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Nathaniel Bronner: And upon this day I want to speak to you per my favorite scripture and until recently I didn't have a favorite scripture. Some of you all through the years, you have had one particular segment, one particular verse, one particular passage that you have clung to more than any other. And sometimes in the darkness of life and in our darkest hours, God sends -- shine a bright beam of light and a word. If that word burns into our heart and that one scripture becomes our favorite scripture, it becomes a bridge that has brought us across. It becomes the thing that we recite over and over and over and over again. For some of us, it may be the 23rd Psalms. For some of us, it's the 91st or -- for some, it's one verse after another.

All of us usually have one thing that we hang on but until a few days ago, I didn't have such a scripture. If someone had asked me what's your favorite verse, I wouldn't have had one. I've said -- you know, the whole Bible is awesome. It's a whole lot of scriptures, is all. I just don't have one. And sometimes there was a point in life when God will shed a revelation upon you and it'll be that one thing now, my favorite scripture may not be yours and it may not meant to be yours but it's what I'm going to talk about this day.

And my whole title is just the scripture, nothing else, just that scripture. Open your Bible to the New Testament Book of Ephesians. That's 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians then Ephesians, followed by Philipians. So, we're going to open our bibles today to the Book of Ephesians, to my favorite scripture. And oftentimes favorite will depend upon circumstances, depend upon what you're going through or what God will show you, depends upon what you need. It will depend upon the things that are going on all around you. As to the scripture, we'll cling to title but God showed me this thing in a revelation and when I saw it, it became something that I could hang my head off and live by and this one scripture would carry me through. You see, all of the scriptures are all interconnected, nothing stands all by itself.

But there are times when one thing will become a door that will take you into the thing. It's just like the door to the Ark of Salvation stands all by itself but the door is not the whole thing, it's just the entrance and it's all a part of a whole. One bit may be where you're sitting. It may be your favorite seat but that's not the whole thing. So it is just one scripture that I saw that

was a doorway that was an entry point into the word of God that I could hang my head off.

And in the Book of Ephesians, the third chapter, the 20th verse, King James Version and I speak to you today simply from the title of “Ephesians 3:20.” So at least today, you’ll at least know what verse I’m coming from. It’s Ephesians. After Ephesians?

Three, twenty. That’s the title of today’s message. “Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” This is not the first time that I’ve read this verse to you. It’s not even the first time that I had used a sermon that is incorporated to this verse. It’s not the first time that I’ve talked about this verse from pulpit, but it’s the first time that I have seen this verse in the revelation that God gave to me and sometimes, people, you can read a verse over and over (00:04:26) on a verse and God will open up to your level after level after level of revelation and you’ll start seeing new things tomorrow that you didn’t see yesterday.

You see people, there are somethings in your life right now, the thing has changed and you have. And you start seeing the thing because of new revelation that will open up with -- the thing will not have been altered, it’s you that is going through the changes. Most of you have heard that song this morning called Hold On, some stuff is happening to you now that you didn’t have happen to you last year.

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You see, you don’t even understand and appreciate the song Hold On unless you’ve been slipping and if you’ve never been slipping you don’t understand the value of holding on. You can’t explain to a person what it means to hold on if they’ve never slipped. There you’ve got -- you know, when you’re slipping, you’re almost falling, you can’t explain it to a man but when you’re going through it, it’s the same song but it’s a new revelation. And I was actually on another service listening to another man that I sit under and he said, “Open your Bible to Ephesians 3:20.” And even before he began to speak on that thing, it was like a basket of water just poured over me as a revelation about -- and my revelation had nothing to do with

anything he said. And the revelation came before he opened his mouth, dealing with anything concerning the scripture.

“Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh within us.” The traditional view is that God can give us more than we could ask or think. And people, that’s a whole lot. Because I’d say, I have a vivid imagination. I can think of somethings and I can ask for somethings. How many of you are going to ask for somethings?

