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And now for 5612, Up from the Bottom.

Nathaniel Bronner: Thank you for joining us at brothers of the word because brother, you need the word. And today's message, God spoken, I'm sure it will be for someone, maybe not for everyone because some of you may be an absolutely the opposite position from this. But for some, this sermon is going to hit home and it's going to hit you right where you are. It's these four words simply, "Up from the Bottom." At some points in life, all of us will have a season where we feel like we are at the bottom. Where it looks like everything has gone wrong. All of our dreams and our aspirations and our hopes, all of it suddenly seems to have gone away and smoke and here we are struggling with these mountains of issues that seems to be upon our shoulders and upon our heads. We seem to be weighted down and oftentimes not only are we at the bottom, we don't have a solution to see how we're going to get out of this situation. That's one of the things that being at the bottom is, hope sometimes seems so dim and so far away and there we are. But God wants to tell you a message not only the bottom, he wants to tell you a message today of how to get up from the bottom.

So, up from the bottom, first thing is this. I want you to realize for those of you who may feel that you're at a bottom point, technically that's called a nadir. For those of you who feel like you're at the nadir at the very bottom of stuff. I want you to understand this. Number one, you're really not at the bottom. See, first of all, if you're listening to me right now or looking at me or sitting in this sanctuary, you're not at the bottom. I have seen some people at the bottom and they can't even hear me because they're hooked up to a

respirating(ph) machine. You're unconscious, morphine dripping in the arm because of the pain, that's at the bottom. So, first of all, I want you to realize that you are not at the bottom. If you're listening to me electronically, you may be listening by television or by internet, you got power. Your power is on. See, that means you got some electricity. When you're really at the bottom, (00:03:09) power is pull the plug, so you've got electricity. So, if you're watching me on television, your cable is on. If your cable is on, you're really not at the bottom and you have to understand that my daddy used to have these saying, that I'll use as the brother point, he used to tell me this, he said, "A man who has health has hope and the man who has hope has everything." So, you're not at the bottom. Second thing I want to tell you is this, the statement that there's nowhere to go but up when you're at the bottom is not true. That's absolutely not true. I've heard people say, "I'm at the bottom, there's nowhere to go but up," that's not true because in the physical plane, there is always something below the bottom. You can drop to the bottom of a well and you'll still go deeper. There's still something under the dirt.

So, you are never at the point where you cannot go lower. The only place I know of where there is nowhere lower is hell itself. And even hell probably is like heaven and (00:04:18) level. So, even if you inhale you still might be able to go lower than that. I don't know. I'm not an expert in hell. I don't plan to become an expert in hell. I don't want to get a map of hell. I don't want a God of hell. I don't want to read a whole lot about hell. I don't want a life in hell as (00:04:36). Hell is a place that if you want to become an expert in hell because you figure on visiting there one day, that's your business. But I don't need to know anything else about hell except I don't want to go there. And I'm going to do everything I can to make sure I'll stay out of hell.

Number three, all bottoms have a place to stay in. The problem is that most people lay down at the bottom, instead of standing up and getting up.

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And while they are at the bottom, a lot of people would do three things while they are at the bottom. They do the three

“Bs.” They beg, they bellyache and they blame. “I’m dining at the bottom. Help me, all of this stuff gone wrong. Help me to beg and I’m dying in the room because all (00:05:29) of what they did.” And they blame. They beg, they bellyache and they blame. And they should be using the ABCs. Their acknowledge, bounce and climb. So, if you are at the bottom, you’re going to need to use those ABCs for you to get off at that bottom. And then get where you need to go. Acknowledge, bounce and climb. The Great Baptist Preacher John Bunyan was thrown into prison in the 17th century in England. And he was in the prison for basically preaching the Gospel without license. Let me see that. George, he asked could he go now. So that let you know people he’ll not going to be alone.

