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Interviewer: After Judge Bunning said you have to issue marriage licenses, you continued to not issue them. You have already elaborated on this a little bit. Do you care to elaborate on it a little more?

Davis: Again, the whole adage was what could man do to me? He may put me in jail, which he did. But he could not take my immortal soul. For me God's Law trumps. If a man-made law goes against God's word, I think we as a Christian, I speak for myself, I as a Christian have an obligation to God's Law before I honor man's law. If they are out of sync with each other, you know, my God is my final judge. So, for me, what Judge Bunning was telling me to do, I knew I am not doing any of that. You know... I just... You know. You know, a lot of people--- my attorney says "So, what do you wanna do?" I mean, I know what I wanna do. I am not gonna issue them, and, they told me all what could happen and everything and I said listen, this is something that is not.... For me it was not... It was either black or white. There was no gray area at all for me to fall into. Because I think if you fall into the gray area, for me, you're known as a compromiser. I don't wanna a compromiser. I, you know if anything, no one remembers a compromiser. Someone will remember somebody that chose not to compromise themselves and stood up for what they believed. It's not that I wanna be remembered. That wasn't it at all. I want God to know that I was willing to do whatever I had to do to stand on His word and not compromise myself for an edict of the world. So, I knew, when he ordered that and I am thinking this not gonna be good for me, but it was okay.

Interviewer: So, after months of legal battles you were found in contempt of court and taken into custody. Did you expect that decision?

Davis: I sure did. The night before we went to court, I came home from work. It was late... My husband already had some coffee on and he poured me a cup of coffee, when I came through the door. And I told him, I said... I said, "Come over here. I need to talk to you." Of course, my husband's like 6'5". So, I was looking up at him and I said that, I said, "I am probably going to jail tomorrow". I said, "I need to know you are gonna be okay." And I said, "I need to know we are on the same page." And he said, "I support you 110%, whatever," he said, "we got this". He said, "God's got this." And so, I said okay. I knew I was good and didn't have to worry about him. And that gave me a relief. I slept like a baby that night. Before we went to court, we met with my attorneys and then, we met an undisclosed location (laughs). And, before we went to court we all gathered hands and we prayed. And I told...yes, I have Godly attorneys... God-fearing attorneys...I said, guys and I said, "I probably am going to jail. I want you all to stay calm and it'll be okay." And so, we prayed God's will be done. That God will protect me and lead and guide them and give us Godly counsel and wisdom. I knew the judge when he walked in with that yellow tablet, already written on it. You know you can tell it was written on. Pages flared up

and stuff. I knew when he was gonna sit down, that he had gotten it all done the night before. He didn't care that the state law still stated that it was against the law for a county clerk to issue license to a same-sex couple. He didn't care that I had a religious accommodation request. He didn't care that... anything. He had actually sent word that he wanted my deputies down there. He didn't subpoena them but he wanted them there. He wanted them to watch what he was gonna do to their boss. And so, this was his show. This was his pony and ride, you know. So, went... went through it all. He said, he knew he couldn't put sanctions on me because those would be paid like that. That wouldn't do anything. So, he said "I'm gonna remand you to custody." He already had the federal marshals there and he already had attorneys there for my deputies. My deputies were sitting behind me. And when he told me I was remanded into federal custody, I closed my eyes. I took a deep breath and kind of blew it out slow and thought, "Lord, you've got to be with me on this." And I stood up as the federal marshals were coming to me and I said, "Judge Bunning, thank you." I walked out with grace. I looked around to see whether I could see my husband or my son. I couldn't see them. Or, I can't remember. As soon as I got to the door I raised my hands. I started praising God and just thanking God because I knew that His will has been fulfilled through that order. I got into the cell, it was a holding cell, like everything, there was a metal bench of a couch. Had a back to it. They closed that big metal door. The marshals that took me in and said, "Ms. Davis, for what it's worth, we agree with you. We don't understand why you're in here." And I said, "it would be okay, guys. Thank you." And I hit my knees and buried my face on the cold, metal couch, that bench. And I started praying for my deputies, because I knew what was going to happen. He was going to force them and coerce them. That if they did not issue the license in my absence, they were gonna end up where I was. I prayed God would put a protective... a protective layer around them. Let the angels of protection come around. And you know, whatever their will was. I could not. I told my deputies, "Guys! You need to do what you need to do. I cannot lead you like a sheep to the slaughter." I said, "I won't. Because I love you all, I won't do that to you." But I said, "I am standing for what I believe. I said, it does not mean you have to do the same. Whatever it is you know; your jobs are secure and know that I love you." And, what they did not know if they hadn't, if they had been put in jail I would have paid them anyway. They wouldn't have lost their jobs. They would not have lost anything. But they were afraid. And they did not want to do it. But, they would do it, in lieu of losing their jobs or going to the jail. And all of them except for my son. My son said he wasn't gonna issue them. They weren't making him. He wasn't going to. You know, he was gonna go to jail too. And, so, that was a shock for my attorneys. They did not believe I was gonna be incarcerated. But let me tell you this, God is so good. When I got picked up, the man that came and picked me up. I was chained. Handcuffs, round the waist and down to my ankles and had shackles on my ankles. No, when I... came and picked me up. So, a man came and picked me up from the federal courthouse. I was picked up by a man and he covered those handcuffs and he said, "I don't want people to see you like this." He said, "Because there are people out there who are gonna try to get a picture of you like this." And, I told him, "I

