JOHN COX:  -- I worked under cover years and years ago and I wasn't there to have somebody save my soul. I was there to either prove someone was violating the law or prove they weren't violating the law, and that was the only sole purpose of being there.

STEVE:  Well, this --

JOHN COX:  And anything that transpired while I was there had nothing to do with my purpose of being there. And that's the same reason Robert was there.

STEVE:  I realize that. See, just like the Centurion in the Book of Acts, came to do some arresting but walked away not doing that, but himself wanting to know --

JOHN COX:  Sure.

STEVE:  -- and have salvation.

JOHN COX:  And don't you think that if Robert -- And, and I'm certainly not here to put words in your mouth or to put words in his or anything else, but if I had been put in the same situation, to assess, accurately assess whether I felt there was a possible violation of the law or there wasn't, and I spent that amount of time there and I went back and I did my paperwork, obviously, in Robert's mind, he felt
that there was some probable cause because he, he was
-- Obviously, he was part of the information that went
into an affidavit for a search warrant. Don't you
believe that?

STEVE: Well, I --

JOHN COX: The information that he provided?

STEVE: Well, when it all culminates, it
would have to be like that.

JOHN COX: Sure.

STEVE: He wouldn't have made the choice he
did which --

JOHN COX: Sure.

STEVE: -- surprised me because --

JOHN COX: So his reason for being there had
absolutely no religious connotation or, or overtones.

STEVE: That is not what he said, though,
and that's -- He sat there for hours taking --

JOHN COX: We say a lot of things when we're
working in an undercover capacity.

STEVE: And we suspected that could be true.

JOHN COX: Sure.

STEVE: But, still, we love people so much,
you give them the opportunity.

JOHN COX: Oh, sure.

STEVE: Even if it's one out of a million,
even if it's that, whatever it might be, he's still a person that was made, created by an authority above himself and we loved the guy. I mean --

JOHN COX: Sure.

STEVE: -- we spent enough time with him where we really got to appreciate the man's character and personality.

JOHN COX: Well, I know both you, I guess, and David have said that you'd like to talk to him, too.


JOHN COX: But it may be a pretty awkward thing, don't you think?

STEVE: Well, it wouldn't be for me over the telephone or anything. I don't have any problems.

JOHN COX: Well --

STEVE: I don't have any problems with any human being.

JOHN COX: -- after, after what had happened, though.

STEVE: Even after that. You could listen in. It wouldn't matter because I hold nothing -- The man did his job, his duty as to what he thought.

JOHN COX: Yeah.
STEVE: I can't judge him. I don't know what makes him tick or what, what he's all about.

JOHN COX: No, but --

STEVE: I would -- I could --

JOHN COX: -- what I mean is he's going through some pretty tough times after that.

STEVE: I'm sure he is. I'm sure he is.

JOHN COX: As you and David and the people in there are going through some tough times. And --

STEVE: John, Dave's ready to continue speaking with you.

JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead.

STEVE: Okay, here he is. He just wanted to change positions. If you like, I'll talk to you any time you'd like, though.

JOHN COX: You bet.

STEVE: Okay, here he is.

MR. KORESH: No, you know, that's the thing people don't understand about us, you know, is that law enforcement agents are people.

JOHN COX: Yeah, we sure are.

MR. KORESH: They're, they're, they're people just like anybody else in the world. They're, they're souls. They, they were born, they were children, they were raised, they wanted to be, you
know, if I didn't have my job, that's what I would like to have been. Because, you know, it's --

JOHN COX: Are you sure?

MR. KORESH: I'm positive.

JOHN COX: You -- Are you really sure you'd want to do, do that?

MR. KORESH: Well, look, what do you guys --

JOHN COX: A lot of frustrating times out there, huh?

MR. KORESH: Well, I, I realize this, that at least, you know, you all have a power on earth backing you that everyone can see.

JOHN COX: Well, sometimes we do.

MR. KORESH: Right.

JOHN COX: Sometimes we do. And it's difficult to accept it sometimes when you're out there all on your -- you're out alone and you have to make a decision and then somebody can sit back for years and criticize the decision you made.

MR. KORESH: Well, I honestly, I honestly believe that Robert -- I believe that he didn't expect would happen. I believe that he didn't want to signal or cause to happen what he happened that morning. If he did --

JOHN COX: I'm sure he didn't. I'm sure he
didn't.

MR. KORESH: 'Cause he --

JOHN COX: No one did, did they? If you were a policeman, how in the heck would you have handled it, you know? You said you'd like to have been a law enforcement officer. How would you try and resolve this right now as a law enforcement officer?

MR. KORESH: Well, like I said, right now --

JOHN COX: Through communications?

MR. KORESH: What I said right now is this, is that you know what I know, but I know what you don't know.

JOHN COX: Well, I don't think so.

MR. KORESH: Okay, that's your, --

JOHN COX: I know what you know.

MR. KORESH: That's your -- No, that's your opinion.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: And whereas you might say to me that's my opinion. So now we stand off the two sides on the side of the line saying one opinion against another opinion. But that's what we have to see.

JOHN COX: Yeah, yeah. But the bottom line, if you were, if you were a law enforcement officer, and hindsight's great and, you know, we could all be
Monday morning quarterbacks --

MR. KORESH: If I was Robert, I would have said -- I would have gone out and I would have said look, guys, there's a lot of women and children there this morning.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: And David just sat down with me. I brought a newspaper and he sat down with me and he started opening up the Bible again to me, personal. He was looking me straight in the eyes and he was reminding me of what I've shown him and he told me that he loved me and was concerned about me and that he told me that they were coming and that I had to do what I had to do, he'd do what he had to do, and that, you know, he hoped that, that I would consider everything I've been shown in the scripture and make the proper decision.

JOHN COX: Sure.

MR. KORESH: And, you know, and so I think we need to hold off, I think we need to give him a call, I think we need to see if he'll come out to us and we can get this thing discussed and I don't think we need to run in there like a bunch of cowboys 'cause that aggression is going to cause aggression. You know, these people believe in God and they do not
believe in being pushed over.

