

# Why Do I Want This?

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**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** This is Pastor Nathaniel Bronner, Jr. This is the fourth and final message in the four-message series on Manifestation. I am giving you this brief introduction to admonish you to listen to this entire message. It does not just stop at the formal end of the sermon, but I let it play on so that you hear the entire service. There were some anointings that occurred at the end that I want you to be a part of. So be sure to listen to the entire message; you'll be blessed.

Welcome to Brothers of the Word, because, Brother, you need the Word.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen. Today is the fourth and final message in the Manifestation series, and unless you are listening to this on VirtualChurch.com, you need to make sure that you hear these messages in order. You can easily listen to them from anywhere in the world from AirJesus.com. Just go and listen to the first message, "Get Up With the Sun", which is Message No. 5240; the second message, which is Message No. 5241, "Make The Call"; the third message of the four messages, 5242, "U.B.B.I."; and today's message is Message No. 5243.

We have a lot of people who listen to these messages on AirJesus.com, and one lady wrote and simply said, "Hello, my name is Rhonda Farley, and I live in Detroit. I listen to your sermons daily and enjoy them tremendously; I am learning so much. Today I listened to the Manifestation series, Parts 1 through 3, and have been unable to find Part 4." She said, "This is like reading a good book and being left with a cliffhanger. Please help."

So she could not find the fourth of these messages, because I had not preached the message yet. The messages are put on AirJesus.com within hours after they are preached, so many people have an opportunity to listen to them; but yet, many of them could not find the ending messages to the series simply because it had not been preached.

Well, today that is going to be manifested.

(Laughter.)

If you would, open your Bibles to the Book of James, 4th chapter and the 3rd verse. It's a verse that you've all heard before, and today I was really going to speak as the final part of the Manifestation series from the subject of "Just Do It". There's a part where the first of the Manifestation series, which was an unusual message called "Get Up With the Sun". The second was a little more traditional, called "Make The Call" about the words you speak and how they influence and they impact what manifests in your life. The third one, "U.B.B.I.", "You Better Believe It", about

having faith was more or less traditional. And I was going to talk today really about after you get all of the faith and after you've gotten the inspiration and after you've spoken it, you've got to do it.

But God said, "That's not what I want you to tell the people. I want you to tell them something that again is a little more nontraditional about trying to manifest some things into their lives." It will be an area that you really haven't thought about, because God knows what you don't and He knows what you need, and sometimes you've heard some things before; but He needs to teach you something different to get us to think in a different manner, so we can get some things manifest differently in our lives.

James 4:3 says, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lust." The New Living Translation simply says this: "And when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong."

I want to talk to you for a few minutes today from the simple subject of "Why Do I Want This?" Turn to the person sitting next to you and ask them, "Why ... "

**CONGREGATION:** Why ...

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** " ... do I want this?"

**CONGREGATION:** ... do I want this?

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** See, we dealt with manifestation and, oddly enough, I would have perhaps put this message first; but God knows the order of things. And even though we know sometimes even what we want, what we really don't know is why we really want it. God wants you to stop. All this stuff we have been asking for, all this stuff we have been pleading for, all of the things that we want manifested in our lives to really stop and just ask the real, soul-searching question, "Why do I want this?"

That's a question that to be honest about it, most people have never truly asked themselves, because the reasons that we think are usually not the real reasons. God wants you introspectively to ask, why do you really want this, because oftentimes the good reason and the real reason are not the same. Most of the times when we give reasons, we give good reasons. They sound good. They sound right. They sound like that's the whole story, that's the good reason! But that's not the real reason.

See, with anything in life, people, if you ever truly want to solve something, you can't solve the good reason, because the good reason, people will tell you what they really think sounds good and what you really want to hear. You have to always get to the real reason. Turn to the person next to them and tell them, "The real reason."

**CONGREGATION:** The real reason.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** And do you know, the real reason oftentimes is deep inside, and the real reason oftentimes not only do we not want to tell other people the real reason; we don't want to face the real reason ourselves, because the real reason gets deep, and the real reason sometimes get messy. Sometimes the real reason, we have to cut ourselves open and admit some things that we don't really want to admit to; we want to use the good reason. You know what? Society, the Church, the Government, my boss, my husband, my wife, my children, my job, the economy -- those are good reasons. And do you know, when things go wrong in our world, every one of those is a good reason? But it veeery rarely is the real reason. They're good reasons. They sound good, they make us look good. But veeery rarely is the good reason the real reason. God wants you just to take a minute and look deep within yourself on all of the things that you have asked and spoken and believed in to be manifested and ask, "What is the real reason? Why do I want this?"

Ecclesiastes 7:25 says: "I searched everywhere, determined to find wisdom and to understand the reason for things." Do you know it's tough to understand the reason for things? Even in business, there is a statement that goes, "A man who knows how will always have a job, but the man who knows why will always be his boss." ... "The man who knows how will always have a job, but the man who knows why will always be his boss."

