

The Tactics of War Pt. 5: Surrender

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Nathaniel Bronner: And I don't care who you are. I don't care how close you are to the Lord. You're going to go through some stuff that will rock your world. I don't care who you are. The thing about being close to God is He will give you a warning of the stuff coming, so you kind of, you know, brace yourself. And I said as I was praying at the end of the year, and actually the thing was not revealed in its totality until the last day of the year. And I say it to God so at least you told me that 2005 will be beautiful, so at least the same will end in 2005. And He said, "I didn't say that." He said, "A thing won't end. What will change is you and that's why it will be beautiful."

I see so many times in our last, people will be going through stuff. We didn't want to stop at least. We want the fire to stop. God is trying to make you fireproof. And we don't understand what God is trying to do with our life and to take us and to change us and to mold us into the creature that He wants us to be, and we just want everything easy and God is saying, "Instead of making things easy, I'm going to make you strong," and that's why things will be beautiful, and we're going to have some challenges. The difference is not that we won't have challenges. The difference is that we will be different.

And life is not about what the challenge is. It's about what the spirit is who faces the challenge. He is going to change our spirit in these coming years to make us people that have never been before. And you see, it's like even in the exercise room. I got a weight room at home and you know the difference in weight whether if it's heavy or light. It's not in the weight step. It's in the muscles. It's not in the weight; it's in the muscles. And when it's heavy, it will snap the bone and ligament of one person, another person can rep 50 times and won't even bother. God is trying to build some muscles and we complain about, "Lord take the weight off." He is trying to build muscles in our lives so that we can be examples and to lead all the people through some trials and some tribulations and some things because you can't teach and you can't go and you can't leave where you have to be in, so God will have to take you to some places where you will be able to open up some things and you'll notice even as you grow, you'll notice people will start coming to you and somehow will be drawn because they'll see within you some strength.

And I had some men over to my house and moving some stuff in and one of the men just stop and you just keep stopping me and for some reason he just wanted to pour around and to seek wisdom and advice, and I said, (00:03:11) and yet this man, "Look," he said, for some reason he could see, and he just wanted someone to impart something and the same thing is going to happen to you because they'll be able to see something. And one of the other men came to me and said, "Look, are you a mason?" He said, "You walk like a mason." I said, "No, I'm not a mason," but it has something to do with the way he could see another that was deeper than surface. I'm going to tell you, people, for you to get some knowledge and for you to get some strength. It's going to have to go deeper than the surface. But the problem is to get the stuff in deep. You're going to have to be cut, so it can be poured into you.

And God said even Jesus in His word, He says that the prophetess spoke and she said I'm going to speak from a particular chapter, and she said, "When you speak on Sunday, God will give you the (00:04:20) where that's not this Sunday that's why you have to listen to prophecy real careful." She didn't say this Sunday she said on Sunday. But anyway, in dealing with that verse, Jesus is talking about those who are not in him, God will cast away, and those who are in Christ, He will prune, I mean he will cut you. And say we want all of these revelations and all of the spirit, but we just don't want to be cut. But if you're going to grow, you must be pruned, and there are some things that will have to be cut out of your life and out of your spirit in order for you to grow.

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A woman cannot give birth without regular bleeding. And when a woman goes through menopause and the bleeding stops, the fertility stops. And oftentimes, for us to be able to multiply and fertilize and reproduce there has to be some bloodshed, and we don't want it; none of us do. Jesus didn't even want it. But as we grow in wisdom and understand God's will, we'll understand that in order for my destiny to be reached and to serve and for God to prune and to make me to the new creature that He is making me into, We got to go through some stuff. It will hurt. It will make you wish you were anywhere but there. It will make you wonder as Job, "Be it Lord, I wish I had never been born."

And God told me he is lucky going through Job experience, but I want you to remember don't focus on the experience; focus on what comes after the experience. And too often, we get caught up in the pain. So, like when giving birth, we get caught up in the pain, but you can't give birth without pain unless you're drugged. And that's why there are so many of us try to escape the pain of what God is trying to birth. We try to get drugged up. And God is trying to birth something in us, people.

This is the new season and we want to become new people for the better, and that's what I see for this group. And I have no question that this shall come to pass for God has some stuff in store for you that you hadn't even (00:07:30), blessings to come forth that you hadn't even imagined. And I've got a good imagination, but there are some stuff I haven't thought about. I've got a vivid imagination, but even I could not see the destiny that God has chosen and never can you. Bow your heads.

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