

Choctaw people. And if you think that I have wavered, if you think that I have ever come to a place where I was ready to throw my tent and be like the Arabs and silently steal away after all these duties and heartaches I want you to take stock of that because I have never wavered. And just as long as I'm able, I pledge to you I will do the very best that I can. Because I think that I could never, never, forsake the trust and confidence placed in me for low these many years, as some of these speakers have said, longer than any other man in the history of the Choctaw Nation. That has come from the people. (not clear)--state that has come from the people. Because you have backed me of which my solemn vow. You really have. I have not done it. You gave me inspiration it took lots of cause you know when I was making decisions and that's going to continue somehow, and that I'm not making the decision as an individual, not for me, but I'm making it for a people who place trust in me and whom I represent. And now people may not believe that but they can never find where I've ever tried to be the chief. And I'll continue to be just as trustworthy as I know how. And I want you to know I will continue to pray. When I make decisions, executive decisions that are going to affect this great Choctaw Nation I have a partner, that I call on. Now I'll always believe that He's guiding me. And I'll never forget the day when I was called to the area office to sign some of the deeds. To part with property that was sold to the United States government known as Coal and Asphalt land. To sell a part of that property provided by law to another person. I did not quite understand whether I should do it or whether I could. And I prayed all the way from Durant to Muskogee. When I went up there to sign those papers, I said, "Lord you just decide. You let me know because I think I'll have the answer when I get there." When I got there I was fully decided it was the thing to do. And history has proved it's right. Oh so many things that I could talk to you about but I know the hour is getting late and I want all of