God is trying to take you to some points where you understand the why in some things, the real reasons behind your motivations and why you want and why you do and why you are in service, if you can just take a minute and just understand the real reason. Even with the things you want manifested, "Why do I really want this?"

The Bible says in 1 Chronicles 28:9: "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind: for the Lord searched every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts." In other words, what this verse is saying is, God knows the real reason. He knows the real reason. We only see and deal with the external, and even behind stuff that folks do that you know, you don't know the real reason. Some people want to go in the ministry not to spread the Word of God. I talked with a businessman who you would know if I named him. He is one of the most respected and successful businessmen in the nation, and he told me, "When I was growing up, I looked around to see who had the best deal in the community; and when I looked to see who had the best deal, it was the preacher. The preacher looked like he always drove the nicest car. He had the greatest respect. It looked like he had to do the least amount of real hard work." He said, "So when I looked at who had the best deal in the community, I had decided that if I wanted the best deal, I was going to be a preacher." This man built a business empire that was virtually second to none.

The thing about it is, if he had really stuck to that decision and had decided to be a preacher, he would have been the best preacher in the city. But the real reason that he would've been the best preacher in the city and he would've been an awesome preacher, because he'd have studied the good preachers. He'd have mimicked them and he'd have developed and he would have done everything necessary. He would have been the best preacher in the city. But the real reason that he would've been the best preacher would have had nothing to do with his love of God, had nothing to do with the fact that he wanted to save and elevate Him; the real reason that he would've been the best preacher in the city is because he wanted the best deal and it looked like the preacher had the easiest job.

That's why God said He looks upon the real reason, the real motive. Why do I want this? With the things that you want manifested in your life, you really need to come face to face with that serious question: "Why do I want this?" When you can really look at yourself in the mirror and really ask yourself in all sincerity and answer -- and, see, you know when stuff is true. Don't have anyone else in the room. Just ask yourself that question -- "Why do I want this?" -- because you can't lie to yourself. You know when it's true. You know when that stuff is ringing right in your soul. You know you can lie to everybody else, but you can't really lie to yourself. You know when it's true. Ask yourself, "Why do I want this?"

Let me just give you a simple example of how wants and desires and manifestations exist in three different dimensions on three different levels. Let me just take something as simple as someone saying, "I want some aspirin." That's the desire. That's the manifested result, "I want some aspirin." But that's not really what you want. You don't really want aspirin. What you want is to get rid of the headache! Do you understand the difference? You don't really want aspirin. What you really want is to get rid of the headache or whatever pain or malady is in your body that is causing you some distress and stress. What you really want is to get rid of the pain!

So the first dimension of manifestation is, "I want some aspirin." The second dimension is, "I want to get rid of the headache." The third dimension is, "I want to get rid of the condition that caused the headache." And that's why when you really stop and ask yourself, "Why do I really want this?" God wants to take you to the third dimension, to some third-level thinking to where you will begin to be able to see the conditions behind what has even caused the desire for manifestation.

A good example is Hitler. Hitler nearly took over the world. And if the weather had not turned terrible in Russia that literally froze his army, if God had not stopped Hitler, man could not have. But you know Hitler's real reason for wanting to take over the world? Hitler had a lot of personal insecurities. He was insecure as a man. His relationships with women had failed. He had a whole lot of interpersonal stuff, and he manifested the thing by saying, "Since I am insecure on the inside, I'll take over everything on the outside." What may have appeared like a mighty reason was

really, when you got down to the real reason, this man was insecure. Do you know some people in life that act all big and try to be all that, and on the inside they are little-bitty babies, scared to death?

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** But they put on a front to appear to be so impervious and so powerful and so hard and so strong; but on the inside, they are like little-bitty babies on the inside. Why do you want this?

“I want a husband.” That’s the manifested result; but what’s the real, real reason? Sometimes when you get into the real reasons, the second level is, “I’m lonely.” And sometimes that third level is, “I need to be fulfilled.” See, if you don’t get to the real reason, what you will find is that the manifested result would never follow the real reason. You can go buy some aspirin and you can dull the pain; but you’ve done nothing about the condition that caused the headache, because you haven’t dealt with the real reason. What you wanted had nothing to do with what the real cause was. Even if you get a husband or even if you get a wife and if you haven’t solved the real problem, all you are going to have most of the time are two broken people coming together, and two broken things will never make a whole thing. So you don’t fix the real problem if you don’t really understand “Why do I want this thing?”

“I want a new car.” Why do you want a new car? There may be a right reason: “I need a new car, because I need new transportation. My old one is about to break down. I’ve got plenty of money; I can afford this thing.” But sometimes the real reason why we want a new car, “I need people to look up to me. I’m feeling bad about myself. If I get this new car, this will change the image of how people see me.” Sometimes that’s the real reason. If you never adjust and address the real reason for things in your life, the manifested result will never solve anything.

