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And now for 5694, "Overcoming Fear Part 9, The Fear of Success"

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

And today, we are continuing on in a series entitled, "Overcoming Fear." And we talked about what is there to be afraid of, face your fear, the fear of destiny, the fear of loneliness, the married lonely, the fear of intimacy, the fear of giving. And today, I want to talk to you for a few minutes on the Fear of Success.

The fear of success is technically called achievemephobia. Phobias have a psychological nomenclature that some of us are familiar with claustrophobia, but actually the fear of success has a technical name called "achievemephobia". And it may seem odd that some people would be afraid of success. It sounds odd but it is not uncommon and I've come across cases of where people have simply told me, I said, "Every time I get close to succeeding, there's something in me that does something to foul it up, to mess it up," and as I realized I have a fear of success. It's not as uncommon as you may think it is.

And today, in this brief moment of time, I want to go over just three factors that kind of define what success is and then three of the major reasons why we have a fear of success. In my definitions of what I like to call success in these three areas, first is the ratio of talents used to the ratio of talents that you have. Success for different people, it's different because some people are given more than others. Some people are given one talent but Jesus, he gave the parable of the three men who were given varying talents. Some were given much, some medium,

and some very minimal. And when the master came, he was concerned about what had they done with what they had been given.

So, the first part of just the definition of success is the ratio of what you use to what you've been given. See, I know some people who have phenomenal talent, just bordering on genius but have done absolutely nothing with it. Excuse after excuse after excuse after excuse, no proof, but absolute genius. Talented in multiple areas, but yet done nothing with it. Success is the ratio of the talents that you use to the talents that you been given.

The parable that Jesus gave the man who was only given one talent, he went and buried it and when the master came, he said, "Look, I knew you were a hard man, and I wouldn't give it much. So, I just went and buried, it is the very thing I gave you, coming back to you with dirt on it. And he said, "Thou wicked and foul servant." And he took that from him and gave it to the one who had much, who had used everything that he had been given. And too often we complain about we haven't been given as much and you have not used that what you have been given. And if you used that which you have been given to the fullest, for some strange reason there's a tendency for you to get more. But anything that you do not use, it decays and deteriorates and sooner or later dies.

So, first thing, the ratio of talents used to the talents received. Cathy Rigby was a member of a 1972 US Women's Gymnastic team. She got one goal in mind, she wanted to win a gold medal. And that year in '72 the Olympics were held in Munich, Germany, and she was there and she competed and she prayed before she went out to compete and she got out and she competed and she gave it everything she got.

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When it got time for them to call the winners, they called the bronze, and she listened intently for her name and it wasn't there. Then they called the silver medal, and she listened for Cathy Rigby, and it wasn't there. Then she got all and said, "Oh, I didn't get the bronze, I didn't get the silver. The gold is coming up." And she listened for her name for the gold medal. And when they called out the name of the winner, it was not her and

she was just crushed because she wanted so hard to win this gold medal and she won nothing, and her parents were there.

She went and joined her parents in the stands all set for a good cry. And as she sat down, she just said, "I'm sorry, I just did my best, I just didn't win, I did my best." And her mother said "I know that and you know that I know that." And she said "I'm sure God knows that." And then Cathy says her mother said 10 words to her that forever impacted the rest of her life and I'll say these 10 words to you.

"Doing your best is more important than being the best." Doing your best is more important than being the best. All God wants you to do is give it everything you've got because you will not necessarily be the greatest in the world. All God wants you to do is give it all you've got. There's no way I'm going to be able to see like (00:06:43), I just can't do it. But brother Ivan, my problem is not that I can't sing as well as you. My problem is, I'm not doing what I could do what I do have. See, that's the problem.

And my problem is not that I don't have the rhythm and I don't have the musical talent and ability as Reverend Ivan, he is a musical genius, that's not my problem. My problem is that I don't take the talent, the mediocre, the monochrome(ph), the smidgen of talent that God has given me. And my grandmother charged me with that years ago before she left and she said, "Boy you need to be singing." My problem is the same as many of your problem, you are not using what God has given you. And when you use what God has given you to the fullest, success comes.

