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Pastor Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word!

Amen! Amen! Amen and today I am going to be speaking from the subject of the Daughter of Jesus. The Daughter of Jesus--and I know many of you are wondering, "Well, I did not know that Jesus had any children. Is this some secret that you have come across? Some hidden document? Some genealogical record that has been revealed as to how Jesus actually had fathered children?" Well, I am going to explain and talk to you today about the daughter of Jesus and it is in the Book of Mark Chapter 5 beginning at the 25th verse. It is a passage that you have heard, but you have never quite heard or understood it in this manner and it reads, "And a certain woman which had an issue of blood 12 years and had suffered many things of many physicians and had spent all that she had and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse. When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind and touched his garment for she said, if I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway, the fountain of her blood was dried up and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague and Jesus immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned Him about in the press and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And His disciples said unto Him, "Thou sees the multitude thronging thee, and says thou who touched me?" And He looked around about to see her that had this thing, but the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth.

And He said unto her, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace and behold of thy plague." Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole—this is the only passage in the Bible where Jesus calls anyone daughter. What made this woman so special? What made her different that Jesus would call her daughter?

You see, a child is perhaps our closest physical and emotional attachment and with men, it is often their daughters and with women, it is often their sons, but parents are still—there is no closer attachment generally than they have in the world than a child. Often, even husband and wife, they are not nearly as attached to each other as they are attached to the children and often times, you find it that when a husband and wife have had split, they cannot stand each other, but both of them want the children, so there is an extreme attachment that occurs on just a natural basis. It is usually the closest emotional attachment that we have, it is through our children, so why and why did Jesus call this woman daughter?

And there is one other instance in the Bible, the only other instance that I could find where Jesus calls someone son, and that is also in the Book of Mark, Second Chapter beginning at the first verse, "And again, he entered into Capernaum after some days and it was noised that He was in the house and straightway, many more gathered together in so much that there was no room to receive them. No, not so much as about the door and He preached the Word unto them and they come unto

Him bringing one sick of the palsy which was born of four and when they could not come not unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, 'Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.'" And this is the only man that I could find that Jesus called son. One he called daughter and one he called son.

And whenever the Bible states something, there is always a reason and the words are always chosen very carefully, so I have to then begin to look, I said, "What were the unique parts? What did they have in common? Why did Jesus call just this woman daughter and just this man son out of all the people who He knew? Why? Why did He call just these two individuals His children, and there were seven particular characteristics that both of them had in common. The first characteristic that they had in common, you see one thing Jesus says in Matthew Chapter 9, He says, "And it came to pass as Jesus sat at the meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples and when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto His disciples, 'Why eat of your Master with publicans and sinners?' But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, "They that behold need not a physician, but they that are sick, but go ye and learn what that meaneth. I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for I am not come to call the righteous, but the sinner to repent." Jesus said, I came for the sick. I came for the people who need my help desperately. So what were the characteristics? He said, I came for My children. What were the characteristics of this woman and this man had in common?

Number one, they were both desperate. They had reached a point where there was no one else to turn to. They had tried everything that they knew. They had come to the point—have you ever been to the point where you say, "I just do not have anything to lose." She reached out to touch Him of His garment. The man sick of the palsy, he saw that Jesus was in the house and he could not get there because it was too crowded and the only spot was to go up on a roof and to tear the roof off, but the only thing that he could do was tear the roof off of it! To be let down in. And both of them had reached the point where they simply said, "Look, I do not have anything to lose. I have tried everything that I know. I have nothing else to lose" and Jesus sometimes, God has to bring us to a point where all of our material sustenance and all of our intellect has run out. Do you know sometimes, it is hard to just fully rely on God and you have a million dollars in the bank? It is hard to just fully rely on God because you know you have back up. You understand what I mean? It is hard to just fully rely on God and you have a hundred thousand dollars in the bank.

For many of you, it would be hard to rely on God if you had just ten thousand dollars in the bank, and there are quite a few of you listening to me right now, it would be hard to rely on God if you just had next month's rent in the bank! Because

if you had next month's rent in the bank, you really—in your logical mind do not need God for next month. Now, maybe next, you may need Him, but not for next month. So if you had just next month's rent in the bank, you can see how you are going to make it, but both with these people, they could not see a way out. They had lost everything. They had nothing left. The woman—she had no relationship because she had had an issue of blood for 12 years and when a woman has an issue of blood by law, no man could even come near her. If she sat down, he could not sit on the same seat. If she laid in the bed, he could not lay in the same bed. No man could come near her. She had no relationship, then she had spent all that she had on the doctors, so when she has spent all that she has, how much is all? All is everything which meant, she had no money left. She had no man. She had no money. She was sick and stuff was getting worse. Do you know that people is a desperate condition?

