

# Pt.2 – Get Out Of The Middle

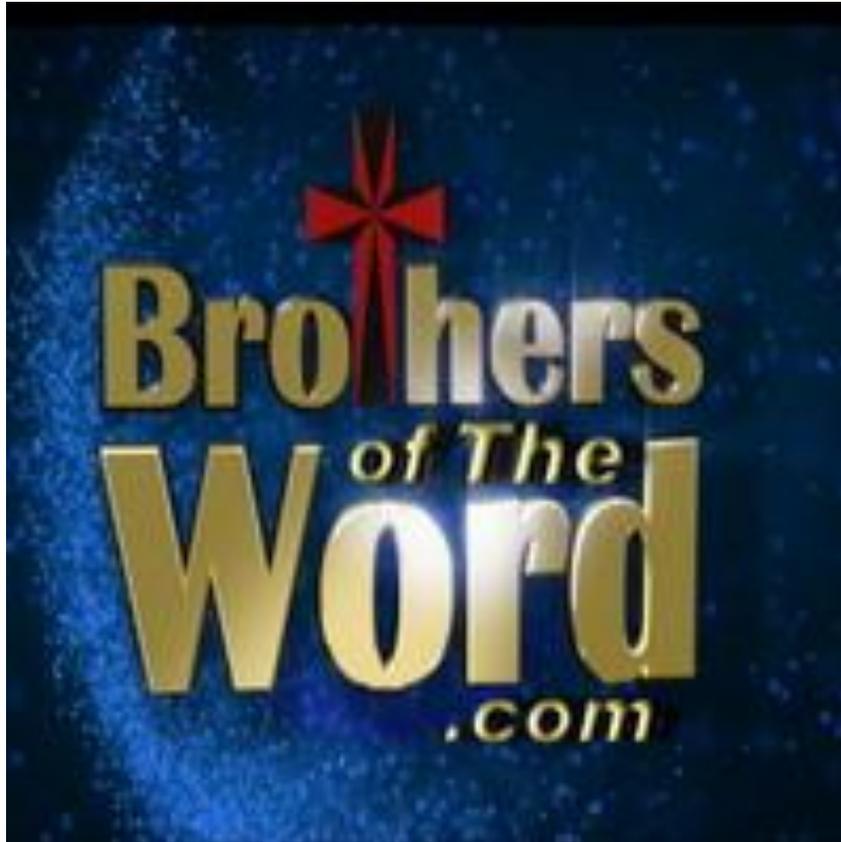
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And now for 5614, "Get Out Of The Middle" part two.

Nathaniel Bronner: There's just a powerful spirit in the house, today. And it's not that God is not always with us. It is only that sometimes he allows us to feel him more. And we can feel him today. I want to thank all of you who came out on Friday to support our son George and it was different by far than what I thought. And on the way to church this morning, George told me, he said, Daddy. He said, I was afraid on Friday and I was afraid for two reasons. He said, first, when I look out and I saw all of those people. He had no idea that you would show up to support him like you did. I am thankful. My wife is thankful. He said, when I saw all of those people, it made me afraid, but it was the second things that he told me that shook me and almost every time I talk with George, he is simple and that's what God said about Friday. He said, people who are expecting eloquence and length but I will deliver through in simplicity and power. And what he told me this morning shook me. He said, daddy. He said, the second reason that I was afraid, he said, it was because you said the number one fear among people was the fear of speaking before a crowd. And he said, and I didn't know that. And I didn't know that. What is it that we tell our children that instills fear, that instills depression and they don't look on the where and they don't know it. And they don't know it because we tell them and the thing just shook me. That's why I said, he is simple but he is powerful. A simple little thing and I didn't know that. Things sent a chill all through. It wasn't eloquent, no long big dictionary words, no you know, the big elocution, no rhyming, no shouting, no hacking. And I didn't know that.

You see, the human mind, we are only born with two fears. Just two. We are only born with two fears. The fear of falling and the fear of sudden loud noises. Those are the only two fears we're born with. Every additional fear that we have comes most of them for what Mama and Daddy has placed in the child and I didn't know that. Those simple words spoke a whole encyclopedia to me and I didn't know that. So, I hope from just George's words of what he spoke to me, it will speak to some parents as you speak to your child. Everything you tell them, you'll either put in fear or you'll put in faith. You'll put in courage or you'll put in cowardness. You'll put in heading for greatness or heading for the gutter. Everything you speak to them will determine that because God only gave them two fears, the fear of falling which you can overcome. That's why I plan on going skydiving soon. You can overcome the fear of falling and the fear of sudden loud noises. All of that, you can overcome but those are the only two God gave him. Everything else comes from culture and parents and I didn't know that. He preached to me before I got here.