I mean, if you can really ask for somethings. I mean, you -- we’ve all seen the fairy tale about the genie in the bottle and the man who rubbed the genie and the genie popped out and said, “You’ve got three wishes.” All of us have fantasized about those three wishes and all of us can think of somethings that if we had three wishes, all of can imagine and we can think of some stuff, I can imagine and I can think and I can ask something of God and the traditional view has always been all that we can ask for free.

I remember when I was a child or more accurately, I think -- I remember when I was much younger because most of us feel pure. We still respond and we’re still reacting and we’re still thinking, and when you’re really brought all of the motivations now just like children. So, I’ll have to rephrase that and say when I was much younger, I remember my brother Bernard and I, we used to tease each other about our houses that we will going to have one day and how big and how fabulous they would be and one would tell the other how big their house was going to be and the other one would then tell the other one how -- we got to the point where we just said, “Look, my house is going to be so big that I’m going to have to have a special car just to drive from the house up to the mailbox because it will be so far,” and that was where our imagination was and also see the world that we could imagine. We could think of some stuff, just think of stuff. We could think of some stuff.

So, when we look at our imagination which is that which we can think and that which we can ask, it is a big thing and all of us can ask and we can think of some stuff. Now, some don’t ask and think of stuff as big as others, but we all have those imaginations. That’s our traditional view that God is able to give us all this stuff and you see, it says, “Now, unto him that is able.” Do you all know God is able? That’s the first thing that

we -- you know, God is able to give me a house that I literally have to get in a car and crank up and drive, because there are some houses like that. There are some houses as this so far back on its estate that it tires you out to go to the mailbox. As a marathon run, yes, it gets to the mailbox so those kinds of things do exist, and don't you know God has the power to give you house that, not only do you have to crank up the car to go to the mailbox, God can put you in a situation where you got to show up first to crank up the car to drive you to the mailbox. God has the power to do -- he is able, justly able.

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So, you got to, first of all, understand that God is able. Nothing is really -- you see, God can do it in a multitude of ways. He could give you a multibillion-dollar idea, then he could give you favor with the idea. Then He could give you opportunities to get the idea manifest. God have a million ways of doing it. He can then put the drive into your spirit and the enthusiasm to get it done. God has a million ways of how He could give you everything that your heart could even imagine and see even beyond that. And I got to tell you a while ago, God even knows what the big game number is coming up. You all think God knows what it is. And don't you know that if he chose, he could give you a \$50 million lotto number just as easy. That's something we ask Him, wasn't it? Preacher, God wouldn't do it. I used to think that.

And I remember I was preaching one night and I was preaching and I was telling the people, I said, "Look," and I was preaching on how to get themselves in some financial shape. I said, "It's a holy place of light. And I meant just what I said because the return, putting your money in a lotto ticket is an absolute waste of money. It is the most financially wasteful things that you could do. And I told this, folks, I said, "Look," I said, "If you all want some lotto numbers, God give you some lotto numbers and I will guarantee that they will hit." I said, "Now, the problem is, I don't know when they're going to hit."

I said, "I'd give you this three numbers and then to pick three by law of probability, every thousand days they ought to hit." So, if you keep on playing, sooner or later these numbers are hit, but the problem is it only pays 500 to one and you waited a thousand days, you spent a thousand dollars to make 500.

That's a fool's investment. And that's just read along three numbers to the folks. And I gave you three sets -- three numbers. I said, "You all can go play them numbers if you want, but I guarantee you they'll hit but (00:12:19) it does something.

The problem was the next day the number hit and then the sermon ad on television and an ad on television right on a Friday evening and that Saturday, the next number hit and I'm sitting up here and a fellow came down to the front of the church and he said, "Pastor," he said, "Man," he said, "I played the numbers you've made, it got me (00:12:56). Thank the Lord." And I was sitting up here in the chair, I'm saying, "Lord, what in the world." I said, "What kind of message is this? What in the world?" I said, (00:13:09) numbers, people went and played that number and the thing hit. I said, "What?" And God spoke to me, he answered me in one sentence, He said, "What would they say about a man that made wine at a party?" That was the answer that God gave me and I then understood.

