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--If you ever had any doubts about how the Holy Spirit works in the church, I want you all to just - to think about the songs we just sang. Think of the message that was in those songs, and when you hear the sermon I want you to think how the Holy Spirit was working months ago - I don't know how long ago Jack and Amanda picked the music, but the Holy Spirit was working in them whenever it was that they chose the songs for today. They obviously didn't know what the sermon was going to be today, because I didn't know what the sermon was going to be today until yesterday. But the message that the Lord wants to get across to us today is being proclaimed in the praise songs, in the lessons, in the sermon, and, God willing, in each one of our lives. The Holy Spirit, the good life-giving loving Spirit of God is alive and well and at work in His church today. And for that we can give thanks and praise and glory to God.

--Lord, we're living in a time when people have forgotten who made the dirt that they stand on.

The Lord brought, I guess, a little light-heartedness into my heart during Lent. Somebody told me this cute little joke, but it really means a lot. The scientists of the world were standing before God, and they told Him they didn't need Him anymore cause they had figured out how He brought life out of lifelessness. And God said, "OK. Show me." So they reached down and they grabbed a handful of dirt, and God goes, "Oops! Wait a minute. You gotta bring your own dirt."

--The word I keep hearing is, "Wait. Wait. Wait. Wait." I don't think it's a physical thing, but it's a spiritual thing of don't get too anxious to try to hurry God up in doing things in your life. Wait on Him to do it. And it takes patience because you want to be fixed now. You want everything to be okay now, but God is saying, "Wait. You haven't even begun to see what I'm about to do in you and in your church. Wait." And that takes a lot of trust because you want to take control, but wait on the Lord.