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Nathaniel Bronner: And God spoke to me today a particular verse. Open your Bibles to the first of book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, the 25th chapter of the Book of Genesis. And God spoke unto me and gave me this one verse. And I'll be honest with you, it's not our tradition of thanksgiving message, and you also know that I've not preached a message just in time with seasons of man because number one, these are man holidays, not God's holy days, and it's important for us to even understand that most of the days that we celebrate have nothing to do with anything biblical. So, God will sometimes give me a message and it will be just totally what appears to be out of tune with the times of the season that man says that we should celebrate, but we are ought to celebrate Thanksgiving just all the time. That's a part of your praise, it is continual. It's not a day, it's a lifetime. And it's not a season. It's perpetual. We ought to be in a spirit of Thanksgiving all of the time. And in the 25th chapter of the Book of Genesis, Genesis 25:12, and this is the verse that God spoke unto me to speak to you from on this day. "Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham." And when God gave me that verse and when I looked it up, I said, "What in the world is this?" And sometimes, it happens and it takes me a while to understand the revelation of what God wants me to tell you and how it relates. "Now these are the generations of Ishmael." We've heard so much about the generations of Jacob and Isaac, but you just don't hear hardly anything about the generations of Ishmael. And God spoke to me even this morning as I was standing in church and he says, "this message is going to be for those that feel like Ishmael" because everyone doesn't feel like an Isaac. And oftentimes, even in our generations, we are split, and we are split between those that feel that they were born blessed and those that feel like they were born with some stuff working against them. You all know anybody that feels like they were born with some stuff working against them? I mean sometimes, you just are not born in a situation where everything is just hunky-dory. Sometimes, you are born into some situations where you feel like an Ishmael, and Ishmael had it kind of tough. He did not have it as easy as Isaac. Well, what about when you're born into a situation of Ishmael, what about the generations of Ishmael? And I'm going to read this in the New International Version and the NIV starting again Genesis 25:12. "This is the account of Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Sarah's maidservant, Hagar the Egyptian, bore to Abraham. These are the names of the sons of Ishmael listed in

the order of their birth.” Some of you all had never read the names of the sons of Ishmael. Nebaioth, the first-born of Ishmael; Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. You see, Ishmael had one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve – Ishmael had 12 sons. Isaac had two. And sometimes, when you begin to see and you begin to understand the generation of Ishmael and some of us had feel an Ishmael, when you begin to understand that you’re going to see some revelation and you’ll see some things that will make you able to see your life in a slightly different pattern. Continuing on in verse 16 of that 25th chapter of Genesis. "These were the sons of Ishmael, and these are the names of the twelve tribal rulers according to their settlements and camps. Altogether, Ishmael lived a 137 years. He breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people. His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the border of Egypt, as you go toward Asshur. And they lived in hostility toward all their brothers." And then you know that’s still happening today. The sons of Ishmael which primarily are the Arabs are still at war with the sons of Isaac, primarily the Jews.

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“This is the account of Abraham's son, Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram, and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was

cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" Now, you all keep your eyes on the center of attention. "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" That is why he was also called Edom. Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. And that verse in the New Living Translation reads, "Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. Esau ate and drank, and went on about his business, indifferent to the fact that he had given up his birthright." And I want to preach to you today from the title of "Your Birthright." Turn to the person sitting next to you, just tell him, "your birthright." Now, what does your birthright have to do with Genesis 25:12? "Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bear unto Abraham." You see, because the generations of Ishmael relates to more folk than really the generation of Isaac. First of all, Ishmael was cast out into the wilderness with his mama with no daddy. Did you know in America right now, there are no families with no man than there are families with a man in the household? And the women have been cast out into the wilderness with no man, with no covering. There are more generations of Ishmael today than there are generations of Isaacs. Many upon Ishmael because daddy is not in the house and Hagar had to go out into the wilderness with her baby, no husband, no job, just God to take care of her. Well, you see, Ishmael is not a foreign – it is not an abstract concept. It's the stuff that's happening right now and today, and it is happening more than Isaac. Daddy, for one reason or another, is going off with another woman. And in Genesis 21, it tells the saga of what Hagar had to go through beginning at the 14th verse of the 21st chapter of Genesis. "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar." This is after Sarah had told Hagar, "Look, you got to go." Did you know it's hard for two women with a child by the same man to be in the same house? Let me tell you something folks. It is hard for two women with a child by the same man to be in the same city. Moreso have problems with two women with a child by the same man, and they are just in the same city, much less the same house.

