

# The Tactics of War Pt. 5: Surrender

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And now for 5829, "The Tactics of War Part 5: Surrender."

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

And today, we are still in the midst of a series that God had me begin a few weeks ago, a series entitled, The Tactics of War, because we are in a constant war in this world and there was even a war in Heaven. So, war is a universal thing in both the earthly realm and even in the heavenly realms. War, we fight on a constant basis in one form or another.

Now, I asked at the beginning of the series that you go to the Brothers of the Word website, brothersoftheword.com, and put in, "The Case for War" and listen to a sermon series that I preached 12 years ago called, The Case for War. There are four messages in that series and they will augment and help you with this series because so many of us are fighting some kind of battle, and I've talked about it already, Part 1 which was, "Make Peace", Part 2, "Run," Part 3, "Strike First." I'm going to deal with Part 5, "Defend and Return Fire," but Part 4 of The Tactics of War, I had said originally that I wasn't even going to talk about because Part 4 was to surrender, and it is one of the tactics that's used almost half the time in war because usually there is a winner and there is a loser, and the loser usually surrenders.

I say, I'm not even putting surrender in my vocabulary because I don't like to lose, and I don't believe in losing, so I don't even want to teach you about surrendering but as this day came, God began to place it into my spirit, "That's what my son did. He surrendered." And even though He said, "I came not to bring peace but a sword," He surrendered, and it is a tactic of war, and

there are some things even in your world where you need to learn to simply surrender.

You know, normally, when a person or an army surrenders, it is because they'd been defeated, or defeat is either imminent or they see an overwhelming odd is against them and they just surrender sometime before they even start fighting, but none of that was the case with Jesus.

In Matthew 26:50, He says, "Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him." With that, one of Jesus's companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear." "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." And this is what Jesus says. "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than 12 legions of angels?"

Now, a legion in the New Testament, a legion of Roman soldiers was a minimum of 6,000 soldiers. So, here, Jesus was saying, "Do you not know that if I called on my daddy, he could send me a minimum of 72,000 angels?" Now, angels were not ordinary folk. When you read the Bible or, in particular, if you read some of the apocryphal books, there is one case in the book of 2 Maccabees where it talks about one angel slew in one night 185,000 men.

So, an angel is not weak like us. An angel is powerful, so Jesus wouldn't even have needed God to send but just one angel, because there weren't that many Roman soldiers. My guess is it may have been 100 there in the garrison, but it wasn't that many Roman.

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One angel could have taken care of that, but Jesus -- it's just to give you an example of the power that was available if Jesus had not chosen to surrender, "My Father can send 12 legions," over 72,000 angels, and all it takes is one, and he can send over 72,000.

Now, see, surrender is a tactic of war, but surrender is also a tactic of peace. There is a statement that goes, "You need to choose your battles."

Do you know there are some things that you just don't even need to fight? I was sitting in a meeting last week and Pastor James was there, and one of the ladies was bringing up a point, and the point made no sense. So, I raised my hand and I was like, "Excuse me, but you said--" and there was another man who said, "Look, man, don't even go there. Just drop it. Don't even go there." And what he was saying was, "Yeah, I know this is crazy, but it's not even worth." Basically, he said, "Look, man. Just surrender." He said, "Don't even go there. Don't even go there!"

So, you see, there are some things in your own world, there are some situations, there are some conflicts, there are some situations you don't even need to go there, and sometimes we get so upset over a minutia. There is a principle that goes, number one, if the thing won't matter in five years, don't even worry about it. Sometimes, a stuff doesn't even matter in five minutes.

You see, sometimes, in traffic, somebody's just a little slow taking off from the red light and folk just lean on and they're like, "They're just slow taking off! And fuck(ph), just get on by!" I would think to myself, more than likely, they're not in that big of a hurry and more likely, the next light is going to catch them so they're not even going to get there fast, but they choose to fight every little battle.

So, there are somethings in your life you just need to learn to just surrender to because the battle is not worth fighting, and the next time you're about to get into a conflict, I just want you to imagine that man who was sitting across from me when I was about to ask that question, something you just need to imagine, "No, no, don't. Don't go there. Don't go there!" So, some of you just need to imagine me right there when you're about to respond to something, and see when you respond to it, you know it's going to upset the other person. You already know it, but something about it, you're just itching.

