

Private TALK

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Welcome to Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the Word!

And today is actually Mother's Day. It is one of the most celebrated holidays in America and now in many countries around the world. And often times on particular holidays, I don't preach a message that is traditionally in line with the holiday.

And today's message is an extension of what I began three weeks ago. I preached a message entitled "Get Off of Your Behind", it was message 5473. And at the end of that message, the message talked about how often times we struggle with so many things that are behind us. And until we can learn how to get off of the things that are behind us, that hold us back, that hinder us, that keep us from reaching the destiny God would have us to reach, until we can let go of the past and to move away from the negative things that are behind us, we'll never get to our future.

So that's the message 'Get Off of Your Behind' dealt with, but at the end of the message, I told you about how I'm taking classes and I'm working on my doctorate degree, and in the last 2 classes that I had taken, they had talked about – There was one particular technique. And this one technique was the best technique; it was the only thing that really worked for helping people to get over trauma and tough situations of their past. And I told you that in my next message, message 5475, I would tell you what this message was.

Well, it's been 3 weeks. You see, actually, the next message was the message that I preached, it was the first Biblical Sunday and I preached a health message and that message was entitled 'The Declaration' and it had to deal with making the declaration of telling God and people publicly that I was now prepared and willing to make a sacrifice of whatever it would take to take us to the level of where we would have the 4,200-seat sanctuary.

And how that declaration related to health was if whenever you make a public declaration, it changes things. And I didn't realize that before I would stand in the pulpit again after that declaration, God even changed the way that I looked externally. See, when you declare some things, some stuff will change. When you speak it openly, with force, with power and conviction and when you're prepared to follow through, sometimes things will instantly begin to change into your world.

So, here I am standing dressed in all white and this is the way that I will be dressed up. There's a long story behind it. And if you want to read the story, just go to [TheOnlineWord](#) and click 'Handouts' and there on the 'Handouts' you'll be able to click and read the story simply called 'White Clothing' and it talks about the entire saga of what went on in terms of why I'm dressed now in all white.

But there was a reason why when I spoke to you, the one thing that I would tell you on this message – the one thing that the psychologists, the psychiatrists, even the Christian counselors have determined -- that this is this one thing that is most helpful in helping people to get over their past and to get over trauma. And sometimes, I have to wonder why did I have to wait 3 weeks because ‘The Declaration’ was the next message. After that, we had a guest speaker and after that, I was in China.

So, it’s been 3 weeks since I’ve been back to even deliver to you what this one thing is. But now I understand why the delay was necessary. Because it is not just to tell you what the thing is, but to give you a solution of how to utilize the power of the thing.

Today is Mother’s Day and it represents a birthing of a new thing. Mothering is not necessarily female because sometimes men have to birth some things. So, mothering in its true, natural essence is the birth of something that has not existed before. And today, I’m going to tell you about something that has not existed before within this church that we’re going to birth today.

And the one thing that universally helps people, that heals them, that allows them to get over the pain and the hurt and the trauma that they’ve experienced in the past, the one thing that does this – that all of the psychiatrists agree on, that all of the psychologists, all of the medical science points to, and it is what the Christian counselors and even most pastors had found – the one thing more than any other thing that helps you to get over trauma and hurt and pain of your past, that one thing is to be able to talk about it. To be able to talk about it.

And that’s why when you go to a psychiatrist’s office and pay \$150 to \$200 an hour, they will lay you on the couch and have you start talking. It’s why every pastor knows that if they’re in a counseling session, to always to keep tissue on the desk. And the reason that every pastor knows to always keep tissue on the desk, is because when people come in and they are burdened down with stuff, and they’re going through and going through all of this stuff, and when they begin to talk about it, pastor has not said a single word, has had no prophetic utterance to comfort, has done nothing but just open with a word of prayer, and I said not a word. When people began to talk about it, tears, in 90% of occasions, will begin to flow.

And I’m not saying a word. Often times, even with Mountain Wings prayer requests, we’ll have people who will write long prayer requests, and at the end of the prayer requests, they’ll have a sentence that says “I feel so much better just to be able to get this out and just to be able to put it on paper and just to be able to talk about it.” They haven’t even hit the ‘Send’ button yet. They haven’t clicked ‘Submit Prayer Request’ and yet they’ll write “I feel so much better already and no

one has even prayed for me yet! But there is such a relief just to be able to talk about it.”

But there is a problem with the solution. Because even though medical science understands the power when people can open up and talk, even though pastors understand the power of when people can just open up and talk, there is still a problem with talking. The Bible says in James 5:14,

“Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:”

That’s what we do when God heals.

“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

And verse 16 says, in the 5th Chapter of James,

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.”

The Bible says confess your faults to one another and pray ye for one another that ye may be healed. The Bible basically says, “Talk about this stuff to somebody.” That’s the solution that the Bible gives. That’s the solution all of the experts know but there is a problem with that solution.

First of all, if you go to a professional, it’s going to cost you a whole lot of money. That’s the first problem. Most people don’t have it in their budget for \$150 counseling session. Just pure and simply, it just costs too much money. That’s the first problem.