Bow your heads. Dear Heavenly Father, we just pray that upon this day that you take control of every word that I shall speak. Father, I pray that the spirit that I saw just in the choir, just in the prayer team shall come in and at least just the same message.

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I don't even ask for a greater measure this morning. Lord, if I can just speak like that or dance for, I'll be happy today. Father, if I can just preach like (00:05:12) I'd be happy today Dear Father. Just put in me just an equal measure of what I saw you pull out upon your people. Father, I pray that you open the hearts and mind of the people today. They should be able to received that which you shall speak. In thy son Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Welcome to Brothers Of The World, because brother you need the Word. And today, I am actually going to be doing part 2 of the last message called "Get Out Of The Middle" and the message basically dealt with Luke chapter 17:20, "Once having been asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "the Kingdom of

God does not come with your careful observation nor will people say, here it is or there it is because the Kingdom of God is within you.” And in the verse, that tells you what the kingdom of God is. Romans 14:17, “For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.” And the last message “Get Out Of The Middle” I talked about first, you got to eliminate the things that are outside of us. All of the excuses and all of the things that are outside of us because the Kingdom of God is within and if I had a cake box here and if I told you that there was a German chocolate cake inside of that box, all of the goodies are inside of the box and it doesn’t do us any good to focus on stuff outside of the box. Oftentimes, we’ll use the phrase, you’ve got to think outside of the box. Well, sometimes you’ve got to think in the box. The vast majority of success does not come from thinking outside of the box, you don’t have to think of anything new. The vast majority of success, the template is already written for how to get there. You don’t need to think outside of the box, all you have to do is find the right box, and do what’s in the box. The vast majority of success does not come from out of the box thinking, it comes from thinking in the right box. And here Paul and I believe that Paul placed them in order but all three are essential, but I believe he placed the things that constitute the Kingdom of God within, I believe he placed them in the right order. Righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Today, I just want to deal with just that subject of righteousness. Back in 1929, in the late 20s, in the City of Chicago, it was perhaps one of the most evil times and one of the most evil cities in all of history. And it was that way because of one man who ran the booze industry. He ran the gambling industry. He ran the prostitution. He had virtually every politician and policeman on his payroll. He ruled Chicago with an iron hand and spread corruption in filth all of the city. That man was Al Capone. No one could bring Al Capone down. No one could touch Al Capone because he had all of judges in his hand. He had all of the lawmakers in his hand. He had the police chief in his hand, and there came a young 26-year-old man, who was a treasury officer, who handpicked 11 men. So, there was a total of 12. And these men set out under the high authority of the U.S. Government Federal to bring down Al Capone.

And they started tearing up his industry. They started making raids. They and only them began to bring Capone down. And Capone in the past, he either had been able to bribe them. If they couldn't them, he would kill them. But they couldn't kill this young treasury officer and most of you all know, his name was Eliot Ness. Couldn't kill Eliot Ness. Killed some people close to him but couldn't kill him. So, what Al Capone did, he sent a messenger to Eliot Ness and the messenger had an envelope and in the envelope was \$2,000 cash money. Now, some of you all might say, well that's just not a whole lot of money. You have to understand that's was 1929. Eliot Ness's annual salary was \$2,800 a year. He made \$233 a month and he got an envelope from Al Capone with \$2,000 in it and with a notice and a message that you have this every week, if you just look the other way, if you just ease out off of me, if you just give some slack.

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You can have every week what the government is paying you almost a year, if you just back off. And Eliot Ness sent the envelope and the messenger back to Al Capone with every penny in the envelope. And the newspaper got ahold of that, and the next day they ran the headline, Eliot Ness and the untouchables. That's where the name came from, that all of the money from the most powerful man in the city could not touch a man bent on righteousness.

And I ask you the question today. What would Satan have to put in your envelope to get you? Here a man got in one envelope and the man said, you can have this every week and it's almost what you make every year in time for 2029. What would the devil have to put in the envelope to get you to bend and to back off of righteousness? Some of you may not be tempted by money but there are some other stuff because the devil got a whole storehouse of stuff that has gotten men and women from time immemorial from the beginning. He tempted those in the garden and the envelope he put, I'll give you knowledge and I'll let you know good and evil, your eyes will be open and you will be like God. That's what was in the envelope. What would Satan have to put in that envelope to get you or will you be one of the untouchables? You can't touch this.

Satan, I don't care what you bring, I don't care what you are from, I don't care what pleasure it may appear to hold, I don't care what promise you think you're going to make to me, I don't care what you put in the envelope, Satan. I'm sending it right back to you with the message, can't touch this. I will not bend from God's righteousness. How many untouchables do we have today? How many people can turn away to wiles of Satan?