So, the Great Baptist Preacher John Bunyan, he was thrown in the prison in the 17th century in England for preaching the Gospel without a license. He spent 12 years in jail because he would not promise the court that he wouldn’t preach again if he was let out. And that’s a deep conviction. And the court said, “Look, if you just promise us you won’t preach, we’ll let you free.” “I can’t promise that. If you let me out of here, I’m going to preach.” John Bunyan could have become discourage languishing in that English prison. But yet, while he was in jail, he had a three-legged stool. He broke one of the legs off. And carved out of one of the legs a flute. And he used the flute to play Gospel songs while in jail. And while John Bunyan was in jail, he wrote the book called “Pilgrim’s Progress.” Most of you have never read Pilgrim’s Progress. But Pilgrim’s Progress is the second largest selling book in all of history. The only book that has outsold Pilgrim’s Progress is the Bible. It was written by a man locked up in jail.

You see, if you owned the Bible, if you use the ABCs, you get often burned. George Patton says, “Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom.” And when you hit the bottom, you’re going to be able be in one of four different seasons. You know, I’ll have to be in Job season. A Joes of season, a Jonah season or Judas season. See, the Jube season in most of you, you are familiar with the story of Job. Job is actually the oldest book of the Bible. It is not the first book but it is the oldest book of the Bible. And you know the story of Job of how he lost all the material possessions. He

lost his children. He lost his reputation. He lost everything and even lost his health. Job had lost all of his material possessions. But the difference thing about Job was, Job was a blameless man. The beginning of Job says, in Job 1:1, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God, and shunned evil." The King James versions calls Job, perfect. That's not the most folk situation. That's not even my situation. Most folk is not in a Job experience. And in the Job experience, it was a conversation between Satan and God. And God told, "Satan, have you considered my servant, Job?" None of the folk was Job. Job had nothing to do with it. It wasn't his thought pattern. It was not his action. It was not his words. None of the stuff had to do with Job. It was totally between God and Satan. Job was a totally innocent man. And sometimes people, stuff may happen to you and you're just innocent. You have done anything in the world to bring it on. It's just what appears to be to you. Just the random incident of why stuff is all of a sudden just happened to you. You drive along in a truck right in the corner. And yet hit your car. Not your fault, you told him to ride, your stuff just happened to you and it puts you in a situation. And there's a season of a Job's season. When there was no appearance of any misdeeds on your part.

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You just at the bottom for no reason that you can see at all. And some of you maybe on a Joseph season. Joseph had not done anything wrong in terms of deeds. The only thing Joseph was perhaps, guilty of, he may have been a little arrogant and a little proud because Joseph shared his dreams with his brothers. And he told his brother, "Look, you're going to be bow and down to me. I am going to be (00:10:32) of all. You might dream and show me that I'm all rise up and you all are going to be bow and down to me." And it made all of his brothers mad. And this even is the brother point, don't share big dreams with someone who has no vision. Don't share big dreams with someone who has no vision. Will you ready to go and praise, that just some people you really don't need to talk to because you can't share a big vision and the big dream and somewhere, you're going is great with someone who has no vision. And Joseph shared his dreams with people who had no vision. You need

to share your big dreams with someone with big dreams themselves. They need to have two things, you're better off to share your big dreams with people with two characteristics. They have big dreams and they have big sense. So, you need to share your big dreams with someone with big dreams themselves and with big sense and they can at least relate to your big dream and if they have big sense, perhaps, give you a little gutters(ph) on your big dream.

So, Joseph had really done nothing really wrong other than - - perhaps, brag this a little too much to the wrong folk. Sometimes, that could get you in trouble. Sometimes, at your job, you let them know what you're doing in and put you steady for a while. Your planning on going and they not going then. Now, if you're working with highly elevated people. People of the spiritual realm who follow Christ. Who would hear your plans, (00:12:02). It just wounds their heart to hear where you're going, but the other folk it doesn't wound their heart they get hot behind the neck hearing where you say you're going. So, sometimes the Joseph season, he didn't do anything wrong other than tell the wrong folk about his dream. You may be in the Jonah season. Jonah went away from the will of God, but he repented. Call on God and was restored. You know the story of Jonah? God had told him to go to Nineveh. He didn't want to go. Got on the ship, ship got on the storm, they thrown off the board to get swollen by big fish and they are right. He was in the belly of the big fish going down but they're really on the bottom. He prayed to God, the fish vomit them up on the dry lake. So, Jonah was rebellious to God's command and only repented when he just had no other choice. It was the repent or die. Many of you are on the Jonah season and there's a deeper part about the Jonah season that most people don't understand. It is evident in the last words of Jonah. Jonah, he had two choices. Repent or die. Have you ever heard somebody and they do something but they're not really glad to do it? I mean, have you ever heard anybody (00:13:22). They don't really want to fix your food(ph). Have you ever had that? You have to (00:13:29) you could tell them; they really did want to be hit(ph) and it's something about it. You know, it didn't change the taste of the food but it's just don't taste its good when somebody brings it to you and it's not in the right spirit. Jonah. Jonah repented because he was in the belly

of the whale but the minute he repented and these are the last words of Jonah.

