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Nathaniel Bronner: And I am truly blessed to be standing up here and speaking to you today, because my body is not the best in the world right now. And it's amazing how seven days can make a difference because this last week when I stood, I've been in real good shape, but my middle son was coughing all through the week. So, I slept with him for three nights, and he was just hacking and coughing all over me and putting what he left when she was hacking and coughing and everything. So, everybody in my house and then the only son, he was hacking and coughing. And unless you know folk, if you're around hacking and coughing for long enough -- long -- you all say, long enough. And see, this is one of the rules of life, and then the same thing that happens in the spiritual, the same thing will happen in the physical. There is no other than real good shape. Oh, my son -- all that I hear, huff, huff. All of them blowing all over and, after about three days, I noticed my throat was a little itchy. And I said, "My goodness. I have to preach Sunday three times and Friday, where my throat was itchy. My nose was running." I said, "Lord, have mercy." I went and got me a big bowl of garlic and ate all of that, and I was praying but I was working on myself. So, I'm real glad to be here in reasonably good shape because, at first, where you can't fully tell what shapes some might of them by just looking at them. I'm not staying in my bed, but I'm in reasonably good shape. And that fully, it is a blessing and, actually, I did not get a scratchy throat and a runny nose from the external.

That's why it's always important to understand the whole fruit of the thing. I didn't get that from the external. I got it because the internal was not strong enough to overcome the external. Germs are all around us. Any biologist knows that. You take a petri dish, open it, sit in the lab, and after ten minutes, close it up and watch what grows. They're all around us. I got it because the internal was not strong enough to overcome the external.

And whenever we let our spirits, while our internal get weaker than the external, and the external will overcome the internal. And that's why you have to stay prayed up, read up in the word, filled up in the word and, if you stay full of the word, if you keep that spirit and made it strong, the devil will not be able to overcome you. It was not to the stuff on the outside changes, we get weak on the inside and, as a result, we come down with what's in the external world.

Open your Bibles to the first book of the Bible, Genesis in the 15th Chapter that we'll primarily be studying from Genesis, Chapter 15, beginning at the first verse. And this will be the final sermon and there are possible theories and you see how that relates as I move into the Sermon for this day. Genesis, Chapter 15, beginning at the first verse.

Welcome to Brothers of the Word, because Brother, you need the word. And God has a word for you today. This is one of the Sermons and then its possible Sermons. Turn your Bibles to the book of Genesis, the 15th chapter, beginning at the first verse -- the NIV version and then it reads with us, "After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward. But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." And God told me to speak to you today from this fourth verse, the 15th chapter of Genesis. "Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir. He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars -- if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be. Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness."

And I speak to you today from the subject of "When the Word of the Lord comes." When the word of the Lord comes, it will change your whole direction.

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It will change your whole life if you hear the word of the Lord. When the word of the Lord came to Abram, it appeared to be impossible. Abram was old. Sarah was old. Sarah was barren and never had any children, and they were a hundred years old, and he have the word of the Lord coming not only -- and see when the word came, Abram didn't even understand the whole word because God told him -- he told him specifically that this man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir. But God didn't just give them a son, he said not only that, he said, "I'll make you off spring that are so many.

They'll be like the stars in the heaven and you won't even be able to count them."

When the word of the Lord comes into your life, it'll take you to some level that you were asking for one thing, and that word comes, and it brings you an entirely different thing far beyond. You told them to go out and look up at the stars, but for the stars to our naked eye, they're just pinpoints of light, and that's all Abram can see. Abram knew nothing about celestial mechanics, and he knew nothing about astronomy. Abram didn't know that a star was a sun and the sun, even the medium-sized, one of the million times bigger than the earth itself. So, he told him to go out and look, and sometimes God will give you a glimpse of your glory of your future and all you see is a pinpoint of light not understanding that these things is a whole world. And it's a million times bigger than what you ever thought it would be because we only seem to see this and we only see the beginning and then Abram, he had been laboring, and he had been doing right for a long time. And yet, you have to wonder, why did God delay? Why did God have fairest womb barren? Why? When Abram had all of this stuff -- you see, Abram was a rich man. When he went over to rescue life, he said he took 318 of his trained male servants with him. Do you know how rich you have to be to have 318 servants? I mean, we're in pretty good shape, but we just have a maid coming in twice a week. Then, if you have a maid and cook, you're in real good shape, and you have a maid, a cook, and a nanny, you're really living in a hot cot.

