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Nathaniel Bronner: And tonight, we are going to be finishing up a series that I began a few weeks ago, and this series basically -- it rooted from I had been told when I first came into the ministry that there were three major things that ministers needed to watch out for. Three things that oftentimes caused the downfall of those who walked up into the pulpit, and as I thought about those three things, the more I thought about those three things, the more I realized that those three things had absolutely nothing unique to ministry.

Those were the same three things that took most people down in the world and those three things were: number one, money; number two, pride and number three, sex. And we spoke about money from the subject of "When Your Money Is Funny." We spoke about pride from the subject of "Puffed up, Won't Go Up."

And tonight, finishes the final part of that series that I called "Potholes On The Road To Glory." Tonight, deals with the subject of sex. And, you know, some people say, "Well, you are not allowed to talk about sex in the church. But if you don't talk about sex in the church, where else are you going to talk about it?"

You see, God spoke a good bit about sex. As a matter of fact, He made it. So, God made sex, there was nothing wrong with sex. The problem is, when we get outside of God's Will and see, whenever you get outside of God's Will with anything, then it becomes perverted and then, it becomes sinful and then, it comes outside of the nature of God. So, there is nothing wrong with sex in its proper place, it's when it gets outside of its proper place that we begin to have problems.

And tonight, I am going to speak on the subject of, "When Naked Women Show Up." Now, this subject really is primarily mostly to men, and actually what we have mostly in the audience tonight is women, but in our television audience there are quite a few men that are watching, and oftentimes, we have about hundred times really more people than the television audience than we do in national sanctuary because we get a ton more tape requests from television than actually we get from the actual sanctuaries. So, there may be a man in particular to who this message is particularly geared to of When Naked Women Show Up.

Well, I know some of you may be asking, "What do you mean, When Naked Women Show Up?" Where did you get that from? Do you know naked women showed up in the Bible to men, and

fundamentally, what naked women represent, it represents two things: First of all, it represents a temptation that you want, it represents a temptation that you want. See, temptation is only temptation if it's fun and you want it. If it is not anything that you want and don't want to have a part of or dislike, that's not a real temptation to you.

In some countries, they may have delicacies like chocolate covered ants. Well, most of us here don't want to eat chocolate covered ants. And if somebody at my house had a jar full of chocolate covered ants and I knew that I was not supposed to be eating sweets, the chocolate covered ants would be no temptation to me because I don't want any part of chocolate covered ants.

But, if they had in my house a box of Mr. Goodbar, which I am really crazy about, which just are the most scrumptious candy in the world, if they had a box of Mr. Goodbar and I knew that I was not supposed to be eating any sweets, then the box of Goodbar becomes a temptation.

So naked women, number one, represents things that you want, that are a temptation to you. And number two, naked women represents things that are available. You see, even the temptation is not really a temptation if it's not available.

Some of you may look at movies and watch television and you see a beautiful woman, a Miss America or something that really captures your attention and your heart and deep down you may really like that woman, or you may see a movie star that you really like and a woman sees them on screen and she really longs after them but, you know, from a real practical point, it's not really a real bona fide temptation if it's not available.

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Some women look at movies and they like Denzel Washington and they may fantasize about Denzel Washington, but Denzel Washington is not really a major temptation because you can't get a hold of Denzel Washington.

And some men have got some women in their mind that they think about, but oftentimes they are not really temptations because they are not available. So, a temptation and a true

temptation requires two things: that you want it; and that it is reasonably available, and those are the two criteria.

And in the Bible, there were many instances where women showed up to men that fit that criteria. Now, many of you men, those of you that are watching by television, you may think that you are not susceptible to temptation. You may think that you have it altogether, you may think that you are too smart, you may think that you are too strong, you may think that you know God too well, you may think that you come from too strong of a family background for a woman to throw you off the track.

Well, I want to, first of all, go through the Bible and just walk-through a few of the men that may have felt that way. You see the first man, Adam, Adam primarily failed because Adam listened to a naked woman. Do you all know that Eve, the first woman that God sent man was naked? She didn't have on even so much as a bikini, not even so much as a pair of underwear, no bra, no dress, no stockings, no hat, she was completely and totally naked. So, the first woman that God sent man was naked.