“I want a new house.” We just moved into a new house less than a year ago. It’s big. I’ll just be honest, it’s big. But Puddin’ will tell you before we moved into that house, I said, “Puddin’, let me tell you one thing.” I said, “If we’re not happy in this house, we’re not going to be happy in a house four times its size. If there is no peace here, there’s not going to be any peace there. If we’re fussing here, not only will you fuss this; it’s louder because it’s bigger and it echoes more.”

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** “If we are fulfilled here, we’ll be fulfilled there. If there is joy here, there will be joy there. If there’s love here, there’ll be love there.” But, see, “If I get a new house, things will smooth out; people will look up to me”; and what you’ll find is that the reason why you wanted this thing was all wrong. Your

manifested results will never yield what you want, because you never truly asked the question, “Why do I want this?”

“I want to start my own business.” You need to seriously ask yourself the question, “Why do you want to start your own business?” Now, I’m an entrepreneur. I believe in entrepreneurship. But you better have the right reason. A lot of people want to start their own business, because they don’t want to submit to anybody. “I don’t want to take orders from anybody. I want to be my own boss, do what I want to do. Why do I want this?” You better understand your reasons. Now, see, what I’ve just told you is the real reason. Folks won’t tell you that, but that’s the real reason underlying the thing. What they’ll tell you is, “I just want to start my own business, because I have this entrepreneurial spirit.” They don’t want to take orders from anybody.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** The problem and what you will find is that often they are not successful, because they’ve never been faithful to another man, and as a result the same spirit comes under them; and even employees that they get for some reason won’t be faithful under them, because the same spirit is there: they refuse to submit to another one, and when they start their own, the people won’t submit to them. They have problems with it, and then they find out that even when they get their own business, they are still not as free as they thought it was, because now they are under the Government. “Now, I’ve got to pay all these taxes. Now, I’ve got all these regulations. Now, I’m responsible for all these employees. Now, I’ve got this and that.” All of a sudden, it’s not quite what they wanted, because they never asked themselves, “Why do I want this?” And they never understood that if you don’t have the right reason when you want things manifested into your life, even if it comes into your life, it will never work the way you want it to because the reason and the foundation is all wrong.

Why do I want this? People, this is a deep question that most of us have difficulty dealing with and understanding.

If you can take your desires and all of the things that you want God to bring into your life, and if you can change the underlying motivation from “Why do I want this?” to “This is what God wants for me,” it will change your whole world. See, some of you are trying to manifest some things that God does not intend for you, and you don’t understand it.

I was in the music business for years, trying to make number-one hit records. I was getting better at it. As a matter of fact, the audio technician that we have here, Peter **McCure**, he is from my music days. He used to then. That’s where I met him, at a recording studio. We ended up building our own recording studio, and the

prophet walked in one day, and this was a man; his name was Reverend Louis Berry. This was a man who I knew had told me things in the past, and everything he told me came true. He walked into the studio, and he said, "You will never be successful in this business." He said, "All of this equipment is going to be used for God." And when he said it, I realized that what I wanted was not what God wanted.

That was 20 years ago, and we still have some equipment in the church right now -- the equipment that Brother Ivan plays, the keyboards -- that is from the music studio. That big, old keyboard, that Yamaha 88, that long keyboard, that's the midi-controller from the studio. He's got four instrumental modules over there from the studio. The original board that we had, that was from the studio. We've got compressors and equipment, and all that was from the studio. Everything the man prophesied, "I want it." Turn to the next person and tell them, "I want it."

**CONGREGATION:** I want it.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Have you ever had where it was "I want it," and the things that you tried to call forth, why do you want this? The first thing that you need to make sure of, you need to make sure what God wants for your life, not what I want; and if I had not turned around, I recognize the truth of the prophesy. First of all, I wasn't getting successful with it; that's number one. See, that's the first thing you'll see: all the stuff you've been trying to do and you keep beating your head against the wall. We put out record after record after record, and our biggest record made *Billboard's* Top 100 three times; but we still had not made any money. So in all of that and all of the sweat and all of the marketing and all of the work, it still wasn't working!

I had to say, "Wait a minute." I had the word from the man of God, and I had to say, "Wait a minute. Let me see here what God wants." I had to change, and that's the way some of you will have to be with the things that you have asked to be manifested in your life: "Why do I want this?" The first thing needs to be, "I want this, because this is what God wants in my life."

"Well, Pastor, how do I know what God wants in my life?" First thing is, it will align with His Word. We were making some ... it wasn't like the lowdown, trashy, rap stuff they're making now; but it was about love and, you know, fine things and that's it, don't stop, and it wasn't about anything in gospel music. So the music that we were making was worldly music about worldly things. So if you really want to know God's destiny, sometimes you can even look at what you're doing and you can look at His Word, and His Word will let you know that isn't right. You don't have to come hear a prophet to let you know. His Word will let you know some stuff is not right!