The first use of the words righteousness in Genesis chapter 15:6, "and he believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness." The new living translation translated, "and Abraham believed the Lord and lord counted him as righteous because of his faith." You know believing in God is the beginning of righteousness and when you truly believe in God, I mean when you really truly believe; I'm not just saying, saying you believe. When they look at the stats of those in prison, do you know how many people when they look at the actual stats, do you know it was only about 0.2% of prisoners who said they didn't believe in God, 0.2%. Not 2%, 0.2%. So, believing in God does not mean you won't do the right thing because out of every thousand prisoners, 998 of them say they believe, only two out of 1000 confessed atheist and say they just don't believe in God. So, believing is the beginning but that doesn't bring you into righteousness. But God said, he counted it to Abraham his righteousness because God knew Abraham would do what he told him to do and God knew the man and he knew the heart.

Deuteronomy 6:25, "and it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God as he has commanded us." See, in the Old Testament, righteousness fundamentally meant following God's law but as you move onto the New Testament, Romans 3:10, "as it is written, there is none righteous, no not one" and on that in Romans 3:21 to 3:31, I will just read some of the verses there in the New Living Translation. "But now God had shown us the way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the Lord as it was promise in the writings of Moses in the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Chris and this is true for everyone who believes no matter who we are,

well then if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not. In fact, only when we have faith, do we truly fulfill the law.”

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In other words, Paul was saying, it's going to take faith because none of us are righteous. All of us fall short of the Glory of God. There is no one perfect. But he said, does this mean that we just forget about what God has told us to do? No, no, no, no, no, no. It doesn't mean that. It simply means that you're going to make some mistakes, you're going to mess up, you're going to fall short, you're going to fall back, you're going to fall down. It simply means that there will be times. I remember I was at the service once and I heard a preacher said, once we get saved and once we accept Jesus, we do no more sinning after that. After that, we don't sin anymore. And I was just sitting there thinking to myself, you're a lot better than me because I can't make that claim. He said, now, once you accept Christ, we are saved and sanctified then we do no more sinning. I was thinking in myself, I wouldn't know he ever said, I was thinking to myself, you're just sinning because you did lie. So, we're going to make some with human flesh. The disciples couldn't stay fully faithful. That's why Jesus said, can't you just carry it out with me that it's hard in this flesh. We cannot be perfect but we can be perfect in him.

Let me give you a good example. I'm sharp today. These shoes are some of the sharpest shoes I've ever seen. I'm sharp today. I've got on a sharp shirt. My clothes are fit. I'm dressed sharper and every service I'm sharp but it's not due to me. There is a young lady her name Lucretia Cannon. She picks up all of my clothes. I didn't buy this, I didn't pick it, I didn't pick the shoes, I didn't pick the shirt, I didn't pick the pants, I didn't pick the belt, I didn't pick any of these but I'm sharp. It is like that often with our righteousness and with our salvation. I had sense enough to get someone who was much better than I was to cover me. I had enough sense to know that my fashion sense was mildly putting it, lacking. But I had enough sense to get someone who was absolutely excellent to cover me and because I am covered by someone who is excellent, it makes me look good. You see, with our living and with our life, we don't have

enough to do with where we are excellent but we have to have sense of enough to number one, choose someone who is excellent, to choose someone who can cover us, to choose someone who can cover of all of our flaws and all of our imperfection. We got to have sense enough number one, to choose them and number two, we got to have sense enough to do what they say do.

I was listening to my wife yesterday and she was counseling someone. A lot of people will come to her. She has a great wisdom and she can counsel people and tell them exactly what they need to do. And I was listening to her yesterday and she told the person and she says, this is what you need to do and then she asked them, she says, do you think that's the right thing? And they said, yes, it's the right thing but I don't want to do that right now. We have to have sense enough to get someone to cover us, number one. But number two, you got to have sense enough to do what they say.

So, Jesus and the blood of Jesus covers us but we got to do what he says. There is a part of righteousness and people, this is the problem that we have oftentimes. See, righteousness is a state of doing. Peace and joy is the state of being and the doing comes before the being in almost everything in the natural and the spiritual and too often we want to be without doing. We want the results without the work and that's what will happen to us a lot of times. You see, we want to be knowledgeable which is the state of being but we don't want to study. We want to be healthy which is the state of being but we don't want to exercise and eat right which are the states of doing. We want to have plenty of money which is the state of being but we don't want to work and manage what we are given properly. States of being are preceded by states of doing and too often we want to skip the doing and go straight to the being and that doesn't usually happen.

