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### **CD5 (Labeled Shaker Songs)**

LJ: ...and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Gracious Heavenly Father, as we come before thee at this time, Lord we do praise and we thank you for the opportunity that we have to come to be with you and ask your guidance and your wisdom in the things we are yet to do. We ask your blessing upon this recording that you will be with us as we endeavor to bring you the songs that need to be sung and the things that need to be said and we ask all these things in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

LJ: This one song I will sing, it was a song that came out of, uh, one of the bishop's, what we call 1910, his name was Peter Heck, and my brother picked it up and sang it a lot. And it was.... (sings song in Indian)

LJ: And there's one...(sings song in Indian)

LJ: That's the song I told you was converted from a Pentecostal to a Shaker. It was brought from Montana and George Enoch converted it over to what we call the Full Gospel. But there was a song that I often wonder today what the words were. I only imagine it went...(sings song in Indian)

LJ: There was one they used to sing that, that my first cousin, Ted, when he joined the Shake received it, and it went like this...(sings song in Indian) Then another one that goes...(sings song in Indian)

LJ: You know, I, I, sometimes I never know what I'm going to sing but you know the Lord can bless in a wonderful way that you don't quite understand, but he's there for you. At the low time in my life when I was hurting and this, this song came, and it, it's always been a blessing to me.

LJ: There's other songs, you know, that other people sing and you, you can't really, like I say, I always just open my mouth and it comes out. I never know what song it's going to be. It just, it just happens at a time that I need to sing and praise the Lord and one of the things I admire about moving in the spirit of God is the fact that he has control if we'd be just obedient to him and that's what I always desire to be. People ask me why I don't prepare a message or do anything. I said I can't.

The word tells me that I just open my mouth and He will fill it. He will bring the words that I need to do, to say, or the song that I need to sing. We were always taught that a song could come and it would heal, be a healing to someone, and I, I really believe so. My niece called me yesterday and told me that her daughter was very ill. She decided to go to a Pentecostal church. While she was there, the preacher said that there was somebody there that needed healing and she stood up and they prayed for her and my niece said her daughter came home healed. And I praise and I thank God for that because I have gone through that with my children and today they, to me, there is still my miracle

and what God can do, and I have always been faithful to believe that He will always answer our prayers if we just trust in Him, believe in Him, because He is the Intercessor, He is the way maker.

I always say when I testify, that in Him I move and have my being and without Him I would not be. Because of myself I couldn't do all these things that I have to do as the head of my household, providing and meeting all needs, and I always tell my children I didn't have the education that they have and yet God has provided the ways and the means for me to care for my family and still working at my age and I attribute that to the Lord because He has given me good health. At one time I was sent home literally to die, but the Lord saw fit to heal me and, and I thank God for that too because He does wonderful things for us if we would just trust Him and believe in Him, and this is where I make my stand that without Him in my life, my life would be empty and void.

I don't do the things a lot of other people do and entertain myself. I, I just trust and believe in the Lord, and I learned, my mother used to say when you raise your head from the pillow and put your feet on the floor, thank the Lord for it. When you pick your feet up off the floor and lay your head on the pillow, you thank God for that day and for the rest for your body and that's the way I do it. Sometimes I pray to the Lord to help me, if for some reason we get into turmoil in our life, He is there. He answers prayer and meets our needs. And I, I've learned that through life, like I said, I gave a testimony to Cecelia about having financial problems and I didn't quite know how to handle it or what to do. I just trusted Him and I told Him I needed help and he created a miracle for my life and it

has happened twice. Like I said, nobody gave me what they call a Pentecostal handshake.

He just woke me up in the middle of the night and told me to look in my wallet and I looked and there were \$20 bills in there totaling \$100 and I, I thought well how wonderful for Him to supply my need that way because I didn't have anybody that I could go to and say I'm having a hard time, I need help. And I just called on Him and He met that need and I've, I've trusted Him for all things, no matter how small or how big. He has always met my need and I have always been thankful for that because without Him, I don't know where I would be today because He has been my supplier, my companion, my helpmate, all things I have a need of trusting and believing in Him. And one of the best times I have had I guess in the years is this Christmastime my grandchildren finally came home. They have been gone nine years and I was told at one time that I would never see them. But finally something happened and they came home and this is something I am thankful for because my family has been complete again and we have been together. And I thank God for that and to me that's an answer to prayer because when my son passed away the baby was only 3 months old and he is nine years old today. This year he will be ten. And I am thankful that they're here after all this time and I will say my family is complete once again.

\And through all the trials and testing, losing of my children, I pray for, for strength to endure because on my own I couldn't do it. But I have been grateful that I have someone in my life that I can call on and He'll answer and meet my needs no matter what the

circumstances. And I always remember how my dad used to tell us, he said you're never alone. He'd say you're never alone.

