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Female: And now for 5825, The Tactics of War, Part 1.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of The Word, because brother, you need the word. And I just finished a series dealing with peace. And hopefully that series impacted someone and brought them greater peace. But for the next series, God spoken, he said, "I want you to talk about The Tactics of War." And war and peace are seemingly opposite things, but yet life itself is a series of peace and war. We're calm at one point, and then we're battling with something else at another point.

And I was in Florida last week with my son and I was actually watching the service from the ark on the stream and we had it cast on the television screen there in the condo. And as I was watching the ark, there was picture that was right beside the television. Now, Jesus is primarily represented in scripture by two animals and I want you to put the first animal up on the screen. This is the lamb. I spoke not too long ago about that a male lamb is called a ram. But Jesus is the ram and the thicket, he is the lamb of God. And this lamb is such a cute thing. If I saw this lamb, I would be so touched. I would run up and pet this lamb and hug this lamb and I could see myself having this lamb as a pet. I'm an animal lover. I've had all kinds of pets from dogs to cats, to fish, to birds, to even a chicken. I've had all kinds of pets.

So really, I could feel myself touched by just a picture of this cute little lamb that represents the sacrificial, that represents the lamb of God. But yet the picture that was beside the television on last week was this picture. Put the next picture. It was this picture. Now, this is the other animalistic representation of Jesus – The Lion of Judah. This is a whole different ballgame. If I ran across a lamb, I'd got out in the woods a lot. If I ran across a lamb in the middle of the woods, oh I'd be so touched. But if I ran across

this fellow, and I was back in the middle of the woods, if there was not a cage between us, if there was not a huge gulf like in the zoo where the lion cannot get to you, if there was no barrier between me and this fellow, I would not be touched, I would be terrified. And I'm pretty brave. I deal with some pretty rough tough sometimes.

C. Elijah talked about in his last message about how I sometimes live at the edge. I go and I jumped out of a plane recently. I've got all of these things I'm going to do that's really tough and rough and adventurous, but if I saw a lion in the wild and I wasn't armed and I mean really armed, I've got some little bitty stuff that I carry that may stop a man, but I need my heavy stuff if I ran across a lion. I need my real big stuff if I ran across, and if I didn't have my big stuff, and I'm not talking about the bible. If I didn't have my big stuff with me and I ran across a lion, I would be terrified.

And most of you, if you ran across the physical representation of The Lion of Judah, most of your underwear would not be in good shape after you saw that fellow. He would scare literally the mess out of you. But yet here we have such drastic differences of the two animals who represent Jesus, the Christ.

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On one hand, the lamb, the cutest thing you can think of, the gentlest thing you can think of. And on the other hand, the lion, the kind of the jungle. And if you've ever been in person and heard a lion roar, I mean there's something about a lion's roar that penetrates down to the very marrow of your bones. And I'm not talking about hearing it in the movies, I'm talking about in person. If you have ever heard a lion roar, it goes down to your soul and you know without question this is not a fellow you want to mess with. Two opposite extremes. One, representing peace and the other representing war, and in spirit and in life, we must deal with both extremes. And God has led me just to talk about war and the tactics of war.

Now, I preached a series of four messages called The Case for War. And I want everybody under the sound of my voice, to go and listen to those four messages. And God says, "There will be four categories of people dealing with those four messages."

The first category would be those -- and this is by far the largest category, and they will never hear the request to go and listen to the messages. Most people will never ever hear this, only those here and those who watch the stream or those who will watch it later or listen later online, only they will hear this. So, the vast, vast majority of people will never hear this.

There is the second group of people who will hear it, but will immediately say, "I'm not going to listen to those four messages on The Case for War. I can't take too much time. I just barely have enough time to sit in church every Sunday for an hour-and-a-half. I am not going and listen to that." That's the second group.

There will be a third group who will say, "I am going to go and I am going to do as the pastor has asked God has led him to ask. I'm going to go and listen to those four messages on The Case for War." And they will say they're going to go, but they won't go or if they do go, they won't finish.