JOHN COX: Yet, you nor I know what would have happened. We can speculate and we can say --

MR. KORESH: No, no, I know what would happen.

JOHN COX: Yeah, but you're saying that in hindsight now, see? And what you would have done at that time is pure conjecture because you don't know what force you would have seen, whether two people would have walked up to a door, you know, whether ten people would have walked up there for fear of being overwhelmed. And, and that's happened. And, and what I was, what I was addressing to you was if you had taken that other path --

MR. KORESH: Which other --

JOHN COX: -- as a law enforcement officer, okay?

MR. KORESH: Um-hum. Which is sitting in the Sheriff's Department out here.

JOHN COX: No, no, no. If you had taken that other path as opposed to a religious path of life, a law enforcement path of life, and you were sitting where I'm sitting and where the law enforcement community is, how would you address it now, other than communications? Because what's done
is done and, and communications may not have been handled properly.

    MR. KORESH: Well, how should, how should we --

    JOHN COX: Or what -- We're trying to resolve it now and we're trying to resolve it --

    MR. KORESH: Okay. So how should we --

    JOHN COX: -- through communicating.

    MR. KORESH: -- the American people punish you for your misuse and misjudgment against innocent citizens?

    JOHN COX: That's what the judicial system is all about.

    MR. KORESH: How do you, how do you --

    JOHN COX: Listen --

    MR. KORESH: Now, wait a minute.

    JOHN COX: I'm not talking about the criminal judicial system, I'm talking about the judicial system.

    MR. KORESH: Your actions have been criminal actions.

    JOHN COX: Well, that's what the judicial system's about, whether it's civil litigation or whether it's criminal litigation. You certainly have the same rights and privileges as anyone else. You've
got the media.

    MR. KORESH: My friend, my friend --

    JOHN COX: You've got attorneys.

    MR. KORESH: Look, my, my friend --

    JOHN COX: Sure.

    MR. KORESH: -- let me explain something to you.

    JOHN COX: Go ahead.

    MR. KORESH: You know, in 1988 I went through $68,000 worth, okay?

    JOHN COX: Sure.

    MR. KORESH: The, the jury wanted to stop the case after three days. They just happened to, to do something that was very illegal and which I addressed to my attorney and he, he shunned it off. You see, in the election of a jury, it's a known standard fact that no jury member is to be associated by friendship, especially by relationship, to the prosecuting attorney or the defense attorney.

    JOHN COX: And that's one of the things that attorneys are supposed to draw out, right?

    MR. KORESH: Exactly.

    JOHN COX: In the selection process.

    MR. KORESH: Exactly. And so what happened was is that when it was uncovered and stated very
plainly that one of the black members on our -- on the jury was a, a club member of Chebaz, the prosecuting attorney, this was continually pushed back and overlooked. Now, after the, after the court case when they, when they finally -- They acquitted the first seven and they kept having me in a hung jury. What happened was is that we had a party.

JOHN COX: Well, they were going to retry you.

MR. KORESH: Well, they, they weren't and they couldn't because, as we said before, the charges were, were fanatic.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: Anyway, here's the deal. So, so the jury -- When we finally got the jury -- All the jury members came except three black people.

JOHN COX: That's what I heard. Last night I think you mentioned that to Henry.

MR. KORESH: Okay. So, you know, and they said, they said, they said, they said now Vernon, they said here's the deal. You know, now this is over, we heard both sides and we, we understood by the second and third day that everything that was coming against you boys was, was bogus. We understood that, that, that for some reason, some way, somebody's trying to
sink you for some reason. We couldn't figure it out.

But the thing of it was is that when we finally was
allowed -- 'Cause we had, remember, two weeks of
witnessing. I mean, just crazy stuff. I mean, the DA
was just --

JOHN COX: You mean prior to the actual
trial itself?

MR. KORESH: Exactly. I mean --

JOHN COX: Well, were you, were you --

MR. KORESH: -- the jury was --

JOHN COX: -- satisfied in the, in the way
your attorney represented you?

MR. KORESH: Well, he didn't really have to
too much 'cause it was the -- mainly all prosecution.

JOHN COX: And I'm not saying that in the
light that I'm criticizing your lawyer. I don't know
your lawyer from anyone.

MR. KORESH: Oh, Gary, Gary Coker did very
fine, but --

JOHN COX: But, I mean, you're satisfied
with the way he represented you? How come -- Why
don't, why don't you think he realized or was able to
draw out that somebody had a relationship there with
the prosecution? It was just a pretty veiled
relationship or hidden relationship.
MR. KOresh: Well, what it was was it was a deal dealing with a club membership. And, anyway, and afterwards -- Anyway, let me get my point made.

JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

MR. KOresh: After the trial, the jury members that came to the party, we had a big party over at -- They stated to us that, you know, they kept continuing as they voted, you know, guilty or not guilty, that, you know, the weight of evidence was that every one of us was absolutely not guilty, even from Sheriff Dickerson (phonetic sp.). He did tell us to go out there, he did tell us that the, the people out there were dangerous. I mean, he knew something more about the situation that we didn't know.

JOHN COX: But you just had one person hanging up.

MR. KOresh: Well, no, what happened was is later on, about a year or two later --

JOHN COX: No, I mean at the time that they were voting.

MR. KOresh: Right.

JOHN COX: At -- time.

MR. KOresh: No, no, three black people.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KOresh: The three black people. And
they kept saying to these black people, they kept saying now, look, the weight of evidence. Well, the one guy says well, because they went on up there with guns, that right there shows they were out there to kill him, so he's guilty.

JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

MR. KORESH: Now, they was out there with guns. Okay.

JOHN COX: That's a jury of your peers, huh?

MR. KORESH: That's the one, that's the one thing. The woman kept saying I feels in my heart, I feels in my heart, I've got to go by my heart.

JOHN COX: Don't be slanderous now.

MR. KORESH: No, that's what they were telling me.

JOHN COX: Oh, I know that.

MR. KORESH: Okay. I mean, let's get realistic. You don't go by your heart when you've got facts to deal with. Your heart gets you in trouble.