In Jonah 4:9, “Then God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?’ And he said, ‘It is right for me to be angry, even to death!’ Those were Jonah’s last words. Yell me and I’m going to be mad until I – he repented. He went and begrudgingly did what God told him to do because the only other choice was death. And then the story was God had sent a plant above and then given some shade any colors of plant that wouldn’t die and Jonah just mad as he could be about that. And God said, “Look, is it right for you to be mad? Look, I put the plant (00:14:30) my right to take the plan away. Don’t dare me.” Only mad about this thing until I die. So, even though Jonah was restored, he never lived in true fulfillment because he never accepted the will of God in his heart. He just did the will to avoid the pain. And there’s a huge difference in doing something because you just – it’s like going to work. There’s a difference between a person who goes to work because they’re glad to go to work, because they enjoy what they do.

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They love their job versus the person who just goes to work because if I don’t go to work, I (00:15:05) check. (00:15:06). There’s a difference. There’s a huge difference just in the joy and the vibration(ph), and in the spirit. Pastor Garman talk that marriage be treated with (00:15:21) were here. And he talked about sometimes even just dealing with intimate matters. And then sometimes, and it happens with the husband or with the wife and when they even get ready for intimate times, and sometimes the partner just laid “(00:15:33).” And there’s something about it. They just not. Do you understand what I mean? It’s just -- that’s the way Jonah was. Jonah say, “I’m going to with love. I’m going to do it but I haven’t been doing this and will be mad about this thing until the day that I die.” So, there is the Job season where it is absolutely no part of your own. There’s a Joseph season where it’s really not your fault, you just need to told the wrong people and have the little bit of fault in the thing. There’s the Jonah season where you reluctantly and hesitantly do what God tells you to do just to avoid the pain. And there’s the Juda’s season. Matthew 27:3 begins, “Then

Judas, his betrayer, seemed that he had been condemned was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders.” Saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood,” and they said, “What is that to us? You see to it” then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed and went and hanged himself.

Now, that Judas season, Judas first of all, acknowledged that he was wrong. He bounced. He even turned or he never climb. I want to ask you a question, there often is not been see a logically proposed. Judas was the betrayer of Christ. Then Christ knew in advance. He took the money back. He recognized that he had done wrong. He was remorseful. He said, “Look, all you want is money.” But the same that Judas never dare. Which is the mistake that many of us we make. Judas never asks for forgiveness. Judas never asks, “Jesus, I’ve done you wrong, I have a represented you like I should have, I betrayed you. Jesus, would you please forgive me.” Now see, Judas had recognized that Jesus had been condemned. He could have gone -- and straight to the cross. Now, what do you think would have happen? Had Jesus seen Judas there? And Judas, “Lord, please I was wrong to do that, forgive me Lord.” What do you think would have happen? Had Judas going to Jesus? “Jesus would have said, you are forgiven.” And it’s an error that we often make. We never gone to God or to the person and we never ask for forgiveness. Would you forgive the error that (00:18:10) to go to the bottom? The ABCs acknowledged, bounce and climb and I just want to quickly go through those ABCs.