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So, here that was a problem with Sarah and Hagar, and Sarah being the first wife said unto Abraham, "Look. This woman and her baby got to go." Now, it's Old Testament stuff but you can understand this in modern everyday living. This stuff is not some way back. This stuff is happening right now, and when that happens, somebody got to go. So, here it was that Hagar was the one that has to go and I can relate and you can understand it. First, we got more generations of Ishmael now than we do generations of Isaac and God wanted me to explain some things to you, but those are the feeling like you're generations of Ishmael because daddy was not at home for one reason or another, or daddy had a whole lot of Hagar that for one reason or another and we feel like generations of Ishmael.

This stuff is not some stuff that's way distant. Half the folk I'm talking to right know and half of the people that are listening to me on television, you got the situation right now even within your own household and within your own spirit and it needs to be reconciled with some understanding. God gave examples way back in the old that even reflects the things that have going on right now in the present. And Abraham rose up early in the morning and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder and the child and sent her away, and she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba and the water was spilled in the bottle and she cast the child under one of the frogs and she when went and sat down over a (00:11:49) a good way over against them and a good way off and if it were a bowshot where she said, "let me not see the death of the child." Can you imagine the pain and the agony of a mother and her child? Here she is in this wilderness and her child is about die for she can't even see the child. The thing is not as foreign. My wife shows me a bottle, a can of baby formula milk and on it had one of those little antitheft tags and she said, I did realize that they were putting those things on cans of baby formula, one of the tall cans. And I said, "Pudding, if they're putting magnetic antitheft devices on tall cans of baby formula, it means that mom was having to steal formula trying to feed her baby." It is not as far back as we may think. Here, Hagar was sitting in the wilderness with her child saying, I don't even wanna see the death of my child. I have no food, I have no water, we are going to die, and I just can't stand to

watch Ishmael die. And God heard the voice of the lad, and the Angel of God calls Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, "What aileth thee Hagar? Stand up for God had heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him in thine hand for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water and she went and filled the bottle with water and gave the lad drink." And when I saw this verse even a revelation to our modern equivalent came to be. Here, a woman was, could not feed her child. God heard the cry of the child in the wilderness and said, "Stand up, I'm going to take care of this child. He is going to be a great nation" and the woman (00:13:56) this is where you got to go to feed your child. She went to a well of water. What happens today when women have no man, when they have no job, when they can't feed a child, where do they go? Welfare. I will send you to the well, and even that is a provision even in the modern. You see, some of you that have grown up and momma had to go on welfare, you feel like Ishmael but God made a provision in the middle of the wilderness. He said, "I will provide a well that will feed your child." Some of us would have died on welfare, but that's all that was. Hagar was in the dessert, had no money, had no food, had nothing to depend on with but the grace of God, that I will put a well in the middle of the dessert to feed your child. It's a modern day equivalent of welfare, and yet because some of us have grown up and momma had to take foodstuff and momma had to take welfare and momma had to be on section eight. Because he has grown up in that, we feel like the generations of Ishmael but you must understand the promise that God made to Ishmael.

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And more important, you must God didn't even make the promise to Ishmael. God made the promise to his momma. He told his momma who he was going to be, and sometimes women if you can understand, if you can get a vision from God who your child is going to be, it changes the way. And when God spoke to Hagar, Hagar there from that point on never saw her situation as being what it was because she knew that she held a child and God says, "I'm going to make a great nation out of him." In the natural circumstances, you're sitting there you're holding a baby in the middle of all these, in the middle of welfare, you don't know how you are going to make it, you don't know what you're going to do but if you can guess, lend your ears to hear the Voice of God, you'll be able to hear God telling you the destiny of what you hold in your hands. Did you remember the message that I spoke on from last Sunday? How many of you were here, raise

