

Every Hair

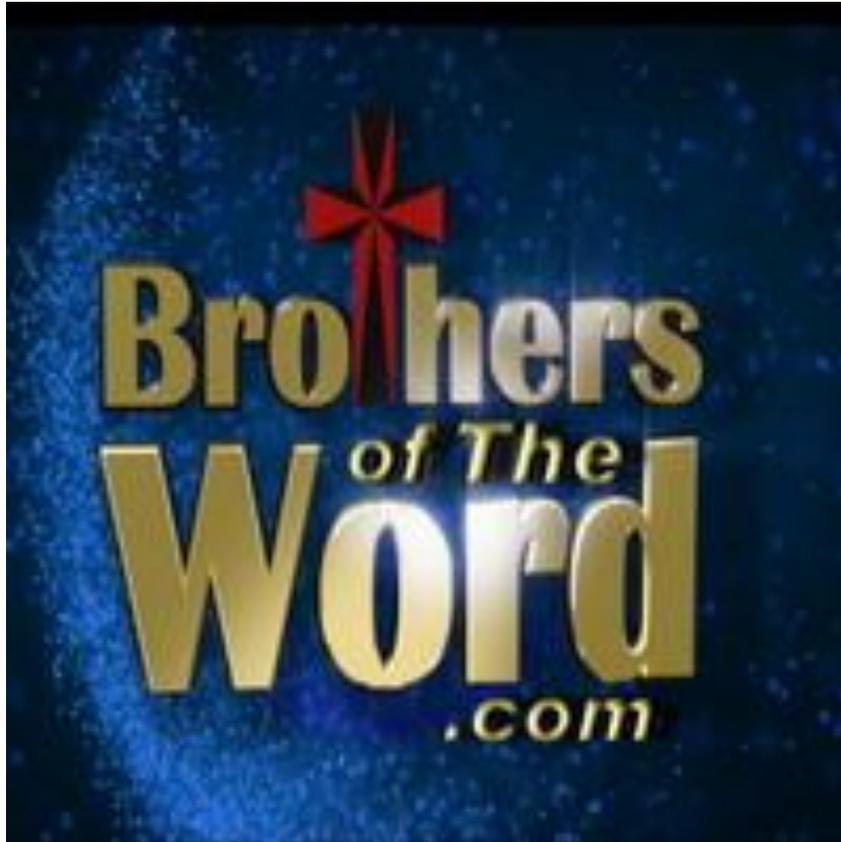
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Nathaniel Bronner: You cannot build strong faith without going through some trials.

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Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word.

And Jesus came to die for our sins. It was his purpose. It was his destiny. It was perhaps the greatest single event in the history of mankind. Yet Jesus said, beginning in Matthew 26: 36, Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the body is weak."

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

I didn't realize until I read it over again, that Jesus prayed the same prayer three times. Father, if it's possible, take this cup meaning this bitter cup, this crucifixion that I've got to go through. If it's possible, take this thing away from me. Now, Jesus knew his destiny. He had already told the disciples what He had to go through. He knew, but He came to the earth as

flesh. And flesh sometimes has some issues. Jesus (00:03:17). If there's any way possible that I don't have to go through this, please take this away from me but nevertheless, no matter what I got to go through, no matter what I have to deal with, no matter what pain I have to endure, if this is what I have to go through then I am willing to go through it. Let your will be done. Paul said the same thing when he had the thorn in his flesh. He said three times, Paul prayed to God to please remove this thorn from my side. And Paul even said he knew why the thorn was in his side. He knew God had placed it there for a reason. I did a whole series of three messages called "Thorns." If you want to know that reason, go and listen to that series but Paul prayed three times to take it away from me.

How many times is it that we have gone through some things and often there are things that we know God has placed us in the midst of but because the thing is so rough or it may appear to be so rough there's some stuff God had spoken to me that I have to go through and if it's like what I think, I just don't want to go through it. I don't want to endure it. I don't want to deal with it. I'm just like Jesus. I'm just like Paul. I don't want to deal with it. And I'm asking, "Lord, if there's any other way, I'd rather not do this. Can't you do this some other kind of way?" So, I understand how it feels but yet and still what I want you to focus on today is this. I know you said, for those of you who are just listening to the audio, I'm combing my hair with a comb. I know you're saying, "What in the world? What kind of foolishness is the pastor doing now?"