And I understood and from that point on, I always learned to separate tradition from the truth of God's word. God's word never said anything against the light. Never in that effect. That's how they used to choose the (00:13:40) and that's how they chose the land that they gave. That's how when one of the disciples was missing, they cast a lottery to find out who to replace him with. So, God was saying to me this, always understand truth versus tradition. If it's not in My word, He said, "If I didn't condemn it, don't you condemn it. And if I condemn it, don't you condone it."

And we need to understand those things real clear. If God didn't condemn it, don't you condemn it and if he condemned it, don't you condone it. We've got situations right there (00:14:17) in the pulpit, we got folk ordaining, they're supposed to preach the word of God. If God condemns it, don't you condone it. I don't care what the (00:14:26) what he said. I don't care what the tradition over the land. You see, if God condemns it, don't you condone it.

Now, sometimes you'll have to deal with this. Sometimes you'll have to work with a person to pull them out of the mix but don't you go condoning it and don't you go glorifying it. If God had condemned it, you let it stay condemned. So, God can do and take you out of your situations in a multitude of ways and I even

hear lotto of number (00:14:56) like 26 -- I'm just (00:14:59) because I know very well what would happen.

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Without a shadow of a doubt, (00:15:03). You folks would be rushing out to the 7/11 right next, standing in line. You're going to see all of your church members standing up, the whole Ark of Salvation will be on the lotto line. But God is able and sometimes His mechanisms decide our normal thought pattern. He has a thousand ways of blessing us. He is able. That's the first key.

Then it says, to do exceedingly, abundantly. I had to ask myself, what is exceedingly abundant? That is a double compound (00:15:42). One is exceed -- you either exceedingly or you're abundantly -- I mean, it's like seeing little small. I mean, it's a double (00:15:51). So, why does God need to describe what he's going to do, exceedingly or abundantly and as I look at the other translations to see what that really meant. The NIV said, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more." The New Living Translation says, "infinitely more." What it says is God can do so much that we can neither measure nor limit it.

See, abundant has a limit but immeasurable and that's why he had to use a double. People, God can do exceedingly abundant. That's definitely -- honestly -- first of all, some of you all just want abundance. Just, you know, if somebody is like this, give me enough and it looks little, just -- so God can do exceedingly that's why it even says, "I'll open up the windows of heaven and pour down the blessing on you that you don't even have a room enough." When God really starts blessing, you don't even have a room enough to even contain all this stuff.

First of all, we have always built a room too small for God. We've always built our treasure box too small for God, for what God can't point -- see, God is able and he has an infinite ability. Simplistic terms, no limit. Now the third thing is God has no limit yet He is limited. What do you mean by that? I said God has no limit yet He is limited. Limited by what? I'll tell you what He's limited by. He is limited by -- according to -- you all read the verse again.

It says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," see, it's according to -- and that's the key -- it's according (00:18:06) according to. He -- God has -- He's able to do all of these. He has limitless power. He has limitless ability but he is limited. He is limited according to -- and I just went up and looked up exactly what does the word "according to" meant.

I was surprised that there is an actual separate dictionary listing for according to. I thought I would have to look up 'according' and you'll put 'to' on it. When you look in the dictionary, there is an actual dictionary listing, a word if you will. Now, I'm not talking about in the Hebrew, I'm talking about in the modern west, according to and it says this, according to as stated or indicated by on the authority of, in keeping with, in agreement with, or as determined by. So, if I just substitute it in those dictionary definitions, as stated by the power that worketh within us.

God can do abundantly, exceedingly with no limits as indicated by the power that worketh within us. God can do all things on the authority of the power that worketh within us. God can do beyond my imagination in keeping with the power that worketh within us. God can do stuff that I can't even begin to speak in agreement with the power that worketh within us. God can do things that folks have not even imagined as determined by the power that worketh within us.