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Matthew 6:33, Jesus says, "but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and then all these other stuff will be added unto you." Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. So, you got to seek what's right. You

got to seek God's righteousness and too often we overlook that part. We want to just go all along just (00:20:44) hallelujah and praising and that's necessary. But God want you to be right. He wants you to do some stuff. He wants you to live and walk in righteousness. Yes, you need to pray, yes you need to praise God, yes you need to submit. You need to do all that stuff but God want you to do some stuff. That's why he counted it on to Abraham because he knew no matter what he told Abraham, Abraham was going to do it. All the way from he said, "pick up from where you are, go to a land where I will show you, leave all your kids and folk behind." He left everybody behind except Lot, who caused him all kinds of problems, but he picked up and went into another land. Got to the other extreme, go and sacrifice your son. See, God knew that if Abraham truly believed in him, he would do what he told him to do. We have problems with that. My son, George just spoke at eight years old for the first time a couple of days ago. And when God that told me to let him to speak in the church, I had problems with that because it was just different in anything I'd ever heard. And after Friday, he didn't speak exactly like I thought he should have.

When I was in exercise class yesterday, Mr. Hardy came up to me. He said, "pastor, George said you got to do something extra." He said, "that thing has changed me. I will start doing this and made this change." And all this and I'm thinking to myself because I had said, I need to start training him on how to organize his stuff, so he can flow a little smoother and God said, "Didn't I tell you, didn't I tell you I will train, didn't I tell you to stay out of it?" See, the problem is, oftentimes what we think is right is not what God has said and that's the problem. What we think is right is just not what God has said. And the Bible oftentimes and it even talks about that a man's ways are right in his own eyes, but it's not what God has said. Righteousness is basically just doing what God has said whether you count the Old Testament or New Testament. It's just doing what God has said and the thing about it, God has really placed his laws within our hearts.

There was a comedian, I can't remember who he was, but he had this statement and he would name these situations and he would always say, "that ain't right." Chris Rock. "Yeah,

that ain't right!" There are some things people, you don't need me to go down the long list of stuff as righteous and unrighteous. There were -- in your own heart, there is something that says to you before you do it. I'm not talking about why you do it, I'm talking about before you do it. There are something that says in your heart and spirit, "that ain't right." There was once a man, he went to a psychiatrist and he said, "doctor." He said, "Look, I'm doing some things and every time I do this stuff it just bothers my conscience and it just bothers me all night long. It just worried him. Every time I do all these stuff I'm doing and the doctor said, "do you want us to work on giving you some willpower to help you to straighten." He said, "no, I want you to work on helping me to ease my conscience."

See, there is a part that anytime we move in to unrighteousness, we know it before we step off into it because there is something that reverberates in us and there is something that said, "that ain't right." But you got to know God's word because the word will give you stuff and it will condition you and it will make it where that what you think is right is not. That's why you have to know the Word. The Word will have us believing in a whole a lot stuff that is right. That's why you have got to know his Word, and righteousness is the first part of the Kingdom of Heaven within. And if we are not right, we can't really get to that Kingdom of Heaven within. It just will not work. And we want to jump straight to joy and peace and skip over righteousness. We want to proceeds without the process. But proceeds without process is often a mess. You've got to go through the process to get to proceeds.

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Even when we talk about the whole Armor of God in Ephesians 6:13. "Wherefore, take upon you the whole Armor of God that he may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all of to stand, stand there for having your loins gird about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness and your feet sharp with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith you shall be able to quench all of the fiery darts of the wicked and take the helmet of

salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

And the thing about it, righteousness is the breastplate. That's all the police wear for protection as a bulletproof vest because that's where your heart is, that's where all of your vital internal organs are, that's why all they wear is a breastplate of righteousness. When we are right, it shields us from a whole lot of stuff just walking in righteousness. I just want you to – and God even spoke to me, there's a man listening to me right now and you are involved heavily in porno and that thing has been plaguing you, that isn't right because all God told me to tell you, that isn't right. See, once that that isn't right hits you, what you do about it is up to you. That's the choice and the decision you have to make, that isn't right. So, when God places that in your spirit, that isn't right, what do you about it? That's up to you but you got to know his Word first. If you don't know his word, the world will tell you some things are right that aren't. And they will tell you some things are wrong that did all right. You got to know his Word.

So, know his Word to understand God's law and God's righteousness and our first step into moving into the Kingdom of Heaven is righteousness. We want to be able to say with everything that we do, that's right, that's right. The old slogan back in the old days used to be right on, right on. We have gone from a right on to wrong on and we have got to move back to the right. So, the path to heaven, the path to the Kingdom of God, I'd you one direction. Turn right and keep straight.

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