And then they're be the fourth group. They'll be the forth group who will hear the plea, who will go and who will listen and who will be blessed. Now, I added up all of the time of those four messages. It comes out to 1 hour and 44 minutes. It's about the time of a typical movie. It's about the time that you spend to watch two of your favorite soap operas. So, it's not a whole lot of time, but it can make a whole lot of difference.

When I went back and listen to the messages, I thought I preached about a year or two ago, it was 12 years ago. But it is still just as relevant because we are still dealing with war on so many different levels. But these coming four messages will be entirely different from those prior four messages, but God wants you to hear the prior four messages. So, go to [brothersoftheword.com](http://brothersoftheword.com) or you can go to [airjesus.com](http://airjesus.com) or you can go to the [onlineword.com](http://onlineword.com), you click Sermon Search and you put in the search box The Case for War.

Don't just put in "war." If you put in "war" you're going to get over 100 sermons that will come up the reference "war." You need to put in The Case for War. The Case for War. If you pull up The Case for War, there will be four sermons that will come up. Listen to them in order. You will spend 1 hour and 44 minutes. Did you

know, 144 is the number of the ticket that won the \$10,000 in this last movie night? And some of you says, "That's a sign."

It may be a sign, it may not be a sign. But the point is the ticket was numbered 144. And see, even movie night is an example of how there is a constant war for your mind and spirit. The person who won the money will change his daughter, super faithful. And I believe God favors the faithful. So, the wheel of favor favored the faithful with that \$10,000.

And see, this is why Satan wants so much for your mind because if you come to movie night, you win automatically. Say, "Pastor, what do you mean I win? First of all, how many of you have been to a movie lately? How many of you have been to the theater? Do you know how much it cost to go to a movie on Friday night? It cost, generally depending on whether you see a 2D movie or an IMAX, it cost anywhere generally on Friday between \$12, if you see an IMAX it's \$17 or \$18.

So, if you bring somebody to movie night, number one, you get a \$12 ticket times two, plus tax. That's at least \$25 just in the ticket. We have a big screen, we have a 7.1 sound system. It sounds better than most theaters. You get a better movie experience in most theaters, and you get it absolutely free.

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So, first of all, you get \$25 worth of value just for showing up, then you get your food free. Do you know how much popcorn cost at the movie? The average regular-sized popcorn is \$7.99. Then, you get your chips free. Then, you get your nuts free. Then, you get all of the other stuff free. You spend an average of \$25. So, if you just bring someone to movie night, that's a \$50 value times 12, that's \$600. But Satan will have you looking now, "So I win a \$10 novel"

You see how there is a war for your mind and there is a war for your spirit? And if you don't understand war, and if you don't understand the tactics of war, the enemy will win on you every time. And the enemy can have you sitting up in movie night winning thinking you lost. That's a good fight. When you winning, but the enemy has got you thinking that you lost.

So, the tactics of war is serious. So, first thing, go and listen to those four messages. Now, see, it be different if I was saying, "Go and buy the messages. They're on sale. They're only going to \$29.99." No, they don't cost you one single penny. So, you cannot say, "The pastor is trying to get me to get those messages so he can get some money." No, no, no, they don't cost you. You cannot use that argument. So, all you have to do is go there and every one of you has a cellphone and every one of you have some cellphone with some data on it. If you don't have any cellphone with some data, you know how to get to a hotspot with some data. So, there's absolutely no excuse.

The only reason that you won't go is because the enemy will win in the battle for your time and attention, and will have you focusing on something else instead of you learning, "How do I get the knowledge to defeat this rascal and to win the war?"

Now, I'm going to tell you the four messages in advance and we're going to be talking about. Today is just the introduction. So, there are going to be four messages. Number one tactic is to make peace. Never even fight the battle to start with, make peace.

Number two is to run. It's called in military terms, "Strategic Retreat" but that means basically just to run and there are some situations where you just need to run.

Number three, there's a strike first strategy. Sometimes, you got to strike the first blow depending on what you deal with.

And number four, there's defend and return fire, and those are going to be the four strategies that I'm going to talk about in the Tactics of War. There are four other strategies in the series that I preached 12 years ago, but you got to go and listen because I'm not going to repeat those now. And that will give you the ammunition of how you fight this war and the battle that we have with Satan and the world.