The second factor of success is giving the proper credit to where the talents came from in the first place. The first Chronicles 29:12 is King David is speaking, "Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name but who am I, and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

David understood that everything come from God. And you'll never have true success when you don't understand the true

source. Yes, you've got talent. Yes, you've got ability, but where did this stuff come from? Where did the drive and the determination and the opportunities and the doors that opened for you? Where did all the stuff come from? God said, "It is me who gives you power to even get wealth." Where does that stuff come from? So, when you don't recognize true source, you never have true success.

In the history of perhaps the four greatest conquerors known in history. Alexander the Great, he conquered all of the known world, but he wasn't satisfied. And even when he had completely subdued all nations, he wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. And he went out partying and drinking, partied so hard and drunk so much that he fell sick. Went into a fever for 10 days and died at the end of the 10 days, a drunk broken man, unhappy and unsatisfied at 32 years old. Top of the world, but because he did not know how to properly give credit and how to properly follow and how to properly handle all that he had conquered, died a sick and broken man.

Hannibal, who crossed the mountains to conquer much of the world, and was the great warrior, he fell three bushels with the gold rings taken from the knights he had slaughtered. Hannibal committed suicide by swallowing poison. And few noted his passing and he left this earth completely unmourn. Julius Caesar the great roman emperor, conquered 800 cities only to be stabbed by his best friend at the scene of his greatest trial.

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Napoleon, the famous French conqueror spent his last years in banishment. And Proverbs 16:32 says, "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he who rules his spirit, then he who takes a city." So, all of these men had conquered all of this stuff, but they did not know how to properly give credit to where the ability came from. And when you recognize source and, on the source, it changes behavior.

And the third thing, the one that's going to sound a little silly, is the ability to ignore the pea. The ability to ignore the pea. You won't have true success without the ability to ignore the pea. Now, pastor, what do you mean by that? This is a pea, it's so small you can't hardly see it. And it comes from the story of the

“Princess and the Pea” by Hans Christian Andersen. Many of you who have read the fables in your youth, it was one of the classics, one of the famous.

Basically, there was this prince. He was looking for a bride, he was looking for a princess. And they had this test that his mother had devised, and they would always have a potential princess to find out if she was a true princess. They took a pea and put a pea in the bottom of the bed and then they put 20 mattresses on top of the pea and then 20 quilts on top of that. And they had a prospective princess sleep on top of that. And finally, it was one princess where in the morning they asked, “How did you sleep?” And she said “I couldn’t sleep at all.” She said, “There’s a huge lump in the bed and I tossed and turned all night long. I’m black and blue and bruised from this lumpy bed.” and they said, “They knew it because she could sense the pea under the 20 mattresses and the 20 quilts that she was a true princess.” And this is a famous children story.

But the flaw in it is many of us are like that princess, and we haven’t learned to ignore the pea. Because do you know how many peas there are in life? And when you get to a certain level of success sometimes you become more nick-picky about smaller things. And people, there are always things that are wrong in the earth and in your life and if you don’t learn how to ignore the pea, you would never have true success.

Shakespeare says, “Life and happiness consist not in having what you want, but in wanting what you have.” And if you don’t become at the point where your spirit can ignore the pea and be happy with it, you will never have true success.

I had an experience last night. I had gone to the movies, and as I was leaving the movies, I normally always go a particular way coming back home, but I just heard God speak, “You go another way.” And I’ve learned to follow that leading and as I went that way, I was coming back and I was passing the Charlie Brown Airport. I was in my little convertible sports car, had a top down, just enjoying myself.

