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Nathaniel Bronner: What are you going to do in this season with the seeds that god has given you.

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

And today I am going to be speaking from the Book of Galatians, Chapter 6 Verse 7, you have heard these many times before and it reads, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." And for the start of this new season, I just wanted to speak from this one word seeds, seeds, because this is going to be for a many, it's going to be a season of planting.

And so, I was reading this and I've read this verse and I don't know how many times, it reminded of what God has me opened with every single message, "Thank you for joining us today at brothers of the word because, brother, you need the word." It says here for whatsoever a man soweth shall he also reap. Now I believe this apply to women too, but God didn't say so. He said in this version, this is New Testament, this is Galatians so this is not even Old Testament, there is a New Testament. I speak exactly what God told me to open up within this, you know the thing has to apply to women but he says "For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" for he that soweth to his flesh.

Now some people said the Bible is very sexist, it is, it just no two ways about that he place a certain order into things and we've gotten the whole lot of stuff in the modern world completely out of order to God's order and we see the results to that stuff too. So, we've gotten out the order and we see the results of the stuff, we're

doing it like Burger King, we're having in our way and stuff is all fried up too.

So, I'm speaking today from just seeds and I want to just talk about three things from this. Number one, you will reap with your sow. Number two, when you sow to the flesh, you reap corruption and number three, when you sow to the spirit, you reap life everlasting. That was the farm and he was all ragged and barefoot and he was standing on the deck of his shack and a stranger walked up and stopped and he ask could he get a drink of water, and he was getting to drink water. He just passed the time, he says "How's your cotton coming along" and the farmer say "Ain't got none" and the stranger asked, "Did you plan any" ask the stranger, he said "No, scare of all evils." So Will asked the stranger, "How was your corn?" "Didn't plant none afraid there won't going to be any rain." So, the stranger asked again, "How are your potatoes?" "Ain't got none. Scared of potato bugs." He said, "Really?" He said, "What did you plant?" "Nothing, I just played it safe."

Point one, you reap what you sow. If you sow nothing, you reap nothing. Bill Preston had back in the day a song that says "Nothing from nothing lives." If you sow nothing, you reap nothing and you reap in kind what you sow. As the first point, you reap what you sow and this is the word of God out of the New Testament, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, you reap what you sow." It's a promise. Most Fridays, I'll take my sons out and we go out to eat. In this Friday, I let them every other week they can choose in and out shoes and (00:04:41) shoes. So this time it was Christian's time to choose where we went to eat and we went out to eat and we finished eating, they had given all of us individual tickets.

So, I told him just give me all of the tickets, so they pile all the tickets and I was just looking at the tickets as they gave the tickets and I got to judge his meal. And his meal costs twice as much as everybody else's, and I said, "What in the world?"

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So, I'm looking at this ticket cost and all his money, we already add a relatively expensive restaurant and I'm looking at his meal, his meal is just double what every else has cost. And I said, "George" I said "Do you realized how much your dinner cost?" and

George just looked at me and he spoke four words, he said, "I was on time."

Now some of you don't know the meaning of that, of what he meant by "I was on time." Let me give you the background on that. When I first took the map to eat, half of them got their late and the other half got their real late. So, I said, "Look", I said "Daddy, is going to pay for your meal only if you get here on time." I said, "So the next time, if you are late, you're going to pay for your own meals." So the next time still one of them got their late, and he said, "Daddy, I was here but I was in the parking lot trying to find a place to park." I said, "Let me change the rules in. You got to be in restaurant on time, not in the parking lot, not stuck on express way. You had to be in the restaurant on time. So if you're in the restaurant on time, Daddy will pay for your meal. If you're one minute late, and we're supposed to eat at 5:30, you get here 5:31, you buy your own meal." So this is the background.

So, I'm asking George, "George, do you realized how much your dinner cost?" George answer me with four words, "I was on time." So, what they're saying was, "You will see." If I was on time, you will pay for my meal, you did not put a stipulation on how much my meal would cost, whether you see it. If I was on time, you will pay for my meal. So, I was on time." So I could read between the lines of what George was saying, he says, "Look, don't you fuzzing me by how much my meal cost because that was not in the stipulation, what was in the stipulation was, as long as I was on time whether my meal cost \$5 or \$500 as long as I'm on time, you said you will pay for my meal."