appreciate that.” Then he got his shirt, wrapped it all up. They never do that. They never do that. But, he did that for me.

And so, he told me how to walk so that it did not hurt my ankles and so we walked down and he put me down and he said, “Ms. Davis, I am gonna take good care of you.” And he did. He got me there to the jail and when they opened the door of the van that I was transported in. He said, “here, let me take those off of you.” And he took those shackles off me, standing over their waiting for me. It was two women crying. Christian ladies. And the man that transported me was a preacher. I go in and they are booking me. They are taking my picture. My mug-shot. They are crying. They are taking my mugshot, taking my information and it was just an experience that I’ll never forget and God was right in the center of all of it. One of the ladies that worked there told me. She said, “My husband came and she put money on the books so you could call your family.” They gave me a Bible, a paper and pen. Put me in a cell with myself. Made sure I had everything I needed. And, I can honestly say that I was right in the center of God’s will at that time and that place.

Interviewer: Did you do any reflecting and thinking while you were in custody?

Davis: I did a lot of reading. I read the Old Testament. Atonement for sins, for all that they had to do back in the day to get forgiveness. It was a once a year thing and I am thinking, “O, Lord! I am so thankful, that we don’t have to do that because it’s His blood that was shed, that now, He gives us as an opportunity for the atonement of our sins.” You know as baptism is applied and you can recall on that as many times as you need. You don’t have to take a sin offering once a year that you know you had to go through, the sprinkling of the blood. I said, like the cleansing of leper. A leper always represents sin. I read about that. I read... Someone had given me a pamphlet about the letter from the Birmingham jail, from Martin Luther King Junior and I read that and I read that over time, time and time again and I thought and I wondered (pause) about the time that he has been in jail and times back then were so much crueller and the black men back then were thought of as less you know. And I just. I cried. I just...my heart just broke for all that he had to go through. Such a godly man. Had to suffer. So, many people suffered with him. Surely I can sit here in this fine establishment. I had a mattress and a blanket. And, I thought you know he did not have any of that while on the floor. It was cold and nasty. I just thought how blessed I was to be there. I was so blessed. I am so thankful.

Interviewer: After your release, there was a rally in your name. Who organized the rally?

Davis: Well, really, I don’t know, just to be honest with you. I think Mike Huckabee had something to do with it and Tony Perkins from the family research council and...well, what I do remember is.... It was on a Tuesday I think and they don’t have visits on Tuesdays. They would only have visits on Wednesdays and Sundays, I think. To the best of my knowledge. Just Sundays, may be. But I remember, I got a shower that morning and was getting ready because I

was supposed to have a visit. The governor Mike Huckabee was gonna visit me in jail. Why is coming to see me in jail? I had talked to him on the phone, met him because one my lawyers must have given him my numbers. He just wanted to let me know that he and his wife had been praying for me. You don't understand how wonderful it is to know that people. People are praying for you, you know. I mean, I pray for a lot of people. But that they were praying for me that was just a wonderful thing. I wasn't supposed to get out that day. I mean it was just supposed to be a rally in support of. When I was getting ready, they came in and said "Ms. Davis! I have got an order here to release you." And I said, "Woohoo! Thank you, Jesus!" And so, I said, "can I read that?" And it had a condition on that I would not interfere with my deputies. And, I said, "I'll just stay here." Because, I was ready for the long haul. I had ordered everything I needed for the week. I was ready for the long haul. The jailer looked at me and he said, "Ma'am, I can't keep you. I have orders to release you." And, I said well. I said, "thank you, Jesus. I'll get to go home." I got all my clothes. My clothes were in the storage for the 6 days I have been in there. And, boy, they did not smell very pretty. But, I put them on anyway and course, there had been media there the whole time. There was helicopters flying over. They were camped out you know out front. There's a rally going on and I said, "What?" I didn't have a clue. My attorney said "there are some people here that wanna meet you" and I said, "well, who wants to meet me? I am nobody." And I am still a nobody and I must understand what was going on. They said "well, you know Governor Huckabee is here." And I said yeah. I talked to him already couple of days before I went to jail.