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Which is saying that all of these is available based on one side. It's limit -- it's about as if you go out to a lake of pristine clear water and you are thirsty and the lake is so (00:20:23) that you can even see in the water, it's crystal clear, absolutely pure and you're about to die of thirst. The lake has no limit. The lake can satisfy you beyond your wildest idea of satisfying your thirst. The only thing that's blocking you from quenching your thirst is you, it's not the lake.

People, we stand at the edge of an awesome lake and God is saying I can quench all of your thirst. I can hand all of your desires according to -- and it is there according to, those two little words. God has unlimited and infinite powers. Do all that we ask or thinks but there is an obvious problem with the

manifestation of this. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I see a problem."

Can you all see the obvious problem in there, if God can do all that we ask or think, and there if you've forgotten have what they ask or think about. One thing, that's enough, so if God can do all of these, there is an obvious problem. There's just no two ways about it. Something is amiss. Something is wrong. It's like with you standing at the edge of the lake with all these water telling folks that you're dying of thirst and just a few days you're going to be dead because your skin is starting to dry up, your lips are cracked, you're parched, you're just -- you know, (00:21:59) you don't even sweat.

And you're standing there and folks will say, "Well, there's an obvious water." You're in a mess if you've got all these water in front of you but you're dying of thirst. (00:22:12). Now, even if the water is not there or if they aren't safe to drink or it's in you. Now, God has said, I've got all powers. It says limitless. You can't even imagine the stuff I can do for you. Turn to your neighbor and just tell them, "You can't even imagine the stuff I can do for you." Can you imagine God just telling you -- if you have no concept, that's why beyond that which we can imagine or think, you have no concept of what God can even do for you because it's blocked because of that according to, as determined by and accordant with the power that worketh within us. That's an obvious problem.

I wish I could say that everyone within the sound of my voice going to be millionaires but I'm a straight-talking man. That's just not so. As a matter of fact, most within the sound of my voice and watching me on television, you're going to struggle now, and you're going to die in your struggle. That's just the honest truth about it, because most will never get past that according to. It's not just the lake is not there, it's not that the water is not there, it's the according to that's blocking us.

Now, we probably know we have a high percentage of millionaires in our congregation, I'll speak that (00:23:39) just not going to be the according to and I haven't even begun to get to the revelation yet. If we can change our according to, do you mean, Pastor, if I get more of the Holy Spirit filled -- if God can then pour all of these blessings on me, do you mean Pastor, once I could do that, all of my struggles will end, all of my problems

will end, the windows of heaven will open up and gold and money and treasure will pour down upon me? Do you mean and once I get that, this whole, Pastor, you mean I won't have any more trouble out of my husband? I won't have any more trouble out of my wife. I won't have any out of my boss. Oh, Pastor, do you mean once I get that Holy Spirit filled in me, I get all these (00:24:26) knees that I got will never ache anymore (00:24:28). Do you mean once I get the Holy Spirit, (00:24:31) I've been trying to get (00:24:33)? You mean it's going to melt right off of me. Oh Lord, please.

No, it's not going to happen like that. That was not the revelation. It is not going to work like that but the revelation of Ephesians 3:20 was this. You see, when God says, "More than we can ask or think," we're already thinking if we can get our circumstances straight, we'll be alright.

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We already think that. We're already thinking, "Lord, if I just had a million dollars in the bank, I'd be straight, I'd be fine. I would have it all. I'd be happy. We already think that. Lord, if I could get my problems solved, if I didn't have friction here or friction there, if they would straighten out over here Lord, if everybody was straightened up -- we already think that. We already think, "Lord, if I could just get my wife when I came home, just when I walk in, she'll run up to me, just hug me, just kiss me, just tell me, 'baby, how much I love you,'" instead of when I would get home, she'd say, "Take out the trash. You do this. (00:25:44)." "Lord, if I could just get her to do that," this, we already think that. So, it has to be something that's more than what we could ask or think. We already think that we got our circumstances straighten out. That our life would be straightened out. That we got our money straightened out, that our life would straighten up. We already think that. And what was the revelation?