You're just itching to get them to, "No. Don't even go there." And it will make their world so much more at peace and it will make your world so much more at peace. And if you do go there, it's still not going to accomplish anything, but make both of you upset.

My father used to have this statement. He would say, "A man convinced against his will is a of his same opinions to you." So, you just argue with a fool, get both of you upset. Just don't go

there. Don't go there. So, in your world, just your personal world, some of us need to just learn how to surrender.

Now, when you surrender, your will will become subject to the will of who or what you surrender to. I remember when I was in France, I went to the Hall of Versailles, and it's this phenomenally elegant palace with this Hall of Mirrors. It's where the Treaty of Versailles was signed with man's First World War, and in this hall, when you walk down it, it's just breathtaking. Here was where the powers got together and they came, and one side surrendered to the other side. It was one of the most famous treaties ever signed in all of history, in one of the most famous palaces ever in all of history.

But there's a principle that to surrender your life to Jesus, you don't have to have a fancy palace. You can be out in the River Jordan, or you don't have to go over to Israel to get in the River Jordan. You can go to the Chattahoochee.

You don't even have to go to the Chattahoochee, you can go down to the Burbank Creek. You don't even have to go to the Burbank Creek, you can just run some water in your bathtub, and you don't even have to go in the bathtub. You can fall down on your knees wherever you are. You don't have to have a fancy palace and all of that kind of stuff. To surrender unto Jesus, the only thing you need is a contrite and a willing heart to say, "Lord, I surrender."

But surrendering is not easy, because too often, we want to just hold on to some things.

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Rick Warren says this. He says, "Everyone eventually surrenders to something or someone." If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear, or to your own pride, lust or ego. You were designed to worship God and if you fail to worship God, you will create other things to give your life to. You are free to choose what you surrender to, but you are not free from the consequences of that choice. And see, some of us who will, even in church, we will make a commitment but we will not really surrender. Do you know if you get robbed and somebody holds a pistol in your face and tell you to put your hands up, you at that point surrender to the will of the person who has the gun. You don't just make a

commitment, you surrender, but you don't say, "Look, I'm just going to put this left hand up." "I got some say in this. I'm just going to put this left hand up." No. When they tell you to put your hands up, you stick both hands up as high as you can put them up.

There is a difference between commitment and surrender. When you make a commitment, you're still in partial control no matter how noble the thing is you commit to. You can commit praying, but I'm only going to pray five minutes a day. You can commit to studying the Bible. You can commit to giving your money. You can commit to automobile payments. You can commit to losing weight. You can commit to whatever you choose to, but surrender is totally different. When you surrender, you give full control over to whatever you are surrendering to. When you make a commitment, you keep partial control and you just really do only what you really want to do.

When you surrender, you do what that power that you have surrendered to tells you to do. That's why when a lot of people get on drugs, they have surrendered their life to drugs and whatever the drug tells them to do, that's what they do, even if they don't want to. That's why if you get a child on hard drugs in your house, often you have to get him out of your house and make sure you got everything locked down because they will come in and they will steal your TV. They would take your purse. They will take your high-heeled shoes. They would take everything you got and it's not because they want to, it is because they have surrendered to the drug and the drug is telling them to. Whenever you surrender your life to something, whatever that thing is, now controls and commands you to do whatever it tells you to do. You see, Jesus himself lived a surrendered life.

In John 6:38, it begins "For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." We know that. We've heard that so many times, but then Jesus tells you in the next verse what his Father's will is, and I really hadn't heard this expounded upon. We hear a lot of, "I can do nothing but what I see my daddy do." "I came to do the will of the Father." But he tells you in the next verse what the will of the Father is. Let me tell you what Jesus and God's will for Him was.

"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing." Jesus said, "This is God's

will that everything He has given me, I should lose nothing.” See, our mentality of the will, “If I surrender to God, I’m going to lose a whole lot (00:13:51) departed. Good gracious, I am not going to be able to enjoy full 200. Lord, if I give my life up to Jesus, Lord, boy I am going to have to give up this, I’m going to have to give up that.”