First of all, you need to acknowledged why you at the bottom. There’s reason why you at the bottom and you may be like Job and the reason maybe beyond your understanding that you just have no idea in the world why you in this (00:18:34). There’s no (00:18:36) of evidence of anything in the natural quite you in this (00:18:39). You just have no idea in the world, right. It is sometimes that you just have no idea in the world. So, first thing you need to do is acknowledge why you at the bottom. Now, often times the best way, if you don’t know specifically the reason and most of oftentimes been, but sometimes we delude ourselves that’s why you have to acknowledge. The best way is just to ask three people who are really close to you,

who know you well. And just asking this question. I want you to be honest with me, do you know why I'm in this (00:19:07)? Just be honest with me. Well, I just want you to take of all (00:19:11) just tell me straight, do you know why I'm in the (00:19:13)? Yeah, I know why you in that (00:19:14)? I'm okay why you in that (00:19:16). Oftentimes they will kill you. If you can't figure it yourself, ask them. Just ask three people who are close to you. Look, would you be honest with me. Tell me, why do you see, I'm in the (00:19:27)? Because oftentimes people can see things about you that you cannot see yourself. See people, if you don't make some changes, you just stop or repeat all over again. So, if you at the bottom, you need to just ask people. Do you know why I'm at the bottom? If you don't acknowledge the true cause of a problem, you're unlikely to fix it. Sometimes prayer is not asking God for what you want, it is coming from an understanding of the whole truth. And we don't recognize and we're not real with ourselves.

Who went out of gas on the side of the road and sometime (00:20:04) but I know the automobile (00:20:07) to get more miles for (00:20:08) price is too high (00:20:11) no, you just put no gas in your car. Do you remember when I preach the sermon about I was going to that movie and my (00:20:18) and I couldn't complain all day long and it was a big pothole in the center of the highway, the department of transportation should have fix and should have repair, my car was blowout and I was on the side of the road because I was going somewhere; God told me not to go. To be honest with my life, I'm on my way on the side of the road because he bumps me up level two, he told me not to go to that place, and I'm on my way so it had nothing to do with the department of transportation. I'm only on the side of this road because of something. And see, what it thought me, the next time God told me not to go somewhere, I knew and I didn't do it, I didn't go, I'm still end up not going I just had to get the lessen the hard ways sitting on the bottom, I stayed on the side of that road five to six hours. He saw me, I've been on the bottom a long time. Do you understand what I mean? You've been on the bottom a long time and God can't take you off the bottom because number one (00:21:12) that is why you on the bottom to start with, first thing you got to do, is acknowledge why you're run (00:21:20), my daddy always use to run out of the gate,

(00:21:22) nothing to do with you, acknowledge why you're in the bottom, you got to be truth.

Once Abraham Lincoln, he was debating with the man, who seem to have a hard time telling the truth, you know, no folk will have a hard time telling the truth, he seem never real hard time telling the truth and Abraham said, he said, "Look, let's see if we can come to an understanding" he said, "Tell me how many legs does the cow have?" And the man said, "The cow got four legs, is that right." He said, "Now, supposed you call the cow's tail a leg, how many legs then with the cow have?" And the man said, "Well, being the cow would have five legs." he said, "That's what you're wrong," he said, "Okay, what you call it, is still four legs." Some of us call the tail a leg and that's why a tail in the bottom at a hole. So, I don't care what you call it, you have got to recognize that cow didn't have a four legs no matter what you call it, so some of us are calling something that just are not real, you got to acknowledge and you got to be real with why you are at the bottom. So first, acknowledge why you're at the bottom, second; bounds. Now, I don't really want any of you to truly bounds back and I'll explain why but I do want you to bounds and I'm going to tell you why you should be bounds in back but yet you do need to bounds See, a bounce is a sudden turn around, if you jump up and go around bump, that's bouncing, well it's actually jumping because the floor not (00:23:07) but this is bouncing, it's up and down. Bouncing means, a sudden turn around, you're going down, you hit the bottom, you change directions and you come back up. So, you make a complete radical change of direction if you're at the bottom more than likely, there are some things in your life, you need to make a radical changes, I mean a radical change not just gradual if you're at the bottom, you should want people at the bottom, there's some things in their life, they need to make major drastic radical changes on and most four big areas of life. If your health is at the bottom, generally you need to make a radical change, you don't need to cutdown from two packs of cigarettes or one pack a day, no, you need to make a radical change.

So, oftentimes when we're at the bottom and all of us know what the things in our life so, and we know, if I were to ask you the question. One of the things Stephen Covey had if

everyone ask the question, what is the one thing in my life that I know, if I started doing would make a drastic change in my life, what's the one thing in my life I know, if I started doing or stop doing, would make a radical change in my life, and that one thing is usually your bounce. So, bounce represents the drastic change when you're at the bottom that you need to make and the reason and I said, you don't need to bounce, because the problem with the bounce, anything that bounces is nothing but a repetitive pattern, if you bounce the ball, it go up and down.