We have brothers and sisters in the Lord, those that worship the same way you do, if you need help, prayer, call on a prayer warrior and they will join you and pray. And this is what we do if we can't go to a hospital bed, we'll lie on my altar and I'll, I'll pray from there, because there is no distance, that prayer goes a long ways if we just call on Him. And I have seen that happen in my life when my son was in Alaska and having a hard time and I prayed with him on the phone.

When the kids need something and they need prayer, they'll call, and I can call on the Lord with them and know that He is there for them because they have learned to trust and believe in what I believe in. Nothing special, just knowing that I am a child of God and this is what I am thankful for in my life because He has meant so much to me and without Him I don't think I would even be here today through all that I have been through and I have been thankful for what He has given me and what He has blessed me with. Amen.

CG: That's wonderful.

LJ: Mmhmm.

CG: Thank you. Thank you.

LJ: I think the one about Alaska was the one I couldn't get over. When he called and just cried to me how he felt, and to go there spiritually and understand what it's all about.

CG: Yeah. No distance in prayer. No distance.

LJ: Yeah. No distance in prayer. I did that with my sister one time. I couldn't sleep. I got out of bed and I went to the front room and I lit the little altar. We lived in Salishan. I had a little altar right by the furnace and prayed and prayed for her. And I am still sitting there on the chair and pretty soon the phone rang. She said I just had to call just to say hello. She says, you know, I had planned to take my life, she said, in a few minutes something happened and I was told, something told me to call you. I said I have been sitting here in front of the altar praying for you. And she lived in Seattle on what we call the Skid Row. And she was going through bad times and she planned to take her life and all of a sudden she said "I decided I better call you" in the middle of the night. (Laughs)

CG: (Laughs)

LJ: And I said well I have been sitting here praying for you. I sat in a chair right in front of the altar, was sitting there conversing I will say with the Lord.

CG: Nice.

LJ: My husband finally come out of the bedroom peeking down and said what are you doing? I said "I'm praying". (Laughs) It's wonderful how He works though.

CG: Yes. Yes. What do you think David?

DAVID: Awesome. That was very good.

CG: Yes. That was awesome.

LJ: (Laughs)

CG: Did you want to say/sing anything else, or is that...

LJ: One of the things, I have a story, it amazes me. Ray Zach had a church on Portland Avenue right behind what they call Eddy's Tavern and we used to all go there. You know, there was the Dillon family, Washington Family, the Harvey family, the Napoleon

family, and then the Joseph families, all big families. We were going there. We would go there Sunday and Wednesday night. All of a sudden there was a prayer meeting in my aunt's home in Finney Bay. They used to be in the Air Force sergeant, and his wife they were from Oklahoma. He was stationed at McCord. And he said that she was diagnosed with cancer and it was terminal and her sister came out to take care of her. They were in the service. And they heard us rushing around and thought what are they rushing for? Well, they're going to a Shaker meeting in Fenny Bay. So we left hurriedly and went out.

And you know we had to go home and get some stuff before we headed out. Well, we got to my aunt's home. There they were sitting there already, this Oklahoma man and his wife. And we started the Shaker meeting and they stood right up and they didn't ask any questions and we stood up and lined up to start the service. They stood up with us and went, went around, shook hands, and followed through on the service and we finished the Shaker service and then on Sunday we went back to, on Wednesday we went back to Ray Zach's church and they got up and testified that they were healed, that she was healed in that service and they knew nothing about the Shaker faith, but they heard us getting all excited about going to Shake, and so they came, and he said so many people laid their hands on her, he said she was delivered and healed that night. Ray Zach went back to Oklahoma 15 years later and she was still alive.

CG: Wow.

LJ: And she had supposedly terminal cancer. And that was somebody that never even seen, knew what Shaker was all about, but that in itself was something.

CG: Great story.

LJ: Yeah, she was really something because they beat us to church even. (Laughs) But they wanted to see what it was about and the Lord healed her there. I had an aunt we went to pray for, she was 115, they called the Shakers and I thought when I looked at her, we're too late. We got there Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. By Sunday morning she, she had a bed against the wall, she had a rope she would pull herself up. She didn't even have to hold that rope Sunday morning. She pulled herself over to the side of the bed, came over to eat breakfast with us. She got healed. She lived to be 126.

CG: Oh my goodness. (Laughs)

LJ: (Laughs)

CG: What was her name?

LJ: Maggie Alabush. Her daughters just died in the last, I would say the last five years. One of them was 102 and the other was 100. They lived a long time.

CG: Yeah. And where was she from again?

LJ: Neah Bay.

CG: Neah Bay.

