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Female: And now for 4064, "Further Than We've Ever Been."

Nathaniel Bronner: Amen, amen, amen, amen. Well, folk, I'm back. Amen. All right. And see, there are so many of you. It's not were you are; it's where you going. And some of you are going through some things right now, and you really cannot say "I'm back" but what you have to say is "I'm coming back." And it's all about a mentality and the spirit of your life that no matter what happens to you and a lot of people don't believe me when I tell them this, "Regardless of your circumstances of life it's really your mentality and spirit that makes the true difference."

And when I tell people "I would be happy even in prison, if that's where I had to go." Because there's some places in prison, you don't have to worry about your job, you don't have to worry about paying the bills, you don't have to worry about a whole lot of stuff, and I saw that when I went and spoken to a prisoner, and I saw a greater freedom of spirit among prisoners than I saw in the Church.

So, I realized, I could be happy anywhere with the right mentality and I'm telling you the truth, I was happier in the hospital than most people walking around because I had a different mentality about the stuff.

So, I'm back but not only I am back, I am going further than I've ever been. So, my goal is not to get back, my goal is to go further than I have ever been. For our anniversary trip this year, we went further and longer than we have ever gone before, and I think it was Frederick Douglass who said that "A man once expanded can never go back to its original dimensions."

When you've experienced something that is above and beyond at least you know what is like; and once you know what it's like, you'll never go back to where you were. And even on this trip, we had a phenomenal time and, of course, there was the weather that we saw, or at least saw on the news and our first stop is to Stephanie came over and showed me what God had revealed to her about the trip and about the weather. And basically, what she says was that God says, "The Ark is always move in the midst of rain and He will sending the rain show us some --" He didn't just send rain, He send tornados, floods; people were getting out of their hotel room because they got to text on their phone; they have to subscribe to the weather service and the text says "Take cover now" because the tornados were headed there but none of it touched us. And truly, when you are with God tells you to be, there is no fear, there is no doubt because you are where God tells you to be even when you're in the midst of the storm. I've had situations literally, let me just tell you the story.

I'll go away every Wednesday on my rest day and sometimes I go down to little South Georgia town. I stay at a bed and breakfast; it's run by a little old lady, and I heard God speak. He said "Go to this place and you stay there." So, I went there and got there on Tuesday night and on Wednesday, normally, I never go to church because it is my rest day, so I don't want to hear the word now; I'm going to tell you the truth, no. And for some reason, I was riding to this little town and I saw this little church, I drove past it, I turned around, there was something in my spirit that just said "Go." And they had a 7:00 o'clock Wednesday night service and I went to that Wednesday night service. And while I was there, God just leaded on my heart to leave this sizable donation to the church.

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I left the donation. That night, I heard the tornado siren go off. I'd never heard one in real life before but I knew what it was because you hear the (00:05:15), you know that's emergency sound. And the lady who owns the hotel knocked on my door and she said, "You better need to come downstairs because three tornados are bearing down on the hotel.

And I heard God knocked when I heard the tornado warning go off and I put on my clothes because I don't sleep with any clothes on. And I knew that if the tornado was coming, I didn't want to be built up and blown down and I'm naked. So, yes, another whole issue you have to deal with. So, I got up and put on my clothes. So, when the lady knocked on the door, I was dressed, went downstairs and she had on the television and there, we were watching the weather pattern and she was saying, "This are the tornadoes and they all headed straight this way." And that tornado tore up the hotel about a half a mile at the road just tore the pieces; didn't touch us. And I ask the lady, I said "Who else is here in the hotel staying?" She said, "You are the only guest." And three years later, I went back to that little church and the pastor says "You know, you did the same thing three years ago." I was outside and I saw you drive back and you came back, and you came in. He said, "You came to my church three years ago and you left us a major donation." That night a tornado hit the city and the next day, people came to the church whose homes had been reaped to pieces for a help. And the Pastor said, "We were able to help them because of the donation you left. And if you had not left that donation, we wouldn't have been able to help the people." So, this is a reality and a realization. Sometimes God will send you in the midst of the storm because you are the salvation army. You are the red cross, and He will send you in for comfort and He'll send you in for aid and so often, we're just so concerned about "Lord, what about me?" Post something happened to me.

Do you realize what true missionary work requires when you really understand true missionary work? If you're not willing to die, you're not fit to serve the kingdom of God. And that was the whole principle with the early Christians. If you are willing to die for your belief, you really weren't worthy to be apart of the faith. That really has not changed. So, God, a lot and often times test us with some things and so many of the early Christians literally die. Every single one of the disciples died a horrible death except John who was on Patmos. Every one else died a seriously rough death serving Christ. So, we went and God sent tornadoes all around us but he protected us and not a strand of hair on our hair was damaged.

So, we learned and I do believe the Ark is getting ready to be moved but God had to move Noah before he can move the Ark.

And I realized there were some things in my spirit that He had to move and I wanted to just thank Gay Lang(ph) on our last event. We went to a restaurant called "My Three Sons." So, mother and her three sons who ran the restaurant. Best food like we've ever had. And when I went in to restaurant, I was full from the last meal and realized I'm not going to be eating anything because I am full. So, I sat down and this people got up; it was a buffet style, as he got up to eat, I literally was still sitting down and I would have been the last person in line.