And I preached to you a few weeks ago from the subject of, "If Adam Had Not Bitten" and I went through the scenario and showed you how Adam truly was not deceived, only the woman was deceived, Adam went along with it because somewhere in the back of his mind he decided to obey what a woman said and he didn't want to lose this woman. Adam failed because he followed a naked woman.

And Adam was a good man, after God had made everything, He looked at it and He saw that it was good and yet Adam failed because of a naked woman.

You may think that you are too strong, that you just got too much macho that -- that no woman can really bend you off of your path and make you do something that you really don't want to do.

But I will take you again in the Bible to the strongest man physically in the Bible, and the strongest man physically in the Bible was Samson, and Samson had a strand that was unparalleled through all of the annals of history. Samson had a power and a physical might that no man before, then, or since has been able to match.

Samson singlehandedly, by himself, with nothing, but a fragment of a jawbone of a donkey, Samson killed 1,000 men. And that's a feat that nobody today, not only could they not kill 1,000 men, even the best of our men. If we chose Mike Tyson, "Iron" Mike Tyson, even "Iron" Mike Tyson, even he in his best of condition, in the same situation as Samson, not only could he not kill a thousand he wouldn't be able to kill a hundred, not only would he not be able to kill the hundred, he wouldn't even have been able to kill ten.

So, Samson had a strength and a power and a macho as far as physical virility went. Samson had a power that was at least a hundred times stronger than any man that has lived since. Yet, with all of Samson's strength and with all of Samson's power, Samson had one major weakness. Samson had one link in his chain that had a crack in it. Samson had one flaw that caused Samson to be pulled down and caused his strength to be taken.

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Samson could not resist and could not stand up the naked women. Samson could not resist women who he liked, who he wanted and who were available. And because of that Samson lost his fight and lost his strength because of women.

Well, you say, "I am not as stupid as Samson, I have got more brains than Samson had, even though I may not have as much muscle as Samson." But you may say, "I have more intelligence, I have more wisdom than Samson."

Well, let me take you to even the wisest man in the Bible. The wisest man in the Bible was Solomon and from 1 Kings 4:29, just follow along with me as I read. The Bible says that "God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all of the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt."

Solomon was a virtual genius. God said He gave Solomon more wisdom than all of the sand even on the seashore. Now, that was a whole lot of sand. And if you ever studied chemistry you – you'll know that silicon is the second most abundant element on the face of the earth because there is so much sand and sand and silicon dioxide.

So, God gave Solomon the breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon had more wisdom than all of the men of his days and all of the kings and everybody all around, Solomon was a virtual genius and yet, with all of Solomon's wisdom, with all of Solomon's genius, with all of Solomon's brain, Solomon still had as his downfall naked women. Solomon had as the thing that took him out of favor in God's eyesight, women that God had forbidden Solomon to fool with.

And you see, Solomon didn't have a shortage of women. You know, Solomon had all of the women within his kingdom available to him, God had simply told -- He didn't tell Solomon not to get many wives, all God told him was not to get wives of foreign lands and of foreign religions, that's all that God told Solomon not to do.

And again, in 1st Kings, in Chapter 11, beginning of the first verse, the Bible said that, "King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter - he loved Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love."

And you know the story of what happened with Solomon, Solomon, as he married these women, and as Solomon aged, these women turned Solomon towards their gods and away from the one true God. The wisest man that God made did not stand up to women.

Well, you say, maybe I am a big boss in the job and I am able to manage, I am able to handle things, I am a great ruler over people and things, surely, though I may not have the strength of Samson, though I may not have been first like Adam, though I may not have the wisdom of Solomon, but I have management ability, I have rulership ability, I am able to handle folks, surely, I can handle all those women.

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Well, again, I take you to the man that is often credited as being the greatest of the Israelite king, King David. And you know the story of King David and what happened with King David. It's

over in 2 Samuel, beginning in the 11th Chapter, the second verse.

And the Bible simply says about King David, it says, “One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace from the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.””