JOHN COX: But we see, we see that happen. We see it happen in court.

MR. KORESH: All right. Now, now, here's the thing. The third guy, you know, he went along with the other guys because based upon the firearms.

JOHN COX: Uh-huh.
MR. KORESH: But I met that other guy down at the paint and body shop and he kept looking at me like he recognized me.

JOHN COX: You mean afterwards?

MR. KORESH: Afterwards, right. About a year-and-a-half, two years later.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: And he says is your name, is your name Vernon Howell? And I go well, yeah, that's, that's one of my names. And he goes man, he says, you know, you don't know me, do you? And I says well, I think you look familiar. He goes I was one of the, I was one of the guys on the jury. He says, man, he says you know, I didn't, I didn't realize that in that case -- somehow I missed in that case that, that you all went out there with guns because the Sheriff's Department told you that there was dangerous people out there and you went out there to defend yourself.

He says, you know, he says and after that trial was done, he says man, I was real tired all the time, I was having to work and everything, you know. Besides that, I didn't -- you know, his regular job and all that he couldn't go to. He says and it was like, you know, man, he says and I just -- He says I'm really sorry about all that. He says if I, if I could
have done it all over again, he says I would vote
differently. He says but this, this one black guy
with the other guy, he says, you know, he got all this
extra information from, from the prosecuting attorney,
Chebaz. Now, that right there -- You're not supposed
to communicate with the jury, you know. And it was
already known that they were friends at a certain club
they were a part of.

And this kind of stuff -- Like I said, eight
guys heavily armed, they say --

JOHN COX: Hey, and that's the best system
we have, huh?

MR. KORESH: Well, wait a second. And they
say that our objective was to kill George Roden.

JOHN COX: Sure. Sure, I remember that.

MR. KORESH: I mean, of all the rounds and
the -- The objective was was to cause a diversion with
the firearms. And all the rounds they picked up, you
know, it's so obvious that no one was out there to
fire at George and to hurt George. But, anyway, now
that's the situation of today.

JOHN COX: They, they, they never considered
pursuing that prosecution any more, though, did they?

MR. KORESH: Well, they couldn't because,
you see --
JOHN COX: Well, you never say couldn't.
MR. KORESH: No, they, they --
JOHN COX: Knowing the system.
MR. KORESH: No, but they, they can't.
Here's the deal. When we got the property back, I turned in to the Sheriff's Department stacks --
JOHN COX: Uh-huh.
MR. KORESH: -- of literature that we uncovered from the property that dealt with the manufacturing and making of methamphetamine.
JOHN COX: Yeah.
MR. KORESH: Okay.
JOHN COX: Showing some good faith, huh?
MR. KORESH: Well --
JOHN COX: In reality.
MR. KORESH: -- we learned later that it was a very ignorant move.
JOHN COX: Yeah.
MR. KORESH: Because it was not used in our case. You see, the system here in Waco --
JOHN COX: Excuse me. Your, your attorney couldn't bring it out to your benefit?
MR. KORESH: No. What happened was is that it was, it was some kind of deadlock in regards to the collection of evidence.
JOHN COX: Oh, okay.

MR. KORESH: It was to turn in to the Sheriff's Department. And that, you know, that was not, that was not the, the -- The position they were trying to say what was being tried. But, of course, what the real issue was later on is that look, our -- Waco should have been a lot bigger years ago than what it is, but it's just a known fact that certain, certain big and higher and ups here in Waco, you know -- Well, matter of fact, one of the, one of the feds that came out here recently that knew the District Attorney, you know, he said point-blank Waco is registered as one of the top methamphetamine places in the United States.

The manufacture of it out here is, is greatly increased. Now they're saying that, that it's -- there's an uprise in cocaine, you know, and, and, plus, another thing is --

JOHN COX: That guy hasn't been into other major cities that's making that statement.

MR. KORESH: Do what now?

JOHN COX: I would say that he has not been in some other major cities --

MR. KORESH: No, you see, the --

JOHN COX: -- to make that statement.
MR. KORESH: The manufacturing of it out here, there is a lot of wide open --

JOHN COX: As opposed to the use of it?

MR. KORESH: Well, yeah, exactly. Now, the thing of it is is that the use -- a lot of the use of it around here is that a lot of kids around here take LSD. You know, you've got to remember that I go around and I used to play in stuff like --

JOHN COX: You mean still? In this area they still use it?

MR. KORESH: They still use it.

JOHN COX: Really? 'Cause, I mean --

MR. KORESH: Waco is one of the most --

JOHN COX: -- in, in most, in most other areas it's, it's certainly not the drug of choice of, of the young kids.

MR. KORESH: Right.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: But, anyway, the keynote is this. You did wrong.

JOHN COX: You -- Uncle Sam did wrong is what you're saying, right?

MR. KORESH: I'm saying you did wrong in allowing a smaller guy to do your job.

JOHN COX: Well, we can't really turn that
around, can we? I think --

MR. KORESH: Now, you're asking me --

JOHN COX: I think what you have to look at, and maybe you haven't experienced it before and I don't know, I'm just asking, really, any dealings with the federal judicial system it's not like a state judicial system, believe me.

MR. KORESH: Oh, we know.

JOHN COX: I mean, the, the, the courts -- The court meaning the judges -- are certainly not the same. The, the, the atmosphere within a federal courthouse is totally different, as are, I think, the, the thoroughness within the federal system. Federal judicial system is much more thorough and I think people's rights are explained much more clearly to them and I think it's like night and day. And I've been in both and I've been involved in both over the years, and I think it's a different ballgame, totally different.

And, and I think there's something that, that, you know, you should understand is --

MR. KORESH: When did, when did, when did the agents out here loose their rights to be an agent?

JOHN COX: When did they -- I don't -- I mean, I'm not -- I don't appreciate what you're,
you're asking me.

MR. KORESH: I'm saying when did the agents who got shot out here lose their rights to be an agent?

JOHN COX: I, I don't know what you mean. I'm not trying to avoid answering you.