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Oftentimes are some lies, it just bouncing so when you bounce back, all you do is just going to bounce back, the same thing that got you in the bottom to start with if you only bounces it will going to put you right back there. See, if you got to the bottom because of what you're doing and you get out and the same thing you don't maintain the change, you go right back there. Most of the people you know who at the bottom have a continual pattern of that, not just the first time it's over and over, that's bouncing but you got to make the drastic change that change the direction and that comes to the sea, you got to climb, you don't need to bounce to get out the bottom, you need to climb to get off the bottom because climbing, is first of all, it's a wrong by wrong going up a ladder and you constantly are moving up and up instead of bouncing and sometime in dieting(ph), they call it yoyo and you just yoyo. You need to climb but to do that, we have to understand and acknowledge where are issues are, often make some drastic changes and then we start climbing. And sometimes we feel that we really can't climb out of our situation, yes you can, sometimes you're just not motivated enough.

There was once a fellow, he was walking to the graveyard, we've just got back from a few yesterday and they had a grave that was open and he fell in the grave and the grave you know, six feet deep and he is on about 5'8", he couldn't get out. So, he tries for a couple of hours and he just found and he said, "I'm just going to wait until the morning come and I'm going to sit here in the corner, I just to wait until the morning come and the (00:26:38). Well, there's another fellow come along his taking the same shortcut to the cemetery, it was dark you know, he didn't know where's the

hole at, he fell in the hole. So, he was trying to get out of the hole, he was just struggling, he's struggling about an hour just could get out the hole. The other fell just sitting back in the corner and looking at him. So finally, he stood up and when he put his hand on the fellow's shoulders, he said, "You can't get out of here man," he went straight up. Sometimes what you need is the motivation and you need to look at life pattern, that's why you got to acknowledge. You need to look at life pattern and you need to ask yourself and you need to decide, "Am I on a trampoline or am I on a ladder?" And that's what it says, you had to acknowledge, you got to be honest with this stuff, "Am I on a trampoline," I'm just bouncing up and down, you know a mango(ph) shake one month, next month, I'm back in the same jam, I'm up and I'm down, and that's a trampoline, that's bouncing back, you don't want to bounce back, you want to climb, "Am I on a trampoline or am on a ladder?"

God wants you up from the bottom and oftentimes God will take a Job season, he will take a Joseph season, he will take a Jonah season, he will even take a Judas season, and God will have you at the bottom, and he will have you essentially where you have nothing or at least you feel like you have nothing. But let me tell you something. When you're down to nothing, God is up to something. See, Joseph was down to nothing, he had lost his freedom, he was sold into slavery, he was wrongly accuse of rape, he was thrown into the jail, he was at the bottom of the barrel, innocent yet in jail in a foreign country. Joseph was down to nothing but God was up to something. Job had lost everything, his livestock, his wealth, his children, his reputation, he had lost everything and then he was sick on top of all that, he was sitting there on the dung, (00:28:58) all over of his body. Job was down to nothing but God was up to something. Gideon was down to nothing, he had lost his confidence, the midianite (00:29:09) they had rubble(ph) the land like locals and Gideon was there with the (00:29:14), scared from the midianites, he had reached the very bottom of the barrel. Gideon was down to nothing but God was up to something.

David had lost his rights to the king and King Saul had branded him an outlaw, he had to leave in the country and leave among the Philistines on the cave called Adullam, he

was a fugitive at the bottom of the barrel. David was down to nothing but God was up to something.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, they were in the fiery furnace, the King had told them, "Put them in and lock the door" and they were (00:29:50) flame and was heating up, they then have a prayer but they didn't have a prayer, there they were three Hebrew boys in the middle of the flame, everybody look at them and said, "They have nothing, they're going to be burn to ashes in just a few minutes." When you are down to nothing, Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego, they were down to nothing but God was up to something.