We think in terms of what we will lose, but Jesus says, “This is the will of my Father unto me that I should lose nothing.” “But Jesus, you lost your life, you lost your life at only 33.” That’s why I get to read the second part of the verse. And this is the Father’s will which have sent me that all which he had given me, I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Let me tell what the difference between this is. We in the moral flesh, we think so temporal. All we think about is this life and I talked about this when I dealt with economics.

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The less money you have, the shorter period of time you think on. If you’re real poor, you’re just trying to get into shelter for the night. You think of 24-hour span. If you’re like 40% of Americans, you think week by week. “Lord, I can’t make it to Friday. If I can make it to Friday, I get my check on Friday and pay my debt (ph), but I can’t make it to Friday. You get a little bit more money, now you make it to first of the month. You get a little bit more money, now you save, and so now you get three to six months’ worth of savings, but the real rich people think generational. They think multi-generational. So, the more wealth you have, the longer period of timeframe you think over. And Jesus says, if I can’t trust you with unrighteous mammon, how can you be trusted with the true spiritual riches?

See, when you really get rich, which spirit you think over a longer period of time. And you don’t just think about these few little 70, 80, 90 or 100, even 110 or 120, you just don’t think about it. You think about the long haul and Jesus said, “It is my Father’s will that I shall lose nothing.” And the way you look at this in terms of money, sometimes, when you don’t have a whole lot of money,

everything you got in your wallet. You all understand what I mean by that?

Everything you got in your wallet. We have a Capital One mentality. You know the Capital One mentality is a credit card company and their slogan were in your wallet? Everything you got, in your wallet. Oh you (00:16:31). But when you start getting more, it's not just in your wallet, it's in bank accounts, it's in real estate, it's in investments, it's in stuff that grows over time and the stuff that's in your wallet not only does it not grow overtime, usually, it's filled with money that has a tendency to depreciate over time or credit cards that charge you interest.

So, often the stuff that's immediate is deteriorating, it's distracting, it's not the big stuff. The big stuff, you are not carrying it with you. It's bigger than you. It's more long term. So, those who have spiritual richness just like those who have financial richness, they think of a much longer period of time. It is my Father's will that I should lose nothing. See, I have the mentality that following Jesus, I'm not going to lose a thing. Not only am I not going to lose it in the world to come, I'm not going to lose it now. When He got to the disciples, He told the disciples, "Have you lacked anything? Those of you that have given up this and given up that?" He said, "Have you lacked anything?" They said, "No, we didn't lack a thing." When you follow Jesus, not only do you not lack anything, you get more joy out of the stuff you do have.

I've learned that over and over, it's not what you got, it's really how you enjoy that stuff. Do you know it's better to just enjoy a piece of Rankin(ph) bread that you can digest good and chew with some good teeth? I'm telling you, you didn't have a five-course meal and your stomach got all kind of -- and you can't eat. You put a little tomato in it, just kill you. (00:18:07) this is better. Do you understand what I mean? Sometimes, it is just better, but see, God has given you so much and it's how you view it.

See, when you follow Jesus, you get peace, my burden is light, my yolk is easy. You get peace so you can sleep good at night and you understand these things and it makes a difference. When you understand, when you give your life to Christ, you are not going to lose anything, you gain. It's putting money in the bank for the long haul, not just what's in your wallet. Because Jesus had not stored stuff up on earth where thieves and robbers can break in

and steal. See, if you got all your money in your -- and somebody stick a handgun and you put your hands up and they take all your -- then all money gun.

But if it's an investment, and it's not that it can't be stolen, but it's much harder to steal. So, when you start looking at things on a longer term, it makes a difference. Then Jesus said in Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus said unto his disciples, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me for whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Or what shall a man give in exchange for a soul for the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels. And then he shall reward every man according to his works.'" Here Jesus says three basic things.

Number one, "deny yourself." In the modern culture, we don't want to deny, we want to gratify. Denial is the last thing we want to do but it is an illusion. Almost everything in the spiritual is opposite from that which is in the flesh. What Jesus tells you to do, give is better than to receive.