your hand? Did you remember the title of the message? Can you hear me now? Do you know that the name Ishmael means? It means God hears. And when I saw that, I knew instantly, I said, you had me to speak last Sunday and can you hear me now and this Sunday you're still speaking on the man whose very name means God hears. See, we related so much to Isaac, but I'm going to tell you folks, everybody is not from the stock of Isaac, everybody didn't have a million from their daddy. Everybody did not have daddy their at home. Everybody is not from the stock, it's from Ishmael's in the world. There is some folk that have come to the wilderness, there is some people that have had to live by the grace of the well but God made him a promise too. I will make a great nation out of you, and when you go and you look and you see whenever you are within the realm of God and under his umbrella regardless of what the world will tell you, you'll find out folk, you're pretty blessed. See, Ishmael still came under the law and he still came under God's rule and even Ishmael, he had 12 sons. He had six times as many. All know about Isaac is Esau and Jacob. Ishmael had 12 of them. God was still blessing the man, and it goes to show you folk, that's why it's a generations of Ishmael. It goes to show you how much of the things that we do and that we deal with, they are generational. See, Hagar had no problem conceiving. Hagar was fertile, and as a result, she produced a child that was fertile. Isaac had a difficulty getting his children. He is afraid of God for his wife's womb to be opened up. The same fertility that came through Hagar got on Ishmael and the same barrenness that Sarah had got on Rebecca. The thing was generational when you look at it and sometimes folks, we don't understand sometimes even our blessings. Sometimes one of the things that allows a group that has been oppressed, that has been beaten down that has had privilege taken away from them, one of the things that allows him to prosper is the ability to multiply. If you understand biology, it is one of those survival mechanisms. Anytime the environment is going against from heaven, the thing that is going to survive is the thing that can reproduce the most, and that's why always, the ability to produce children was always the blessing from God and when you look at how Ishmael was blessed, he was blessed though he had to go out in the wilderness and though he had to go by welfare, the man was highly blessed. And as for Ishmael, "I have heard thee. Behold I have blessed him, and we'll make him fruitful and we'll multiply him exceedingly. Twelve princes shall he beget and I will make him a great nation, but my

covenant, I will establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at the said time in the next year.” That’s Genesis 17:21, but the covenant was with Isaac. And I want you to understand something deep about both of these boys, Ishmael and Isaac, and when you understand it, you’ll see how God is related in this story all of human nature and human family and how things go, because throughout history people, there has always been the haves and have nots.

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Always has been, always will be. It has been that way from the beginning and it will be that way to the end. They have always been the haves and the have not in terms of material, and they always have been the haves and the have not in terms of spiritual, and they don’t necessarily go together because you got them have that have the material but have no spirit, you got them have not that have no material, but they got many spirits, and the best of the world you got them have and got both material and spirit, and you got them have not that have none of spirit nor material. So, they have always been the have and I want to be on the have that got it all. Turn to your neighbor and say, they got it all. See, that’s just the way I want to be. Now, some of you all (00:20:54) I just want the spirit part, and that’s your choice. There’s nothing wrong if that’s what you choose, but to see, I want to be to have end that got it all. I don’t like to be missing anything because when you miss on the big area of life, to be honest that is the problem. I don’t care what it is, it’s just like even if we talk about going in marriage, you can miss the key element of marriage if you messed up. I mean first of all, I just like to look at pudding. I don’t look for that everything, but I like at pudding. Now, if pudding had gotten all out whack and every time I look at pudding, whew hoo. Now, I could still love pudding and I’m not saying that I wouldn’t make it, but if every time I look at pudding and I go wheh, hoo, hoo, hoo. And every time I look over at pudding and a chill went through and it just wasn’t a good chill because I just didn’t like the way pudding is looking at. Now, looks is not everything. Yeah, I mean, you all know looks is not everything, like money is not everything. It’s not everything. So, that’s why it’s (00:22:12)

It’s something. So, I’m a man, I just don’t like fools in my life and I don’t like to be missing at you and then you can have a wife and she’s as beautiful as she can be, but she’s mean. She’s

just mean. I mean, every time you look at you, you'll see this gorgeous seat of radiant beauty. Oh, she's shaped just like you like her. Oh, her skin is just as smooth. Her hair is just as beautiful. Her teeth is just as white. Oh, She's just gorgeous, but she's just mean and every time you get home from work, the minute you open the door, what in the world are you (00:22:54). She's just mean. So, you can have one thing and miss another. You can be a have in one area and have not in another area. That's why in the fruit of the spirit the thing was completed and had nine of those things. If that you missed even one of those nine, you have problem. I don't like to be missed. I want to be on the have, on the material end because I will tell you something folk, when you run short of money, you have problems, and I know a whole lot of spiritual folk got people money problems and (00:23:27) on term one after another. So, I don't want to be on the have not end on anything and I don't want to sit there with a billion dollars and have my spirit cold and empty. I know that's no good. So, God is the God of completeness, he is the God wholeness, yet through the world we become fragmented with stuff. And there's always been the haves and there's always the have not and all of those areas and you make a decision which side you want to be on because a lot of this stuff – see, we are, I'm going to get into this -- you see, we are born into some situations but we choose to stay in them on either side. There's some things that you avoid into that you have absolutely no control over, you have nothing to do with it, you were born into that situations, but once you become enlightened to the awareness of it, then you make a choice. You see, you're born on a certain side of the track but you make a choice if you want to stay there and that's what it's all about. See, we were born of one side. We may be born into a have or born into a have not, but we can make a conscious choice of do we want to go across the railroad tracks. That's why the railroad track, they're always in every city that you have to go in, I don't care where you go. When you cross a railroad track, things change and there's something about railroad tracks thing, a thing of movement. It divided the north from the south, it divides the haves from the have not and the minute you go across the railroad track, things change. And do you know something? There is no legal barrier that prevents people from coming from one side to the track and leaving. What the barrier is, is in the mind.

