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Nathaniel Bronner: And I'll be beginning with Matthew Chapter 20 with the first verse, the King James version. This is a story that most of you have heard perhaps several times. "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." and they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" They say unto him, "Because no man hath hired us." He saith unto them, "Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, "Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first." And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, "These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us," which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, "Friend, I do thee no wrong didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?" So the last shall be first, and the first last for many they be called, but few chosen." And I think (00:02:33) briefly from a subject that God gave me as I was driving along and listen to some things on the radio and talking about some things in the economy, and God spoke a word into my spirit to deliver unto you because many of us were in the same position as these men in that vineyard. And the title of my subject tonight is simply A Penny for Your Thoughts. A Penny for Your Thoughts. Here it was that you had several groups of men and fundamentally, most of the people was rumbling about for they got paid.

There is a spiritual significance to this, but there was an earthly thing that comes to it too. Most of the folk were rumbling and murmuring against the good man of the house about what they got paid. You see people, right now we're in an economic time where so many people are standing idle in the marketplace. Do you know what that mean? They didn't have a job. So, you have to break some of the old biblical terminologies down to where we can understand it today. It means they were in the unemployment line. It meant they were receiving a government check, but they had no real solid substantial income. They had no child benefits; they had no vacation pay. It meant they were standing around in the marketplace without a job, they were unemployed. Last month in America, 206,000 people went out into the marketplace to standby. It was one of the largest layoffs in the history of America. 206,000 lost their job last month and the month before that 125,000 people lost their jobs. They were standing around in the marketplace waiting on the good man to come and hire them. And yet when the man hired them, most of the workers were complaining about what they got paid.

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How many of you have ever complained or complained about how much you get paid? You don't have to raise your hand. Because some of you, even though you don't have to raise your hand in the sanctuary, it's coming up in your spirit. Not just one hand, but two hands. How many of you right now are complaining about what you got paid? Today is Friday and most people in America get they paychecks on Friday. And often times there's so much grumbling and there's so much grumping and you hear people talking about they get paid weekly, various weekly, and today is that payday that the eagle flies with so many in America we grumble and we gripe about what we get paid just as they didn't have a spiritual significance, but it has an earthly correspondence with it. And you said, "Well, let me just (00:06:00) in the bible and that may not mean that I want you to turn someway. I want you to turn to the Third Chapter of Luke. Matthew, Mark, Luke, so that's two chapters over to the right. Matthew, Mark, Luke. Turn to the Third Chapter of Luke and I want to show you something people. This thing is deep and if you can grab a principle about this or a penny for your thoughts, and to be able to take it and transform some of

your thinking and some of your speaking about even your job and your pay amen your money and things like that.

You see, everybody is talking about increased prosperity and there's nothing wrong with that. But if you don't ever get contentment even with increased prosperity, you won't be happy with that. I mean, there's a point in life you will need to understand some things, and I want you to hear what John the Baptist, this is John speaking here in the Third Chapter of Luke beginning at the Tenth Verse. "And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?" Some have been asking about what he needs to do. The people asked, "Man, what do we need to do?" He answereth and saith unto them, he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none. He's simply saying if you got more than what you need, help someone else. You see, that's not what most of us even want t hear from the (00:07:31). See, there's many other times that you even ask yourself "What do I need to do?". Let me interpret what most folks they want to ask, what they're really saying. Preacher, what do I need to do to get myself motivated (ph)? I mean, I want to get my money moving. I want to get a bigger house for myself. I want a bigger car for me. You know, I want to get some more gold within my household. So really, what they're really asking when they're asking is, "What shall we do?" What they were talking about in essence, they were asking, "What do I need to do to help me?" He says "Those of you that have two coats give to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

Those of you that got too much to eat and you got excess, give and help someone else. See, most of us are not thinking about even our excess of using to help someone up. Everything, even within the church, people has gone to a self-centered kind of thing. All we're looking at is getting that man of faith. You can't get your 10% out of most folks in the church. I'm not talking about the folks. I'm not talking about the church has been gone criticizing. I'm talking about we even -- we said under the fellow union at the conference and this man said he's preached his heart (00:08:49) every year. Every month, he devotes to sermon for (00:08:54) style. This man preached his heart about it, (00:09:01) sermon and still 60% of his church, they won't even give 10% to the church.

