want to remind all of us that What God wants from us. And I will do it with the words of the Apostle Paul: "For me, life is Christ, and death is the acquisition of Christ." And also: "Whether we live for the Lord, we die, we die for the Lord. And Therefore, whether we live or die is always God's." The seventh part