And if somebody – when somebody that hadn't been on the other side of the track, when they walk up on those tracks, there's something in their spirit (00:25:08) And they'll turn around and walk the other way because within their spirit, they're not supposed to go over, there's always in the spirit and you know if you're in the have side and you try to walk over to the have not side, there's something in their spirit. (00:25:24) I ain't going to be over there. And they won't move back to the side of that has been ingrained into their spirit. The generations of Ismael and God want to show you some people, you have been blessed but because we have been thinking a certain way, anytime, you're part of the seed of Abraham, you are blessed, but sometimes we don't understand the great blessing that we had.

But my covenant I will establish with Isaac which Sarah shall bear unto thee at the set time in the next year. You see, the covenant was with Isaac. It was not with Esau and Jacob. It was with who? Isaac. The covenant was with Isaac. Now, Esau was indifferent to his birthright because he was hungry. Our appetite of things can sometimes get us to lose our birthright and when we get back to look at the thing, do you know some of the things that you have really done, that has really cost you a whole lot? When you got back and look at it, you know got this, "Yeah, sure. Who and where is that?" It's just where it was at. Do you know that has been some things that some men have done and (00:26:53) the rest of their life. And when they get back and look at it and some things that some women have done and you get back and look at the thing, you said, "my goodness, that just wasn't worth that." Esau was hungry and he sold his birthright, his right to the double portion, his right to the leadership as the first born. He sold that over a bowl of beans because he was -- see, the world plays on your appetites and if the world can get you hungry for something and gets you to sell what God has giving you by birth. It'll get you to give up as you were born into a certain (00:27:34) it will give you to give up your birthright all because you get hungry. You know there are some things that I mean, and that's our appetite. I mean, sometimes a man can be married and you'll see a fine woman, he gets hungry and (00:27:48) can bust up his family, then he got to pay all

his money and then when he goes back and look at as he is going through a divorce, all his money slips away, he's going back and look at the thing, he said, "this thing ain't was worth it." I'd have lost all of this over two minutes of pleasure, some man a minute and a half. Over two minutes of pleasure. I have lost all of these over a bowl of beans, so Esau lost his birthright because he was hungry.

Now, Ishmael on the other hand lost his not because he was hungry, it was out of his control. So, we have two situations but two men that fundamentally the same thing happened to, both of them feelings the same. Ishmael feeling that I have lost my father, I've lost all of the honor and the respect that goes with the name of Abraham. I'm checked out into the wilderness and don't you know that Ishmael grew up all of his life with that because momma would tell you when daddy no good. Don't you know Ishmael grow up all of his life feeling that he was the son that was rejected, that was outcast, and then Esau. He grew up feeling that his brother Jacob had deceived him and that which was Jacob should've been his. So, here's both of them feeling fundamentally the same thing, both Ishmael and Esau feeling like outcast, abandoned children that have taken from them what should have been by right theirs, feeling the same and this is where it gets deep. It gets deep.

Ishmael has 12 sons, but Ishmael also had daughters. And in Genesis 26:34, you don't have to turn them. I'm going to be reading fast, and it says this. "And Esau was 40 years old when he took a wife Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

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They were -- Isaac told Esau, don't marry a Canaanite women, you stay, don't you go ahead and marry somebody of another religion and he went out and married some other women. And he says when he did, it brought grief unto Isaac and Rebekah, but that is not the part I want you to see. It is over in Genesis 28. Since you're in the chapter, go ahead turn there. Over in Genesis 28:8. And this is the part that I have never heard that I didn't know