The revelation is this. So many of us, we can't even imagine being happy with our current situation. It's more than we can ask or think. We can't even imagine it. And you see, people, when the power of the Holy Spirit comes within you, it better change your external situation, it changes you on the inside, to where you start seeing your external situation with new eyes. It changes the way you come home (00:27:04) and the old man, you

used to say, "I wish my wife would kiss me and just hug me when I walk in through door." You start seeing it with new eyes. Lord, (00:27:12) Lord, my wife is sick. Lord -- you start seeing some stuff with some new eyes and when they start to get inside of you, it starts to change you and the way that you view your circumstance because that -- that was the revelation because that's more than what we think, everybody talking about changing all these external stuff and that external stuff has never brought us happiness and fulfillment.

Everybody is talking about, "Lord, the prosperity come when the -- when my ship come in." And the problem is you're not happy on the land and you're not going to be happy on the ship because the ship is going to rock with the waves and those ships move. And that's what we're thinking and that's what life has programmed us into. God is trying to tell us that He's able to do it exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think.

People, don't you know that real joy is always internal, it is never external? The external stuff is always temporary and it is always based upon a situation that's often changes and evaporates. God wants us to understand Ephesians 3:20. That is more than we can ask or think because we can't think about ourselves being happy in this -- and then -- see, that's why I think you have to not just hit the door that takes you into the word but to understand the whole word, to understand the context of the theme.

When you look back and you read about what he was talking about in Ephesians, you'll see somethings, you'll understand in this situation why is that good. When you read what Paul is talking about, you'll see that Paul was in a serious situation. And he just reads you a passage of what Paul says, just look at Ephesians 3:13. I'm going to read it from the New Living Translation so it will read different from your King James but I want you to understand it clearly. Paul says this, "So please don't despair because of what they are doing to me here. It is for you that I am suffering so you should feel honored and encouraged. When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit." You see, here's the thing,

Paul was talking about when he said, all these things that God will do, He is unlimited. He is exceedingly abundant.

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(00:30:01) sitting up in a palace somewhere in service, he is waiting on it when everything just -- you know, Paul was suffering. Folks were persecuting him. He was going from one trial after tribulation after another but Paul was (00:30:17) you can get it in the inside of you and if you and if you could understand this thing, if you can get the Holy Spirit in you, even in the midst of all this stuff, you'll understand that you can be more, you can have more. Your spirit will be higher up than you could ever imagine because most of us just cannot -- how can I be happy with this little salary? How can I be happy with this man or this woman? How can I be happy with this job? How can I be happy with these children? How can I be happy when my daddy was like this? How can I be happy when I look at the mirror and I see myself looking like this? How can I be happy when the best years of my life were behind me and (00:30:54)? How can I be happy in the midst of all this stuff? You can't even imagine it.

All you can imagine is that you can change your service pattern. You can't even think that you can be happy with all of the things that have gone wrong in the world. You can't even imagine it. God is trying to tell you folks, if you can get the spirit of the Holy Spirit inside of you just like Paul, they were persecuting him, they were locking him up, they were beating him, they were scorning him. He was not on salary so he had little to no money. He was going through all of these things and the man was filled up with joy.

He was trying to show the people if you can get my Holy Spirit within you, I can give you more than you could ask for because you see for the world would be to find imaginable. They only see circumstances. The world cannot imagine you being happy if all of your circumstances are just not extreme. They can't even imagine. But you see, when God's Holy Spirit dwells in you -- the psychologist have a listing of what's called the most traumatic event in life as a general rule. The most traumatic event in life of the psychological field is the death of spouse, the death of a husband or the death of a wife. The second most traumatic event is the death of a child. Third most traumatic

event is divorced. My mother has gone through those first two. He's going through the death of a husband. She's going through the death of a child.