Interviewer: And that was the only time you spoke to him?

Davis: Yes. And he said Tony Perkins is here from Family research council and I said "what? Who is Tony Parkins?" He said, "he wants to give you some kind of award. For bravery or courage or something of that sort." I said "why did he want to give me anything?" I said, you know. I was just and then they said that the Benning brothers are here. They wanna meet you. And, then Ted Cruz came in and I thought what in the world is going on? I was just dumbfounded. And, all these people wanted to see me you know. Of course, they may have been using the platform for their own stuff. But, I was still very honored and very humbled that they would even you know come all the way to Kentucky and it was just overwhelming and then we started going out, initially we went out and did a little interview. I didn't say anything. My lawyer was beside me. I had my hair pulled and braided on the side because you have a lot of hair. You have a whole lot to, you can't have a clip or anything. So, I braided it. Just pulled it to the side and then came back in, Governor Huckabee went out and spoke. Me and my husband, we went up. It was like electricity flowing up in there. I don't know how many people was in there because there were a lot of those people everywhere I looked. It was like electricity, I mean. The spirit of God was so prevalent and powerful. I was holding my hand up and just shaking all over. The Holy Ghost was there and just right there. The governor, he had given me the microphone and it was shaking like this. He was trying to take it from me. It was just very

overwhelming. It was just the power of God, and His presence, you know. But more than anything, I just want people to get encouraged and that is not if you get put in the same situation, I was but when you get put in the same situation. That you prayed up. That you fasted. That you sought God and that you are in His will and that you're prepared. Because, that was my time but someone else's time is coming. There'll be a time you have to stay in. There'll be a time when you have to be strong. If people can use what I went through as an encouragement, it was worth every day, every hour, every vile word I endured. I mean it was worth everything. Like I said, I would have to count it a joy.

Interviewer: How did it feel to have such a high level of national exposure? I mean. You have talked about this a bit.

Davis: When this all first came out, there was a little boy...not a boy a young man, he came to interview me. I guess my words just kinda came back to bite me. But, I told him. I said "look. I don't mind talking to you. I don't mind being a voice of all this. But, I am not gonna be the face of it." I am a very private person for a lot of reasons. I just couldn't imagine. I was overwhelmed. Like if I fly, I went into Philadelphia. It's huge. People there knew me. Go up to DC. People there knew me. Coming back from DC. People there knew me. There was this policeman with one of those segways. I was waiting for my ride to come. I was standing there. He drove past and he came back and said, "I know you." And I said "You do?" Yeah. He said. "You are that woman. You are that Kim Davis." And he said, "You are Kim Davis, aren't you?" And I said. I said "Yes, Sir, I am." He said, "Man. I wish I had an ounce of your courage." And, you know. He was just a big old, burly police man. Wished for an ounce of my courage. Where does that come from? You know it comes from God. It is nothing in me. Nothing in me. It is all Him.

Interviewer: Beyond the national exposure that you got, I know that you got to experience different things. You got to meet the Pope.

Davis: I did.

Interviewer: And you were invited to the state of the union?

Davis: I was. The pope was all very secretive. It was all very hush hush. I couldn't tell my Mom and my Dad. We were told that if we told anything or said anything to anybody, it would not happen. So, when it all first came about, my lawyer came and said, "I have somebody that wants to meet you. Can you meet after work?" It happened on that Monday after I came to work after being in jail. I said, "Well sure. You want to meet at the office?" He said, "Oh, no. We have to meet somewhere a little private." I said, you know, "I can meet at the city park. There is probably not going much on right now." So, he said, "That would be fine." He gave me a time. So, me and my husband came down. He said, "You cannot say a word of it to anybody about