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** That will tell you from the start. But there are times when even the Word won't quite discern whether or not you are doing the right thing. That's why that first message, "Get Up With the Sun", you need to be up and you need to be listening and you need to be praying unto God, and God will reveal the direction He wants you to go, not the way we want to go, because the way we want to go is what we want and oftentimes what we want is based on reasons that, to be honest about it, are not solid. It's based on pain, hurt, insecurities. God can see what we really need to be doing and what we really need manifested into our lives. Why do you want this?

Whether it's a car, a house, a position, a mate, even a child, why do you want this? You need to know God's destiny for the things that are being manifested into your life. When you can get that and when you can get away from "what I want", you'll find some things will truly be manifested in your life that will bless you.

I am out of time. This ends the Manifestation series. If you'd like to hear this entire series, simply go to [AirJesus.com](http://AirJesus.com). It begins with Message No. 5240. Listen to 5240, 5241, 5242 and this message, 5243.

I thank you for joining us at Brothers of the Word, because, Brother, you need the Word.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen. God wants to manifest some stuff into your life, people. God wants to manifest it. God wants to manifest it. God wants to manifest it. Aah, but we like Burger King.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** We want to have it our own way. God wants to manifest it in your life. I plead with you, don't go through the long road of trying to do stuff your way. We bash our heads constantly against stone ... stone ... stone.

Seek what God wants in your life. You see, He will have a reason that you won't even understand; but you don't need to understand it, because God will start laying some things in foundation that you won't even be able to see the fruit of for 20 years down the road. But He'll lay the foundation, and you won't understand; but as long as it is God's will and as long as you know clearly His will, that's all you need to know.

The house we moved into, I've never publicly told the story of how that thing came about. Number one, I had spoken, first of all, the type of house that I wanted. I had

three criteria: first of all, I said I wanted a house 10,000 square feet. Now, whether or not that's big or small, that's what I wanted. I was living in a house already 3500 square feet; now, Puddin', wasn't I happy with that house? I was happy with the house I was in. I said, "But, look, if I'm going to move, a home is a good investment; so in terms of why did I want this, it's a good investment. I needed a bigger tax break. The Government will only pay half of it." I said, "If I'm going to move, I am going to move into a house, number one, 10,000 square feet; number two, it is going to be on the water; and number three, it will be 15 minutes or less from my job, because I am not going to get on the expressway, driving an hour to get to work every day." Those were the three criteria. People told me, "You are not going to find that. You can't get all three of them. There's no way in the world you are going to find a house the size you want on the water within 15 minutes of your job." They said, "You cannot find it." Didn't people tell us that? They said, "You can't find it." I said, "I may not be able to; it will find me." That's exactly what I said; I said, "It will find me."

We went and bought some land on a lake, 5 lots, 500 feet; basically bought the whole side of the lake. I had to pray and ask God before I bought that property, "Lord, is this the property for me?" And He simply told me, "I will put a sign on the property." He said, "Take the picture, and I'll put a sign on the property in the picture." So I went out and snapped the picture, looked at the pictures and couldn't see a thing. I emailed the pictures to James. I said, "James, see if you can see anything on these pictures." James called me and said, "On this one picture here," he said, "look at it closely." And there in the middle of the picture was a bright blue diamond. I said, "Wow!"

I went ahead and bought the property. Puddin' had been working diligently on getting the plans for the house. She had been working with the architect, and the very week that the plans were finalized, James called me one Sunday. He had just moved into a house in the same neighborhood, and he said, "Look, Man. You need to come see this out that's out here. This thing is an awesome price for this house; you need to come see it." So I said, "Puddin', let's go see it." Puddin' went, "Blum-blum-bloo. I'm not interested in the house."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She said, "I don't need to go see it. We already have a house. What do we need to go see a house for?" I said, "Well, let's just go see the thing."

We went to the house and I walked in the house, and to be honest about it, I didn't too much care for the house on the outside. It was gray; gray is not my color. I didn't care for the house that much on the outside. But when we walked in the house and started walking around it, we said, "My goodness! This thing is awesome!" I walked

outside, and as I was walking outside, God spoke to me then and He said, "This is it." I said, "Ut-oh."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** He said, "You tell your wife to make an offer on this house right away."

Puddin' came out and I said, "Puddin' ..." and I wasn't feeling too good about this at all.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I said, "Puddin', I just heard from the Lord."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** "And the Lord said, "This is it.""

Puddin's lip went out about this far.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She said, "What?"

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I said, "The Lord said, "This is it." She said, "But we've got the plans, and we've got the property. We're getting ready to build. We've got all that stuff." I said, "I understand aaall of that. But God said, "This is it,' and He said for you to make an offer on this property" -- and that was Sunday -- "first thing tomorrow." Puddin' was just loud, and I said, "Look, I'm just going to tell you. I'm not going to say another word about it. I'm just telling you what the Lord said, and I'm leaving it right there."