But I saw within her what happens when circumstances and all that a psychologist tells you is that whatever this thing you'll ever go through, they tell you this thing is supposed to destroy you, this thing is supposed to make you sad, this thing is supposed to have you crying and broken down and full of misery. This thing is supposed to have you frustrated out. This thing is supposed to have you depressed. Psychologists will tell you all that stuff is -- what you're supposed to do, I saw my mother with joy.

Most folk couldn't even imagine or even think of that. How could you have a piece of God and your husband's life, they're dead? How can you have a piece of God in your child's life, they're dead? How can you have the piece of God? It is beyond what most people can even imagine. When the Holy Spirit dwells in you, He'll take you to some level that will make you independent of circumstances so that no matter what happens, just like Paul.

And people, let me tell you some stuff that happened, I don't care. Even in the pulpit, we're probably sick in the pulpit as a group as we've ever been. James told me this morning, he said, "I may not need to sit up there this morning because I'm coming -- I feel something in my throat and I may do some sneezing and some coughing. I've been up (00:34:21) dealing with the baby and then he said, "I've got stuff I've been dealing with and my body is a little worn out. I may not be able to sit up in the pulpit today." As we will see, I heard (00:34:32) but he may have been just clearing his throat with what he's (00:34:37) in there. And even my throat, I got a little (00:34:39) in the back of my throat and perhaps -- even now as (00:34:43) we go through somethings, there are times when our physical body, if you're in this (00:34:48) feel great all the time. There are sometimes I don't feel what to (00:34:53). Sometimes you go get sick. Paul was sick. And when you start leading some stuff, you say, I came here even when I had infirmities within my back, even when I was sick.

Even Paul who walked and talked, who talked (00:35:07) even there were points -- even when his body was down, sometimes Paul, I don't care who you are. I don't care what you declare. Sometimes stuff just happens and you get sick or you get broke or things happen around in your world that are unpleasant, that are painful that to world I should have you in misery. And that's why you need Ephesians 3:20. And that's why it's become my favorite verse because it took me to a different level of thinking that no matter what my circumstances, I know God is able but it's according to, just according to. I have got to get this thing inside of me. I have got to get the Holy Spirit inside of me so that whatever situation, I've got this word, I've got God's Holy Spirit and dwelling in me and the greater the power of the Holy Spirit, the higher God's limit is raised.

The greater the power of the Holy Spirit, the higher God's limit is raised, it's according to you. And there are somethings in life that happens that momma can't do, daddy can't do, husband or wife can't do. Some -- that stuff is just -- it comes from the Holy Spirit, it's been dwelling within you. And if you can get that power working in you people, if you can get that power, you cannot do what the word suggest you should do and depend upon this external stuff.

Now, I'm not -- first of all, I am not telling you not to be secure in as much as a financial thing, and as much as the worldly things as you can. I'm not telling you -- well, the pastor said, don't we to worry about this world, don't we worry about this -- I'm just going out and spend all my money. I'm not going to save up. (00:37:12) and just no matter what happens -- no, I'm not saying that.

I'm saying you use good common practical sense in everything that you do because that has always been God's way. God has never told anybody to act a fool. That has always been God's way but I am saying even with your most meticulous of plans, even with all of your diligence, still stuff is going to happen. Even with the disciples who followed Jesus who gave up everything, closer than anyone else, stuff still happens and even still, even within -- I never see (00:37:53) how the disciples who walked so closed to Jesus has so little faith. Faced God more than anybody else and that's why -- they're just like we are. We get off, but -- and that's why God is limited on so many other things.

God wants us to be able to walk on the water and over all of the waves and storms of life, God just want us to just walk over. But just like Peter who stepped out of that boat and when he saw the waves and hurricane wind, he got scared and still with all being cautious, you start looking at all of your circumstances and all of the things that fear will come in and fear and faith is not desired in the same space. One of them got to go. Either your fear will take control or your faith will take control.