MR. KORESH: I know, you misunderstand what I'm trying to say. Leave things this way.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.

MR. KORESH: When is a defense action --

JOHN COX: When are you overstepping your bounds, is that what -- is that --

MR. KORESH: Well, we already know they overstepped their bounds.

JOHN COX: Well --

MR. KORESH: No doubt about it. I mean, they were already told --

JOHN COX: That's your, that's your interpretation of it. Someone else is going to interpret it some other way.

MR. KORESH: Well, wait a minute. Do you work for me or do I work for you?

JOHN COX: Neither one.

MR. KORESH: Oh, I see.

JOHN COX: I'm a taxpayer.
MR. KORESH: I see.

JOHN COX: I work for the citizenry. I work and I answer to the Constitution.

MR. KORESH: So you're answering the citizen --

JOHN COX: And I work for you, per se.

MR. KORESH: Now, wait.

JOHN COX: As well as everybody else.

MR. KORESH: Now, wait, wait. Now, you're working for -- You're telling the citizens, the public, what's going on, but I'm not allowed to.

JOHN COX: I'm not telling the public anything.

MR. KORESH: I say the ATF, the FBI is telling the public what's going on.

JOHN COX: Oh, okay, having their press conferences and their, their dealings with the media. That's what you're, you're getting to.

MR. KORESH: Right.

JOHN COX: Sure.

MR. KORESH: But I'm not, I'm not able to do that.

JOHN COX: Yes, you are.

MR. KORESH: No, I'm not.

JOHN COX: You are.
MR. KORESH: I am not.

JOHN COX: You want me to give you the, the way to do it? You know what the way to do it is, don't you?

MR. KORESH: I know what your way is.

JOHN COX: No, no, no.

MR. KORESH: But I also know what my way is, too.

JOHN COX: What?

MR. KORESH: Well, that's what you're fixing to find out.

JOHN COX: Well, you had one opportunity to do it, didn't you?

MR. KORESH: Well, what was done at that point --

JOHN COX: On the tape?

MR. KORESH: What was done at that point --

JOHN COX: And nobody, and nobody was using any, you know, chicanery or trickery or anything else there. We, we were pretty straightforward with you --

MR. KORESH: Exactly.

JOHN COX: -- and said that this is your opportunity to do it. And did we play games about it? No, we, we gave it to the media, and I think --

MR. KORESH: No, the games were played when
JOHN COX: I think it was accepted, huh?

MR. KORESH: The games were played is when the violation of promise were being broken in regards to the activities taking place around here on the property, of which the media --

JOHN COX: There was something broken before that.

MR. KORESH: -- of which the -- No, that was not true. No, it was not.

JOHN COX: When you said you were coming out.

MR. KORESH: Well, I'd already said I was coming out. They had already been violating that trust.

JOHN COX: No.

MR. KORESH: Yes. Are you here? Are you seeing these things?

JOHN COX: Am I right out there?

MR. KORESH: Then maybe we can work this out because when I have to --

JOHN COX: You mean am I physically right out where you are?

MR. KORESH: -- when I have to tell, when I have to tell Jim he's a damned liar --
JOHN COX: But you shouldn't have said that.

MR. KORESH: Oh, but I did because it's the truth.

JOHN COX: No.

MR. KORESH: When he's telling me one thing, and I'm looking and seeing another, and he's telling me I'm wrong, he's telling me that my perception and vision is wrong, then we have to draw a line.

JOHN COX: Well, I'm sure what Jim meant was, and, and I'm not here to put words in Jim's mouth, he can certainly do that for himself, is that there have been miscommunications. There were miscommunications six days ago, weren't there, and prior to that time.

MR. KORESH: Which is going to get more people killed, right? Something you say you don't want have to happen, and you're doing everything to make it happen.

JOHN COX: I am? Right now? Or we are?

MR. KORESH: When I say you --

JOHN COX: I understand what you're saying.

MR. KORESH: When I say you, I'm not talking about you, I'm talking about --

JOHN COX: Law enforcement.

MR. KORESH: -- what you say is the
enforcement of law.

    JOHN COX: Sure.

    MR. KORESH: Okay.

    JOHN COX: I know it's not a personal issue.

    MR. KORESH: Exactly. And I mean, you're, you're doing your talking and I'm, I'm doing my talking. I'm a mediator and you're a mediator.

    JOHN COX: Yeah, but the bottom line is who is it up to? Who is going to have to make the decision?

    MR. KORESH: Well, God is.

    JOHN COX: You are.

    MR. KORESH: God is --

    JOHN COX: No, you are.

    MR. KORESH: -- and you are. No, God is.

    JOHN COX: Is that so?

    MR. KORESH: Remember, remember, I --

    JOHN COX: The bottom line is you're the one that's going to hear God, right?

    MR. KORESH: Yes, I'm the one listening to God and you're the one listening to the law, your system.

    JOHN COX: And I'm listening to you.

    MR. KORESH: That's not true. You're listening at me and I'm listening at you.
JOHN COX: Well, I'm listening to you. I'm not ignoring you, you know. And I'm -- And in my own way -- And, again, speaking not only for me but for the system. In my way, I'm trying to do what I think is in your best interest, in the best interest of the people in there and in the best interest of the people out here to peacefully, successfully bring this to a resolution. And, and that's where the conflict lies, doesn't it? You know, because you have to make up your mind when you're ready to come out of there.

MR. KORESH: I'm ready right now.

JOHN COX: There's no -- Well, there's no --

MR. KORESH: I, I was ready yesterday. I was ready the past few days.

JOHN COX: -- there's, there's no question -- See, there's no question in my mind that you're coming out of there and you're going to lead your flock out of there.

MR. KORESH: We've got to remember --

JOHN COX: But it's -- The only question is when.

MR. KORESH: That's the question. Now, we also --

JOHN COX: Isn't that the bottom line?

MR. KORESH: Yeah, the bottom line is that
you're denying and being -- Okay, look, Psalm 75, King David was the king, wasn't he? He could kill a person if he wanted to, couldn't he?

JOHN COX: Sure.