anything.” I thought what in the world is going on? I didn’t know. Who was gonna, what was gonna, had no clue. And so, there are these two gentlemen there. One of them’s got a real heavy kinda Italian accent and the other one is a big, burly kind of man. Jovial. Then one comes and says, “Somebody wants to talk to you on the phone.” I thought this gets worse. This guy that I don’t know is answering his cell phone and there is somebody that wants to talk to me. So, on the other end, there is a man that has a very heavy Italian accent. I am trying to decipher all his words. He speaks good English but you have to listen very carefully. So, he says that and I am listening, the Pope wants to have a meeting with me. And I said, “the Pope? Why does he wanna meet me? I am just a county clerk at Morehead, Kentucky. I am doing my thing.” He said he wants to meet you and to encourage you. And he said, “Would you be willing to come to DC and do that?” And, I said, “WELL SURE!” (laughs) So, he was on his trip to the US and his timing was just perfect. It worked out perfect. I flew up to New York to do an interview with Megyn Kelly. I flew straight down to DC. It was the value-voter’s summit going on at that time. And so, it worked out perfect. September 24th was the day I met him. It was my Dad’s birthday. And I was told by the gentleman who was on the other end of the phone who had my cell-phone number. He said to wear your hair up. He said “If your hair is down, you are very recognizable.” He said, “You have to keep this very low-key.” So, I said, “I can do that,” and he said, “Don’t wear red. Don’t wear white.” So, I thought that was pretty strict instructions. No white. No red. And pull my hair up. So, I wore black skirt and black shirt and gray top on top it and knotted my hair on the top of my head. And he said, “You will be picked up.” He said, “Your husband can’t come.” And I said “Well, okay.” And then, he called me back about 5 minutes later and he said, “I rethought that.” He said, “Your husband should come with you.” I said okay. He said, “You’ll be picked up at a certain time, by two men in a black SUV.” He said “They would come get you. That would come get you and bring you here.”

Interviewer: This was in DC?

Davis: This was in DC. Yeah. And, so he said he would bring me to the embassy. To the Vatican embassy, there. I said okay. It could have been. I don’t know what I thought. I was very obedient. I did as I was told. So, this SUV pulls up and these guys walk out with their big, black suits and black shades and hairs all slicked back. They come and get me and my husband and put us in the vehicle. They take us down these back-roads and go through back alleys, very secretly. We come to the back of this embassy where the nuns go in. We go to the front where everybody normally comes in and we were brought into the back of the building, worked our way past through the parishioners live and stay and walked into the foyer where the front door was. And then he lets us go down the hallway to the left and there is a coat tree there. He said “Wait here. I need to go and get the key.” And so, the Monsignor goes, tries to find a key, can’t find a key. Well, he says “We can’t go in this way. We would have to go through the other room.” So, what there was, if you are looking from the front of the building, there’s one single office to the right. And to the left. To the right, there are two offices. You walk through one you get into the other

which is in the far corner and that's where we were going. And so, when we walked through here he said, "Just be very low key and don't look at anybody." And so, I did. I turned my head and put my head down, and they were all talking you know, having conversations. So, we went to the other room and we sat there. I just remember sitting and looking through it. It had pictures of all the past popes. And, it was very pretty decorated. It had like a mirror. Two couches and two chairs but that was more like a mirror and chairs and tables and stuff. I just remember having conversations with the Monsignor. He was very entertaining, very hospitable. He went and got us some water. My husband and I just sat there and took some pictures of each other, you know. Just for nostalgia. But, we sat there probably for an hour and a half waiting for the pope. And when he finally came in, we could hear the bustle. And he walked in with a big entourage of people and there were cameras and everything. (makes clicking sound) going off everywhere. Before, I had asked the monsignor "What is the proper etiquette to address the Pope?" I said "I am a hugger. I'm probably gonna hug him." But, he said "That would probably be fine." So, I said okay. And so, when he came he held out his hand and I shook it and I hugged him and he hugged me back. While he held his hands like this, I remember grabbing his hands. And he was so soft. You know hands way softer than mine. He said, "I want to thank you for your courage and ask you to pray for me." I said "I will pray for you and I ask you to pray for me" and then he told me to stay strong. And then, he gave me two rosaries--one in a red box and one in a white box. One was black and the rosaries were inside. And I thought to myself and my husband thought the same thing. He said "We'll give those to Mom and Dad." Of course, it was my Dad's birthday. So, what better time, you know. What better timing. Of course. They took pictures, assured us that we'd get pictures, which we never did. They left. He walked out. Got into his car and drove off. And there were shrouds of people out there, I mean. There were lined on both sides. And they were there on the sidewalk. And so, we went out the same way we came in. The monsignor brought us back. And it was kind of cloak and dagger for me because...