Now, John is talking about seeking your exit and give it to your neighbor. So, they want to give to God what He deserves, less

than his neighbor, but it's important for us to understand some principles John is trying to speak to people. When they asked him saying, "What shall we do?" Then came also publicans(ph) to be baptized. Now, see, the people came and he told the people, "Take your excess and give it to help those that are in need." Then came also publicans to be baptized. Those are the politicians, those in governmental power. And they said unto him, "Master, what shall we do?" Now that's someone the politicians won't come to the prophet and the preacher. Can you all imagine that? I mean, could you imagine the governor, the mayor, the city council, the president, come in to the prophet to ask, "What should I do?"

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Not all of them, I'm sure about that. Even though there are few and they put all of them (00:10:16) they won't come now and they didn't come then. All of them, didn't come -- it was some of the publicans(ph), some of the politician came in there, go in and said, "Preacher, prophet, what should we do?" And he said unto them, accept(ph) no more than that which is appointed to you." He said, "Don't say stuff under the table. Stop your bribing." You digress -- you know sometimes, I got to be -- this is first of all, I'm hoping I'm already giving with a very small sliver of folks, but a lot of times you wonder you know, "How in the world folk who run for office, they got to pay \$500,000 raise and run the money to get into office that pay \$14,000 a year?"

And you know, some, you know, I wonder about that sometimes and why in the world would you raise half a million dollars to get into an office that's going to pay \$14,000 a year? Not all of the time -- and this is even hopefully said, not most of the time, but so many times. So many times most folk begin more than that which is appointed unto them. They gain stuff under the table to push stuff through here and push stuff through there and see it was that back then, (00:11:30) has not changed. So he told the politicians, he said look, be trained(ph), don't pay anything that you are not supposed to take.

Don't run unfairly tax people, don't cheat people, don't take stuff under the table, be upright, be straight that you folk be paid \$14,000 a year, that's what you agreed to, that's all you folks can get, don't you get a dime more than that, that's what he told.

You know, that would be a good advice today if the politician came to the prophet. The Bible has not changed, that would still be the same thing. So, that's what he told us, the publicans(ph) and the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, "And what shall we do?" And he said unto them, "Do violence to no man." The soldiers were fundamentally the police. That was their military force, that was the people that kept order. He told the police. You see how this stuff is just as applicable today as it was back then?

He said, "Do violence to no man." Stop all that police brutality, stop beating up on folks just because you feel like you want to -- treat everybody right! Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely. And this is the last thing I wanted. He told the soldiers three things, "Do violence to no man. Don't accuse anyone falsely." And what's that last, do you all see it? And you know, it looks like it's out of place isn't it? It looks like you see everything else he has told has a deep and a high spiritual meaning, but this last thing of what he told the police force, what he told the soldiers, he said, "Be content with your wage." They were probably having a police strike back then.

You all think that's from you. See, you all think it's something new for folk to be complaining and grumbling and you all think that's a new thing. That thing was way back, he told the police - - again, he said, "Be content with your wages." Hear me for the folks. You see, people, if he can get that one thing down just tonight.

Now, when I tell you "a penny for your thoughts" and when I tell you to be content with your wages, I don't mean for you to stay there. I don't mean that if you make \$6,000.50 an hour right now, that you want to make \$6,000.50 an hour can get from this, and you make \$60.10 an hour. It doesn't mean if you want to make \$60.10 an hour 10 years from now. What I am saying is this: Whatever you murmur, complain and grumble about something, you become like the man that the goodman hired.

First of all, the goodman hired him according to contract. He told him I'm going to give you a penny for working in this vineyard all day long. He fulfilled his market. People, if you don't like to pay, you need to not get on the job in the first place. But don't get on it and complain because he had done something spiritually to you. Because the thing really, it becomes a spirit.

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And if it's a spirit of complaining, and it's as independent of amount(ph). Some of you still appreciate, "If I just made more, I'd stop complaining." No, you wouldn't. Because the thing becomes a spirit and I've seen it over and over and over, I have seen it with people even in my own company. They complained about paying one less(ph). A few years later, they will make them double and still just complain. It made no difference because it was a spirit and the thing about it, I saw the people that were content.