MR. KORESH: He was a political leader, wasn't he?

JOHN COX: Absolutely.

MR. KORESH: He had a nation backing him. But, of course, David kind of talks funny. He says, in Psalm 75 he says when I shall receive the congregation I shall judge them rightly.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: It says the name of the Lord is near as wondrous words declare. He says I said to the fool, fools, deal not foolishly, and to the wicked, lift not up your horn on high, speak not with a stiff neck, for promotion comes neither from east nor from the west nor from the south, but God is the judge for he sets up one and puts down another. In the hand of the Lord, there's a cup and the mixture is red. And he poured not of the same and all the wicked of the earth will ring the dregs of this cup out and drink them.

All the horns of the wicked shall be cut off. Now, you probably wouldn't understand that
statement unless you knew about God on the throne, about a lamb, about a --

JOHN COX: You know what? I would really have to sit down and, and spend some time to totally appreciate that statement. I really would. To let it absorb.

MR. KORESH: It's the same as Psalms 18.

JOHN COX: You know, but I'm, I'm just --

MR. KORESH: Talks about God --

JOHN COX: -- I'm just not as well versed as you are, and I'd be a fool to try and say that I wasn't. And I'm not here to try and, you know, to compete with you on that level.

MR. KORESH: But you're not trying to understand with me on my level, either, but you --

JOHN COX: Yeah, I am.

MR. KORESH: But you're -- you want me to understand on your level.

JOHN COX: No, I'm not. I've been, I've been --

MR. KORESH: Well, definitely. That's why we're negotiating.

JOHN COX: This isn't give and take.

MR. KORESH: And I agree with you.

Everything you say I agree with you. You know? And,
and according to my carnality, I would more than ever
love to be able to come out and to, and to go ahead
and go through the system, whatever the system wants
me to go through, to be able to resolve this
situation. A lot would be learned out of this.

JOHN COX: Sure it will.

MR. KORESH: I'm so sad that people got
hurt. I'm so sad that things had to happen like this.

JOHN COX: Well, don't you think I am? And
saying I. We are?

MR. KORESH: Well, I, I think you've learned
a great lesson out of this, hopefully.

JOHN COX: I don't want to see anybody get
hurt. You know, I'd like to be able to say I went
through an entire career, and it's been over 31 years
so far, that no one has been hurt. But sometimes it
just doesn't work out that way, does it?

MR. KORESH: Sometimes we have to be checked
sometimes, and by getting hurt on the things we don't
properly keep in fit, you know. When you don't, when
you don't chain your bicycle chain, we don't think
keep things in check, we don't make sure things work
smoothly, then sometimes things break. We get hurt.

JOHN COX: You know, basically, when, when I
said that, you know, you're the person that's going to
make the decision, and, and there's no question in my
mind that you're coming out of there --

MR. KORESH: What's your, what's your name
again?

JOHN COX: John.

MR. KORESH: John, let me explain something.

JOHN COX: And, and that --

MR. KORESH: Do you believe --

JOHN COX: Let me just finish and then go
ahead. It's, it's that I believe you are coming out
and you are going to lead your flock out there because
you've got children out here that, that certainly want
to see their mothers and fathers again. And, and, and
I know it's going to happen. But when, when I ask you
to be responsible and to lead these people, you just
keep passing the buck back to me and start preaching
to me.

MR. KORESH: Wait, wait a minute, wait a
minute, John. Wait.

JOHN COX: Go ahead, get comfortable.

MR. KORESH: Wait a minute. I had to cough.

When I cough, it's like someone --

JOHN COX: And, and understand, I'm not
saying this in an argumentative mood.

MR. KORESH: John, would you listen to me?
For Godness sake, look, I just told you when I cough -
I've got a hole in my back, all right?

JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead.

MR. KORESH: I mean, for crying out loud, I
didn't want to, I didn't want to put you away, but
I've just got to catch my breath here a second. Okay,
now, preaching to you. All right, you want to call it
preaching. Okay, let me lay some things straight
then.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.

MR. KORESH: I'm not preaching to you, I'm
promising you.

JOHN COX: What are you promising?

MR. KORESH: I'm promising you that a book
you don't know is going to take you by surprise,
unless you humble yourself and you stop and think to
ask yourself just maybe there might be a chance this
man just might be real.

JOHN COX: You mean -- How humble do I have
to humble myself?

MR. KORESH: First of all, you need to learn
the fear of God.

JOHN COX: You don't think I, I appreciate
the fear of God?

MR. KORESH: No, you don't know what it is.
JOHN COX: Well, that's where I beg to differ with you.

MR. KOresh: Well, seven seals, explain it to me.

JOHN COX: I can't do that.

MR. KOresh: Okay, you don't know the fear of God.

JOHN COX: But I do because I, I --

MR. KOresh: You know the way you know. You don't know the last --

JOHN COX: I'm a god-fearing person.

MR. KOresh: Which god?

JOHN COX: The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

MR. KOresh: Now, wait a minute. The Father sits on the throne and he's got a book with seven seals. Prove it to me --

JOHN COX: Don't start rattling to me now.

MR. KOresh: Prove it to me you know what you're talking about.

JOHN COX: Why do I have --

MR. KOresh: What's the word of God?

JOHN COX: Why do I have to prove it to you?

MR. KOresh: Oh, because I know you're not of my spirit if you don't know. We say we know and
testify we do. And you openly state you don't. Now, we're definitely two opposites.

JOHN COX: Do, do I have to prove my religious beliefs to someone on a daily basis?

MR. KORESPH: If you're calling me a brother, you've got to prove it.

JOHN COX: No, I don't have to do that.

MR. KORESPH: Remember, there's the sons of God and the sons of the devil. Remember that.

JOHN COX: I just -- I, I truly believe that we are all the children of God, no matter what our, our religious beliefs are, as long as they're not --

MR. KORESPH: Christ says to the people --

JOHN COX: -- antagonistic.

MR. KORESPH: Christ says to the people in this day your father's the devil. Now, boy, what kind of Christ is that?

JOHN COX: Well, it's not the way I look at it.