And all of a sudden, I hit a pothole, big pothole. I felt the car just drop down, “Baam!” I was going about 45, 50 miles an hour. And I was on the phone, I was talking through the car speaker and I said, “Oh,” and he said, “What happened?” I said,

“I hit a pothole.” I said, “That pothole was big.” Because that thing felt like it was big enough to have bust a tire. So, I got down to the traffic light, made a right turn, because I was going to stop by the office. And in about another 500 or thousand feet, I felt the car start pulling to the right. And I said “Oh, the tire is busted.”

So, I pulled over into the driveway, I got out and looked. But fortunately, it didn't bust the tire, it busted both tires. And I'm sitting there looking at it, and yet my spirit just as peaceful, brand-new car, two tires flat on the ground from a pothole that wasn't my fault. The pothole was right there in the middle of the road, the city should have fixed the pothole. There was no excuse for that pothole to be there so it was absolutely not my fault.

I was not speeding; the pothole was right in the track where you drive alongside. I went on the side of the road so it was not my fault at all. And I'm sitting down looking at these two flat tires on the passenger side, both of them just as flat. The car has no spare, they give you a little kit that has an air pump and a can to fix a flat.

Well, when you go over potholes and it rips your tire, to fix a flat does you no good and even if the fix a flat had to work, and even if I did have a spare, I wouldn't have but one spare, and I had two flat tires. So, I was sitting there, standing there and looking at this, middle of the night, I'm on (00:15:05) Boulevard.

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Well, for those of you all who are not familiar with (00:15:09) Boulevard at night, they have some colorful characters. It reminds of the song that was out but some of you may have never heard this song, but some of you all who were kind in the world before you start being heavily -- it was called “The Freaks Come Out at Night.” So, I was there and I wouldn't call them necessarily freaks, but I would say they were colorful characters all around two flat tires, but people, my spirit was nothing bothered me about that thing at all. There was a principle that goes this.

And I trained my children in this two days ago. We were studying from a book by Epictetus who was a famous for

philosopher. And he says, “Look, happiness consists of being able to number one, make a differentiation between the things you can control and the things you cannot control, and the things that you cannot control don’t let that vex your spirit, only be concerned about the things that you can control, and the main thing that you can’t control is your internal spirit. So, I was sitting with two busted tires not my fault at all in the middle of the night in a pile of people who were very colorful and my spirit was absolutely at peace.

Wasn’t upset all. I couldn’t call my wife to come pick me up. I couldn’t call any of my children to come pick me up because they had left early that afternoon going to Florida to see her parents. So, I’m all by myself on (00:16:41) Boulevard at night with two flat tires. But just as happy and as peaceful as I can be. It is not what it is around you, it’s what it is that’s in you and I was not going to let a pea or a pothole disturb my spirit. And some of you right now are dealing with peas, and in reality, there’s nothing but peas. They seemed to be big because they are a big irritant to you, but in truth, they are nothing but peas.

And see, I was able to face that without it bothering my spirit at all because three months earlier, I was lying in the street, bleeding, hurt to pieces and I faced that in peace. That’s why sometimes God have to send you through some tough stuff, so when you get to the mild stuff, it doesn’t even bother you. I’m sitting and looking at these tires flat, well, you (00:17:25) me busted. I see, that’s why all of this stuff is relative. So, after being able to face me busted in peace, the tire busted absolutely was nothing to deal with.

That’s why God has to send you through some stuff, but this is another principle. If you cannot handle little stuff, how are you going to handle big stuff. So, when you’re able to handle the big stuff, the little stuff is nothing else. So, some of you all own mattresses, but all this cushion, you got layer after layer after layer after layer after layer of protection and cushion, but you’re focusing on a pea.

Then in the grand scheme of things don’t mean a thing in the stuff you can’t control. You can’t control other folk. You can’t control potholes. Now, I did call the pothole line and reported that pothole but that was all I can do. And I wasn’t angry when I called, I said, “There is a pothole right there. You all need to

fix the pothole, this is the location of the pothole so get that fixed so nobody else's tire will get busted. But there was nothing that I could do. You can't control a lot of situations that you deal with in life. You can't change other folk. Never give anyone the power to take your joy and to take your peace because of the stuff are the peas.