A few years later, they were still content. And their salary had generally gone up more than the first time they ever complained. Because they have a spirit about the thing that did that -- murmuring brings a curse about some things. Do you know when you are dissatisfied with anything in your life, and you constantly speak the same so that people can hear it, it sends out a vibration. Do you know even in your relationship, if you're dissatisfied and you constantly speak it, do you get better or worse? "I'm just getting tired of you sometimes. I'm tired of looking at you, you're just nagging me all the time about this, that and all -- I'm just tired!"

Do you think that helps your relationship when you go voicing all of the dissatisfaction that you have? No, it sends it in a downwards direction. It does the same thing in your vineyard. When the goodman has hired you and people, it really doesn't make a difference whether you are the employee or the employer. Because you can get into the habit of complaining, you (00:16:49) and grazing about things and the thing never ends.

You look at sometimes the million-dollar athlete go on a strike, now the percentage didn't have -- mother is an avid baseball fan, and I remember years ago when the baseball team went on strike. Most folk didn't have a whole lot of sympathy for folks making four, five million dollars a year striking for more money. You know, the average man couldn't relate but it really was not a matter of money. It was the principle that carries through them out of what the level is.

A penny for your thought, simply a penny was really not the penny equivalent on the day. The Bible uses the word penny but the proper translation of it is a denary, which would mean one day's wage. Whatever the day's wage was, the goodman says, "Did not I agree to pay you this and did not you accept it? Then what is it to you if I want to give another man more?" Did you know corporate America has more problems with trying to keep salary confidential because what happens if somebody else finds out if somebody next to him is making a different amount as long as it's different, somebody gets mad. It's the same thing that happened in the vineyard.

They saw another man come in that hasn't been there as long as they have. The company had a massive problem with discipline especially in the computer field when they start to have to bring in younger people, fresh out of school and they were paying them bigger salaries than the folk that had been there, they got upset and hit the roof.

They said, "I have been here bearing the heat of the sun and you're bringing this new fellow, and they give him the same amount you've given me?" It was the same thing that happened in the vineyard and people, it's a natural thing because that's the way anybody would naturally feel. That's why you need spirit -- you see, you don't need anybody to teach to feel that way, do you? You don't need any to teach you to feel anything in the flesh, that's nuts! If you go into a system(ph), it's natural to want more money. You don't need anybody to teach you that. That's not a thing -- I remember asking the Lord. I said, "Lord why did Jesus teach us anything about the equality of money?"

And I never will forget what God told me. He said, "If my son had spoken one word about going out seeking money, it would have been most quoted verse." If he had spoken one word about it and I thought this(ph) answer, if Jesus had said one word about going out seeking money, it would have been his most quoted verse. Because you don't need spiritual teaching for that. You're going to automatically -- the way it goes that it's natural in the flesh. You need spiritual teaching like the man in the vineyard. It was natural for them to get upset. Now, who do you think the goodman was?

That was representative of the father, it was a representative of God, and God said, "Look, if I want to bring another man in, in the last hour and pay him the same thing that I have paid you, have not I fulfilled my contract with you? Then why are you looking at me with an evil eye when I want to do good?"

And some of you people, before (00:20:24) going to think that same situation and you're going to have to remember you in the vineyard. And you will have to remember to be happy and to be content with that penny for your thoughts. You see, sometimes people, the well can buy your thoughts for a penny. And they buy and you are left with nothing but trash up in your head because you sold your whole tap(ph) for a day's work.

And we have more battles with this thing and this simple principle of just getting content over our pay, and then to give you some logic behind it, people. Number one, and I can see people from the point of an employer(ph). People generally never did advance to call they are grumbling. Do you understand that principle? They rarely ever advance even in the business world, even in your work world, people don't really advance because they're grumbling.

So, grumbling's not going to help. If you are cheerful and if you are appreciative, put yourself in the goodman's position. Do you know if you are given someone something, let's just say you -- I'm trying to think of an example where you'd understand it clear in relation -- you clearly and you could see what I'm talking about. Sometimes to relate, you have to put yourself in that position.

Let's just say you went out and you bought someone a hotdog every day for lunch. I don't eat hotdogs. I'm just giving you that as an example. And you bought this person a hotdog every day for lunch. Brought it in, set in on their desk. The problem was, the hotdog had no mustard, hotdog had no relish on it, hotdog had no ketchup, had no chili, and had no onions. All it was, was a bun with a hotdog in it.