until I began to study this, and Genesis 28:8 says, "And Esau seeing that the daughter of Canaan please Isaac his father." I mean, Isaac said, don't marry them women over there. Stay away from them. Then in verse 9, "Then went Esau unto who Ishmael and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth to be his wife." Esau, the son that felt like his birthright had been stolen which to Abraham son, Ishmael to his daughter whose father felt like his birthright has been stolen and married her. I've never knew that. That Esau married the daughter of Ishmael. Then it got deeper. Go to Genesis 36 and I want to read verses 2 and 3. Esau took his wives of the daughter of a Canaanite. Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite. And verse 3, and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister -- he didn't just marry one of Ishmael's daughter, he married two of them. Esau, the son that felt his birthright had been stolen. Now, understand that whatever is on the parent, that anointing gets on the children. You can rest assured Ishmael told all his sons and all his daughters what had happened to him. How he should have been where Isaac was. How he should have had that which Abraham, how he should have had the inheritance, how it was taken from him. So, everything that was in Ishmael was imparted into his children. Esau went and married two of Ishmael's daughters that has (00:33:12) and what did it show you – that's why God told me it was the generations of Ishmael and what it was showing is this, people. That which is what is inside of you, you'll seek that same thing inside of someone else. Esau had it inside of him that his birthright had been stolen, so he went and sought daughters of men who had inside of them and it was inside of their daughters. And that's how and why generational curses perpetuate themselves. That's what you are. You're drawn to that same thing in one form or another. That's why I always tell women who got a bad man. I said look you got a bad man, (00:33:52) something, because you don't pick a bad man unless you got to see that thing inside of you especially if you've got two of them. I can see making one mistake, but when you got two or more, that's not the man. Men, when you got two or more, you're going to ask two or more women in this,

that's not the women. That's the seed inside of you that you're being drawn to that same thing inside of someone else, so here it was Esau went to the daughters of Ishmael in marriage. And I say, whoa it shows how we seek on a deep level that which is inside of us. But when the daughters of Ishmael married Esau, Ishmael's seed was automatically back under the covenant. Because now -- you see, remember the covenant was not made to Jacob. It was made to Isaac and it said the covenant shall come through Isaac in his seed and Esau will steal the seed. So, when Esau went back and got two of Ishmael's daughters, it brought Ishmael's seed back under the covenant.

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Because it back on him, it was never given to Jacob, it was given to Isaac and all of Isaac's seed was under the covenant. So, Esau went in there, Ishmael got back under the covenant. Galatians talked about it and Gideon was the son of the slave's wife who was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise but the son of a freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. You see this, and then it get deep because you got two sons born of Abraham, then two sons born of Isaac. People, don't you know each one of us got two sons within us that we struggle with all of the time? Each one of us have a promise and each one of us has a problem. Each one of us has that which God has ordained, and we have that which we try to bring about. The same thing that struggled in Rebekah's womb still struggles within every single one of us today, because even among Isaac's sons both of them have problems. One is just Esau, Jacob's name was called the deceiver. Esau's name meant red but Jacob's name meant deceiver, so both of them have problems. That's why Jacob had to go and serve under Laban and he served those seven years to get Rebekah and then Laban siked them. Laban deceived Jacob just like Jacob deceived Esau, but when you go back and read the bible and see what Esau had, Esau was still blessed. When Jacob came to meet Esau finally after all of these years, and Jacob brought Esau all of his stuff and he came to Esau, Esau was there with 400 men and Esau said, brother Jacob I don't need any of your

stuff because I got enough. Esau (00:36:56) when you understand that you are a child, and you are a part of a blessing either when things are not going quite like you think because you messed up and you we're sold out for a bowl of bean even when things are messed up and even when you are messed up, still if you remain under the covenant of God, you will still – you see, most of you right now can still if you're in your right spiritual mind can say just like Esau. I don't need this (00:37:18), I got enough. You see, when you get in your right spiritual mind, you will be able to see that God has blessed you beyond measure. He is giving you more than you really need. I got enough. I don't need any more. You see, the world will always say to the world will have what you never had enough. I don't care what you have. You'll never have enough. You always want more. You always got to have - - you'll never have enough. Esau said, bro, I don't even need your stuff. Do you know people, that is something when you reach a point, where you can tell hope, no thank you, I got enough. It makes a difference, when you know somebody hand you some money you just go, no thank you. That's the point of both material position, but it is a point of both material position and spiritual awareness, because if you're not in a proper spiritual awareness, you'll never, you'll never, never, never have enough, but yet when you understand the generations of Ishmael, you'll begin to understand what we go through in the plans that are inside of us, that difference between. That's why Esau was a hunter of flesh and he got trapped by flesh, and he couldn't handle the hunger of the hunter of flesh, and yet people if we can understand something, that is another deep part about it. The destinies of all the sons was actually determined by the mothers. You see, it was Sarah that determined the destiny. Sarah said, look, this one got to go. It was Rebekah who loved Jacob, and Isaac love Esau. It was Rebekah who plotted and planned, and got Jacob moved up the first place. The destinies of both was determined. That's why they all call the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Women, you've got to understand the power that you have with your children because you will spend far more time with them than daddy ever will. Momma is. Even as I look at that as myself and all of my brothers, my father is the reason for our business success. Everything to do with