And I have seen people that have what the world will consider to be bad circumstances and they were just as full of joy. And then I have seen something -- I sat on a board and not only did I sit on the board, I was president of the organization for two years of all of the black healthcare manufacturers, it is perhaps -- have some of the most well-to-do men of color in the world. Everyone of them on the board are the top four, everyone on the board. Everyone I went to trial up, trial up and they had all this money but they couldn't keep thinking because they had no peaceful nights. And sometimes you could look at them and you could see that they were trying to substitute for God's piece, all of the stuff in the world. Back when I was flying a plane, I asked one of them, I said, "Did you own a plane?" Because I knew he was a very wealthy man, I knew he had (00:39:55). He said, "No, I've got a fleet of planes."

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He said, he had a whole fleet of things and he had a whole fleet of jets but this spirit was lost (00:40:11) but it can't take your spirit. All of this stuff and from just being around sometimes people that have all of this wealth and all of the things that we speak will take us to certain levels and (00:40:28). I've seen it. I'm not talking about something I've read out of a book. I've seen it so I know this stuff will not -- and yet I've been around for -- let me tell you something, being (00:40:38) getting and lift your spirit in.

So, I don't want you to think, on the other two, I heard with the past (00:40:45) that would mess with your spirit pretty well too. So, I don't want you to go through that experience. You need to be simply at the point where those things do not determine your joy. There's a power that works within you determines your joy. Not all of the external things and what you will find is that the

more you start depending on God, the more that you let the Holy Spirit and dwell within you, the more God can trust you with (00:41:23). Taking almost every instance of where God gave the folks stuff, it worked too much longer after that if the folks hadn't turned back on God.

According to the power that worketh (00:41:42), people, God wants to -- he really wants to give you the world. I have no question and no doubt about that. He is able to do it but he is limited about that which worketh. And you have a decision to make upon this day of which spirit (00:42:09). What am I going to let master the inside of my spirit, soul experience? What am I going to let -- take control? Which one am I going to let be the master and which one will be the slave? People, God wants to do stuff that you -- that you can't even imagine. He really does. You know, most of the stuff that we want is nothing compared to what God wants to do for us. Most of the stuff we want is enough.

There are somethings and there are some levels and God -- most of us, really all of the stuff that we really want is for the purpose of making us feel good. Don't you know when you're under the power of the Holy Spirit, there is a good feel that you just -- that none of the stuff can match. I mean, no book, no safe, there's no houses or cars or clothes or any of this stuff, there is a field that when your spirit really is enjoying what God has put -- I told you once (00:43:09). God had a point. I could hardly go an hour without (00:43:13). I couldn't even speak out what I was even thinking. It was just the spirit. It was just in me of this faith and when there's an inner spirit of faith within you, you have no room for criticisms. You've got no room for complaints because everyone has room and they've got something that they can complain about. I don't care who you are. You got something you can complain about.

But when that is a spirit of the Holy Spirit within you, so even with Paul, when he saw all this stuff, Paul didn't focus on the stuff that was wrong in his world. He focused on the stuff that was right and he had a lot of stuff wrong. There's a lot. He just (00:43:58). I'm doing this all for your glory. I'm taking these lashes for the glory of God. You see, it's a matter of the way you do things. See, as I've told you on Friday that we have gone to Jamaica and how I walked on the Jamaican pavement there and I walked and I enjoyed it and the thing was hot as -- like

walking in a frying pan. But yeah, it was a mental attitude. I enjoy even the contact of the law of nature of God and earth so I shall walk on it. And I went and got me some sandals after that first day because the power that worketh within me was strong enough to deal with that 150-degree pavement.

Actually, sometimes people will go through life and it was symbolic and I know, even as I think back on it, each one of us were shielded at different levels. I am perhaps the more natural and the greatest naturalist so I was out there walking in the gravel and this superhot pavement bare feet with nothing on.