Now when they first got the hotdog, they were thankful for you for bringing them the hotdog. Even though the hotdog had no ketchup, had no mustard, had no chili and had no onions. You see, when the man standing idle in the marketplace first got the job, they were happy.

After that hotdog -- after about a week of (00:23:07) that hotdog, no chili, no onions, no mustard, no ketchup. Same hotdog they were thankful for a week earlier, now starts looking kind of bland, kind of dry. Same hotdog that they accepted so graciously with a smile. A week later, you're coming now with that same hotdog and they start mumbling behind your back. "Why (00:23:43). It has no mustard, it has no ketchup, it has no onions, and it has no chili. Keeps bringing me this plain old hotdog everyday, week after week." They've gotten grumbly.

You see, the same thing happens with the children of Israel when God thought to provide them a manner(ph). It was the same thing that kept them that provided for them, none of them got sick, but day after day, after a while they got to be a hotdog with no chili, no onions, no ketchup and no mustard, and it's a long -- tired of this stuff and they started grumbling about the penny.

Now, you bringing the hotdog, every day, you got to go out of your way, spend your money to bring this person the hotdog. A person would have one or two different attitudes. If they say -- and every day, when you brought them the hotdog day after day, if they greeted you with, "Thank you so much for this. I sure do appreciate this. You're such a blessing to me. Thank you for this hotdog."

Do you know if they kept thanking you like that day after day after day, sooner or later, when you go to the stand to pick up the hotdog, you're going to say, "Look, they have been so thankful, they have been so appreciative, can you put a little chili on that?"

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Do you understand what I'm talking about? That's what's going to happen. But thank the other person, that when you start bringing that hotdog, they look at you more and more and more with an unappreciative evil eye, start grumbling, more and more about the hotdog, start talking about you and you start hearing what they're saying.

Finally, you're going to say, well look, if they don't appreciate my hotdog, that is not what you're going to say. So, what

attitude will get you some chili, some onions and some ketchup and some mustard and another attitude will eventually get your hotdog cut out. And this is all the matter of the grumbling and the mumbling and the penny for your thoughts of allowing the devil to steal your joy over a penny. And it is a simple thing, people.

And I'm not talking about not wanting to advance, that's not what I'm saying. I'm saying there is a difference between not wanting to advance and being thankful and appreciative and not grumbling about what you've got. A penny for your thoughts.

And God wants us to have all of these things but he knows the things are not really the issue, people. Let me explain something to you. You see, even the man that was hired early in the morning, the grumble, they have to graze(ph) the blessing because the man hanging out in the marketplace with no job, they went through the whole of the day not knowing how they were going to eat, not knowing if they will go get anything at all standing out in the corner, wondering, worrying about if anyone (00:27:10) they were working hard for they had a job, it was guaranteed their day's wages. They were the more blessed but they didn't even recognize it.

They focus on the negative, that needed(ph) somebody that has worked as hard as I have. If you didn't understand, they weren't working at all. You work, haven't worked as hard as I have and yet they're getting the same thing and that thing has a spiritual thing because sometimes, even Christians don't understand how a person has been out in the world all their life, and they come in at the end and God is promising this same thing he promised you, and you've been in church and you've been praying all your life. Some Christian got an attitude by that. And they feel as the other person doesn't really deserve it.

Lord, I have kept my front all (00:28:05). They were out partying, getting high. I know that man over there, that man has like 10 or 20 women, Lord he has all the women and I was sitting up at night and reading my Bible. He went out with all those women and I'm sitting here reading my Bible. And hear this man coming in here, 64 years old. Lord, he can't do nothing anymore, that's why he's coming in here. He can't even do nothing. He enjoyed his life all those 64 years, I've been sitting in here with you just a Bible, here I am in -- which you all have

gotten this man where he had all the fun he can have and he's coming in here, 64 years old, Lord, his body can't do anything, he's coming in and then you get us to leave and he got the same thing I've got.