Puddin' made the offer first thing Monday. Now, this is the interesting part; that's why I said when you understand the way God works on this. She was the first person to make an offer, because that Sunday was the first day the house was shown. So she made an offer early Monday morning. She made an offer \$30,000 less than what they were asking for the house, and what they were asking for the house was already an unbelievably low price for the size of the house. By the time the week had ended, they had four offers on the house. Six months later, Puddin' looked at me and Puddin' said, "You know, I can see now why God wanted us to move here, because this is much better than the other place."

What happened at the other place, we were going to build this huge house, and then they started putting all these little-bitty houses all over the subdivision. We couldn't see and didn't know what was coming, and the atmosphere and the vibration where we are is much better than where I was going to move.

So, you see, when you understand some things and when you are in tune to God's Spirit, He'll take you to where you need to be. See, even dealing with the house, that was a part of prophetic destiny. All of you were here the evening the prophet testified. He said, "You are going to have an awesome house. It's going to be this big, old house." And he said, "God will give it to you, because it doesn't matter to you." And it didn't, and Puddin' will tell you. You ask; ask; ask her am I telling the truth. I don't even talk that much about the house. What I love about the place is the natural setting. I like to see what God makes.

If you can learn to become sensitive to the voice of God, He will take you where you need to go, because you don't know what's coming down the road. We still don't know what's under the ground on that. That property where we were going to build could be sitting on a solid lump of rock for all we know. You never know why God will direct you to a particular place or to a particular thing. But you must learn how to put what you want aside and go with what God wants. When you learn that, when you heed that, you will be able to manifest, because the devil can manifest some stuff, too. You don't want demonic manifestation; you want Divine manifestation.

So everything that I spoke was, first of all, aligned with what God wanted me to have. So, you learn some of those principles. But if I hadn't been hearing God's voice and, more importantly, if I hadn't listened -- and if Puddin' hadn't listened, because I told Puddin' . I said, "I'm just going to tell you, I'm leaving it in God's hand." I said, "If you don't make the offer, I'm not going to fuss." I said, "That's between you and the Lord." Isn't that what I told you? That's exactly what I told her. I said, "I'm not," you know, because I have a problem with that myself when God tells me some stuff; there's some stuff God tells me I don't want to do, and that's the way you're going to be, too, because generally when God has to tell you something, it's something you don't want to do anyway, because you're already doing what you want to do. You're already doing that, so usually when God has to tell you something, it's something you really don't want to do! But if you learn to listen to His Word, He'll always take you where you need to be. Even if it's through the wilderness, He will take you to the Promised Land where you need to be.

I want three people to come down here now who want some things manifested in their lives, three people. The first three to get here, just be the first three (laughing).

(Laughter and applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen, amen! Well, that's her (laughing).

**FEMALE:** I'm just a mess, I'm here (laughing).

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Perhaps it is even indicative there are four people who are here, and they all got up. See, Pastor James spoke about winning first place in the karate tournament on yesterday. He was fighting these huge men; and to be honest about it, they were putting a whipping on him, and the instructor said, "You have got to be first," because James was standing there, waiting on them to come to him, and they were striking. He said, "You've got to move first!" When he told James that, James changed his strategy. So when the man said, "Go!" instead of him standing back waiting, he just ran up there and pow! (laughing).

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** See, sometimes that's what you have to do in life when the door is opened: you've just got to run on up there and pow! You've got to move when an opportunity arises. I just want to pray, and God has spoken to me, "Just pray an anointing." He actually said, "Pray anointing over three people," and I said, "But, Lord, it's four messages." So there are four of you down here, and I just want to pray the anointing just of the ability for manifestation, because I have that ability myself. There is nothing that I have asked for and spoken and set as a goal that I have not achieved, nothing I can think of in my life -- nothing! If I'm not getting it, that's just because I didn't ask for it, period. As a matter of fact, not only is there nothing that I haven't asked for, it's actually always gone beyond, because even on the house we were going to build, how many garages did it have, Puddin'? The house we were going to build and planned for it, it had seven garages. No, it wasn't, it was seven. We had seven garages on the house we were going to build. Now, how many are on the one now? There's eight! She doesn't even know how many garages we have (laughing).

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** But the ability to call and to see and to manifest, I just want to impart that anointing on you. Just like when God spoke to me, "You can be in the best shape of your life at 50 years old," I'm starting; I'm going to manifest that thing, but I'm going to believe, I'm going to speak it. But, see, God spoke it to me, not me; that's why I can make it: because He spoke it. Whenever He speaks something into your life, you can manifest it. There are some material things that will manifest. That's why He said, "I'll give it to you, because it doesn't matter to you."