So, when you understand that, it changes your definition of success and you will not have success if you cannot control the peas. You will not have success if you don't give credit fully to where the success comes from and you will not have success if you don't use the gifts that God has given you. And these are just the basic kind of definitions of success, because I want you to be successful, and I don't want you to go through life without the success that God has ordained for you.

And sometimes, we fear success because of the three reasons we fear. First of all, we fear that we don't deserve it. Lord, I come from this background, I've done some things and I really don't deserve. And you'll be surprised how many people feel unworthy. They feel they need to be punished. Lord, if you knew what I have done in life, how I can I ever be happy because of the stuff I've done. And sometimes it's not even what you've done, it's what's been done to you. How can I ever be happy because I've been abused or because I've been molested? I soiled, I'm dirty. How can I deserve success with this stain on my life?

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And we feel that we're not worthy. How can I have success if my daddy was no good? How can I have success and everybody in my family line has been like this? How can I -- we feel we don't deserve it and because we feel that we don't deserve it, we will sabotage whatever God has placed before us for the good. And I'm here to tell you, people, when you walk in Christ, you deserve the best that God has to offer. And you have to understand that you have been forgiven. But you must forgive yourself and you must understand that you deserve it.

Second thing is because we're comfortable where we are. We're just comfortable sometime in low places, just even the cleanliness around. Some folk just comfortable in junk. You don't know the feeling. You're just comfortable in junk. Your

stuff get all cleaned up, sometimes you just -- it ain't quite right and you will forcibly almost cause it this way because we are comfortable where we are.

And the third reason is whenever you have success, stuff must change. Stuff must change. So, we're comfortable where we are and we don't want to change. Sometimes people to get success you've got to change people who are around you. You really, really do. Your success is greatly determined by who surrounds you, it's just all it is to it and you know if I could do better, if I go to school, if I make more money, I'm going to have to leave my old friends and yes, you will. In one way or another, yes, you will.

Because your old friends will keep you in the old way and you can't have a million-dollar idea surrounding yourself with one cent minds. So, you will have to change some things and you will have to change some people because people who don't want to go anywhere will drag you down when you try to move. You must change.

When you check Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, every one of them had the leave situations and move to another place. See, you cannot get what's coming to you staying where you are. But too often we're comfortable and we don't want to move and it causes a fear in us, it's even with school like this. Some people just love school, they don't want to graduate. They don't want to graduate. So, they will do something to literally fail class after class after class after class because they don't want to graduate.

Some of you don't want to live momma's house. So, you don't have success and you're staying there with your momma, 40 years old. You stay there with momma because you don't want to leave momma's house and you don't want to change. So, there is a fear, well if I go out and if I'm successful, "I'm going to have to leave momma. I'm going to leave my momma." Yes, you're going to have to leave your momma, you're going to have to do some changing, if you're going to have true success.

You will have to evolve, you will have to grow, but so many of us don't want to change. But I'm here to tell you, God wants you successful, God is not a God of failure. And I'm not talking about finances, I'm talking about just life in general of you meeting the destiny and using the talents that God has given

you. And some of you got so much talent built up inside of you, you really just scared, "What if I fail?" But what if you don't fail? And if you do fail so what? The average person who has succeeded in business has failed 4.5 times. What if you do fail?

The definition of failure is simply failing to get back up after you've fallen, that's all. I have plenty of flops and probably going to have a plenty more, so what? We have a slogan, "We don't keep on swinging." The number one homerun came before (00:23:54) was Babe Ruth. But he was also the number one strike out king so he struck out more than anybody else. Some of you all are afraid to swing because you might strike out. And then some of you are afraid to swing because you might get a homerun and if you get a home run, you've got to move. You've got to move.