That's the way some Christians are. And we can't understand why we have been working in the vineyard all of our life from early morning and here comes someone late in the evening. And God says, "Not only will I give him a penny, I'll give him his penny first." You shall not have an attitude. You shall not have an attitude and you can understand this but you see people, it's just like Jesus said when the woman came and they were criticizing Jesus about the woman that had done so much sinning and Jesus said, "Don't you understand, she is so much full of joy because she has been forgiving for so much." And sometimes people, we even stay in the church and we get so complacent and we had a job.

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We've been in the vineyard, we've been for taxes and we've been provide it for. So, when a person comes in in things that I've said and he experienced the joy and the power of the Lord and the influx of the Holy Spirit, they're more filled with joy than we are. Sometimes, you have to have the contrast to really understand the thing. You cannot really appreciate food until you're really hungry. Do you understand what I'm talking about?

I mean, if you just came out of the restaurant and you go to another restaurant and you know how it is when you have just pushed away -- you're just full, some are -- and you walk into another restaurant, they have had the most exotic, the most exquisite, the most awesome food, it just doesn't appeal to you that much because you're full. But you take a man that's not hungry, but hungry. You take a man that's hungry. And you put him before some good food, he can enjoy it much more than those who have nothing to glory about. And they commented his marvelous life, they have a whole different appreciation.

You're going to your job on Monday morning and most of you going to wake up kind of dragging, head into the office or head into the plant. But you take a man that hasn't worked six months and he wakes up and it's his first day on the job. It's a

whole -- wholly. There's a whole different appreciation. God is trying to tell, you don't let the devil steal your thought for penny.

On a physical level, but he's also challenged on a spiritual level. Folk that has been out on the corner, hiding, the same reward awaits you. First of all, it is the Lord that gives the salvation. It's his gift, it's his money if you will. You can't tell him how to spend it. And if he wants to give the same case to the man who comes in at the last hour, that's the Lord gift, not yours.

You see, you contracted with him from the beginning. You said, "Lord, I'll give my life to you". He said, "My child, I'll give you salvation." You contracted with him. He's given you what he told you he was going to give you. You know, nothing to complain about. So, we often see that man coming near, 64 years old and some will say, "Well, Lord if I had known that, I would have just stayed at -- I was 64 and he had come on --."

But you see, people, that's why you have to understand that last verse in that 20th Chapter of Matthew. When Jesus said, "For many are called but few are chosen." You see, don't you understand that the goodman went out on the marketplace in the early morning and (00:33:32) come and then went out again the third hour and he chose some more. He went out again in the sixth hour and he chose some more and then he went out again in the 11th house and he chose some more. You see, some of you people were chosen in the morning; you were born into it.

You are born into a situation where mama was praying every day. Daddy was assigned a deacon in the church. You were brought into to Sunday school. You were born into a situation where you were pulled into the vineyard and then some didn't come in until the third hour. Not only was mommy and daddy not in church, probably daddy may not even been there at all. And they only had mama. And she did the best she could. Some of you are pulled in the third hour. Some in the sixth hour. Neither mama nor daddy went to church. Or even then we'd see them -- but they just went on Christmas, Mother's Day and Easter. And that's all you saw church. They claim to be Christians but they didn't really have it infused in them. Some didn't come until the 11th hour. You grew up in a luxury (00:34:55). Daddy was locked up somewhere.

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Mama was running wild. You grew up in a situation of almost total chaos. It looks like from your eye view(ph) because he had no (00:35:08) of the Lord. Some were chosen early. Some on the 11th hour. But all got the same reward. So, people, no matter when you were children, the same reward for us all.

God wants you people. For some of you right now, it's the 11th hour. You've been out there long enough. You've been on the corner long enough and it's time to come on in to the nest(ph) for the goodman. For those of you that are going to work Monday morning when you wake up, give thanks for that hotdog. Doesn't matter if it doesn't have chili, onions, mustard or ketchup, give thanks for it. And when you start praying even in the next(ph) form just as it works in the spirit form, watch for changes it'll make when you start to speak it, you start (00:36:24).

Bow your heads. Dear Heavenly Father, upon this night, in the 11th hour for some, we pray for this word shall pierce the hardened folk. For some dear Father, this will have a spiritual need that will grow them closer unto Thee. So they can get the full reward that you have promised. For others, it will have a natural meaning and when they go to work on Monday morning, on Monday afternoon, or even Saturday or Sunday, they'll walk into those doors and as they cross the threshold, they will give you thanks for the blessings.