MR. KORESPH: Ahhh. (Groaning with pain.) Ohhh, I guess I'm being punished for talking so rough to you.

JOHN COX: Hey, just calm down.

MR. KORESPH: Ohhh. Oh, boy, I tell you what. Okay, but, you know, Christ does make a
distinction between the sons of God and the sons of Satan.

JOHN COX: Sure.

MR. KORESH: So, anyway, let's hope that we all have ears to hear, and I'm listening to you and we're speaking --

JOHN COX: And we're going to work it out.

MR. KORESH: -- from the heart.

JOHN COX: You know that, don't you? It's going to work out.

MR. KORESH: Yeah. So, like I say, you put faith in my God and I'll put faith in your God and let's see these two guys work this out.

JOHN COX: Let me, let me ask you a couple of things. One is we've been getting a lot of inquiries and, and I know it's been mentioned to you before from not only the media, but from people calling in. And, and they've been calling in not just to the FBI, but to, to the -- to ATF and I guess to other people, too, about trying to either relay messages to loved ones that are there with you or to determine the, the status of them. And what I'm talking about that is are they healthy, are they --

MR. KORESH: Are they dead?

JOHN COX: Are they okay?
MR. KORESH: Like we just found one that's dead. We've been wondering where he was

JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: -- and we found him and you all won't come and pick him up like you promised. You wanted to get him out.

JOHN COX: But --

MR. KORESH: You lied.

JOHN COX: I'm not lying to you and no one, no one else is lying to you. It's just --

MR. KORESH: Why do you call it then?

JOHN COX: It's going to have to be worked out safely. And, and I'll --

MR. KORESH: Let me, let me get my dictionary out and put another word in there next to the word "lie" 'cause what --

JOHN COX: Hang on just a minute. We're not lying. I'd, I'd love to have that person removed from there. And, and the people that I'm answering to I think would like to resolve it, but what they would like is for someone to accompany that body. And I think --

MR. KORESH: Nobody trusts you.

JOHN COX: And I think that can be worked out.
MR. KORESH: Nobody trusts you yet.

JOHN COX: Why?

MR. KORESH: Because they know what they believe and they believe what they know. Otherwise, they'll come out to you. Two ladies already trusted you because, you know, they trusted Jim.

JOHN COX: Yeah? They're no worse for the wear. Nor are the children that trusted and came out. They didn't just trust me, they trusted you --

MR. KORESH: The children come out --

JOHN COX: -- to come out here.

MR. KORESH: The children came out because, first of all --

JOHN COX: You made the selection which children would come out and they trusted you and they trusted your --

MR. KORESH: The children --

JOHN COX: -- faith in me, in us.

MR. KORESH: -- are not accountable as of yet for knowing faith, the principle of knowing and understanding God's will through his word.

JOHN COX: But they've listened --

MR. KORESH: They do not have that.

JOHN COX: -- to you, haven't they? They've listened to your sermons.
MR. KORESH: Just as your children will listen to you as the father in your house.

JOHN COX: Well, sure.

MR. KORESH: You have to --

JOHN COX: But what about the children that aren't my own immediate flesh and blood? Do they all listen to me and respect me that, that come visit me in my house? No.

MR. KORESH: Absolutely not.

JOHN COX: They may nod as they're coming through, right?

MR. KORESH: To give you the respect due that they should.

JOHN COX: Well, that's true, that's true. And, and the issue that you raise about the situation where we have somebody outside, you know, somebody's out there that we'd like to remove, I'm being very sincere with you in saying that I was told that if we can have someone accompany that body that body will be removed. And I can't make it any clearer, any more distinct than that that will happen.

MR. KORESH: Okay. Then here's the answer.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.

MR. KORESH: No.

JOHN COX: Why?
MR. KORESH: Because the same reasons that you make a statement, I make a statement. You are showing that you by the previous statement have lied, just as you have been able to publicize to all United States that I have lied. Jim said, after I presented to him where I was coming from, that he believed that I was true.

JOHN COX: Oh, is that wrong?

MR. KORESH: Well, ask Jim now. Where's Jim at? He said he was going to stay with me through to the end.

JOHN COX: No, I'm saying was it wrong for him to believe what you said to him was the truth, when you told him, you know, I'll make this tape, we'll present this tape, we'll put the tape over the air, the tape goes out over the air I'm coming out --

MR. KORESH: You're talking about --

JOHN COX: Was it wrong for him to accept that as being truthful?

MR. KORESH: You're talking about, you're talking about number 75 to 100. I'm talking about numbers 1 to 75.

JOHN COX: What, what are you talking about?

MR. KORESH: Well, I'm saying that in a conversation which you knew nothing about --
JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: -- you know, the first two or three days, things were established, things were --

JOHN COX: Ground rules.

MR. KORESH: Yes. And consistently there began to be a violation and, realistically, the way I got this information that I offer is the way that you wouldn't believe though I told it to you. And I --

JOHN COX: Well, maybe someday you will.

MR. KORESH: I am subject to God first and to you second.

JOHN COX: Okay.

MR. KORESH: Now, as far as everything --

JOHN COX: I'm not going to argue that with you.

MR. KORESH: As far as everything you said, I agree with you. I agree, I want to come out because, you know, my soul is in the hand of God. I am not worried about that.

JOHN COX: Sure.

MR. KORESH: If I have done wrong in your sight, then you will be the judge. Only God can overthrow your judgments. Only the living God can make right what man has done wrong.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.
MR. KORESH: You know, the innocent crying to God and commit their soul to God. Okay. Now, when it comes down to what I'm trying to say, you do not believe me. You think that I'm sitting back here in my own mind saying oh, I'm scared, I want to go out.

JOHN COX: I don't think you're scared at all.

MR. KORESH: You know, you --

JOHN COX: I really, truly do not think you're scared at all. You know, I think you've got a lot of willpower, a lot of stamina, and you've got very strong beliefs. And I don't think you're afraid. I think that you have told me that you're waiting to hear a voice to tell you how you're going to react.

MR. KORESH: That's what I --

JOHN COX: I accept that. I accept that you're going to hear that voice.