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Combing his hair with a comb. And then talking about this is what he wants us to focus on." And you know my hair is not the smoothest in the world. It's tough, it's strong, it's powerful. So, it takes to look fresher to get this comb through it. What I want you to focus on, was me combing that hair and Matthew Chapter 10 beginning at verse 28 says this, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father, and even then the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So, don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." And I speak to you today from the subject of Every Hair. You see, I just comb my

hair because I had done this previously because I wanted to count the number of hairs that came out in this comb. So, when I did it before and I took the hairs out and I went to my office. I spread them out on the piece of paper. I have what's called a (00:06:18). It's a powerful magnifying glass and I got a little X-ACTO knife. I spend about 10 minutes and I had counted about 40 hairs because you got to pull them apart and separate them. I just got tired in counting those hairs. So, I just did estimation and I said, well, I have counted this many, like it's about three times more than this, so, I figured this amount of hair that I pull out in this comb is roughly somewhere in the range of a 150 hairs but this is the issue, the Bible says that God knows the very number of every hair on our head. Now, the average head of hair has about 100,000 hairs. If you counted one hair every second, it would take you 28 hours of straight counting but you can't count one hair a second because the hair is too packed on your head. At best, it would take you whole week of non-stop, not going to sleep just to count the hairs on your head and then I realized -- this is the hair, I realized, I had a problem just counting the hairs. But yet Jesus said, God has every hair on your head numbered. I have a problem counting the hairs. And yet if I pull this hair out here, God knows that this is hair number 482,785.

I have a problem counting but yet God has numbered and when I realized the difference and the capability, you see there are almost seven billion people on this planet. If you took every person and split them into row, a hundred across, shoulder to shoulder and then stretch the rows at the equator. That would almost be enough people to go all away around the earth. Seven billion folk and to think, on every one of those seven billion heads, God has every single hair numbered, not counted, numbered. Yet as I thought about that, if God knows that much detail, if he has the very hairs on your head numbered, how in the world can you dare think He doesn't know about your situation? He's got every hair on your head numbered. How can you think that He does not know about your situation? A friend of mine once told, he said, "Man, you think everything in the world is spiritual?" I said, "I sure do." I think God controls every minute detail. I've just seen too much. I've seen Him orchestrate some stuff in my life that I had no idea. The stuff, it was 20 years later down the road. So, not only does God know what's happening right now, He knows what's going to happen. And He could put stuff in place. He can put moves in situations

there -- and that stuff manifests decades down the road. And then you're able to see it, you'd said, "That's why." So, yes, I think everything is spiritual. And yes, I believe God has every hair on my head numbered when I can't even count our combing. I can't even count our combing without getting tired and wearied out. And yet God has every hair on my head numbered. If He's got that much detail on me, what do you think He knows about all of the rest of the stuff of my life? And this is a broader point, if God has the hairs on my head numbered then that means He knows a lot more about me than I know about myself.

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He knows a lot more about me than I know about myself. He told Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:4, Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. David said in Psalms 1:38, O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

Where can I go from your spirit or where can I sleep from your presence? If I was sent to the heaven you are there, if my make my bed in hell behold you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell on the outer most parts of the sea. Even there, your hand shall lead me. He knows me and He has numbered -- you all just put your hand on your head. And I know some of you don't want to mess up your hairstyle but look God knows all of the numbers of the hairs and some of you don't even have any hair on your head but He knows the numbers of the hair that used to be on your head. So, if God knows that, how much does God know? Without a telescope, you can't see about 3,000 stars from any point on earth but yet scientist estimate the universe contains at least 76 trillion stars. That's 70,000 million-million-million. That's 7 followed by 22 zeros or 10 times the number of grains of sand on earth. But yet Psalms 147:4 tells us, God counts the numbers of the stars. He gives

names to all of them. It is more stars as ten times more stars than the grains of sand on earth. And yet the Bible says, God has named every one of the stars. He (00:12:24) name because He created them. So, if God knows that much. If He has named 76 trillion stars, has numbered every hair on almost 7 billion people, don't you think God knows what you're going through right now?

Let me tell you the difference between man's knowledge and God's knowledge. Most people can only see a maximum of seven items without counting. Let me explain what I mean by that. In other words, if you're taking care of three children, you can look at the group and know that they are three without counting. I can look at six to seven and know that they are there without counting but if there are 12 children or 20 children to watch over, you have to stop and count. You can't look at 12 and say, They all there. You have to count them and you can't do it. Now, see you can put them in groups of four or five in order to keep up with them. If you have two groups of four and say four there and there's four there and there's four there. You could see that. But the human mind can't really comprehend or count beyond seven items at one time. You have to change those. So, what's the point of that? I will follow with His unlimited omniscience -- can look through the crowd and say, 84,769 without counting or a 126,377 without counting.

He can number our hairs as easily as you can look up and say, "Is three brothers on the pulpit?" God's power and His ability is so far in front of ours that our stuff looks totally easy(ph). That's why He said, our wisdom is just foolishness to God. I sometimes get amazed by what happens as things He spoken years ago come to pay us but more and more I'm beginning to understand the process and the purpose. I've got to remember he named 76 trillion stars and numbered the hairs on nearly 7 billion people. And that verse Matthew 10:29, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore ye are more value than many sparrows." A construction crews bulldozed some forest and the manager saw a birds' nest up in the tree and he stopped the bulldozers and he went and put a sand(ph) around the trunk of tree and said, "Do not bulldoze this tree." And they bulldozed all around and so the manger came back days later and he climbed up the tree and looked in the nest and when he looked

in to the nest, all of the little birdlings had hatched and they had gone and flown away.