So when he said that, I realized a spiritual principle from heavenly daddy. The heavenly dad said, "Be not deceived, I'm not mad, whatever you sow, you shall reap." You sow a little seed, you reap a little amount. You sow a big seed, you reap a big amount. My promise to you it does not matter the magnitude, my promise to you is whatever you sow, I say you will reap in kind, that thing you sow. So I sow a principle here. So, whatever you sow, you will reap in kind but when you sow a seed, you don't reap a seed. You reap sometimes a whole tree and sometimes a whole forest and when you realized the size of the thing, it makes a difference. You plant, God does his part.

In 1 Corinthians, Chapter 3 beginning at the fifth verse. What after all is a Apollos and what is Paul? Only servants through

whom you came to believe as the Lord has assigned to each his task, I planted a seed, a Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So now that he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes thigs grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.”

New testament, you’ve got seed and you will plant seed but you cannot make the seed grow, but you are responsible for planting the seed. You are responsible for doing what you have to do, you are responsible for doing what you can do. See George were responsible for getting on time. If he did what he was supposed to do, it was up to the daddy to do what he was supposed to do. So he just passed me his ticket and said, “I was on time. You handle this from here.”

When you have done what you are supposed to do with the seed God has given and there's a part where you cannot control. There are somethings in life that are beyond your abilities, they are beyond your grass, they are beyond the stuff that you have the ability to manipulate, that’s not your responsibility.

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It’s not your responsibility to pay for what God said he would pay for. Do you know the law says, vengeance is mine. Some of you are right now trying to get revenge on some folk who’ve done you wrong. God know you. God says, vengeance is mine. So, your job is to love him. Your job is to turn the other cheek. Your job is to show another side, so there’s a part that we are supposed to do and there’s a part that God says as the daddy, if you do this, this is what I will do. So, we’ve got to do our part.

And see, we all come from seed. Not only do we come from seed, we come from unseeable seed. Do you know that the human sperm that makes a woman pregnant, you cannot see a single sperm with the naked eye? It’s so small, you have to have a microscope to see them wiggling. You cannot see the sperm that made you. Even the female ovum is so small, you cannot see with the naked eye. And there’s only one cell, just one single cell. So, one male sperm that is a single cell and one female ovum that’s a single ovum, but they unite and they make a child.

Do you know how many cells are in the average human adult? 37.2 trillion, not billion, not million, not thousand, it's a number that's so huge, it is almost mathematically incomprehensible. See, a thousand thousand is a million. You know, just to have a million dollars is something. Sometimes, just to have a thousand dollars is something. But a thousand thousand is a million. Then, you take a thousand million, that's a billion. That's almost off the scale of what most people can comprehend. But you take a thousand billion and that's a trillion. It's 37.2 trillion cells in the human body, all of that come from one sperm.

And when you look at even the origin of the word "sperm", it comes from the Greek word "sperma" which means seed. All of that 37.2 trillion cells from one seed. What are you going to do in this season with the seed that God has given you? And we've got to learn how to plant our seeds and work our seeds. And some people are just waiting on God. I'm just waiting on God. I'm just going to see what God is going to do. No, you're going to be waiting a long time. And most of the time when you're waiting on God like that, you're going to end up with nothing because you have to do what you are supposed to do.

Isaiah 40:29 which is where a lot of times we get the version where he says, he gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who, in the King James version says, "Wait and the Lord will renew their strength." They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. The King James version says, "Wait", but the NIV says, "But those who hope in the Lord." And actually, the hope is more accurate to the actual original verbiage.

See, waiting means you're not doing anything, but hoping you have hope, you have faith, but you still do what you are supposed to do and what you need to do. Do you know of someone gives you seed and you hold the seed in your hand and never plant it, it will never produce anything. Do you know even the seed it's in your lawn and if you get active with it, you'll never produce anything? Seed requires that you do with the seed what you are supposed to do with the seed. And that means finding some fertile soil, planting the seed, watering the seed, pulling the weeds up from around your seed.