And Gay Lang came in and she said, "Pastor, come with me." I don't know what she wanted, so I got up and I followed her and she took me up and took me to the beginning of the line. She said, "This is where you supposed to be." And the thing about she put me right in front of Pastor James and Minister Stephanie. And when I got there, the lady serving the meat, she asked Minister Stephanie what did she want and I'm in front of Minister Stephanie. Then she asked Pastor James what did he want and I'm standing there. So, I told her, I said "Excuse me, I want a piece of fish." And she said "But you've been up here before you've already gotten your food." I said "No, I have been (00:09:43) before, I (00:09:46) better food." She said "No, I'm sure, you have already been through the line." And I had convinced the lady, "I had not been through the line." And when that minute who are going to hit somehow the lady saw in the spirit what was supposed to be in the natural. And the point was this, I had to shift my thinking.

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See, if we're going to go where the ark is supposed to move to, then pastor can't be the last person in the land. And see, I'm not that particular about all the fancy stuff. I'm just not that particular about all that kind of stuff. But one thing you'll learn if you're preparing anything to build, it must be scalable. Just as God has us on His timeframe that's scalable. If we learn how to regulate ourself where we own time, that thing will carry whether we got a hundred of people or a hundred thousand; it's scalable. The pastor at the end of the line is not scalable. And I knew that that lady who thought she saw me at the front and I was not there, we're seeing into the spirit. Because she was seeing what was supposed to be.

And like so many of the other things as to where I didn't predict, I was full. See, I'm full with a lot the things God has already seen. I don't really need any more fame. I don't need any more power. I don't need any more any recognition. I don't really need any more or less to -- I'm full. God spoke to me. He said, "Look, I'm not concern about you being comfortable. I'm concern about you changing the world." So, there's a destiny that I have to get to. And what she did when she brought me up to the front was to help move me into destiny. And people, you can never go where you're supposed to be staying where you are. And that's true in the physical senses. It's true in the spiritual sense. And some of us even have to learn to set difference.

So, from here on and out, I'm going to make that change. So, don't you all get upset -- I'm going to be upfront. At the front of the line, I'm going to reserve all of the seats, at the front of the seats for the pastors, for that's where supposed to be. So, don't get upset about it because we're going to make its way, scalable. And it's just like when God told me to study. So, the man I wanted to anoint to be king and he did not want to be king, and he ran the back and hid. See, Elijah was sitting on the very last seat of the bus. He was literally sitting at the very last seat on the bus, literally. And we just don't care about a lot of that protocol stuff. But for where God has us destined to go, we have to change. And if you ever want to move to a point where you get something different in your life, you have to change and you have to move from being comfortable. So, we got to move from the end of the line, we have got to move from the back, we have to move upfront where we are supposed to be and where destiny has ordained us to go. And God cannot get the Ark moving until He first gets Noah move.

So, I thank all of you who went and who gave up your time and God sent the direction and He sent His Word, He sent His blessing, and with every trip, we learned, and we are to come back different. So, I'm coming back different just in that aspect. For you able to say, "Lord, I'm going to really do what You want me to do even though there are some things I'm not comfortable with." And you got to get out of your comfort zone if you ever going to do anything great. It really be where God wants you to be. You got to come out of your comfort zone. So, we're getting ready to allow God to bless us to greater and greater levels because even the trip itself, I said, "God says go

for three days (00:13:46) three days, three days. That's a whole lot different. But people, if you ever going to rush to certain levels, you got to move. That's why even sitting position is so critical. That's why blacks will always demanded that they sit in the back. Because people knew, if they get you to sit in the back, you'll fake in the back. In Carter G. Woodson said in his book, "The Mis-Education of the Negro," "If you can control how a man thinks, you don't even have to worry about where he will sit." See, if you even led him upfront, his nature will insist that he goes to the back. And he said, "If there is no backdoor, his very spirit will demand one." So, God has (00:14:34) you cannot be at the back of the line. I know you don't care about that but this is not, but you. You got to move where you are supposed to be boy. That's why He called them "A Children of Israel." Why didn't He call them the adults of Him. He always tell them "The Children of Israel" because so many chances in our adulthood with children, and we act like children, and we want our own way, not God's way.

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So, the trip and what Minister Stephanie wrote, I want all of you really to have a copy of that because it talked about these rains are your blessings as I wash the all unrighteous pass the way. However within, will be a washing and falling away. It is of Me. As the fresh start is made on new location, fruit and multiple occasions will begin. Realm realization begins now. Rejoice, even though you would not feel like rejoicing. Whenever the arc was moved, it was through rain. And that's what God gave us to Stephanie, she was sitting there in right. And I'll begin to see more and more revelation. And I've talked about captivity. Some of us are in captivity and change. We went to see the old slave auction place and we saw the change and the (00:15:51) but there's a whole lot of us and change right now. Change around our mind and around our spirit, and we're locked into the old ways of thinking and doing things. And there's no wonder, we keep getting the same results.

So, if you don't do something different and if you don't do something better, and something expanded and beyond, you will continue to get what we have always got. So, Minister Stephanie, I thank you so much for just being the vessel and

for receiving that. And I thank Gay Lang for just coming and pulling the past up who was totally out of order. But I were comfortable and moving me to the spot where I should have been. I thank all of you so much. Bow your heads.

Dear heavenly Father, we just thank You for this day. We thank You for this moment. We thank You for the trip that You've just let us through in the opening of minds and spirits. And Father, help us to not remain the same as we've returned, we saw a lot of things, we understood a lot of things. Help us to help that experience, make us new people. Father, take us to the level where we should be in You. I pray today that You take control of my mind and spirit, every thought that I shall think, every word that I shall speak, I pray You open the hearts and minds of the people that they may receive that which You shall speak unto them upon this day, and thy son Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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