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Peter was down to nothing after he denied Christ three times, he was a miserable failure, he was at the bottom of the barrel but God was up to something. Jesus meet Peter at the shoreline of the Lake Galilee and restore Peter's confidence, restore Peter's faith and restore Peter's position in the kingdom. The (00:30:30) on the day of Pentecost, Peter got up and delivered a powerful sermon then sat down when even didn't given an alter call. People were convicted on the spot and ask to be save in that day three thousand folk were baptized. When you're down to nothing, God is up to something. The Apostle John was down to nothing, he was an old man confine to the prison, island of Patmos in Greece, he was a political prisoner, exile for practicing his faith and leading the church in age and manner. He was (00:31:01) stop from preaching and teaching in a difficult spot than any preacher but yet John at the bottom of the barrel. He was down to nothing but God was up to something and he wrote the Book of Revelation.

A man fell into a pit and try as he might, he couldn't not get out, he was at the bottom. A councilor came along and said, "I feel your pain." A college professor came along and said, "It's logical if someone would have been to the fall down there." A politician pledge to (00:31:37), to work on how to help people out of pits. A Pharisee walk by and said, "Only bad people fall into a pit like that." A news reporter came by and promise an exclusive story on his plight of those who fell into the pits. And our tax(ph) collector asked, "If he was paying taxes in the pit." A TV evangelist said, "Just confess

that you're not in the pit" and (00:32:03) said, "Things could be worse," a pastor may said, "Things will get worse" but then Jesus came by and (00:32:11) the man, took him above a hand and lifted him out of the pit, but even when Jesus heal, when he washed away (00:32:22), go and say it normal, don't bounce, climb.

God does not want you at the bottom, for many of you, he may have placed you there because sometimes there's only time like Jonah that we will truly seek God as we were at the bottom but God wants you up from the bottom because you got work to do but you (00:32:45) knowledge and this is the practical teaching, you need to acknowledge the real causes and the real roots and you need to bounce, you need to make some radical changes. "Lord, I'm going to turn this thing around whatever it is and the natural, all the spiritual that I have been doing that has contributed to me be on the bottom, I'm going to make this a change and I'm going to change this right know and I'm going to start climbing" and a climb is a day by day -- see, that's why you have to have a climb. A lot of people, especially sometimes after a message of this (00:33:18) "I will make this change, I'm all change." Three weeks later, what change? Did I? It's like the story of the man who was looking for a parking lot, he have been driving around for hours if the parking lot trying to find a parking space, couldn't find the parking space, so he just -- and sometime we're like -- and he just said, "Lord please, I'm late if you just open up me a parking space where I promise Lord I'm going to read my bible everyday Lord, if you just let me park," he saw a car back on the parking space and then said, "That's all right Lord, I found one."

You see, when we get delivered, for we get out of the pit, all of the promise is that we have made to God and the folk they disappear and we forget our word, we forget how we fell in the pit, once we get out of the pit, so sometimes, God has to keep, some of us down there, he burn the insincerity out, so we make (00:34:18) when we're not calling the tail on the cow a leg, you keep us there until we truly a repentant, until we truly make a change but unfortunately in the real reality of things, too many of us are like Judas and we die in the pit. There is salvation, there is forgiveness, they're all of the elements for change out of there but we die in the pit because we never ask the one, "Lord forgive me and we

never truly go and partake of that which is available.” Now we just going to open up now the altar for those who feel and you may not be on the bottom but sometimes you feel that there’s more above you and there’s below of you and you’re definitely not in the middle.

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And that’s why you want to do a full ABCs, I don’t want you to just come down, you know, just “Lord touch me, touch me Lord,” no, you need to acknowledge. I have done some things or I don’t know what I’ve done (00:35:27) ask somebody, do they have any idea in the world and you’re (00:35:31) do they have any idea in the world why I’m in this position and I want to turn, there’s some things that, can you generally know what you need to do? I need to turn. Most of us know the drastic steps that we need to make, we just don’t want to them because it’s never easy because the stuff that got us at the bottom is the stuff we’re comfortable with, so it’s difficult to make that turn and then I’m going to climb, I’m going to turn and I’m going to keep going in the upward direction. God wants you up from bottom and right now, I want to ask those even if it’s just one person and you feel this is you to stand and come forward and may just be one person. And you’re saying, “Lord I want to get off this bottom today,” don’t be like Judas and he stayed and never win(ph) for the power of forgiveness and salvation. “Lord I want to get off this bottom” because sometimes will have areas of our life, some areas on the top and others on the bottom. And we got situations of where our money maybe doing great but our relationship is in the (00:36:48), our relationship maybe doing great but our health is terrible and sometimes, we got all this material stuff but we just depressed all the time. So, were at the bottom in one form or another and we’ve got to go through those ABCs. “Why am I at the bottom?”