So, if we just have three, but can you imagine what it was like and Abram had 318 trained male servants. That's not counting the females. So, Abram had money. He had respect. He had power. He had all of this, but yet, he was missing one thing, and it is the way of human nature that even with all of this, we focused on the one thing we missed. You see, Abram had more than anyone else, but he was missing one thing. You all say one thing. You all know it might drive you a little crazy. You have all the stuff, but when you're missing one thing, that one thing had Abram worried. But yet, what is God waited so long to give Abram a son.

Well, first of all, you have to go back and you have to, first of all, see, why did God tell Abram to leave his father's house? And he's sinful. You have to understand some of that background to

even understand why God even made Abram wait so long. And if you go to Genesis, Chapter 12, and you see here it says, “Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.” Why did God tell Abram to get away? The answer is in Joshua, 24th Chapter, because always your God told Abram to get away from his folk, but I never fully understood why until I went to research it to see, and in Joshua, Chapter 24, fist two verses.

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“And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.” Abraham’s daddy was serving other Gods. God could not bring Abraham into his destiny and into the promise as long as he was in the household, with the head in the household were serving other Gods. So, God told Abraham, “Look, you get out from here.” And you see, not only was Terah serving other Gods, but the rest of the kin folk. He said, “You get out from here, and I want you to leave your daddy, your kin folk this whole country and you go in to another land that I’m going to show you.

People, sometimes, when God has a destiny for us to fulfill, he can’t fulfill the destiny of the new place until we leave the old place, and there are some old things that we sometimes have that we won’t let go of, and those old things are worshipping other Gods. And God will have to tell you, “Boy, get rid and let go all these old stuff and let go of that mess of the past.” And sometimes, he will have to tell you to get away from these folks and get away from those folk and go in to another place that I’m going to show you and, sometimes, we don’t understand how. In order for God to make us new, he has to get us away from the

old. And I believe that just even though Abraham and the delaying of his child allow for manifestation of a miracle, but I believe that God has to make Abraham wait so long because all in the old stuff that Terah had put on in top, he had to make sure all that stuff were gone.

Sometimes it takes time. You see, Abraham was 75 when he left his daddy's house. So, he was a 75 man. So, God had to put to some years. Do you know sometime it take you some time to get some mess out your system? When you leave a messy situation, the mess is not gone so that you leave. You come out of a messy relationship. It's not gone this week. Some of that stuff still hangs. Sometimes, it takes years for all that stuff to come out of you, and I believe God had to let Abraham stay away and get away and stay in the new lane long enough so that stuff got out of his system, and it get out of his mind, and it get out of his spirit. So, the new promise is going to be born into something that it completely gotten away from all of the old. And God will take you away from some things.

And even in Genesis 11, Chapter 27, verse 10, I want you to see even another reason is to why God had to get Abraham and get Abraham moved away. And some things have some things in our background and some things in our past, even some things with our mother, and some things with our daddy, it can hold us back for my destiny when they're serving other Gods. And God will have to take you to some new places and to some new folk.

In Genesis 11, beginning at the verse 27, the NIV version, this is the account of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran, and Haran became the father of Lot. While the father of Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Ur of the Chaldeans in the land of his birth. Abram and Nahor are both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarah, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. She was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milcah and Iscah. Now, Sarah was barren. She had no children. Terah took his son, Abram, his grandson, Lot, son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law, Sarah, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan, --

But when they came to Haran, they settled there. Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Haran.

Now, the keys in that 31st verse of the 11th Chapter of Genesis, Terah, Abraham's daddy took his son Abraham, his grandson, Lot of Haran, and his daughter-in-law, Sarah, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. You know what Canaan wants? The promise land. Abraham's daddy was going to the promise land, but he got to another land and stayed and never got to the promise land. And sometimes, people, we can know where we're supposed to go, know where we are supposed to do, know what God has, but we get to another place and because that place has comforteth, no one does not know where we really falls to be, some of you in jobs, and you know that's really not your destiny, but it's comfortable. You're paying the bills there. I know this is not the feeling. This is not what I'm supposed to be doing but should at least it pay. I'm going to stay here long. Yeah -- and Terah got that and because there was some degree of comfort, so he settled and died there.