MR. KORESH: You believe that the prophets of old had visions?

JOHN COX: Do I believe that the prophets had visions?

MR. KORESH: Right.

JOHN COX: Well, sure. Do you think I can have a vision? Let me ask you that. Do you think I can?
MR. KORESH: Who sits on the throne?

JOHN COX: You're not answering my question.

MR. KORESH: Well, based upon --

JOHN COX: Can I have a vision?

MR. KORESH: Based upon --

JOHN COX: And I'm not being a smart aleck with you. I'm asking you a candid question. Do you think I can have a vision?

MR. KORESH: Well, I know that you can but --

JOHN COX: That's right. That's the answer to the question.

MR. KORESH: Wait, wait, wait. I would question by what source it came.

JOHN COX: Why?

MR. KORESH: Because if you're a servant of God, the vision would come by God. So, if you're a servant of God --

JOHN COX: That's because I believe in prayer, though.

MR. KORESH: Okay. So, if you're a servant of God, show me the seven seals, my friend.

JOHN COX: I can't do that.

MR. KORESH: Then you're not a servant of God. You don't -- You lack the credentials. I would like to give you the credentials.
JOHN COX: And I'm not going to debate you over that, but I can certainly have a vision, can't I?

MR. KORESH: Um-hum.

JOHN COX: Through prayer and through other things I can have them.

MR. KOGRESSH: Remember, there's also God of the world, too.

JOHN COX: And I'm not going to argue that with you. It's, it's how we interpret things. And, and I interpret that you're not afraid. I mean, you may think that I think you're afraid. I don't think you're afraid, I think you're a man, a man of God and a god-fearing man and that when the time comes and when you hear what you say you have to hear that I will see you again, and it's going to be right here in Texas outside that compound, and that we will meet and you and Henry and Jim and Dick --

MR. KOअRESH: How tall are you?

JOHN COX: Probably not any taller than you are. About six feet. And that's --

MR. KOअRESH: How much do you weigh?

JOHN COX: Huh?

MR. KOअRESH: How much do you weigh?

JOHN COX: Well, I, I probably weigh a couple pounds more than you do right now. You've been
through kind of a traumatic -- You want me to tell you
the truth or can I fudge a little on my weight? You
know, women never tell their weight, either, do they?

MR. KORESH: Okay.

JOHN COX: Okay. That's kind of a testy
question. But, no, I think we're going to see one
another and I truly believe that. And I hope you do.

MR. KORESH: I believe it.

JOHN COX: And, and I hope you'll get --

MR. KORESH: I hope for it.

JOHN COX: And I hope that we're going to
resolve this through the judicial system.

MR. KORESH: Definitely, it's the
judgment --

JOHN COX: Because you and I and
every citizen have the same rights under the
Constitution. The same rights under the Constitution.
And I don't want to have my rights violated, nor
should you want your rights to be violated. And where
do we get this resolved? Through the judicial
process. And as we both said earlier, it may not be
the greatest but it's the best we've got, huh?

MR. KORESH: Yeah, it's the best in the
world. Honest to God, it's the best in the world.

JOHN COX: Sure it is.

MR. KORESH: And I sure would like to have
this nation take the opportunity to, to take a hint from an authority above and beyond them to, to sit down and get on our knees and admit to God they don't know the seals before they end up being in trouble they can't get out of. I know we're living in awesome times right now. Awesome times.

JOHN COX: And it's, and it's difficult to have that, that feeling that you may be someplace that you can't get out of, but you can. You can. And I don't mean you as an individual, you as a group, but we all can get out of difficult situations. Now, maybe we have to pray sometimes to resolve it, you know. There's nothing like prayer, is there? You know it and I know it.

MR. KORESSH: Well, if God wants us to hear what he wants to say right now, the prayer line's kind of been closed to a large degree because, like I say --

JOHN COX: Yeah, but too many people aren't willing to do it, are they? To pray?

MR. KORESSH: No, not too much.

JOHN COX: There is that --

MR. KORESSH: They don't know how to pray.

JOHN COX: -- supreme being up there.

MR. KORESSH: They don't know what they should pray for. They don't know what's on the
agenda.

JOHN COX: Well, they ought to pray to get a little grace to do things right, huh?

MR. KORESH: Yeah, like "Our Father Who Art in Heaven", that's one of the prayers.

JOHN COX: Nothing wrong with it.

MR. KORESH: "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come." Let's meet his law, his will, "Thy will be done," whatever his will is, "on earth as it is in heaven." Well, we know the last will of God is the revelation of Christ's seven seals, don't we? But, of course, some people don't care to know that will, do they?

JOHN COX: They really don't, do they?

MR. KORESH: No.

JOHN COX: No. And, and it's a shame. And, and it's probably people like you and, and others that, that can have some positive effect on these people, you know, to, to try and get them to understand. And, and we all have a different way of going about it, but the, the bottom line is I know that you're coming out of there and you know that you're coming out of there. And it's only a matter of time and then the mothers will be with the children and the fathers will be with the children. And --
MR. KORESH: Now, come on, not all of them.

JOHN COX: No, they won't.

MR. KORESH: Some of us --

JOHN COX: I'd be a fool to tell you that they all will.

MR. KORESH: Exactly. So let's --

JOHN COX: And I'm, I'm --

MR. KORESH: Let's put our prayers in and --

JOHN COX: But I'm not lying to you.

MR. KORESH: I know. I believe you.

JOHN COX: You know? But the system that we have gives you a pretty good chance because you get to tell your side of the story and you get to bring your facts out and you get to bring your witnesses out. And a jury of your peers gets to listen to that. And you can bring in, literally, any statement, any evidence, anything you want before the court of law. And if you're not satisfied with the judicial -- the results of the initial judicial proceedings, we've got an appellate system, and it goes on and on.

Plus, you have the opportunity to speak to the media, and I'll guarantee you that --

MR. KORESH: The best in the world.

JOHN COX: -- that it will work. If you come out of there, you will be allowed to speak to the
media, and that's something you want to do, isn't it?