If a person slaps you on one cheek, turn to the other. If they curse you, bless them. Everything He tells you to do is opposite from that in the flesh. To deny yourself to get more is opposite to natural logic. How can I deny myself and get more? Ask anybody with a real in shape body. How can they deny themselves and get more?

You don't find anybody what a real in shape body who has not done some serious denial of themselves. They don't deny themselves that German chocolate cake. They don't deny themselves on mr.Goodbars. They have denied themselves sitting in front of the TV, not getting up, going to work. They have denied themselves all kind of stuff. But in the end, they end up getting much more and the denied stuff they even lose the taste for overtime.

So, when you understand, when you deny yourself for Christ, there is a glory and there is a benefit, and that thing is you began to grow in it. And He said, number two, take up your cross. The cross for us has really become our most just a symbol that doesn't have a lot of significance for too many Christians. Do you know

what the cross is equivalent to modern terms? It's equivalent to an electric chair or a gas chamber.

See, the cross was not a religious relic back then. It was the method of execution. It was a gas chamber or electric chair. So, it will be the modern equivalent of hanging a miniature, electric chair or gas chamber or needle with lethal injection around your neck. The cross symbolized death. And in order for you to save your life, you must lose it. In order for you to be born again, you must die. And killing anything is hard because nothing wants to die. And some of the habit patterns in the molds of thinking that we have. In order to be born again into the Kingdom of God, we have to go through death, and we have to go through letting somebody stuff go that we have clung to for so long. Some of you just got bitterness right now at least to die. You got unforgiveness with somebody who's done something to you and see.

In the Lord's prayer, He says, "If you don't forgive others, my Heavenly Father will not forgive you." And just in this they see, you're waiting on a countdown to something that's going to just lift you up. You had to die before you can lift it up and just even some of your unforgiveness needs to die.

And it's not a matter whether they've done you wrong, you had each wrong. But that's not the point, you've done somebody else wrong and you've done wrong but Christ died for your sins. What he says, if you don't forgive up, neither will my father in heaven forgive you. But it is hard to forgive because it requires literally something is un to die. And sometime, we didn't like to hold on to that bitterness.

"Yes, you show did me wrong, I get that real down --" we like to - - just hold on to it because it makes us feel what we think is a little better, but in truth it is not and once you get rid of it, it clears you up. We like to hold on to pride. Pride is a real. It's something that I struggle with so much. But when you become humble and when you get pride out of your system, everything clears up and you see things, and you don't become as sensitive and you're not hurt as much.

It's hard to be crucified. Jesus, take off your cross. It's hard to take up that cross because it's death and nobody wants to full with death. Everybody wants to go to heaven. Oh, nobody wants to

die. It's hard to take up that cross. And then Jesus said, "Follow me, follow me, follow me, follow me, follow me."

And right now, what I want to do, we don't have our typical musical guest. I want to play two country songs. They're not gospel, they're country. And I said, "You done some crazy staff pastor. But on Resurrection Day Sunday, you're getting ready to play two country songs?" "Yeah. I sure am." This first song and the second one, they're both by the same gentleman. A country singer by the name of Tim McGraw. Some of you heard of him. He is a pretty big singer.

And a few years ago, Tim Mc Graw's father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He was real close to his daddy and his daddy came to him with the results knowing that he only had a short amount of time left. And his daddy told his son, "Son, you need to live like you die." And then he told his son that even though he was going to die, he was going to live this last moments that he had to the fullest. And Tim wrote the song, "Live Like You Were Dying". And when he recorded the song, his father died a few days later.

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So, I want you to hear this song and it starts out by saying, "I went skydiving. I went rocky mountain climbing." I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fu Manchu. And I went skydiving myself a few months ago. I don't know how many of you've been skydiving before but when I went go skydive, it was on my bucket list.

And I went up in the plain, they had three levels that you could go to. You could jump out at 10,000 feet; you could jump out at 14,000 feet, or you could jump out at 18,000 feet. And said, "I'm going, I'm going. If I'm going, I'm going all the way." So, when the plain got to 18,000 feet, there was no one in the plain but me, the jump master and the pilot because all the other folk had jumped out way before.