And people, this is one of the keys of change and this one of the keys of those who are successful. It’s the five percent (00:37:17) that the book was slightly talks about, the vast difference between the five percent of people who are fulfill and the 95% of people who are not, so there’s one major difference and that difference is the five percent who are fulfill who reach their goals who have the life of power, they

never blame anybody else, they take was called personal responsibility. I'm in the shape that I am me because of me. You can't change another folk, I started to say, you can't change another negro but it doesn't matter. Folk (00:37:50) correct I was about to say that but I caught myself but I was about to say you can't change another negro, some of you will understand that, you can't change and it doesn't matter what race the person, you can't change another white person, you can't change another Asian, another Indian, you cannot change another person, you can only change you.

So, the people who are truly powerful, those who have command over their lives take personal responsibility, anytime you hear (00:38:18) folk, you know, they're going stay in that bottom, they're going to stay in that bottom because you could not change another person, you got to take responsibility for your stuff and said, "I'm going to change me." When you read about some of the story, you need to read just about even Viktor Frankl. Victor Frankl was one the greatest philosopher(ph) ever. He was a Jew who was intern in the Nazi in the prison camp. All of his family die, they kill everybody else and he was on the situation where every day, he would go to the ovens of where they had burned up the folk and he would have to shovel the ashes and he didn't know whether he was going to be the next or not and Viktor Frankl came into conclusion while he was in the Nazi concentration camp. He said, "I can't control this Nazis, I cannot control my external situations, the only thing I can control is how I view it in my own spirit." He said, "I don't care how evil this guards are, I don't care how evil this regime is, they cannot dictate what I think and how I feel in my spirit." And once Viktor Frankl realize that in the midst of all of these atrocious environmental factors, he changed, a smile started to going across his face, he begins speaking words of encouragement and finally the guards themselves were coming to him for encouragement. He had to realize they got to change me, I got to acknowledge, I cannot beg, blame and bellyache, I've got to acknowledge, (00:39:56) so, I got to turn around in me.

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You see all other stuff are true. If (00:40:02) the stuff is true. It is true but it is not true and you always have to understand the difference between true and truth. Truth

does can change. True never does. You of a master of your faith, the captain of your soul, you can make a decision and you can make a decision whether you come off of that bottom. And oftentimes, the bottom is not even a physical places or mental state. Anyone who has travelled knows that. I've gone places in the world. They got a little or nothing material (00:40:36) rich by your wildest dreams compared to be happy. So, I understood the joy of life is not in the stuff. It is in the stuff between your ears and how you think and how you feel and you have the power to get off that bottom today. You have the power. God grant you that power. He will help you do it but he is not going do it for you. He is not going to get you up at the bottom and all you do (00:41:02) beg and "God, get me off this bottom." You have to get your behind up. Get some stuff done. Do what you can do. Change your mentality and you see yourself doing some changes. God has a destiny for you. He never wanted his children on the bottom, never.

I guess I hear God speaking at three people standing up here right now and there was a change. It is so awesome. It is so close. It would scare you if you realize it. And that make sound crazy but I have seen too many situations where folk did not want to come off at the bottom. I've taken alcoholics off the street (00:41:48) people to take care, clean them up, put them clothes, give them a place to shower, to bathe, everything, food, three solid meals a day and I have them come back (00:41:58) Pastor Bronner, "I had him in my house and I was doing like you said and he opened the bathroom and crawled out of the window and back on (00:42:07)." I have seen too much that you cannot get off of the bottom until the bottom gets out to you, you just can't do it. I remember I had some fancy cars in my life and I remember I had a person who I was trying to help and I just let him had the car just a ridiculously cheap price. It was a sharp car and I remember them coming – and I never had any significant problems with that car. Car drove phenomenally well and he came back to me and said "(00:42:43) tell you I don't even fear riding this car. This car is too nice. I don't even fear riding that (00:42:50) starts breaking down like every system on that car (00:42:55)" because the bottom had not gotten out of them, I got them off the bottom but I could not get the bottom out of them and that's why you got to have that change in mind.