    MR. KORESH: Well, the media, like I say,
they're -- they've got a story they want to publish.

    JOHN COX: Oh, yeah, they all want to be the
first, too, don't they? Huh?

    MR. KORESH: Oh, yeah.

    JOHN COX: Whether it's writing a book,
putting a movie together, or, or hitting the, hitting
the print. But --

    MR. KORESH: Oh --

    JOHN COX: -- I don't think I would be
overstepping my bounds to tell you that when you come
out of there you will be given the opportunity --

    MR. KORESH: What's --

    JOHN COX: -- to speak to the media.

    MR. KORESH: Okay, yeah. One second.

What's --

    JOHN COX: And that's an important thing.

    MR. KORESH: Right. Steve, what was that
actor's name, Mel what?

    STEVE: Mel Gibson.

    MR. KORESH: Mel Gibson. I want Mel Gibson
to play my part.

    JOHN COX: You've got a good sense of humor,
huh?
MR. KORESH: Well, he's, he's --

JOHN COX: He's a piece of work.

MR. KORESH: He's crazy, isn't he?

JOHN COX: You know, he is a piece of work.

The other thing I think that you have to remember, and, and I haven't heard it mentioned in, in the several days that I've been here, is that you are presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

MR. KORESH: (Laughing.) I was presumed guilty back --

JOHN COX: No, no, no.

MR. KORESH: Come on now.

JOHN COX: You may have been presumed guilty by somebody. Do you think the media has presumed you guilty?

MR. KORESH: Come on, people are dead around here because of my presumption of being guilty of something.

JOHN COX: No. Do you think the media has presumed that?

MR. KORESH: Have you ever heard of a National Gun Rights Association and the movie "The ATF: Breaking the Law in the Name of the Law"? Have you ever seen that movie?

JOHN COX: I doubt it.
MR. KORESH: Oh, you should watch it. It's got even --

JOHN COX: I really like to watch documentaries and things of humor more than anything else.

MR. KORESH: Well, no, no, this, this, this is funny.

JOHN COX: I don't like all that shoot 'em up stuff.

MR. KORESH: Yeah, but it happens. So you wouldn't turn your back on it. Anyway --

JOHN COX: No, I don't.

MR. KORESH: -- look, I've got to move again and I've got to get this bowl of soup. I haven't been able to -- Every time I take a drink of it, it makes me cough and I get kicked in the back again.

JOHN COX: Let me, let me ask you something. And, and maybe, and maybe you need to take a little break, huh? How, how can, how can we resolve the issue where these people are calling in and they're asking questions about their loved ones? If, if I give you the names of -- And I'll be happy to give you the names not only of the people that are presumed to be in there, but the names of the people that are asking about them. Do you think you could give me
some answers?

MR. KORESH: Well, sure. If, if Oliver and Elizabeth, the Gyarfas, are over here from Australia yet --

JOHN COX: I can't tell you off the top of my head.

MR. KORESH: Well, now --

JOHN COX: But I'll be happy to try to find out.

MR. KORESH: -- I know they're coming. I know they're coming. I know they'll be coming.

JOHN COX: Somebody'll --

MR. KORESH: Tell them that -- You know, they are the --

JOHN COX: Oliver and Elizabeth. Give me the last name, will you?

MR. KORESH: Gyarfas.

JOHN COX: How do you spell it?

MR. KORESH: It's, it's Hungarian.

JOHN COX: Sure. I'll just put it down phonetically.

MR. KORESH: Anyway, you know, they, they have, they have a granddaughter and there's another one expected here shortly.

JOHN COX: Yeah.
MR. KORESH: So, you know, there's a, there's a, there's a young lady here that'll be having a baby --

JOHN COX: What's her name?

MR. KORESH: -- sometime. Her name is Isha.

JOHN COX: Isha? Like I-S-H-A?

MR. KORESH: Yeah, Isha. It's like the biblical Isha.

JOHN COX: Okay.

MR. KORESH: Isha.

JOHN COX: And she is their what?

MR. KORESH: She's here now.

JOHN COX: No, no, she's what relationship between them? She's their daughter?

MR. KORESH: She's their daughter, yeah.

JOHN COX: Okay. Okay. She's all right?

MR. KORESH: Oh, yeah, she's fine.

JOHN COX: How, how, how far gone is she?

MR. KORESH: I think she's what, in her eighth month.

JOHN COX: Really?

MR. KORESH: Something like that.

JOHN COX: Really?

MR. KORESH: Yeah.
JOHN COX: And she's, she's doing okay, huh?

MR. KORESH: Yeah.

JOHN COX: Because I'm being serious with you, I want to let these people know. You know, I think they've got a right to know. I mean, they're concerned, you know, and a lot of people have gone through an awful lot, you know, on both sides here. And it's, and it's not comfortable for anyone. Let me ask you something else. You mentioned early on about the sandbox. Well, what, what's the sandbox? I jotted down a little note and it went right on by.

MR. KORESH: Call, call your generals and ask them.

JOHN COX: Oh, we don't have generals. You know that.

MR. KORESH: Well, call your bosses and say --

JOHN COX: Well, we have those.

MR. KORESH: -- say bosses, sandbox, no, no.

JOHN COX: Oh. I mean, I'm, I'm asking you.

MR. KORESH: See, this, this, this is a code word from the camp. Sandbox, no, no.

JOHN COX: I mean, are you addressing the entire facility as the sandbox?

MR. KORESH: No, I'm addressing the sandbox,
which is the children's sandbox.

JOHN COX: Oh, really?

MR. KORESH: Yeah.

JOHN COX: I mean, I'm asking you candidly because --

MR. KORESH: Well, I'm saying, I'm saying to you --

JOHN COX: They, they do have a sandbox out there. That's what you're saying?

MR. KORESH: Yeah. Every ATF agent knows.

JOHN COX: Well, I don't. I wouldn't have asked, I really wouldn't.

MR. KORESH: Okay. Well, just simply send a message sandbox no, no.

JOHN COX: Okay. Okay. Don't let any kitty litter in there, either, huh?

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