Interviewer: Why was it so secretive?

Davis: Well. I don't know. For a long time the Vatican said, what we had wasn't a private meeting. But what we did have was a private meeting. They did not even truly acknowledge that I had been there but then Inside the Vatican listed me as the top 12 people of the year, I am the cover of their magazine. So, they did a story about me and finally admitted that I did have a private meeting with the Pope. And that the Pope was in support of a conscientious objector like myself and so, it was all good and for me it did not matter that they had denied initially because of what I had been party to, what I had witnessed and had met him. And so, what people say and what people think really does not affect me a whole lot.

But now with the State of the union that was kind of a spur of the moment thing. I was asked if I might wanna go. Well sure. How many times are you gonna have an opportunity to go to the state of the union address. And it was more for a show of support for the marriage, biblical marriage, more so than anything for me...I didn't enjoy the stay at the union address. I thought it

was same old. Nothing new. Nothing different. Same old. Same old. So, tell you what. God had actually given me a prayer for when I got close to the President I had a prayer for him, to join my hands and pray for him because it was not gonna happen. But when he walked in I said my prayer for him, both as a president of our nation and as a man, individually. And God did give me that. I just thought it was very not...

Interviewer: Who invited you to the state of the union or are you allowed to tell?

Davis: I am not at liberty to disclose that. But, I was also invited to the state of the family address, to the FRC at the same which coincided together. One was one night and the other one--the State of the union was the other one--So it worked out. My timing was just impeccable on that so.

Interviewer: Did you feel you had support locally from officials?

Davis: You know, I stood very much alone in the courthouse. Still stand very much alone. And that's okay. I asked my state representative before I went to jail. I called him and left him a message to call me. That I needed his help. Desperately. And, at the time you know, I was still a democrat and had always supported and voted for and there are you know my civic duty. And I didn't hear anything two weeks past. And, I send him a text and I said no worries. I said sorry to bother you. My mistake. You know sorry for bothering him. I got a phone call right then. He said "Hey. This is Rocky. What can I do for ya? Sorry, I missed your call. I was on vacation." I said "No worries." I said "I was calling to see, I know you are pretty close with the governor." I said "I had words from a lot of representatives. They would forego their fees if you get a special session call to take care of this." I said "Because I am probably gonna go to jail." Well, he said, "What do you want me to do?" I said "I want you to talk to the governor and see if there are any special session you could get him to do. It is an executive order to give those clerks of us, those who have religious objection. Unless, I change the objection to the issue on same-sex marriage license." "Well, I'll get on my legal and get back to you." Didn't hear another single word. So, I knew at that time that, of course I went on and went ahead to jail. Got out and got out of jail I changed my party-affiliation. I had been a lifelong democrat, born and raised a democrat, thought I would die a democrat and the democrat party, I did not leave it. They left me. They are so far beyond from what originally was intended. They've taken God out of their platform. They are pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage. I don't want to stand with any of that. (pause) I can tell you one thing. My county judge came down here. He said, he was a Christian. I am not calling his religion into question or any of that. I asked him. I said Doc. I need you to stand with me. When we stand unified we stand strong. When there is unity, there is power in unity. There is strength in unity and I said, when we stand unified, then you know this would go a lot better for us. I said because it's gonna get bad. And he said, I can't do that. I am not strong enough. I know him. I

said but I'll be praying for you. That God will stir your heart and so that you will have to decide one way or the other which way you wanna go.

Interviewer: Did you have any support from any other officials?

Davis: Some pastors came in, but they were not officials. The mayor never called me. Nobody that I can recall. No, I was by myself. You know there is the black sheep of the family. I am the black sheep of the county government. (laughs)

Interviewer: Was the media attention that you received appropriately, then?

Davis: They probably think it was. I am somewhat against them. They are very biased and not very fair and jaded when it comes to presenting both sides of a story equitably and fairly and unbiased. So, the media wasn't my friend. They never have been. They probably never will be. But that's okay.

Interviewer: How has Rowan County changed because of these events?