Now, you can't make it grow, but you create the conditions that allow God to make it grow. There's a man's part and there's a God part. Every time you see a beautifully manicured lawn or beautiful garden, it's God who made that grow. But I can guarantee there's some human who had to manicure it. You can't get any and just eat some juicy tomato, somebody planted that tomato vine. God made it grow, but there was a human part that was necessary to produce the fruit. So, as we move into this new season, ask yourself what seeds am I planting? What seeds am I planting and point to Galatians 6:8. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

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Are you sowing to the flesh or are you sowing to the spirit? We've read the King James version so many times of the fruits of the flesh, but I'm going to read this in the Message Bible because the Message Bible brings it a little bit clearer on those sowing the seeds to the flesh. Galatians Chapter 5 beginning at the 19 verse talk about the acts of the flesh. It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time." That's the first thing.

Usually, when we're sowing to the flesh, we're sowing to things we want to do, not the things God wants us to do. "Life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex." Now, the King James version says fornication, the NIV says sexual immorality. The Message Bible says repetitive loveless cheap sex. I think that's a little clearer folk.

"A stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on. This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom." That's what the Message Bible says about sowing to the flesh and some of us can relate to those things because all of us at one point or another, we've been guilty of those things.

So, what seeds are we planting? Because they will grow into a fruit that will produce multiples. Do you know just a harsh word, sometimes innocent to the other person's spirit and that that thing (00:17:24) us and it (00:17:25) us over hours and days and weeks and all of a sudden now, you've got hate. This is generated from just a single harsh word. What seeds are you planting? Just the words of our mouth, there are seeds that go out and they're planted into other human spirits and all things will sprout all kinds of fruit, good or bad. And be not be deceived, God is not mocked, you will reap what you sow.

Part three. When you sow to the spirit, you reap life everlasting. And as I looked and thought about just the small sperm and ovum that grows from a single cell to 37.2 trillion, humongous multiplication. These 70 or 80 years or 90 years or 120 years, the seeds that we sow in this time grow to everlasting life. So, when you talk about millions of years and trillion of years, the multiplication factor boggles our mind and we cannot even imagine it. The NIV says in Galatians 5:22, right after he talks about all of the negative things sowing to the spirit. It says, "But the fruit of the Spirit and these are the ones, you've heard love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things, there is no law." I'm going to read those same verses from the Message Bible.

But what happens when we leave God's way? He brings gifts into our lives much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard. Things like affection for others. Exuberance about life. There's joy. Exuberance about life. How many of you wake up in the morning and you just got an exuberance about life? Oh, thank goodness! Oh! That's joy. How many wake up and you wake up with just an expectation about life? That's even just a seed that you sow into your day that makes a difference. Exuberance about life. Serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things. That's faithfulness. We develop a willingness to stick with things especially this season. It's going to be a whole lot of folk. We'll make a whole lot of resolutions and they're going to have no faithfulness to the thing. I'm going to do this, I'm going to do this, I'm going to do this, I'm going to do this. You check them in three months, I ain't done this thing, I ain't that done that and I didn't do this.

So, just the willingness and the faithfulness to stick with things. A sense of compassion in the heart and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and peace.

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We found ourselves involved in loyal commitment, not needing to force our way in life, able to martial and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about. It only gets in the way. Be not deceived. God is not marked. That what you sow you shall surely reap. The daddy see it, if your own time, I'll pay for it no matter how much it cost. The Heavenly Father says, the seeds that you plant, I will return onto you in like kind. That what you sow, you shall surely reap. And it is a law of nature, it is a law of spirit, yet, the law is valid. And the law is valid because so many of us, if not all of us, have sowed the seeds of debt because a penalty for seeing is debt. So many of us have sowed seeds of debt and God says, it's a law that you have to reap whatever you sowed.