So, God had to take Abraham, and he had to move him from even a mentality of settling. He said, "Look, I've got to take you to the promise land, but in order to do that I have to move you, and I have to get some of the old stuff away from you, and I've got to take you to a different direction."

And the thing about that 15th Chapter in that 4th verse of Genesis is that when Abram went out and he spoke to God, and he said, "Oh, suffering Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my state is Elias of Damascus. And Abram said, "You have given me no children. So, a servant in my household will be my heir." The unique thing about this, when you go back and read the Bible prior to, it's the first time that man ever made a request of God. Even Adam, he didn't ask God anything. God said he looked down and saw he was alone. He needed him a woman. So, God gave Eve to him, but Adam never asked. It is the first time where man asked God for something. And Abram said this if you look how he asked, he says, "What can you give me since I remain childless and have no heir?" Abraham didn't even ask God for a child, instead what can you give me.

Too often when we go to God, we're telling God exactly what we want. Abram was simply saying this. Whatever you give me, I'm going to be happy, and I'm going to be appreciative of whatever you give me. And often times, if we can learn to accept what God has given us because most of us would have gone and say, "Lord, I have no child. Give me a baby. Give me a son that inherits all of these." He stated to God and he said, "What can you give me since I remain childless?" And Abraham knew and understood. It says God had given him so much. He knew that the way that God may work may not have been the way he was thinking.

Do you know in your life when God has to work some miracle, the way that God is going to work? Most of the time is not the way we're thinking, and the other thing about it is not the way we wanted to work either because, most of the time, the way that we wanted to work to be honest would be a lot easier. If I were God directed my own life, I would have taken somebody twist and turns out of it. I would have smoothed the road out. I would have taken all of the pain and all of the heartache and all of the mystery out of it. I would have told it just as clear and plain as they made it with a path and were smooth. That's the way, but God didn't work like that in many of the instances. What can you give me?

Turn to your neighbor and ask some question. What can God give me? And are you willing to accept what God will give you? And that's the real issue. Are we willing to accept? "Lord, give me a horse, give me --" and when God gives you, you see, I know without a doubt God gave me Pudding.

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Do you know what happened when Adam got Eve and got in trouble? You know what Adam said, "Lord!" You see, you got to be able to accept what God gives you, and that was the first thing God gave men. The first thing God gave men in terms of outside of his food and his sustenance with a woman, and the minute he ran in some problems with the woman, he went "Oh, Lord, the woman that you gave me." You have to be able to accept what God has given you and know in your heart, mind, and spirit that when God has given it to you is the best thing in the world for you. What can you give me?

Now, what did God tell Abraham to do after he told him his destiny? Genesis 15 beginning at the 5th verse, "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He basically told Abraham, if you want to know that I shall give you what I said you would inherit. He said, "Make a sacrifice." And, you see, we want a promise but no sacrifice. Make a sacrifice. In every destiny that God will have for you, you're going to have to make a sacrifice. I'm not talking about just task. I'm talking about a sacrifice. Whenever God gives you a mission and whenever he gives you a destiny, whenever he showed you the promise land, you're going to have to make a sacrifice to get there.

We're coming up on a new year, and we're going to have a whole lot of resolutions, not a single one of them you will go get without a sacrifice and, if you're not willing to make the sacrifice, you're not worthy to get the promise. How will I know how inherit would you see? Go get me these things, and make a sacrifice. When the word of the Lord comes, people, it will change your world. They'll make you see some things that you had no concept of. It'll let you know the things that you thought were impossible or possible. It'll let you know that you're not too old. It'll let you know that you've got the stuff to do that which he has commanded you to do. When the word of the Lord comes, the possible comes with it. Thank you for watching Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word.