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I had on a tank top shirt. It was white. It was letting all of the sun hit my body. I had a white short pants. So, I was getting as much of nature as I could get. James on the other hand, they had on jeans and he had on sandals and he had on a white shirt, covered up a good bit of his body. Charles, see Elijah, he had on thick socks. He had on tennis shoes and he didn't just have on tennis shoe, he had on tennis with the (00:45:46) around. He had on a shirt and a hat. So, see Elijah said, I'm not going to be fool enough to get out here and deal with all these elements. I'm going to walk out here comfortable and cool and stay in as much shade as I can and that is the way sometimes even in life. We all went into the same environment. I actually had a rougher time and a lot of stuff hitting my body and I'm not sure which one of us enjoyed it more because I enjoyed the adventure of the strain of walking on a hot pavement.

But I've gotten confused the second day because it was all that I can stand. And see, Elijah, he enjoyed, he sat down in the cool. He didn't even break (00:46:44) sweat. He was shielded. He had on some sun care lotion and in fact he would shade everything. And you see sometimes people, many of us as we move into the circumstances of life, some of us are more shielded than others. Some of us go out naked that's why -- so when God even told me, put on the breastplate, put on the helmet, put on the shield, that's why God told me -- He told me to cloth yourself on some of this stuff. And I go get me some shoes.

It was more than what I could handle. Some of you people will get into situations and you realize real quickly (00:47:22) able more you can have though. Some of this stuff is going to be --

you think you can handle it. I was pretty tough. When I looked out, I saw about 110. I'm in excellent condition. I can handle that. That second day, I was getting confused and will understand somethings and about life, so many of these situations is more than we can handle and we're going to have to be clothed. I even have in my Bible, my little boy's ball that he was playing with Friday, this is it. This is nothing but a drinking water cup bowl that's not a bowl. But if you all remember, he was standing -- he was just throwing it but he was having such a joy with this. And I saw a principal here, this is not a -- we open basketball, not a baseball, not a volleyball, not a rubber ball, not a super ball, it's a piece of balled up paper but he was able to take a piece of balled up papers and he got so much joy out of just what was available.

We should learn to live our lives like -- what's in the ball. It was in the back. He was able to take whatever he had available and if you can let the Holy Spirit work within you, you'll be able to take some stuff that's all crumpled up, you saw rumped up. You'd be able take some stuff to question your life and if you can put the right spirit behind this, you have a ball, you understand that? If you can put the right spirit behind, you can have a ball.

So, understand this people, your hell is someone else's heaven, is already. Your hell is someone else -- someone else just wish they have what you have. Someone else wish they could see like you could, wish they could hear like you can hear, wish they could walk like you could walk. Your hell is someone else's heaven. All you've got to do is just have the right spirit inside of you. Your financial strain is where somebody else wish they could be. All you got to do is to be able to touch it, to be able to let the power of the Holy Spirit work within (00:50:01).

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And when you can do that, when you invite Him in, you'll find that God will be able to do, that which is above receiving of life, your one life (00:50:20).

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray right now that your Holy Spirit come into your people right now. That eyes are opened up on this Ephesians 3:20. And as we change the way that people think for right now they have been limited even within their thoughts and even within their words and they don't understand

that it's not in the outside stuff, it's in the inside stuff and if we can just get the inside right, the outside, it may not change but it'll sure not look different. That which is proper and that which is ready for the trash can will become a ball of great joy and great fulfillment because we have Your spirit dwelling on the inside of us.

(00:51:25) to open our eyes (00:51:26) where we stand, let us see the blessing that you've already poured upon us. Help us to understand that opening the windows of heaven, the windows are not to pour stuff out of, they are to look out of. Help us to be able to open the windows where we are that we'll be able to see somethings and know somethings and understand somethings and know that the circumstances that we are in, that we want them changed, your power can come in right where we are and give us a whole new world. All we have to do is think and ask with the Holy Spirit. We have not because we ask not. As when we ask, we ask a (00:52:31) because we ask of our own lives.

When your Spirit dwells within us, it will change what we ask and what we think. Let us see and understand this Ephesians 3:20. In thy Son, Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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