So, in order to keep you just from reaping the full (00:21:12) you sowed, I have to send the (00:21:16). I have to send somebody to pay for your meal even though you're late. As it as a situation most of us in, we got a big ticket to pay and we got there late. So, we didn't do what the daddy said. And we got a huge meal to pay for with \$2 in our pocket. We can't pay for the debt that we have been incurred. So, if God says, I have to send some to help you with this because you can't handle the four rule of reaping everything that you sowed.

So, supposed you've wrecked up a whole lot of debt, credit card debt, all kind of debt and you got all this debt and no way to pay it but yet somebody comes along and says, "If you just follow me, I'll pay your debt down to zero" and this is what has happened with Jesus. We still pay and we still are responsible for the seeds but we cannot pay the four bill. So, God sent Jesus because we just couldn't pay for all of the bill we have wrecked up. And is it if you will accept my son, I will wipe your slate clean. Daddy, will pay the bill but you got to do your part. You got to be on time. You got just one thing to do and that's all George -- I was on time. That's already (00:22:42) I was on -- he didn't explain it, he didn't have to go in the whole lot of detail, he said forward, I was on time. I was on time. Because there will come a point when you're going to stand before the judgment and you go need to say just

one thing, I accepted Jesus. Just one thing, I, you don't have to say anything else. I accepted Jesus and I have lived my life with accepting Jesus as my lord and savior. Yeah, I got a big bill, yeah, I got a whole lot of mess, yeah, I got stuff I can't pay for, yet my life is not worthy of you, I know all of that. But I was on time. And you've got to be on time with accepting Jesus because you don't know when your time is coming.

I mean, I prayed that everybody here lives a long life. Everybody here lives over a 100 but you don't know when your time is coming. You could be walking down the step, and the step cracked, you slipped and break your neck and you're out of here. You need to be able to say, "I was on time." I was on time with accepting my Lord and savior Jesus the Christ. Seeds. What seeds are we planting? We got a new season and it's one thing that's endemic of every season is the planting season. There's a season for planting, there's a season of harvest. The Bible says, as long as the earth endures, seed, time and harvest will always be. So, there was a time for planting. There's a time for harvest. And I believe right now we are in a season of planting but what seeds are you planting? What seeds are you planting?

And if there's anyone today and you're not sure whether you can say I was on time. If you have to stand before the judgment today, if you're not sure that you could say, "I have accepted Jesus into my life as my lord and savior." I invite you now to rise and come forward if you never made that proclamation or if you slipped back and if you're not sure whether you're in covenant with God now. I ask you to simply stand and come forward. It's a new season and if there's any new resolution that you want to make, this is the most important one of all to make sure that we are in fellowship with our lord and savior Jesus the Christ.

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It is such a small thing that has such a big kind consequence. It is a single act that multiplies in a life time of eternity one way or the other. Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen. And we will wait another few seconds for anyone else. And if you feel a tug in your heart and you're not just fully sure, it is just best to be safe. It's just best to be safe. It's best to be able when that bill comes to be able to say, "I was on time" and is paid, it is paid. You have promised my bill will be paid as long as I did this, you have promised my bill would be paid. Amen and amen. And as we

have her both male and female, because I truly believe that's one case where they should ahead to women in there because women are going to reap what they sow just as much as men going to reap what they sow. Amen, amen. And often times, you're going to reap what the person you attached you sow. And usually the women were attached to the man so that man well God put it like that because if you are attached to a bad man, you will reap some bad stuff yourself. There's no two ways about it.

Dear Heavenly Father, we just thank you for this who have come today representing both genders, dear Father. Father, we just thank you for their boldness, for their honesty, for their ability to rise and walk, to stand before men and women and to make a public proclamation. Father it is the first seed of this new season and that seed father grows when it is planted in you and to life everlasting. And if you would just repeat after me, dear Heavenly Father, I stand before you a sinner but I want to get right. I believe that you sent your son for me. I believe that he died for my sins and I believe that he rose and I believe that right now, as I confess to Him my sins are washed clean. My past is no more and even though men and women may remember, you shall cast them into the sea of forgetfulness. And in your heavenly eye and mind, they are no more. I stand before you cleansed by the blood of your son Jesus and I declare on this day, that I accept Jesus as my personal Lord and savior and I shall walk and talk and live as Jesus has commended me to. And thy son Jesus' name we pray, amen, amen and amen.