Here was the greatest of the kings, the man with the greatest rulership authority and even King David, and you see, King David wasn't running short of women either. If you look in the Bible and read the history of King David, you will see where David had many wives and concubines. So, David already had an entire entourage of women.

But what threw David out of the saddle? David looked out and saw a naked woman, you see Bathsheba was bathing, that meant if she was bathing, how do people bathe, people don't bathe with clothes on, and you see, Bathsheba had to know, because that's one thing about a woman, I know the way my wife is, women will not walk where they can be seen naked if they don't want to be seen.

My house sits up on a hill, our bathroom space is in the back and it's a whole lot of woods, there is no possible way anybody could see, but do you know my wife will not walk in front of an open window if the shades are not drawn, even though nobody can see through the window, even though the house is up on the hill and the only way you could see it is if you had climbed up on a tree and were looking down into the window. Women know and women are very particular when they are naked about somebody seeing them.

And you see, back in that day, they wore even more clothes than we wear now. So, don't you think that Bathsheba knew when she got out on her cares and who bathes on the outside? Everybody, even in the old ancient days had their tubs on the inside; Bathsheba knew when she put her tub outside on the terrace, she knew that that overlooked King David's window, she knew that

King David was going to be walking out there, and don't you know Bathsheba put on a show for King David.

And as King David looked, and I am sure Bathsheba knew, she knew when the king walked by, she knew what time of the day the king may get up from his nap and walked by his window, she knew exactly that the king was going to be looking at her. Yet, Bathsheba got out on that terrace and got out in that tub naked so that the king could see her.

And when King David looked down and saw a beautiful naked woman, even though King David had all of these other women, even though King David knew, King David still -- and you see, King David, he went through three steps when he got in that situation.

First thing King David did is, as it says in 2 Samuel, Chapter 11, Verse 3 – or really starting with Verse 2 it said, “From the roof he saw”, See, the first thing King David did was he saw. You can't be tempted unless you are first made aware of the thing that is tempting you.

If you know -- nobody here is tempted by (00:19:36). You know why you are not tempted by (00:19:39), because you don't what (00:19:41) are. Now, (00:19:45) may be some beautiful something, some beautiful dessert, some fancy cake, some real rich pie. It may be something that if you just knew what it was, your stomach would just go churning just to have a piece of it, but because you don't know what it is, you have no temptation for that thing.

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So, the first thing that King David had to do in order for him to get tempted, he had to first become aware of the temptation; he saw.

Now, the second thing that King David did, that's in Verse 3, it says David sent someone to find out about her. The second thing that King David did was he went to check it out.

You see, oftentimes when we first run across temptation, we may see temptation and we may become aware of temptation, but as long as we don't go to check it out, we are all right. It says, that King David went to check it out. He sent someone to find out

about her. “Go down there and see who is in apartment number 3C on the top floor, find out who that woman is that has that long black hair, that has that Coca-Cola shaped bottle, go and find out who that is.”

And the third thing that King David did was he acted. You see, when his messengers came back, his messengers told him who she was. His messengers told him that this was the wife of another man and David knew that this was absolutely forbidden; if she had been single, then he could have at least taken her home as another one of his wives.

But when his messengers came back and told King David that this woman Bathsheba was the wife of another man, David went on a step further, and he should have in all good conscience as the king, as a man who is after God’s own heart, David should have said, “Well, since this woman is another man’s wife, that ends that, no more, never again. I won’t even look out my window towards her again.” But do you know what King David did? King David sent for -- sent his messengers and said, “Go bring Bathsheba here.”

So, the third thing that King David did was King David acted in an area that he knew he should not have.

So here we have four different kinds of men, all powerful men, all men that are far above normal, all men that had great gifts, but each one of those men was unable to stand up to the power of a naked woman.

And you see, we are all from the seed of Adam, and that’s why so much stuff is carried down through inheritance and through seeds. Adam couldn’t stand it, and because Adam couldn’t stand it, the tendency of that trait traveled down through the seed of all mankind. That all men deep down have a tendency or sometimes not even deep down, sometimes it’s all right on the surface, have a tendency of a propensity of a weakness to a woman that is tempting to their sight and is available.