My next book that I'm working on now came from when I went to Ukraine and I told (00:43:10) God spoke that so I (00:43:10) he said, "You going all over the day" he said "I knew it." I was in Ukraine. I told – most of you heard the story. I was speaking at a church there. I had my paper snatched by this beggar rushing because I wanted to take the paper (00:43:24) take it anywhere like junk, so the paper didn't work. No power would come while I had the paper because I had to shut the paper down, starts speaking and the power flow after the service and all Ukrainian lady came up to me. She had to speak through the interpreter. She said "Look, I don't have any money. I want to give you something but all I have is this ink pen". And the lady give me an ink pen, plastic cheap pen but it had writing on that I couldn't read because it was in Ukrainian or whatever language but I couldn't read it, so when I got back the next day, we were sitting around (00:43:58) ask this I said, "Look I can't read this pen, what is this pen says?" He says "It's from a political campaign" and it says, "You deserve a better life". People, I'm here to tell those who are here from the words on that pen, "You deserve a better life," but you would not get it as long as you don't believe you deserve it. You got to believe, you got to believe that you are the child of God. He is your dad. I don't care what on earth is your dad it was like. He is your dad. You got to believe it that you deserve a better life because if you don't believe it even if it is granted onto you, you will automatically drop back to the bottom because you don't believe you deserve it and it has a spiritual force that comes. Just turn to the person and tell them, "You all that (00:44:53)." Do you ever heard folks (00:44:57) yes, you are all in a bag of chips.

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You got to (00:45:04) and it is not about pride but it is about self-esteem and understanding what God wants for you. You deserve a better life. And if you don't know it and if you don't believe it and if you don't speak it, automatically Satan has a whole lot of satanic (00:45:22) just waiting on you but you got to acknowledge some of the stuff and you put that stuff in the past. One of the things about Joseph that is interesting. Joseph named(ph) is two children, the first Manasseh and the second Ephraim. Manasseh (00:45:44) "I

forgot all my pain and troubles of the past.” Ephraim (00:45:50) “I am thankful for the fruits of the present,” so even though Joseph, he gone through all of his stuff so you never really get off that bottom until you forget all that mess of the past. So, if you want to get off the bottom, there is a difference between baggage and luggage. You got to get rid of the baggage. You got to be like Manasseh and you got to let all of this mess of the past. You can’t hold it around. You can’t carry it around. It elude(ph) you down and you can’t jump because you got all this stuff from the past on your back. You got to first let that stuff go and then Joseph said, “I am thankful for the fruits that I have right now.” That’s why (00:46:35) none of you are truly on the bottom. You are able to stand here. You know how many -- there are a whole lot of folk who just give everything that if they could just stand here, if they could just stand, so you are not on the bottom, so you need to forget your stuff of the past as negative and you need to be thankful for the fruits because when you are thankful for the fruits you have now, he can add more to you. But the hardest person that give anything he asked to us is ingrate. I’m not give them anymore because they don’t even appreciate what they got, so the hardest person to make grow is the person who is not thankful. You deserve a better life -- I want just everyone to just hold hands so that we have a full complete circle, put your hand on her shoulders so it remains unbroken. George, I am going to let you pray over these people. Do you understand daddy’s message? All right, now hold the mic right here (00:47:27) I’m going to let you pray over the people, okay. All right. He represents that which is new, that which is young, that which is fresh, that which is unspoiled and God just wants that kind of (00:47:38) spoken over you right now. I don’t know what he is going to say (00:47:40) have time to put (00:47:45) but I just want you to know, you deserve a better life.

Male

Dear Lord, please let this people be clean, let them have good lives, let them forget everything that has been harmful to them, let them start off new and good, let them be like a fresh newborn baby but still have all that good knowledge that they have had and let all the old ones going to the past and forget about them and start at a new start in Jesus name, amen.

Nathaniel Bronner Amen. Amen. I couldn't have said that any better. So, you're newborn babies. You may be seated and your own you way up. Amen.

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