One of these days, you're going to see a gold convertible Rolls Royce that will be parked out in front of the church; it's going to be there. I'll leave in the Rolls Royce, I'll go to the airport, I'm going to get on the private Lear jet; it will be there. I'm going to speak it, and it will come to pass, because all that is a part of mission. I'll tell you right now, I don't need a Rolls Royce; but God knows some people are going to need to hear what I've got to say and they are only going to listen to a man in a Rolls Royce.

So whatever the case is, there will be places that the Brothers of the Word will have to go. C. Elijah is going to need to be on that Lear jet, because he may have to be in Los Angeles this afternoon to anoint and to deliver some folks, so he is going to need a private jet to get there. Whether it's a donkey or whether it's a jet, He will have to make provisions for us to do and to carry the mission forth of what we have to do.

So when you learn some things and you understand, it doesn't matter how long it takes, because sometimes we get discouraged because it looks like it's taking longer than we figured. But that's what we figured. The power to speak things, Jesus said, "If you can believe and you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can say unto this mountain, Be thou cast into the sea ... if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed."

I'm going to ask my brothers to come on down. James gave me the testimony of how he won his first place; but that's what he spoke, that's what he believed, that's what he practiced and what he went in there to do: nothing but to win first place. He didn't go in there to win second! See, actually, both of us are in karate; but we have different divisions for it, and we speak different. And do you know, I told him I didn't care about winning a first-place trophy. But, see, the way you speak is what will manifest. I was going to fight in the tournament. I pulled my back Monday. I couldn't even fight in it.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** See, that's what I'm saying. If I had spoken it, the thing would have happened differently!

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** The power of your words align with God's will, because if you speak words and they are out of God's will, they are still going to be null and void. I just want to pray over you the power of manifestation.

Let's all join hands, all of us right here.

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray right now over these who are standing here; but, dear Father, even let the prayer extend to those who are listening to these words, whether it be internet or cassette or CD. Dear Father, for all of those who can truly believe and who can hear Your Word, dear Father, I pray right now for the power of their words; that they shall be able to speak, and it shall come to pass; that they shall be able to call things that are not as though they were, and they shall be; that their words shall be words of power, words of action, words of manifestation, and with the words of their mouths, they shall make their worlds. Regardless of what people think, regardless of what people say cannot be done, regardless of what circumstances appear to present, but the power and with the words of their mouths, they shall be able to speak it, and the angels shall hark unto it, and it shall be made manifest. You said, dear Father, whenever ye shall ask in Thy Son's Name, dear Father, I pray right now an anointing of power of manifestation in their lives. In Thy Son Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Amen, amen, it is done! Amen. All of you have made me do it, amen, amen.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** James said this about dealing with the house that I forgot to mention. When I asked God about the property, He said, "I'll put a sign in the picture," and the sign in the picture was a blue diamond. Where the other house had a real-estate sign in the front yard. Puddin', tell them what was on the sign. Do you remember? Speak it so they can hear you. Just shout it out so they can hear you. You're nodding your head there, Puddin'.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** A diamond. What color diamond?

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** The name of the company was Blue Diamond Realty. So even though there was a blue diamond in the picture on the property on the very house itself, right in front of the front door, was a sign with a big blue diamond on it that said "Blue Diamond Realty". It wasn't what I figured, but it was exactly like He said! That's the way sometimes the prophetic work. When I saw the thing in the property -- and I still have the property, I was going to sell the property; but the minute God told me about the house, He said, "But don't sell the lots." So I still have the most prime lakefront property in southwest Atlanta, and I don't know what I'm going to do with it until God speaks what to do. But I'm just showing you how He works and how sometimes things are not quite the way you think; but you just follow His lead, and if you follow His leading, He will take you to the right place.

**CONGREGATION MEMBER:** (Inaudible.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Yeah.

**CONGREGATION MEMBER:** (Inaudible.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen! Amen! Do you understand?

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen! Amen! For those of you who did not hear what he said -- because God did tell me three people -- there was a husband-and-wife team, and they count as one. Now, see, that just shows you that God is even recognized, because I'm going to tell you, not all of these husband-and-wife teams are one. They have a big divide in the middle. But that shows you, they popped up at the same time, same speed, of one accord. That was a deep revelation. See, sometimes God will reveal something to us; it was three people, "for the two shall be one flesh".

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Amen, amen! Do all of you see how God's stuff will reveal itself, because He spoke three people and I just didn't have the heart to tell somebody to sit down (laughing).

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** But the two were one, because all of them got up here at the same time. So I didn't see anyone I was going to send; maybe the last; but it looked like all of them got here at the exact same time, and it didn't look like anybody was going to move!

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** "For the two shall be one flesh." Amen. It gets deep, see, when you walk with God. That's why, people, God amazes me. He really does. I mean, there's no reality show that can beat what God does, no movie. He just amazes me just with the way things unfold, and I say, "Good grief!" He just amazes me with stuff.