Davis: Well. I had people stopping here from all over the country. All over the world to stop in and see me. To thank me. To shake my hand. To give me a card of encouragement. People who didn't even know where Morehead, Kentucky was on the map now they know where it's at. I had one interview. It was not really an interview but it was some questionnaire like of a thing, from somebody from New York. It said that what happened here, was it good or bad from your perspective? I said well from my perspective it was good, but if you ask the other side, from their perspective, it was bad. You know, I had people that are on city council on the forum that were asked how it had affected the city. One of them, a young man, Josh, you know stood up and said that he supported me. That I had the right to do what I did. He supported me and he believes the same way. But all the rest of them pretty much threw me under the bus. One in particular was a business owner who I recommended these people go down and give him patronage to and said they thought it hurt their community. It hurt their city. It has a black eye, a rogue person like myself. She said what do you think about that. I said you have to see how you perceive it. Perception is in the eye of the person who perceives it. So, it was a good thing. People who did not know where Morehead, Kentucky was now, know. They now at least what one person stands for. If nothing else. I have been blessed to have people from all over the United States to come and visit me. I said I had received mail from every state. I have encouragement from all over the world. Austria, Australia, New Zealand, everywhere, Czechoslovakia. People came up from the Philippines to see me. From South America to see me. People would never have visited here. They came here, passed through this way. There was no way to come and visit. So, to say that it was negative. If you listen to the media probably was very negative. But if you look through my eyes it would be a very positive thing.

Interviewer: Do you think that the community here has grown closer together after this event or farther apart?

Davis: That again is the perception of you know, if you are an LGBTQ supporter you are probably further away from someone like me who is someone who believes in Christian values and lives on Biblical tenets, all their lives. I will tell you this. Even the people who sued me. I always greet them with a smile. I am cordial to them. I am kind. The people that protested me are right on the... I am very cordial to them... And, I am kind. I mean that from the very core of my being. It's not a put on, you know I love them. And so, for me you know, I love everybody and I hope that one day the people who.... This is the adage I have come to realize: People who scream "tolerance, tolerance" are the least intolerant of all when you differ from their views. People that scream "love, love, love wins" spew the most hate, vile and venom that I have experienced in my life. I hope that one day they know the love of God and that God took every sin to the cross with Him. He didn't leave homosexuality down the ground for them to wallow in it. He nailed it to the cross with Him. And, I wanted them to know that.

Interviewer: Do you believe this debate is over?

Davis: Oh, no! Oh, no! Listen when I said this was a Pandora's box let me tell you what I was talking about. The Obergefell decision is a Pandora's box because it opens up a whole new plethora of situations we are gonna be dealing with. I have been sued by a man who wants to marry his laptop computer. I have been sued by a woman who wants to marry a bird. Very soon, there will be and you mark my word unless something changes, unless God intervenes there are gonna be people who wanna marry multiples. A man might wanna marry three women. Three women, two men might come in. All get married. A man with Bessie the cow and Johnny the Goat or whatever. It's coming. And those two law suits with the laptop and the bird would show up because these people wanna marry. This object, this laptop and this bird. It's not over.

Interviewer: What ongoing work would you be doing for religious freedom, or you know to promote this issue?

Davis: Well. I have ;ols of request for me to speak and give my testimony to you know. Tell what I think, or how I feel. About marriage and this whole situation. I think God has given me a voice you know. A lot of things people have just said. Why don't you quit? Why don't you just retire? Why don't you just leave your job and go on? You don't need this job. To them I say, that God put me here for a reason. If I quit I lose my voice. I would never lose my voice for God. I wanna proclaim to the tops of my lungs so that everybody knows. God has given me this voice and I would use it for His glory.

Interviewer: Do you think you would have done anything differently?

Davis: No. No. I wouldn't change anything.

Interviewer: How has his event changed you?

Davis: Well, when you are in a storm, you cling to the rock a little tighter. Prayer and fasting has been my helpmate. I think you truly learn what you are made of spiritually when you go through a trial. And it has made me very strong. Much stronger than I was before. You know God puts us through these tribulations just so that when somewhere down the road someone goes through the same thing, you are able to administer faith and witness to them so they'll know that God's there. He'll pull me through the keyhole. He is still pulling. I have got to through all of this. It would probably shock you that people come into my office and ask me to pray for them. I want them to know I am praying for them. I want them to know that there is power in that prayer. If I promise to do it, I will. To keep in that faith. To be faithful. I wanna be faithful.

Interviewer: Are there any comments that you would like to add?

Davis: I have said a whole lot. I don't know what else.

Interviewer: We appreciate it.

Davis: Thank you.

Interviewer: We thank you for doing this. This has been very helpful. And that concludes this interview.

Davis: Thank you.

Interviewer: Thank you.