So, what do you do? In any time, I bring you a situation or a scenario about a pitfall, I don’t want to just tell you the pitfall, I want to tell you what to do about the pitfall, how do you stay out of the pitfall? In order to tell you how to stay out of the pitfall I have to take you to a man who ran across the same situation, who

ran in front of a naked woman, but because of what this man did and what this man believed, he stayed out of the clutches and out of the sin of a naked woman.

Turn to the first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, Chapter 39, and this man because of his belief, because of his God, because of his not wanting to violate the charge given to him, this man was able to handle a naked woman. And the man was Joseph. And in Genesis, Chapter 39, beginning with Verse 2, and I am reading from the NIV version.

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“The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So, he left in Joseph’s care everything he had with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me.”

But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “My master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, -- because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants were inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.”

You see, Joseph was an instance in the Bible of where a man was able to resist, and see, Potiphar's wife was not naked physically, but she was naked as far as practical sense was concerned. She was telling him, "baby," and I am sure she was wiggling and rubbing all up against him and kissing all on him, she was probably doing something -- everything to Joseph to try to get Joseph to come to bed with her. But you see, Joseph did four things that kept him out of a bad situation with a naked woman.

The first thing that Joseph did, in Verse 8 of Chapter 39 of Genesis said, that's when she said, come to bed with me, it says, but he refused. First thing Joseph did was say flat out, without any question, without any shakiness, without any two-sidedness to it, Joseph just said, "No."

And you see, sometimes when a man is in a situation and see, man always know when a naked woman comes, the woman is not naked in a physical sense with no clothes on, but the man has a sixth sense about it, there is something about it, he knows that that woman is available and that woman wasn't. There is something about the way the woman looks at him, that's a naked look. There is something about the way the woman speaks his name, that's a naked look. There is something about the way when the woman shakes his hand; you know, woman can sometimes have a way of shaking the hand, and as the hand let's go, they kind of rub against the hand like that. It's a way that kind of lets the man know that, "I am available and at your earliest convenience and at your command, I am naked."

And that's the way it's often done, not in a literal sense, but oftentimes the communication is carried through, through a gesture, through a look, through a word that has a tone in the voice that tells the man, "This woman is available." And in those instances, you have to do like Joseph did.

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You see, Joseph refused and he did it flat out with no if, and, or butts about it, because sometimes you can flirt and you -- you kind of -- you know you say, "no, but maybe." You say, "no, but really what your no means is simply, "not right now" and it doesn't have an air of authoritative, no-nonsense, absolutely "no about it. Joseph spoke the word, "no."

Second thing Joseph did from Verse 9, he said, "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" The second thing Joseph had to do was Joseph had to recognize that, it was wrong. You see, you don't stay away from temptations unless you recognize that the temptation is wrong. If you do not recognize that a thing is wrong, then there is no reason for you to stay away from it, because if it is not wrong, then it is by default, right.

So, Joseph had to first -- after he said, "no," Joseph had to say in his mind, "this is wrong, this is a sin against God," and he told the woman, "how could he do such a wicked thing and sin against God."

Now, the third thing Joseph had to do is that Joseph did not test his resistance. He did not test his resistance. Do you know that a woman that is the slightest bit enticing, if she hammers on a man long enough, do you know she will start wearing that man down? She will eventually catch that man in a weak point in his life or in his relationship where there is a crack in his armor and slip through.

And this is what Joseph did, you know, the woman, when -- when Joseph told the woman "no," the woman didn't just say "Well, Joseph, I -- I respect what you are trying to do. I understand that you are a man of God and -- and because you are respecting my husband, that he has put you in this position, Joseph, I really can appreciate what you are doing; therefore, I am going to respect your wishes and leave." Do you think that's what Potiphar's wife said?

Do you know what Potiphar's wife did after Joseph told her that stuff? This is what Potiphar's wife did. In Verse 10, "And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her."