Walk with Him, people. Walk with Him, and He will take you to the Promised Land.

I'm going to ask C. Elijah now just to close us out with whatever is on his heart. I hope this series has been beneficial to you. You may need to go back and listen to it, starting with the first, second, third and the fourth; and each time you hear, you will get something different. May it take you to where you have the power of manifestation.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Praise God. Give the Pastor a hand, amen; amen, yeah.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** We thank God just for manifesting some things right before us confirming His Word, and thank God for the great things that He has in store for us. God wants to bless His people richly. It is time. God always wanted to use His people as a demonstration in the Earth, to say that there is a God in Israel. The only way that the world can see God in Israel is to see the people of God blessed. So God wants to move us into position so that He can showcase us, so the world can say, "There is a God in the church. Look at the people of God. Look at the people of God; look how they're blessed. Look how their homes are blessed, their families are blessed, their marriages are blessed. They have no lack. There is no sickness among them. Look at the glory of God." So I thank God so much for this series on Manifestation. There are good things God wants to bring into our lives. He wants to bless His children, and we have a loving Heavenly Father.

We just want to take a moment. The doors of the church are open, and if anyone here has not made Jesus Lord of your life, we invite you to come down. We'd love to pray for you. Anyone here that hasn't made Jesus Lord of your life, or if you want to rededicate your life, you want to rededicate your life and you want to do things God's way, you want to do it His way?

(Applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen. Amen. Amen, God bless you. God bless you, amen, amen. Anyone else before we pray?

I have two that have come to make a decision. They want to do it God's way; they want to start afresh and rededicate and recommit themselves to the Lord. I want all of you just to lift your hands, and I'm just going to say a prayer. All of you can repeat after me: Heavenly Father ...

**CONGREGATION:** Heavenly Father ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... thank You for allowing me ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... thank You for allowing me ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... to come this day ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... to come this day ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... to make a bold decision.

**CONGREGATION:** ... to make a bold decision.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I want to rededicate ...

**CONGREGATION:** I want to rededicate ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and recommit myself ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... and recommit myself ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... to You.

**CONGREGATION:** ... to You.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Oh, live in me ...

**CONGREGATION:** Oh, live in me ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... in a fresh and new and ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... in a fresh and new and ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and living way.

**CONGREGATION:** ... and living way.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Father, I have sinned.

**CONGREGATION:** Father, I have sinned.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I've missed the mark.

**CONGREGATION:** I've missed the mark.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I ask You to forgive me ...

**CONGREGATION:** I ask You to forgive me ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... ask You to cleanse me right now ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... ask You to cleanse me right now ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... through the Blood of Jesus ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... through the Blood of Jesus ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and I thank You for it, God.

**CONGREGATION:** ... and I thank You for it, God.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Oh, God, I want to walk with You in a whole new ...

**CONGREGATION:** Oh, God, I want to walk with You in a whole new ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... whole new way ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... whole new way ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... each and every day, God.

**CONGREGATION:** ... each and every day, God.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Thank You for the goodness ...

**CONGREGATION:** Thank You for the goodness ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and the good things ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... and the good things ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... that are being manifested in my life right now.

**CONGREGATION:** ... that are being manifested in my life right now.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** And, Lord, I just praise You!

**CONGREGATION:** And, Lord, I just praise You!

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I rejoice in You, God ...

**CONGREGATION:** I rejoice in You, God ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and this is a new start for me.

**CONGREGATION:** ... and this is a new start for me.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I want to please You.

**CONGREGATION:** I want to please You.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I want to serve You ...

**CONGREGATION:** I want to serve You ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... with all of my heart ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... with all of my heart ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... and with all of my life.

**CONGREGATION:** ... and with all of my life.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** I receive a fresh anointing right now ...

**CONGREGATION:** I receive a fresh anointing right now ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... a fresh refilling of Your Holy Spirit ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... a fresh refilling of Your Holy Spirit ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... in Jesus' Name I pray ...

**CONGREGATION:** ... in Jesus' Name I pray ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... amen, amen, amen; God bless you. God bless you!

(Applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Amen, amen, amen; praise God. You may be seated.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Before she's seated, I want your parents to come up and stand. I want you to know who that's for.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I don't know what you asked for after that anointing, but those are her parents.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Uh-huh.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** So, see, people, the power of your words will even impact those around you.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** When you have the power ...

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** ... to speak and to manifest in your life, even your children will be impacted.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** They will be influenced; their lives will be guided by the words that you speak.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** They are going to be just like you. I was out visiting someone on Friday in a nursing home, and they had *Oprah* on. Oprah had on the Super Nanny, and the Super Nanny came in when they couldn't control the children? And the Super Nanny basically said, "In every case, bar none, every one of these unruly children roots back to the parents." She said, "I can go down anytime, every one of those root right back to their parents." And every time a child is in order and comes into order, that roots right back to the parents. So, you don't need the Super Nanny to tell you that. That's in His Word. But I just thank you for just even seeing these manifestations.