I believe we are headed into our new season that's going to be even more glorious and God has plans for us to take us into places that we never even imagined. But we have to do what we supposed to do. There's a man part and a woman part and there's a God part. I want to be on time. I want to be on time because I cannot afford my own bill. And I just want to let you know people some of you are planting seeds that are too small. The example with George was typical of George. George thinks different than the standard. And I did ask what he said, I wanted to try it. It's the most expensive item on the menu. He said, "I wanted to see what it taste like." I wanted to try it and I was on time.

When I took George on this trip, I take all of the kids of wherever they want to go in the world on the 13th birthday and I have said it that we would go for two days of travel, we'd be at three days,

we'd be gone give five days. George said, "I want to go Egypt." I want to go to farthest place. He said, "I want to stay 10 days."

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And I have said, "We were going to stay but five days." He said, "I want to go Egypt, I want to stay 10 days." He had the principle of asking and some of us we ask to little out of life. Now, he has performed. He is never made to B in his life, he's only made straight As So, he is performed, he is done all that he could do. Now you see, some of us want to ask the whole a lot of life and we don't (00:30:30) see all through, we haven't done what we can do. So, when you do all that you can do, you need to ask God. Some of us are not getting beyond what we've been getting because we're not even asking beyond what we've been asking.

We been asking for the same old thing and we never ask for anything new or anything greater then were we are. If God had to ask you right now my child, what is your desire? Some of us can't get beyond material stuff and see that's another whole level. I had a big revelation with some stuff I was studying. And when Jesus told to Peter he said "Upon this rock, I should build my church." And the King James version he says "On the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The NIV says "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Hades is actually the correct translation because it was a name, Hades was a Greek God and he was the Greek God of the underworld. Basically, where all of the people who had not live righteous loves went, what the Christian call "Hell." So, Hades was the God of hell but as I begin studying and I was reading through some historical stuff, I discovered that Hades was not just the God of hell, he was a God of two things. He was a God of hell and he was a God of wealth.

I said good gracious. That's an odd combination. That's why God even in our New Year's Eve message said "You put money forth on your leashed, you put it way down and stop focusing so much on material thing. That's why Jesus said "It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven as a camel the eye of a needle." Because the Greek say "Hell and wealth will both role by the same God "and many of us think wealth will take us in heaven. And what Jesus says he said the opposite of that. He said "With that you have a harder time getting there."

So, everlasting life and joy and contentment it's going to be independent of some of the stuff we think we have to have to be happy, because it just not so. And that's why when you reap off the seeds that go into the fruit of the spirit none of the stuff is material. None of it is material, it's all spirit and it's all the things we have control and we have the power of it. You don't have control all of some on your money. Some that you can't get more money, you can't get an increase but you can love for more.

You can be more patient, you can be more faithful. See, every one of those things you can do, God didn't give you anything you couldn't do. Everyone those things you can do but we have to make it up in our minds, this is what I want to do to sow into the spirit because that will bring me everlasting life. Not just a trillion years in the future but even right now your life will become more joyous right now. And these are things and this are seeds we can do and we can plant. I want everybody here in heaven and I want you all have everlasting life right now. Starting today, starting this year, starting this season. You can be happier and you can be more content and you can be more full of God's joy, you can be full of a love of Christ right now and it has very little to do with money.

Money excites us, it gives us all three of them. When we think a blessing and the goodness of God unfortunately dollar sign the main thing that pop up with most folks. Hell and wealth were ruled by the same God, and when I saw that I said "Oh my goodness." Now I understand why God put a limit on my income, people make up your minds to move to a higher realm of life in existence and I believe it is there just for the asking.

I see Elijah's book called, "Just for the Asking." Ask Jesus, Jesus help me, help me to be more like you. And when you look at the things Jesus did and things Jesus said it takes you to a whole different level, it will change some of your focuses in life. And it does not mean money won't come that's why god had put it fourth on your list but there are three things more important above it.

Plant you seed, water your seeds, pull the weeds out and watch the garden of your spirit prosper.

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