This woman kept on after Joseph. Do you know sometimes there is nothing more enticing to a person than something that's forbidden? Sometimes there is nothing more titillating to some folks when you tell them no or I won't do that. And sometimes when woman find a man and the man seems to be strong and his morality strong and his position, do you know that just entices the woman even more to break that man down?

And Potiphar's wife, even after Joseph had told Potiphar's wife that he wasn't going to do it, this woman kept after Joseph day

after day. Now, Joseph didn't test his resistance, because it also says in that same verse, Verse 10, it says, "He refused to go to bed with her or even be with her."

You see, Joseph didn't even hang around the woman, because if he hung around the woman long enough, the woman could rub on him in just certain ways and eventually it would have worn Joseph down.

When you are in a situation and you know that you have no business fooling with that thing, you have to get around that thing. You cannot rub shoulders with that thing day after day, because eventually that thing will rub off on you, I don't care what it is.

If you are around people that's smoking dope all the time, they're snorting crack, there's drinking liquor, even though you are not doing it, if you are around it long enough, the spirit of that thing will gradually start to rub off and it will start to well on you. And sooner or later, sooner or later your resistance will at one day get to a point -- you know, if you ever check most of the people who have gotten on drugs or who have gotten involved in alcohol, usually there are two elements that always get those people involved in that.

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First element is they always have been hanging around somebody else that's doing it. Their friends or somebody that they know has gotten them involved in it, and that's how started at the beginning with the second element is that, they always try it and they enter it when they are at a low point in their life. You see, drugs are a booster to the spirit and sometimes it lifts depressions temporary, and that's the second element, they are always around folks that's doing and that's how they get wrapped up in it, and one day they get to a low point and during that low point in their life their friends will hand it to them and say, "Well, just take a hit of this and see what this does for you." And they are at such a point that they reach out and they grab it. Don't test your resistance.

I never will forget even -- even in my single life, there was a point where I had chosen to go celibate, and at that point I hadn't been with a woman for a year, and I was holding up and I was strong

in that conviction. And there was this young lady that I met and she was real pretty and everything, I just started talking with her and we would go out to movies every now and then, and I knew the way she was rubbing and you know, all you can.

I said "Look, I am strong in this. I am not going to do that. You can put that out of your mind." That woman told me, she looked at me with almost an absolute certainty, and she looked at me and she said, "It's just a matter of time." And that's what the woman told me.

And do you know what, even though I held up for a solid year with the young and (00:36:58), one night, I am not going to even complete the rest of that story, your imagination can feel that in.

Don't test your resistance, because if you hang around temptation, sooner or later temptation will look good to you and temptation will catch you at a low point and during that low point you will fall to that temptation.

And the fourth thing that Joseph did, and this is in Chapter, again, 39 of Genesis, Verse 12, the NIV version says, "She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house."

Joseph -- and see, the cloak is sometimes symbolic of our surroundings. It's sometimes symbolic of the things that cover us up, the things that are all around us. Joseph had to pull away from all of the things that were around him and run away.

And many times in situations within your life there are situations that many of you are in, you know those situations are not good for you, people are asking you to do things and the things may not be in the area of sex, they may not be in the area of drugs, they may be asking you to steal something, they may be asking you to do things that are not even illegal, but they are things that you know -- they may be asking you even to start going with them to the sports games instead of you going to church when you are supposed to, it may be something as simple as that.

And you may be hanging around a lot of friends that instead of on Sunday mornings going to church, and they sit around and watch the games and they are constantly telling you, "Man, why are you fooling with that church? Why don't you come here with us and

watch the game?” And sooner or later, if you hang around in situations where people are constantly pulling you in directions that you know you have no business going, sooner or later you’ll get in a low point, and in that low point you will submit to that which is tempting.

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So, those four things that Joseph did are the four things that we have to do if we want to stay away from temptation. And you see, these four things are universal to whatever your temptation is; it doesn’t have to be women or it doesn’t have to be men, your temptation, and everybody has a different temptation, even though many of them are the same, but many people have things that are tempting to them that just are absolutely no temptation.

See, smoking to me is absolutely not a temptation. I can’t even breathe when I am around cigarette smoke. I move as far away from cigarette smoke as I possibly can. Cigarette smoke to me is absolutely no temptation, but to many other people that have quit and they just even get the smallest whiff of smoke in their nostril, it brings back a longing and it brings back a desire.