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And as he looked at the nest, he noticed there was a piece of paper because birds will often take different twigs and paper and build nest with it. And part of it was a scrap from a Sunday School pamphlet and on the scrap of paper were these words: He careth for you. Now this is the point if Jesus says not even a sparrow and a sparrow is one of the smallest of birds in nature. Not an eagle or sparrow. Jesus says if not even a sparrow falls to the ground without God's consent and aren't you worth more than many sparrows. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, communication towers conservatively killed 4 to 50 million birds annually. Cars kill 60 million birds each year. How many of you while driving and hit a bird? More likely if you're driving and hit a bird that bird is dead. Cars kill 60 million birds each year. Pesticides -- 72 million birds a year. And how many are killed by environment or disasters or even by common house kit. That's well over a hundred million birds a year yet Jesus said, Not one of those birds falls to the ground without the consent of the Father. Are these not worth more than many sparrows? Have you lost a love one? Have you lost a mother? A father? A sister a brother? A child? A friend?

And sometimes when that happens we wonder Lord, why did you take him? Is it a God that's just real I mean how could -- but (00:16:45) God take the one I loved? How could this be? Not a sparrow falls to earth without the consent of the Father. And you don't understand that just like you don't know how many hairs up in your head. Just like you don't know how many stars are in the sky. I talked a few weeks ago about how the scientists are now talking about the Big Bang theory and now they have some scientific proof so called the stuff started out on nothing it is in a trillionth of a second. All of this stuff was created in a trillionth of the second so fast that you can barely even measure it. It's about like -- it's instantly, stuff was everywhere before(ph) the stars were flown to the end of the universe in an instant and science can explain that. So, how in the world and you can't even explain dirt. You literally can't. You can't even explain dirt so how can you understand and explain the workings of the Father whose mind is so far beyond ours. That when we see something, it hurts us but we don't understand the

principle even death is the same way but people birth as the same as death in reverse to a child who's in a comfortable warm womb. They aren't that bother the more they got -- who just laid in the womb in the quiet, in the darkness, in relaxing and all of sudden he got to go through the dark tunnel. To all his pain, all his bright light, he comes no matter holding him up. Hit him on the behind. He got to go through all -- all I can say is, "What in the world?" What in the world, because he just not understand. And our knowledge with an infinite God is like an infant baby who simply does not know because we don't know exactly what was before this life and we don't know exactly what's after this life. Our knowledge is so limited. It's good to know the simple facts from Isaiah 40. The oceans of the world contain more than 340 quintillion gallons of water yet God holds them in the hallow of His hand. The earth weighs 6 sextillion metric tons yet God says it is but dust on the scales. The known universe stretches more than 30 billion light years but God measures it by the width of his hand. Scientists claimed there are at least 100 billion galaxies and each galaxy is made up of about a 100 billion stars to search mind-boggling math. Isiah reminds us that God calls each star by name. If God can hold the water of the ocean in the hallow of his hand, consider the weight of the earth is dust. Measure the width of the universe with a span of his hand and call each star by name surely -- you all say, "surely."

Audience: Surely.

Nathaniel: Surely he can handle the details and the drama of ours. Surely he can hear our problems. Surely he knows what's going on in our life.

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And see sometimes what we think and feel like, God you don't know my situation. Not a sparrow falls to earth without your father knowing about it. So, I don't care what situation you're in, God knows about it. And some of you here put you in the situation just like He put Jesus in the situation. Just like He put a thorn in Paul's side, sometimes God has to put us in some situation and we don't understand the pain because all we want in our life is pleasure and we don't understand the pain and God has to put us in some situation sometimes or allow some things to happen for our own good and for own growth because life has

a class. And you have to take some courses and when you don't pay us the course you got to repeat the course. Some of us just in the same class over and over and over because we hadn't learned the first time.

So, we got to go to stuff over and over and over and over and over but the reality is the Father is so concerned about our lives that He knows the very number of hairs and has numbered them up on our heads. He knows our thoughts, our motives, our plans, our dreams. He sent His son and Jesus knew that He would have to go on that cross and there's some process we're going to have to bear but we just don't want to bear them. God knows He has it planned, He has it ordained. It's a part of our destiny. You cannot build strong faith without going through some trials. You just can't do it. The Bible says, rejoice when you go through diverse trials. It's just a villain of your faith. It's an understanding sometimes to the workings of God and we don't understand when we have to endure the pain but not a sparrow falls to earth without the Father and you know if a sparrow doesn't fall, what about you? Every sleep I have had, every fall I have taken, God has been there right with me and he has allowed it and when we understand that that our lives are governed by an intelligence that so far beyond ours that will I (00:22:22) but we have to trust that intelligence. We have to trust the Father but that means we have to do what the Father tells us to do. Children we are all but we have a Father. He sent His son to die for our sins. We are saved and sanctified but we're still going to go through some stuff. Whatever you go through, whenever you go through, understand the simple truth. Not a sparrow falls to earth without the Father. We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word.

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