God is a God of success, and he is not a God of leaving you comfortable where you are. You are placed on this earth for mission and for destiny. And he didn't want you just sitting there all your life just comfortable rocking back and forth in the chair. Now once you get to a point where you're 90 years old, you go, "Yeah, that's fine," but you know God use folk right up to the time they just left earth. It wasn't even an excuse that they were old.

Success is your destiny, it's your future, but you have to decide whether you're going to reach out and grab it.

Male: Amen. Amen. Let's get pastor another hand for that awesome --

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He is a man that has a lived out the principles that he has preached about, his success and multiple businesses, success in ministry, success in his home life and success in his health. So, I can tell you from experience walking with him all of my life that he lives the principles that he teaches and he is a (00:25:20) small piece in his life, and even when we're on the brother's trips and things go wrong as they sometimes we all -- he still maintains such a positive spirit with everything.

And the spirit, I tell you, it makes a big difference in the journey. You can be with a different person and go through the identical thing, but the positivity of the spirit will change the

entire experience. And even I did go to pick him up last night and even out there in the midst of all of these colorful characters, he still had a smile along his face.

But I can tell you this; he had a posture about him where you don't want to fool with him. Even though he was positive and -- I can tell you you could look at him and tell he wasn't somebody you wanted to fool with. And that's another principle with it, things are drawn to you, you can look at somebody and tell when they're scared. And so, yeah, you could look at him and tell that you fool, whether you're going to come out (00:26:27) and you wouldn't fool with him.

So we thank God, Father, pastor and just as awesome, teaching on success and one of the things that is on our home mission statement that we go over every month with the family is to really pray that your goals line up with your purpose because I teach them and it says on that, you don't want to climb the ladder of success and in the end realize that it was leaning against the wrong wall.

So many times like the leaders that pastor talked about, they think that conquering cities and conquering nations will really give them the success that they're looking for. But I'll tell you, if it doesn't line up with what God has ordained for you to do, it's purpose for your life, you still won't get contentment and there's so many men and women in boardrooms around the nation making millions of dollars that still aren't really happy, don't feel fulfilled in life.

And we're part of a CEO group and one of the months, there was a guy there that had a company probably worth 10 million dollars and he said, "I've met every goal that I set out to over the past few years. Every goal that I've written down, I've met it." He said, "Every financial goal, every revenue goal, every profit goal we've met in the company. Every goal that I've had with my family, we've been able to meet with my children doing well in school."

But he said, "For some reason, I still feel unfulfilled in life. It feels like something is missing. He didn't have any major health issues, but he couldn't understand why there was this emptiness." He said, "The goals are not bringing me fulfillment." And we had to talk to him about purpose of life and doing the

things that God has designed for you to do that if you do a great thing in an area that's not the area that God has designed for you to work in, you still want to have that feeling of fulfilment.

So, what I want to do given that statement of climbing that ladder of success and making sure that it's leaning against the right wall. Week after week in the Arch, pastor, he was instructed by God to just have the people to bow their heads and ask what they are to give on that day. Well, I want to do the same thing now but not financially and even as Jesus taught about in the Bible in the parable of the talents. Those talents were money, but he used the word talents there.

So, right now just bow your heads and close your eyes. We want to pray up on our talents today. Not about necessarily the job you're working on. Not about the income that you're making. This is not about the offering today. In terms of financial, but the offering of your life, the offering of your talents, the gifts that God is giving you. And I want you to just think about your life and think about how you're using the gifts that God has given you in your life. Things that you were born with it that you could do a little easier than others the way you were actually designed and wired.

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Think about what you're doing with them in your day to day life. How are you changing the world with them? So, I want you to ask the same question that we ask every week, but in a different light. I want you to ask God, "What am I to give?" And not just with your money, but with your talents, with your abilities, with the resources that is placed within your hand, with the knowledge that he has allowed to the gain. With the experiences of your life. What do you want me to give today, God? Amen.