LJ: Neah Bay. She has, I think, five or six generations down there. It was my oldest aunt.

CG: Great. 126, huh. You've got a long way to go Lorene.

LJ: (Laughs) My oldest grandchild says "Oh Grandma", he used to call me because we used to have Shaker meetings here all the time, and he'd say that's my "Amen Grandma" he'd call me. He's say "Grandma's gonna live to be 100". (Laughs) Yeah, my other aunt lived to be 115. She was from Fenny Bay.



CG: Thank you so much. Does that conclude this recording? Thank you. Beautiful.  
Good job David.

LJ: Yeah, that one TV station, for heavens, I can't remember what station it was, came and recorded a whole Shaker meeting one time. It was just before the settlement, I think.

CG: Uh, that was like back then, that would be before, the settlement was in twenty, no, when was the settlement? When did it happen?

LJ: '80s, I think didn't it? I'd have to look in the...

CG: So, yeah, I, I still need to go to the archives and look at the PI. 1981 is when the fire happened, right?

LJ: No, we burned out in '82.

CG: '82, okay.

LJ: There's a house there on D Street on 38th. It's on the left hand side. That's what my house looked like. It's got even the leaded glass windows in it. That's the way my house looked. The one I bought when we moved here. This one has been here since, uh, I think we moved here just before Christmas in '82. We burned out in March. And we moved back here, I think, on the 17th or 18th of December when they finished this one.

CG: Oh. So you have been living here for, since then.

LJ: On the same property. We bought this property in May of '66.

CG: I was six years old. I was born in... Well, actually you moved here a year before I turned six, or a month before I turned six.

LJ: Mmhmm.

CG: Because I was born in June.

LJ: Yeah, Mister died February 26, 1966 and right away I knew we would get a lump sum civil service and Social Security, so I started looking for a house. I, I looked for a house off the beaten track. I wanted to, I didn't want to be on Front Street and I liked this one.

CG: That's perfect.

LJ: They just built that one a couple years ago.

CG: Oh, so it was just...

LJ: Yeah, it was nothing but blackberry bushes across there. That's a Habitat house, that one.

CG: You know, they build some of those Habitat houses, they will build like three houses just on one small little piece of land.

LJ: Mmhmm.

CG: My grandma, you know where she lived, she uh, they liked the house because it was far from the road, you know, set way back.

LJ: Yeah, I've been, I've been here since May of '66.

CG: What do you think of it?

DAVID: Yeah, it's really good. Yeah. Just need to put it all together now, huh?

CG: Mmhmm. Yeah.

LJ: Yeah, my nephew has just gone through a traumatic, second time he has had three-way bypass. He had a very difficult time.

CG: That's Curtis, right?

LJ: Curtis. And, you know, he is now talking about going back to church, so I assume that I will, I will start having services here once he gets \_\_\_\_\_

CG: Oh, good. Good, let me know.

LJ: Okay?

CG: Yeah.

LJ: Because I think that's the only thing that will keep him going and you can't just, you know, you have to be supportive and I want to help him and I assume that's what we'll do.

CG: Yeah. Just let me know. Have you ever been to a Shaker church?

DAVID: No, I never have.

CG: Oh, it's great. You know, me and Doug, I told you that we had a problem with gambling and that was about five years ago now, maybe four or five years ago, so we went up to LaConnor and went to a Shaker church, and however they prayed, you know, they brought like this, brought my spirit or something back it was like lost out there so they brought it back and me and Doug haven't gambled since then. And it's amazing because nothing else worked. (Laughs) But he does, my husband, you would pray for my husband? He says that he wants prayer.

LJ: This is what my daughter, my youngest daughter, she was severely into alcoholism and she used to always want to go to Tillacum. At that time, her brother was working at Fort Lewis. I used to drop him off, go pick him up at Fort Lewis in the evening. So one time she said take me back to, she wanted to go to Tillacum, so I took her. She was just trembling and she leaned across and she gave me a kiss and she said mama just pray for me. Well, she was gone, they'd be gone three or four days, and she got home and I was

getting ready, Tom Carpenter, who was a Montana, he used to come to our elders building and held, uh, meetings, and she said where are you going Mom? I said I'm going to Tommy Carpenter's in town. I'm going to go listen to him preach. She said wait a minute, I'll go with you. She went with me and, and, uh, he started and he said well we're going to take prayer requests first and she stood up and she says I need to be prayed for. She says I'm an alcoholic and I have a brand new baby and I don't want him to grow up and see his mother being an alcoholic. So they stopped everything, they called her up there, and he said all the prayer warriors come up and lay hands on her. You know, she was sober from that day on. She never to treatment. They just laid hands on her and she, she left the alcohol alone.