And this lady heard that Jesus was coming to town and she pressed her way through and she says, I tried everything else and I believe that if I can just touch Him, I can get well. They were desperate. There was no human solution. See for both of them, even if they had had money, there was no human solution.

I had an incident this morning at the house. We have an aquarium. It takes up almost a whole side of the wall and it was being redone. We are changing it into a salt water—a marine aquarium so the gentleman had been over the last week and he had gotten it all prepped and he filled it up with water and he had the filters going and all of that. And it had been along for a week. And my wife is a very strong woman. She is an independent woman. My wife likes to do her own thing. Her own way. You all know anybody like that? She is a good woman, but she likes to do her own thing her own way. And I was upstairs getting ready and I heard my wife holler out, "Go get daddy!" What had happened, the aquarium, it was leaking and water had all of a sudden started flooding out from under the aquarium and had two or three pumps on it and all of the sudden, the pumps, the water had gotten on the electrical circuit to start a sparking, the smoke was coming up, so my wife saw all of it, and she said, "Go get him!" Now my wife is a very independent woman. She likes to do her own thing, her own way, but when my wife saw that water coming out, she saw smoke coming out, she saw fire and stuff sparking, my wife knew that was a job for daddy and she knew it had gone beyond her limitations.

There are some things in life, see, we can handle it as long as we had our own strength, but there are stuff, you see, what happened when I got there and I went and cut the power off, went and found out there was a hose that had come lose and that was the problem, but it was really creating a real big mess. Sometimes, people, see when the hose comes lose, sometimes, when all holes break lose, sometimes we can go smooth along in life until all hose broke lose, then when all holes breaks lose, then stuff happens and we realize we have got to go get daddy. We have to call on

Daddy because we cannot handle this stuff and this is a position where they were in that there was no solution that they could see and stuff was just getting worse for both of them. See if you are sick with the palsy, the more you lay there, the more your muscles atrophy and deteriorate. The longer you lay, the weaker you get, so they were getting worse. They were desperate. There was no solution and they did not know what to do and on top of it all, both of them had situations where it was hard to get to the one person who could help them. They knew that the only way and their salvation, they knew they needed a miracle. Have you all ever been in a situation where you just need a miracle? I mean, you go to the credit counselor and when you explain the situation, they say, "Hmmm, looks bad, looks bad." You go to the doctor and the doctor says, "Whew! Let me send you to get a second opinion." And so you are sitting there at the second opinion and the second opinion says, "Let me send you to get a third opinion and the third opinion says, "Oh, do you have any close relatives?"

There are situations where man's stuff is just bleak and they needed a miracle and there are some times in life, there is just no logical solution. They needed a miracle, but the only person that they knew who could work a miracle was hard to get to. Jesus was at the house and the house was thronged. They could not even stand in the doorway. Jesus was walking down the road and there were so many multitudes around, she had to get through the press trying to get to Him, they could not even get to the person who needed, who could possibly give them the miracle so they had to go beyond the normal and they had to just press their way through, tear the roof off trying to get to Jesus.

But when they got to Jesus, and you see, one came from below. She touched Him of his garment. One came from above. He came through the roof. It does not matter whether you are on the bottom or on the top. Sooner or later, you are going to need a miracle. From the bottom to the top, sooner or later, there will come circumstances in your world and in your life, nothing that you have and nothing man can do can figure it out and solve it. You are going to just flat out need a miracle from top to bottom. So one came from the bottom, one came from the top, but they knew that they needed a miracle and actually the person that Jesus credited with having the greatest faith in was the Bible was actually a rich man. He was a Centurion. He was over a hundred men, and when you are a hundred people, you are pretty well off. And Jesus said, this man said, "Look Master, I am not even worthy if you did not come to my house. Just send the word and my servant will be made will." It does not matter what station in life you are in, people. If you can get to Jesus, Jesus can bring a miracle into your world and though it may appear that it is easy, it is just as simple as falling down on your knees and praying. It is not quite that simple or everyone would be delivered and everyone in the church would be okay, it is not quite that simple. Why did Jesus call this woman and this man daughter and son? What was it about them that was different?