We pray that our eyes are open and the spirit of (00:37:23) so that we can live full, happier, and closer to thy salvation. Thus on Jesus we pray, we pray, Amen.

And if there's anyone tonight and you want to come and believe, if you want to give your life unto Christ and when I ask C. Elijah to come on up and lead the call just in case there's anyone, give us any call or comment for tonight is closer (00:38:04) for tonight. And what I want you to do, people, reach in your pocket and I want everybody to give their neighbor a penny. Just give them a penny and people, when they give you than penny, I want you to thank them profusely and that's the smallest amount of money anybody can give you, but if you become appreciative over the little things, you'll automatically be appreciative over the big things. But if you don't appreciate the

little, you'll never appreciate the much. Give her a penny and thank them for that penny.

Male:

We thank God for that wonderful, wonderful word tonight. Give the pastor another round of applause. Amen. Amen. We are so glad to have him minister tonight. We've really been missing him on Friday night and just the rich wisdom and the outpouring of God's spirit through him, ministering to us. I really did enjoy the weekend word. He used to give us just such rich, rich messages and thoughts(ph) that's propelled us forward and empowers us to grow up and to go up and to go towards success and then those Friday nights were very special. And this was a special treat to have him minister tonight. Amen. Amen. I'll be looking forward to tagging him more often so -- no, we want him to get rested on Friday night so we'll be tagging him in, but very wonderful word.

I was reading an article the other day along the same lines that he administered on tonight and it was article that was talking about the national shortage of teachers.

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That is a national crisis that teachers are short everywhere. And it is said that there were two primary reasons that teachers are short -- that there's such a shortage of teachers. The first reason was that a lot of teachers have retired, reaching retirement age and so they are going out through retirement.

The second major reason that the article gave for shortage of teachers is the turnover rate. They said most teachers don't fit with the profession. They said within four years, teachers become dissatisfied. They leave the profession and they look for something else to do.

And the number one reason that they were dissatisfied with teaching guess what? The pay. They're not making enough. The pays and the benefits and that was the number one reason that teachers have such a high turnover and they look for something else to do.

I think the second reason was the discipline problems that they have in the classroom. But I just thought that was very

interesting that the pastor ministered on that tonight that in America right now, there is a dissatisfied spirit and they can (00:41:12) times which we live in. But we thank God as people of God that we can be satisfied. We can be content and we can trust God and we can have a grateful attitude and we thank God for that little attitude adjustment that was made in our lives tonight.

Be sure to get a copy of tonight's message out of these doors, second room on your left, pick up a cassette, tape or some nice message and take it with you, share it within the teachers that you know. Because they are definitely dissatisfied. But any -- a lot of professions are dissatisfied but be sure to take that message and share it. God bless you all for coming out tonight being with us. Don't forget we do have two open boxes on the back table. If you would like to leave a special offering, ministry gift for the minister tonight, we totally appreciate your giving and you all need to stand to your feet and we are prepared to be dismissed.

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Let us pray. Father we just give you thanks tonight, Lord and we rejoice in you. We thank you Father for this time of corporate prayer and praise and worship and fellowship with one another. We thank you Lord for the ministry of your word, Lord, that conquers(ph) us to change our attitudes and to be thankful in all things, God.

We just thank you Lord for blessing us with the employment opportunities and with jobs and with businesses, God, and we give you thanks, we give you thanks, God, even in the midst of tough economic times. God you've made a way for your people and we just trust you God even if those who have been laid off, God. We look to you as our source and we trust you, God.

We thank you for continuing to give us opportunities, to give us jobs, business and opening doors and showing us favor even in tough times. And Father, we just thank you for the anointing her tonight. We thank you for your word, God, and Lord, we do change our attitudes and we do rejoice and we give you thanks. We refuse to murmur and to complain and to grumble. But we are thankful, God, for our place in the kingdom and we are thankful to be a child of God and we are thankful to be called.

And Lord God, we just thank you for using us. As in time, ministers, God, go on in all the earth and to share the good news of this Gospel. And Lord, we are thankful to give you all the glory and the praise. In Jesus name, let every heart say, Amen.

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