There's a fifth strategy, but we're not dealing with that because that's not going to be one we're going to take, and that's to simply surrender. We are not surrendering to Satan and to the world. So, that is not going to be a strategy that's going to be available. But in war, that's actually the strategy that's used, at least, half of the time. Because half the time, there's a winner and half the time, there's a loser. So, the loser surrenders and I am not losing

to Satan. I am not losing to the world. So, I am not even going to teach you about surrender because that is not an option.

I used to follow Star Trek when I was in school and Captain Kirk was my hero, and Captain James Tiberius Kirk never lost. And I used to have it on my answering machine when I said, "This is Nathaniel Bronner calling." And it would be a quote from Captain Kirk and Captain Kirk says, "I don't believe in the no-win scenario. I don't like to lose." I don't like to lose.

Now, there are some instances where I don't compete, but I don't lose. Just like if I'm playing basketball with C. Elijah. Now, my guess is because C. Elijah is such an awesome basketball player, I will not win the game, but I also will not lose. So, "Pastor, how can you not win and not lose at the same time?" "Because I'm going to get my exercise. It's all just depends on how you look at it." First of all, C. Elijah has won most of the games that he's played. C. Elijah, I want you to shout out how much money you've made from all of those games you won? Zero!

So, you see? So, even though C. Elijah has won all of these basketball games, C. Elijah has made zero from all of the basketball games he's won. So, when I get out, if I play C. Elijah, my mentality is, "If I just get on the court and play, I have won because I have gotten my exercise." And see? It's a battle for your mind and your spirit. That's why I say, "If you walk into movie night, whether you win the wheel of favor or not, whether you win \$10,000 or not, you've won if you just walk in." It's how your mind is geared, but Satan will have you losing when you have won and you've got to change some mentalities and change some thought. But to do that, you got to change some knowledge. So, the first thing you got to do is go and listen to The Case for War.

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And see, one of the first things to understand about war is that war always has an objective. And Satan does the best job of obscuring the objective. Satan's plan in his program, first of all, is not to take your money. Often, you'll hear people, "Satan just want to take my money." His plan is not to take your money. Sometimes, Satan can get for more by giving them money than he can by taking the money. His plan is not to take your money. His plan is not to take your health. Now, Satan's plan is not to take

your health. His plan is not bust up your family. All of that is not Satan's plan.

Satan has one objective. The objective of Satan is to make you lose your soul. That's his one objective. See, all of the other stuff are what's called sub-objectives. They're tactics, they're mechanisms, they're ways that he may accomplish his main objective, but his one objective -- do you remember the oldest book of the Bible? The first really recorded book of the Bible is the Book of Job. So, when Satan win against Job, Satan had one purpose, to make Job curse God, to make Job lose his faith.

Now, he used a lot of mechanisms. He took his family. He took his money. He took his health. He took his reputation. He took all of that stuff, but that wasn't his purpose. Satan had one purpose and that was to make Job lose faith in God and to lose his soul. That was his purpose. That's his purpose with your world. So, you have to understand first of all, the objective of the enemy. And when you understand the objective of the enemy, it helps you to know, no matter what the enemy may use to come against to me, I know his objective, I know his purpose, I know his plan. And if I know his plan, then I can make sure he does not let that plan manifest. I would not let anything cause me to lose my faith in God, to turn away from Jesus.

See, when Satan first appeared in the garden, first thing he did was try to destroy their faith. "Has God truly sayeth?" First thing he did was brought a question mark. "Has God truly sayeth?" Some of you are going to be faced with situations. "Did Jesus really exist?" You're going to have all kind of stuff. You can search the internet. You'll find all kind of stuff that said, "Jesus never existed." That said, "The Bible is all flawed." You'll find tons of that stuff. "Has God truly sayeth thou shall not eat of the fruit?" He will make you question your faith. He will make you question Jesus and he will cause you to lose your soul. That's his objective.

So, when you find the objective of the enemy, you can make sure that no matter what, and he couldn't shake Job, and Job said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust." And see, that's what you have to be. And see, when you are entrenched -- and finally Satan just have, "Look, I'm using this fellow. I have shaken his money. I have shaken his body. I have shaken his children. I have

shaken his woman. I have shaken everything about this man and I still can't shake his faith."