Listen, this woman was not the only woman in the crowd who touched Jesus. Jesus was thronged about in the press that is why when He said, "Who touched me?" The disciples go, "Are you crazy? What do you mean? How in the world do you think we can determine who touched you in the midst of all of these people who are touching you." All of these praying. All of these people going to church. All these people putting money in offering. But Jesus recognized there was something different about His daughter. What was it about this woman? What was it about this man? Jesus said, "Somebody touched me!" See there were a whole lot of people contacting Jesus, but not a whole lot of folks touching Him. There is a big difference! There is a big difference! A lot of folk friend! But God ain't hearing a whole lot of folk. What was it about this woman? With all that multitude—see the principles in the Bible, though they may have happened a couple of thousand years ago, that stuff is still the same. All these folks, all of these multitude—one man had three hands, the woman was alone, but yet when she touched Jesus and Jesus did not even know. He gave the healing without His permission and there is a big principle in that. See when you get in right faith and right standing, you can call on God and God by His very Word, by what He has said has to hear you and has to answer you, but you have got to be able to touch him.

You see, there is very little that my children cannot come to me and ask for and if they truly need it, then I would give to them and there are a lot of stuff that I will not give them because they do not need it because they will become spoiled, but there is nothing that they can come to me and ask for that they truly need that I will not provide for them, the helm of His garment, who touched me?

Turn to the person next to you and ask them, when was the last time you touched Jesus? That is an interesting question. And this lady touched Jesus out of a need, out of knowing that there was no other option, out of a desperation, out of a cry for help. She had tried everything else. Some of you are still trying other stuff and it is getting worse, and you have yet to truly try Jesus in your heart. I mean to truly let to go and to truly just fall down. See the man who was let down through the ceiling, he had to risk looking like a fool. He had to risk going against the crowd. He had to do something that was totally unusual and when the woman touched Jesus and He stopped and He stopped and He said, "Who touched me?" She became afraid because she knew what was done in her and she knew she had touched Him and she knew that her touch was different and she knew she was the one who touched Him, so she knew Him. She saw other folks touching Jesus, so when He stopped and said, "Who touched me?" She knew she was the one who touched Him that He was talking about here. You all see that He was about—see there is a difference. It was not just who touched me, he said, in essence, he says, someone touched me special with a special need and a special faith. It was not an ordinary prayer. It was not an ordinary attendance. It was not an ordinary song. Somebody touched me with a real heartfelt, truly delivered need. That is the difference.

People, if you ever want something out of the ordinary, you have got to get out of the ordinary. I mean, that is the multitude always had had a great difficulty because the multitude just does what the ordinary does and we get what the ordinary gets and the ordinary is never good. So if you ever want something beyond, you have got to go through the roof. You have got to press through the crowd and when you come before God, you have got to come before God, you just cannot be like the crowd. God has seen the crowd ever since He made man, but there something different about the daughter and the son that Jesus called them daughter. See He told the man, "Thy sins are forgiven." He was not perfect. He knew he has some major issues just like all of us do, but when he tore that roof off of and was let down, Jesus saw that this man was serious.

Sometimes with some of us, if it rains, we do not show up in the House of God. That is not serious. If it gets too cold or too hot, we do not show up. That is not serious. This was a faith that would go through a wall. That nothing would stop and this is the point where God wants to bring us as His children where we are not stopped by things that stop others and no matter where you are, He really wants to take us to the point of that Centurion. That is the position I want to be in while I am in good shape, but Jesus can say, "I have not seen faith like this in all of Israel," and he was not a Jew.

Never seen faith like this and that is what we have to be, people. God wants us moving beyond a crowd. All through that crowd, there was only one woman just like at the pool of Bethesda there was only one man. Turn to the person next to you, ask them, "Are you going to be that one?" For those of you who are watching or listening right now, are you going to be that one? Jesus is waiting on a touch from you. Most of you are awaiting on a touch from Jesus, Jesus is waiting on a touch from you. Just a touch, just a touch! Reach out right now with all sincerity. I am out of time, but God is not, but time is running out. Reach out and touch him.

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