I want Puddin' just to come and stand by me, because we wouldn't have had the house without Puddin'. She said, "I don't want this house; but I'm going to be submissive under my husband, but I don't want this house." Didn't you say that, Puddin'?

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She didn't want it! She told me that, she said, "I don't want this house. I've got my own plans!" (laughing)

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** And she had them literally (laughing)! But she said, “I’m going to be submissive unto my husband.”

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah.

**CONGREGATION:** Yeah, yeah.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She didn’t know whether I heard from the Lord or not about that house.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** But she was blessed and can now see the blessing because of just doing what God said. God says, “Wives, be submitted unto your husbands”; it didn’t even say “when they are being good” or anything. You just do what the Word says. Amen and amen.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Yeah. You all may be seated.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I wasn’t going to tell about that; but since you did mention it (laughing) ...

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** You know Puddin’ is pregnant. She’s about five months pregnant now.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** And I had spiritually received, long before the baby -- you heard me talk about that -- the baby’s name was to be ...

**CONGREGATION:** George.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** ... George!

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** Now, the problem is, Puddin’ doesn’t like the name George.

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** We went to the OB/GYN to have the ultrasound, and it's a boy. Now, the thing is, the other day Puddin' said, "This baby ..." I said, "That's not 'this baby'; that's George."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She said, "I don't want to call him George, because I don't like the name!"

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I said, "That's George. You ought to at least just call him George." She said, "I don't want that."

**CONGREGATION MEMBER:** She said it wasn't born yet.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She said it wasn't born yet. She said, "They could have been wrong on the ultrasound." I said, "What do you mean, 'they could have been wrong?'" I said, "We've had three other babies, we've gone in to see the ultrasound, and with none of the children when they said it was a boy could we make it out. You know, there'd be some big fuzzy glob in there."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** "And the nurse would say, 'This is a boy.'" I said, "We couldn't. But with George ..."

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** ... I mean, they were too big and they were sitting up there!

(Laughter and applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** I said, "Puddin', what in the world you mean?!" I said, "This is the only one where we could see it clear as a bell that this is a man in there, and you're talking about, what do you mean, they may be wrong? You can see it there!"

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** You see, that's how the Bible comes alive! I understood Zachariah, see, because Zachariah didn't like the name John. I said, "Puddin', this

is George.” She said, “I’m not going to call him George until he comes out of here.” I said, “Puddin’, it’s George!” She said, “I don’t like the name George. I just don’t like it, I just don’t like it!”

**CONGREGATION MEMBER:** She said she didn’t have to call it that until it’s born.

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** She said she didn’t have to call it that until it’s born. So ...

(Laughter and applause.)

**PASTOR NATHANIEL:** But, people, I would like to introduce you to George (laughing)!

(Laughter and applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** The doors of the church are open (laughing).

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** If you don’t have a church home, we want to give you an opportunity to make this your church home. Amen!

(Applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Amen, amen, certainly delighted. Amen. She’s been here with us for a while, singing in the choir and already carrying on like a member; so she decided to ...

(Laughter.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** ... to make it official (laughing). Anyone else before we pray?

Amen, why don’t you stretch your hands toward her, and you just lift your hands?

Father, we thank You so much for our dear sister, who comes to be planted and rooted into this ministry, God. Father, I pray that her life will flourish her. I pray, God, that Your Spirit and anointing will be upon her; that You will prosper her in all that she does. May she grow, God, and walk in obedience and serve and please You. Father, may You use all of her gifts and talents; and, Father, we just thank You, God, that You’ll cause increase to come into her life and that You’ll prosper her. Pray for her health, that she will walk divinely in health. Pray for her household and opportunities and opening doors for her. We thank You, God, that

she'll grow spiritually. And, Father, we pray that she'll be faithful to this ministry and we'll be faithful to love and support and to teach her, to help her to grow in her walk with You. In Jesus' Mighty Name, amen, amen, amen.

(Applause.)

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Amen (laughing). Amen.

Why don't you all stand, come across the aisles and join hands?

(Music.)

**CONGREGATION (singing) :** We are one, we are one. We are one in the Spirit, we are one. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are one in the Spirit; we are one.

**PASTOR C. ELIJAH:** Father, we just thank You so much, God, for manifestation. We thank You, God, for this series, and we thank You, God, for bringing good things into our lives. Father, I thank You so much for these people, God. Thank You for their growth, their desire to know You and to please You. We thank You, God, for allowing us to become more like You. We thank You for Your blessings, God, which are just an addition, God. You are the real reward, and You bless us anyway, just as a bonus. We thank You so much, God, for being with us, and we thank You for all that You are to us in life. And we desire You and to love You all of our days, and we thank You so much for manifestation. In Jesus' Name we pray, let every heart say "amen, amen."