Amen, amen, and amen. When the word of the Lord comes, and the problem that so many of us have when the word of the Lord comes is not the word, it's doing the thing and, often times, we think of the word that has to come through some facts, some vision. This is the word of the Lord. Sixty-six books of it. First thing you got to do is read. He's already giving you -- when the word of the Lord comes, it'll make some impossible things possible. Know that you'll be able to see some things. It'll let you to be able to stand when you don't feel like standing. It'll let

you to be able to go on when you don't feel like going on. It'll let you to be able to smile when all hell is broke and loose because the word of the Lord is inside.

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You should follow more than anything on the outside. When all manner of men comes against you, when the word is on the inside, you need to stand. When the word of the Lord comes, it changes things. When the first request that man made, the word of the Lord came. And there are some requests that you have made in your lives and the word of the Lord has come. And when that word comes, it'll come in one three areas -- with one three answers -- yes, no, and wait.

We only want to hear the word on it, and when it comes to other, we don't want to hear it. We think it if it wouldn't the word of the Lord comes, it's always coming to a grief of what we want. No? Maybe, yes. No. But wait. But we have to be of the mentality and of the spirit because Lord whatever you see it, you'll see it. Now, God didn't send it without assurance, and that's why you need to be really sure in your life when God has sent these things because if you got something that God gives and sent it you, you're going to be just like Abraham walk of life. God told him get away from all this evil. God says, "Lot will win." And he had one (00:26:54) because I told you, he can't wait, and he wanted to pray and that's what it is. When we speak, we would like to take and remove that old stuff from the past, take the old stuff. God wants to make you all of the riches, and when the word of the Lord comes, their wings will change your life. Be prepare to receive that word because it made you (00:27:26). He may say no, but we will get mad. And if he says no, we get mad. But if he says wait, our next question is how long? You see how long Abraham had to wait? He was 75 when he left. He was waiting a whole generation with no child, and I know he was saying within his spirit, how in the world that his wife (00:28:01), but then she was aware (00:28:04). And sometimes, the things that God has for us even when the destiny is not in you.

When I told my wife about another child, you think my wife smile? I said, "Pudding, I know the name of the child. I know -- do you think my wife smile? My wife said, "Another baby because I got enough wrinkle with these three. Then, it's going

to get my body all out of fat. I'm going to put on all these weight trying to have this baby. You're trying to get all. Then, you got to stay up all night long in us." The word of the Lord came but, sometimes, even when the word of the Lord, we just don't want to hear it because the word of the Lord will always expect you beyond what you are, not just he had to have a baby. It will stretch always beyond what you are. And we just don't want to hear it. You see, we want ease, people. That's been what we want. We want ease. We don't want to worry a lot or put us in any kind of trial or tribulations or going to send us through some changes. What we want God to say is, "I hear you, my child. Here it is." That's really -- that's the kind of word of the Lord we want to hear. But, he doesn't work that way. You see, even when he deliver it onto, and then, after -- even Abraham, after he waited that long for a child. Then God told him, "Take it and sacrifice." And you know we would want (00:29:47). We've been waiting on the house, and God gave it to us. Keep the word when the Lord came. Take it.

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Give it to the homeless. Is there another Lord up there? That is the equivalent position that Abraham was placed to, so not only did he has to wait all of these time. When he got it, then God said, "Take it and sacrifice it to me." That's some tough stuff from him, or no matter (00:30:28) I know. So, I'm not doing that pastor." I know you wouldn't. I know you wouldn't, not he had waited on some all those years and knew you were too old to get another and then God will tell you to take the one that you have, your pride, the promises. I think that's why he was called the father of faith. That takes a whole lot of faith. We said we have the faith of Abraham that would take his pride's child, and you can't get to church to take 10% and sacrifice it. You all see, are you up for that? We say we're children -- and we want to have the faith of Abraham and you can't get to church that -- and I'm not talking about this church, but other churches even when they preach it hard, 60% of the folks still. When the word of the Lord comes, and that's the word of the Lord. You see, just when the word of the Lord comes about your money. You don't need to hear a tough decision. You get my child. No, it's in the word. So, you can't do when the word of the Lord comes, and that's why he was able to bless Abraham abundance because when the word of the Lord came, Abraham did and when he didn't do it, he swear that he had to pay a price for that when he showed

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disobedience. When he took a lot, he paid for it. God want to bless you people, and he is going to send the word into your lives. You just be ready to receive it. Amen, amen, amen.

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