One man’s temptation is not necessarily another man’s temptation. You know what your temptation is. But whatever is your temptation or whatever your situation, you need to go through those four steps when you are faced with it.

Number one, you need to verbally speak it. You need to verbally refuse that which is being offered to you, simply say, “No.”

Number two, you have to recognize that it is a sin against God. You have to have your relationship with God proper, because the further you move away from God, the further you move away from His Words, and the further you move away from His Word, the further you move away from the voice that tells you, “This is wrong.”

Number three, don’t test your resistance. Don’t try to hang around just to prove how strong you are. My brother Dale often says that, “You will never prove how strong you are by standing in the midst of temptation; you will only prove where your breaking point is.” Don’t try to test your resistance.

Number four, you have got to leave many of your situations behind. Some of you need to change friends. Some of you need to get a whole new list of acquaintances. Some of you just need to change the groups of people that you run across. You need to stop. If there is some fine woman that you see at work and you know you are not supposed to be fooling with her, or some man that you see and you know you are not supposed to, stop going around the water cooler when you know he is going to be there.

You know, sometimes even if it's something tempting, stop going to lunch at the same fast food restaurant that you know he goes to or you know they go to. Sometimes we even put ourselves in the path and we put ourselves in situations, even though we say, "we are not going to fool with them, but I just want to be around them, I just want to be near them, I just want to get a little bit of thrill that comes by being near this naked woman or this naked man." So, you have to leave your situation behind.

And do you know that the more elevated you are in the world and in the spirit, the more folks are going to be drawn to you? Do you know that every one of these men, they were powerful men, and folks are drawn to things of power? The devil is going to be always drawn to bring down somebody that's walking in the light. The devil is not going to go through a whole lot of trouble to go and try to bring down somebody that's already just in a mix in a muddy pile of sin, he wants to bring down somebody that is walking righteous and walking in the light.

And especially men, and especially powerful men, you know, when you have got it on the ball, everybody is going to want you, do you realize that? And that's the way oftentimes, every one of these men -- that's why David could get Bathsheba. See, Bathsheba knew she wasn't supposed to be fooling with the king, but she went out there on the porch so she could draw the king's eye, because the king was the most powerful man in the country.

And whenever you are in a situation -- so men, whenever you are the head of something, you are always going to be a target, because women are always drawn to powerful men, just like men are always drawn to women of beauty, and that's one of the traps that the devil has always used to bring down God's disciple.

So, we just want to be aware of some of these tricks and oftentimes you know something that you don't have always falls

into the green grass on the other side syn. And we look over and we see things that are on the other side and it may look greener, but folks don't realize that the grass on the other side has to be mowed too. And they think it is just all peaches and cream on the other side until they get on the other side and then they find out it's not what they thought it was.

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So we have to be cautious, we have to be careful, because naked women will show up for men, and for women, there will be temptations that will show up for you that you want and that are available and we have to be clothed in the righteous Armor of God to be able to stand with it. But don't walk in the midst of it, don't stand in the cloud in the midst of all that temptation, do like Joseph did, refuse it, keep your relationship with God and recognize what is right and wrong. Don't test your resistance and get out of situations that are highly tempting to you.

Bow your heads. Dear Father, let this Word tonight sink in to those that are here

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and to those that are watching by television and that will receive the tapes, for the devil will send many of his angels to bring down the men and the women of God. And the devil knows where our weak points are and he will send the temptation in, not at our strength, but at our weakness, and in those times Dear Father, help us to remember the example of Joseph.

Nathaniel Bronner: In the times when the devil sends in his angels, let us remember Joseph and let us not fall to a Potiphar's wife, let us not fall to an evil man or to an evil woman, and most of all, let not the evil dwell within us. Wash us as clean as snow, cleanse our heart, our motivations and our spirits, and give us the discernment to recognize when we are in the midst of temptation and things that we need to get away from, and give us the strength to move out from them and away from them in Thy Son Jesus' name, Amen.

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