And if something was laid upon your heart and you recognized that you haven't been walking in that full potential of the gifts and talents God have given you. You want to just rededicate yourselves unto that path today. We want to pray with you. This is not necessarily for salvation but if doing that moment of reflection inward and you want to just make an outward rededication to walk in that full potential of what God has told you to do. You know you could be doing more than what you're

doing. You know God has given you abilities that you aren't even scratching the surface on right now. And you want to just take the first step as an outward sign today to say, "Lord I'm willing to walk in and I'm willing to use what you've given me to make this world a better place."

And many times, your talents and your purpose, it won't necessarily be what you like to do, what you're comfortable doing. It's something that maybe (00:32:02) you have the ability to do but won't necessarily feel comfortable in it. Every time my mother is asked to speak, she has to rustle(ph) with herself about speaking. It's not something she's comfortable with but because she was wired as a motivator, as a person that gives inspiration to people. When she grabs the mic, something comes out over that people can feel it. They can tell that it's a purpose of hers to change lives. So, she's not comfortable with it, but it's a talent and a gift that God has given her.

When she got the prophetic word to write books, she was waiting on a writer for so many years, she didn't know that the writer was on the inside over there. She didn't know what to write but once she got researching and once she had begun to write what she did know, then the pen and the ink begin to flow and life begin to be changed. So, many of you might not know your full destiny of where God has taken you, but you know about somethings on the inside of you, some gift things that you have that you might not know how to use them right now.

But if you just walk in and use that which you know to use and the way that you know to use them, you begin to maybe teach younger people how to walk in their giftings in a similar area, just use them in the matter that you know that the vision for that will begin to expand.

We'll wait on you. If there anybody else that you just want to make a stand today and say, "Lord, I know that you have more from my life that I could be doing with these talents and giftings and I just want to dedicate it today to you."

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And when we stand before him, we're going to have to give account on those talents. He's not going to ask you how much money you made, what was your title on your job, what

neighborhood you --. He's going to say those talents and gifts that I've given you, what have you done with it? And even though you may be doing great things on your job, I'm talking about purpose and destiny today. And if you notice even in the parable of the talents, the five and the two and the one, he didn't ask what they were doing with their money, let me tell you how much personal money they have. That was on another area(ph).

He said, "What have you done with the talent that I gave you? Those talents and gifts?" So, he is not going to ask you the skills you learned on the job, but the thing that I've given you from birth, that's what you didn't have to pay a dime for, what have you done?

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Have you cultivated and buried it in the dirt and planted seed that sprouted out and bear fruit. "What have you done with that I've given you?" That is what he's going to ask for and account on.

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Let's analyze your talent account today and look at the balance and say, "That's what she deposited in the account. I have outgrown it. How have I developed it? How have I used it?"

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Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. If you are all with this, close your eyes right where you are and just repeat after me. Heavenly father, I thank you for the talents, the gifts, the abilities, the knowledge, the connections that you've given me. And I stand in your presence right now, and make a new commitment to use that which you've given me upon this earth, to improve my neighborhood, my city, my nation and the world and I pray that you'll lead me in how to best use that which you've given me. And I thank you, I trust you. In Jesus name, Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. If you'll just keep your eyes closed, I want to just say a corporate prayer over you. Heavenly father, I thank you Lord for the numerous gifts, oh Lord, talents that are represented

before us, oh, Lord. Enough, oh Lord to change this barren city, oh Father. To change this barren nation, oh Lord. We thank you Lord for you didn't give us all the same talent, oh Lord. You didn't give us the same abilities oh Lord. You didn't mean for us to compare one to the other, oh Father. But you've just asked us to use that what you've given us to the best of our abilities, oh Lord.