So, if you don’t go to a professional and you talk about it to your friend, you’ll have another problem. And that problem is to be perfectly honest. You don’t want folks knowing your business. And that’s not the real issue. See, if you really have a close friend, it’s not that you have a problem particularly with a real close friend knowing your business. The problem is, often times, your close friend can’t keep your business closed.

And you know how it is if you tell someone some real friend because usually the stuff that has traumatized you, the thing that really is troubling you is really 9 out of 10 times, it’s juicy stuff. You all say “juicy stuff”. It’s juicy stuff – the stuff that’s really bothering you. I mean it’s really juicy stuff and when you open this stuff out to a friend, it’s juicy to the friend.

And you know, most of the time, your friend can't hold it. And the minute you hang up the phone, or the minute you all come away from the lunch, the friend is going to pull out their cell phone, dial somebody else, and the first thing out of their mouths will be, "Don't tell anybody about this because you're the only person I'm going to tell. Don't tell anybody about this!"

So, the problem that you have with talking about all of the deep-rooted stuff and the stuff that you really need to talk about with someone, you can't trust people with your stuff because they're going to tell somebody about it. And that's just the reality of it.

So, there are actually three problems with these confessional faults one to another. Number 1, when you're going to talk about personal and intimate and often traumatic things, "You've got to have someone you can talk to who will not tell your stuff."

Number 2, "You have to have someone who you can talk to who has some sense." It doesn't do you a lot of good to pour all of your traumatic stuff on a fool. Now, I don't like to call anybody a fool but there are some people who are foolish. There are some people whose lives are just on a wreck, they messed up their own stuff, and when you tell them about your stuff, they're going to give you some advice that's going to mess up all your stuff. So, you really need to be able to talk to someone who has some sense.

And then the third thing, in addition to someone who's not going to tell your stuff, in addition to someone who has some sense, "They have to be available for you to talk to." See, often times, the people who won't tell your stuff, who have some sense, they don't have time listening to you. I'm just going to be honest: they don't have time to listen to you! I mean, people who are really wise, who really have it going on, who really can tell you how to straighten out some of your stuff, they don't have a whole lot of time to listen to you, they just don't.

And that's the reality of it. But you have to have those three things in order for you to really be able to open up to someone – someone who keeps your stuff confidentially, someone who has some sense, and someone who is available for you to talk to.

So, I pondered over this. Fundamentally, we are instituting a program here at the Ark of Salvation where you can have somebody to talk to. And it's being birthed on this Mother's Day today. You see, some of you even can't tell your stuff to your mother. Some of you, the problem is with your mother. So, some of you, your mother is no longer here on Earth and I've talked to people when they have lost their mother to death and they'll just say, "I miss talking about with my mother."

And some of you, you don't have anyone who you could truly talk with and we're instituting today a program here at the Ark of Salvation and the program is called Private Talk where you can go and just talk in private with someone who meets those three criteria of what you need.

And I have asked three people within this congregation to basically man the private talk staff. And I'm going to ask them to come up and stand with me now. First person is Pastor C. Elijah, I asked him to hit the program for Private Talk. The second person is Prophet Dexter Harden, if he would come up. And the third person is Dr. Eugenia Fletcher, if she would come up.

Now, we also have a fourth person who'll be working with it and that's Yvette, if she is in the congregation today, Yvette Anderson. She's back there right now. She's Yvette Anderson now but very shortly, she's going to be Yvette McDonald. So her name's going to be changing.

And basically, what Yvette will do, Yvette will be the registrar, and all of these people will be bound by a vow of secrecy. And what I told them, they can't even tell me what you talked about with. So, they're going to be bound by a vow of secrecy with very few exceptions and the only exception will be a situation of where we are required by law to devote some stuff. You can't tell them about some stuff. You don't just hack the info. You understand what I mean?

So, you've got to – but for the most part, unless it is something that is just overtly criminal that we're bound by law. They are going to be bound by a vow of secrecy that whatever you discuss with them remains with them. They cannot tell their relatives, they cannot tell their spouse, they cannot tell their pastors, they can't tell anybody anything about what you all discussed.

And it makes a difference when you can go in and talk with someone and you know without question that whatever you discuss remains in that room and it remains between you, them, and the Lord almighty. Those are the only three people who would know about it.

So, we have a qualified staff. We have, first of all, a pastor. Pastor C. Elijah has great experience and counseling and dealing with all kinds of stuff. There's no substitute for experience for the man of God who will sit down and just talk with you about whatever you want to talk about.

Sometimes, you just need to talk with somebody about some of this stuff and you don't know who to talk with. And there's so many times that the stuff we go through and you stand in the mirror and just say to yourself, I just don't have anybody to talk to. So C. Elijah is going to be in charge of the program, he will be one of the listeners.

And they're called really listener counselors because their main responsibility, first of all, is just to listen to you. And after they listen to you, with whatever natural or divine wisdom that they have that they can impart into your life, they will do so. But their main function and responsibility is, first of all, just to listen to you.

Second person we have on the team is Prophet Dexter Harden. Now, Prophet Harden has the gift of Prophetic insights but he is also degreed. He has an actual degree, a bachelor's degree in Christian counseling. So, he has the spiritual insight but he also has the natural training in counseling.