my business success, I have to credit my daddy for that. My daddy was a business genius. My daddy has a foresight with it but my momma was the spiritual force. The reason that all of us is in this pulpit is momma. You see, momma puts her hand over and momma puts a destiny to get us into ministry and the spirit of God.

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Now, daddy was the spiritual man but he just wasn't as spirited his momma. I'm just going to be straight about that. He just was not as spiritual as momma. My daddy was a businessman. He was a good spiritual man, but daddy was a businessman, and the reason that you see Bronner Sons up in this pulpit and on the other church, that's all to momma. Momma changed the destinies of the hands and the destinies of children in God's covenant and even back when the seed of Ishmael got back into the covenant by joining up with Esau, it was through the women that Esau married. People, for those of you that have felt so alone like a generation of Ishmael, you've got to understand who you are and when you understand that everyone that was born under and was the seed of Abraham was blessed, and the bible says by us accepting Christ, we become children and we inherit the covenant and when you inherit the covenant and when you become a son or a daughter of God, then you know who you are and no one will be able to tell you that you are not blessed, no one will be able to tell you that are not fortunate, no one will be able to tell you that are illegitimate, no one will be able to call you a bastard, because I know who my daddy is. And you see, whenever you know who your daddy is -- now, see Ishmael went through some things, but he produced princes and he became a great nation because even though his daddy wasn't there, he knew who his daddy was. And deep down he knew his daddy was Abraham, but he also knew momma was able to tell him. Yes son, I know that your father is Abraham and you haven't seen him but let me tell you what God see about you. Ishmael, God hears. Let me tell you folks what God said about you. When you can get that into your spirit, I don't care daddy was, I don't care daddy did, I don't care where daddy is. When you can get that into your spirit, because see, when people

lose sight of the Heavenly Father even those are the children of Isaac messed up. That's how the sons of Aaron messed up. They we're preachers and messed up. You can easily mess up. Even if you got all of the pedigree in the world, if you forget who your real daddy is, you're going to have problems. The generations of Israel. People, it is your birthright, and when you understand that -- that's why Jesus says, "Unless ye are born again, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Because, to be honest with you people, all of our genetic parents got flaws. I don't care what kind of -- everybody got some skeletons in the closet period. I don't care who you are. You dig in your family closet, there's some skeletons in that fellow. All of us have them have and everybody got the same, I don't care how well you -- everybody got some stuff that you haven't talked about (00:43:29). You don't know about (00:43:32). You know, everybody got that kind of stuff. You have some stuff that you have to go all the way in the corner and talk about it because you got some stuff in your family tree that's frankly ain't too good. So, we all like to talk about the fruits of our family tree, but nobody wants to talk about the nuts, the nuts on the tree. That's why Jesus said, you must be born again, and when you are born again it means that you have new parents, you have a new revelation of who your daddy is. And when you can understand that, you'll walk with a different step, you'll talk with a different talk, you will see with a different eye, because you will know who your daddy is even if you are in the dessert living off of a grace of the well. You're on welfare, so? That's a well that God has put in a miserable wilderness to feed your children and it changes your mentality because Hagar could have said, "Lord, everybody else was eating turkey and steak and all this stuff and I'm out here with this well." You know, the well is what God has provided to you and when you understand God's provision, it changes your eyesight into what you got.

For those of you that has felt like a generations of Ishmael, I'm here to tell you today that your birthright is a blessing. Your birthright is God is going to make a great nation out of your seed that you produce. The birthright is that you shall be fed even in the midst of the wilderness. You got all this all stuff coming on about

economic turmoil in the U.S. People are going to lose jobs, yes they are. There's a possibility some of here may lose a job, so what. When you understand who your daddy is, you'll know that he will make a well for you in the middle of the desert. The thing that you must do and the thing that you must understand is that you must never curse the well. I see, that's what some of us do. God has given us a provision in the middle of wilderness to help us survive and we cursed the well. Know who you are people, know who's you are and when you know that, no man, nor demon will be able to steal your birthright.

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