And we pray, oh Lord, as your people have made new commitments before you. I pray, oh Lord, that you'll stir up the gifts oh father. That you'll make him come back alive, oh Lord, for those that have buried them of father. That have left them unutilized, oh Lord. I pray, oh father, that the gifts will begin to speak to them, oh Lord, that it'll begin to wake them up at night, oh Lord, and say, "Use me, use me, use me, oh Lord." I pray, oh Lord, that the gifts will begin to crawl out onto them, oh Lord.

Those gifts, oh Lord, that they may have pushed to back of their minds thinking they wouldn't make any money, oh Lord, with them, oh Father. I pray that they'll begin to stir in the (00:39:06) oh Father. That they won't be able to rest, oh Lord, in complacency any longer with them, oh Father, until they used, oh Father, to their fullest potential, oh Lord.

And I pray that you'll give them vision, oh Father. Vision, oh Lord, to know, oh Lord, the avenues to use their gifts and talents before you, oh Lord. We thank you Lord. We thank you Lord for you are the author of true success, oh Lord. You are author of true success. And I pray, oh Lord, that you will just lead and guide their footsteps, oh Lord. Guide the works of their hands, oh Father.

We thank you, Lord. Thank you for that which you've given, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord. We thank you not only at word, oh Lord, but we want to thank you with our lives, oh Lord. We want to live our lives, oh Lord. Showing you thanks for that which you've given us, oh Father. And I pray, oh Lord, that you will begin to just breath on them, oh Lord.

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In the works of their hands, oh Lord, as they set their hand to do, oh Lord, and to maximize that which you've given them. I

pray that you will call multiplicity to have onto it, oh Lord. That you will put the super on that natural, oh Lord. That you'll allow them to see, oh Lord, supernatural manifestations, oh Lord. And as they begin to move, oh Lord, to use that which you've given them, oh Father. I pray, oh Lord, that your anointing which increased them, oh Lord, as they began to walk in your calling, oh Father. To do what only they can do, oh Lord. What only they can do, oh Father. I thank you, Lord, for giving us purpose, oh Lord.

You are our Father, you are our Creator, oh Lord, and only the Creator knows the purpose for the creation, oh Lord. And we pray, oh Lord, that you just make it alive in your people, oh Father. That you'll give them clarity along the path, oh Father. That you'll remove the smokes and the fog, oh Lord, from their minds. That you will give them clarity, oh Lord, that they will know exactly what to do, oh Lord. Exactly, oh Lord, how to develop their gifts, oh Lord, exactly, oh Lord. To know where to go, oh Father.

We thank you, Lord, this divine appointment, oh Father. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, for that destiny standing before us right now, oh Lord. Thank you for destiny, oh Father. Thank you, Lord.

Thank you, Lord, for the generations that will be affected, oh Lord, just by your people using what they have, oh Lord. We thank you, Lord. We thank you for your mercy, oh Lord. For not destroying us, oh Lord. For not using that which you've given us, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord, for that mercy, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord, for not giving us what we don't deserve, oh Father, but being patient and kind unto us, oh Lord. Thank you Father, thank you, Lord. And we just repent, oh Lord, of any slope, any slack, oh Lord. Not being excellent, oh Lord, with that which you've given us, oh Father.

We thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. We just submit our lives unto you, oh Lord. We submitted it at the altar, oh Lord, the altar where the place of burden and sacrifices, oh Lord. We come, oh Lord, giving our life of the living sacrifice unto you right now, oh Lord. We fill up the altar, oh Lord, right now, oh Lord. We're living lives, oh Lord, before you, oh Lord. We place our time, oh Lord, our time, oh Lord, I will will upon the atlar right now, oh Lord.

We ask, oh Lord, that you just burn it all off that it will go up as a sweet fragrance unto you, oh Lord. We give up our desires, oh Lord. Our pride, oh Lord. Our positions, oh Lord. And ask You to just have You run our lives right now, oh Lord. You gave us the talents, the gifts, oh Lord, and we give them back unto you in our daily lives right now, oh Father. We dedicate them unto you, oh Lord. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Father. Thank you, thank you. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

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