And, finally, we have Dr. Fletcher who has a doctorate degree in counseling. So, we have two degree people and one pastor. So, you've got a pastor, a prophet, and a doctor. That ought to be enough to hold you.

And the program, actually, I am going to open up a program to the entire city but not until everyone in the Ark has had an opportunity to book and to schedule your appointments first. So, I want people in the Ark who have things that they need to talk with someone about, I want you to have first opportunity to schedule your Private Talk.

And I really know, without question, for a lot of people, this is going to heal some of the hurt, some of the pain, and the trauma that you have endured that you simply don't have anybody to talk to. Private Talk... It will remain private, only you and your listener counselor and God will know about it. You won't have to look at me and wonder, "I wonder if this pastor..."

Nope, I'm not going to know what you all talked about because they're under command and they're going to be under oath. They're not going to discuss it with anybody. Pastor C. Elijah cannot talk this over with his wife. And he may be laying in the bed some nights and she may be working with him and he just wants to tell her but he's going to be under vow that he can't. So, even when he is laying there, he's dressed up in his shorts, even when he's laying there naked, he cannot reveal your naked stuff.

So, that's how secretive it is. He will not be able to tell me or anyone else the things that are discussed in Private Talk. And, actually, on the listening end, this is not a mild commitment and undertaking that they are making. Because, when you listen, it puts a ... That's a job!

And sometimes, because you literally absorb and take on some of the burden, some of the weight that the person pours out to you, this becomes a real job. Sitting there listening and empathizing and taking on some of the load that the people would talk to them about.

So, each person is getting ready now to just take this vow that they will remain absolutely close-lipped. Whatever you discussed, it has to go to their grave with them. It's as simple as that. So, you've got someone now to talk. You've got someone who has some sense and you have someone who will make themselves available for you to talk with.

So, right now, I just want – Yvette, if you would also come up because you are the registrar. And we wanted to get a separate registrar; she can't even tell anybody who's made an appointment so you can go to her in absolute secrecy and privacy. We'll have it set up at PrivateTalk.com on the internet when we get ready to open it up to the entire city but I want the Ark going first.

So, when you go to Yvette, she will not be able to tell Julie and her fiancé who has come to her to even book a Private Talk Session. So, nobody will even know you're going to the Private Talk, nobody's not going to know what you said in the Private Talk. So, it becomes completely private between you, the registrar, the listener counselor and God.

So, if you would just repeat after me.

I, and then state your name, do promise that every word spoken to me during a private talk session shall remain with me. I will not discuss it with another soul. I can pray about it, I can ask God about it, I can go to Jesus with it, but I cannot go to another breathing soul with anything discussed. And I, state your name, do solemnly promise to keep that which is spoken in Private Talk private. Amen.

You all may be seated.

I remember when C. Elijah was preaching and he talked about his little girl was going upstairs to go to bed and it was dark and she was afraid to go up the stairs and she told C. Elijah, "Daddy, I'm scared to go." And C. Elijah just said, "Look, go on upstairs. Jesus will be with you!" And she got halfway up the stairs and turned around and she said, "Yes, Daddy. I know Jesus is with me but I need somebody that I can see!"

You can talk to God and Jesus, I know that, but often times, you need somebody you can see. That's why the Bible says "Confess ye one to another." Dear folks, tell the living, breathing soul, someone who you can see. And that's what Private Talk is and will be.

And today, it begins. And I will not air this program or open it up or make the website active until every single person in the Ark of Salvation has had an opportunity of Private Talk.

So, the counselors have volunteered their time, their expertise and their energy and it begins. And you can talk to somebody. And for so many of you, this thing will start the healing process in your world in that thing in those places. And you'll be able to talk to absolutely no one about it. You heard their promise and their vow, and they will keep it. No one will know but you, your listener counselor, and God Himself.

I'm going to ask C. Elijah to close us out today. So, C. Elijah, you are in charge of Private Talk, so whatever word you want to leave with the people, the pulpit is yours.

C. Elijah:

I certainly thank Pastor Nathaniel for his heart of compassion to help people. He's not in this to try to make any money, and he fears that most churches don't do this but there's no money involved. And he had such a heart to help people and it's not financially attached, free of charge, he just wants people to be able to relieve your burdens and oppressions and define freedom in healing, wholeness, and restoration. So, I'm delighted to be a part of this team, Dexter, Dr. Fletcher and soon-to-be Mrs. McDonald, and it's quite an honor and we look forward to serving you in this capacity.

We pray for God's Holy Spirit to use us just to be oil and wine to pour into the wounds of these people. So, we're grateful to this program that starts here at the Ark of Salvation that will reach across this city. And we just pray that it'll become a model of healing and setting people free.

And this is the birth of a new program. For those of you who are watching or listening electronically, Private Talk is available to you, also. You can go to PrivateTalk.com because in many organizations, there is simply no one for you to talk to. Well, now you've got someone who will listen and who can advice at PrivateTalk.com.

We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the Word!

Amen, amen, amen...