I want you to think about this. What does it take to shake your faith? See, I can name a whole bunch of stuff that would just increase your faith. If somebody walked up to you and so, "The Lord was just speaking to me for me to just give you \$500." See, there's a whole lot, you just increase your faith. But what does it take to shake your faith? And what will life have to dish out to you before you will say, "I just don't even know whether God is there."

These are some of the tactics that we will face. "Hath God truly sayeth?" And it will make you wonder sometimes. "Is God there and am I child of God? Because what I'm going through because he has attacked this in my life, and I just don't know whether God is even." It's why the suicide rate is so high.

Do you know the suicide rate has skyrocketed? Because not only can people not see God, they can't see anyway out and Satan has so blanketed their mind with depression and they lose their soul, and that's his objective. Don't let it happen.

So, no matter what comes, the first thing we understand is, nothing shall shake my faith in thee, and I don't care what happen. I've been through some situations and I've told you these multiple times when I was laying in the street over in the aisle of patents, bleeding and blood running down the gutter. I said, "Lord, I'm where you told to be and if I shall die right now, so be it."

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And I felt that, I believe that. I felt that with every fiber of my being. What does it take to shake your faith? And you need to be at a point say, "Lord, even if you kill me, worst it can happen, is I'm going to heaven with you." That's the worst that could happen. So, when you to a point where you are entrenched and no matter what the enemy comes against you with, your armor is impenetrable. You will not lose that battle.

But we're going to go through some of The Tactics of War after you have listened to those four and I hope everyone within the

sound of my voice, I hope there's not anybody in those other two categories. I know there's billions of folks in that first category who never hear the request. But I hope there's nobody listening to me that's in those other two categories say, "I'm not going to spend an hour and 44 minutes on that. I'm just not going to do it, just not going to do it. Because I ain't go do it." Sometimes, we just make a decision -- yeah, I just kind of will hear church anyway." I say, "I ain't go do it."

And sometimes, there's just some things that we're just not going to do and you can't change that. Then, there's a second group who will say, "I'm going to do it, but the care -- so the world will come up and choke it out." Like when Jesus planted the seeds and he meant well, but all of a sudden, the baby is crying. Now, your story just came on. It was good. It really was good because it left on the cliff hanging on last week say, "I got to see this." So, all of a sudden, the cares of the world come and you're meant to do it, but the weeds come and they choke it out and before you know it, you forgotten all about it. I hope everybody is in that final smallest category where you will hear it and you will heed it, and there's something about it that will be blessed.

When I listen to the entire series, there were something and just one of those messages, and I preached it, but there was something in one of those messages -- and I'm not going to tell you which one because you might say, "I'm going to go listen to that one first." No, it's different. It may be different for everybody. So, there's going to be something in that that's going to impact you and make a change in your very soul and spirit, and it will equip you to do battle, but not just to equip you to do battle, it will equip you to win.

So, go to [brothersoftheword.com](http://brothersoftheword.com) or the [onlineword.com](http://onlineword.com) and enter in the search box, The Case for War, and you begin listening to those one after another. None of them are any longer than 26 minutes. It's one hour and 44 minutes for the whole thing. It will help take you to a level where you can deal with some of the battles that we will be facing down the road because the battles are real.

Bow your heads. Dear Heavenly Father, I just thank you for making us warriors. I thank you for giving us the strength. I thank you for giving us the faith. And Father, I even thank you for giving us the challenges because we will never know how

strong our faith is until it is tested. So, I thank you for just even the test of our faith. Give us, Father, the strength, the fortitude to go through and to say, "I shall not be moved. Come what may. I shall remain a child of God. I will never forsake Jesus. I will never lose my faith. I will never kill myself. Satan is going to have to kill me and you won't let him do that until it is time."

Father, I just thank you for everything you have done for your people. Help me to be worthy just to be called a child of yours. And Father, as we listen to these four messages from 12 years of ago, may it infuse us, changes, give us as a spark, give us a revelation that shall turn us into a higher path. In thy son Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Amen. Amen.

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