And the point is this. I'd never jumped out of a plain before. I flown a plain but definitely not jumped at of one. I have to completely surrender because I did a tandem to die. And you can sometimes train and jump by yourself. I jumped which meant the

master was on my back and I was strapped to him. So, I did a tandem jump, not jumping by myself.

At 18,000 feet, which is about three-and-a-half miles up and you look down and he told me, "First, I had to put on my oxygen mask because once you go above 14,000 feet, you have to have oxygen. So, he finally, "Take up your mask, and walk to the door." So, I walk to the door, the plain going about 100 miles an hour. It's about 10 degrees below zero outside.

I'm standing there at the thing; it is three-and-a-half miles down. I had to have full faith in the jump master. Not only did I have to have full faith in the jump master. There was no time for me to do my own thing. There was no time for me to say, "Look man, I think I want to turn. This is weird, just fall." There was no time with three-and-a-half miles straight down and minus 10 degrees of temperature. There was no time for me to do my own thing.

I had to fully surrender my will and fully surrender my body to the jump master. Some of you, you need to fully surrender your will and you need to fully surrender your body to the life master. Some of you right now, you're standing and you're looking down and you don't have the knowledge to overcome what's your dealing with by yourself.

See, if you push me out of that plain without the jump master then maybe I could have figure out how to do staff but that ain't the time to be trying to figure that out. That is not the time to trying to be figuring that out. So, it took all I had just standing at the edge, and when I stood out there, he just pushed me out. But we had already -- he said, "Look, look, when fall out, what I want you to do, you take your hands and you move them back and fall like that, and you just spread your leg back, and you just fall."

And he said, "When you get to the bottom, we've about to hit the ground, you just bring your legs up like this, and I will guide us." So, I did everything the man said to the absolute teeth, because I put my life in the master's hand. And some of us the master says, "Look, if you just put your like in my hands, I will guide you through this. I will make sure you get through this safe. But some -- "No, I will do this my way. I'm going to jump out of this like my way. I'm going to land my way. I don't care what you say. I know you've got experience. I know you've got power, but I want to do this thing my way."

You know that prose, "It's my way or the highway," and sometimes we end up on the highway because we did it my way. So, I want you to hear these two songs, they're country songs, but I just want you to listen to them. There's a line where he says, "I need to do more loving and I need to do more forgiving," and some of you, you all need to do more loving and you need to do more forgiving. And when you surrender your life to Jesus, when you truly take a cross, it's a death sentence, but it's a death sentence that leads you unto eternal life.

So, when you understand that it changes some stuff. So, Avy(ph), I want you to play the first song, and as soon as the first song ends, put the second song. When you hear the second song -- and I wouldn't even planning on the second song, but when I bought the man's album, the second song was right behind me. I said, "This song -- folks need to hear." Especially they need to hear it right after of what I just got to walk and through in the parking lot coming up here.

So, Avy, go ahead and play and just listen.

And that last song was a deep song. There is no in between. Drugs -- and that doesn't particularly mean intoxicating drugs.

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We substitute so many other things for Jesus. Basically, the song simply means the world or Jesus. There is no in between. Even though Jesus says, "You'll be rewarded according to your work. You're not saved by your works." It's drugs or the world or Jesus. In this particular day, more people will make the choice than any other day during the year. It's not a matter of the day, it's a matter of the destiny and you. Because you can make this choice at any day. But there maybe someone right now and it's laid upon your heart that I've been committed but I haven't been surrendered. I'm still holding on; I still want to do what I want to do and give to Jesus what I want to give, and I give him 28% but I'm going to keep 72% myself. I'm not going to give God 100%. I'm not going to surrender my life fully. Because when you surrender your life fully, you say to yourself and to the world, "I will die to self and live for God." When you do that, the will of the Father is that you show not lose anything. You shall not lose anything, but contrarily you shall gain all of eternal life.

I want you to substitute whatever you've been putting in the place of drugs, don't have to be drugs, but it's something else or Jesus. Some people is money or Jesus. Some is prestige or Jesus. Some folk is just to have a Jesus. You know, that's why some religions they make them go bald because the head -- you get so proud and lose your hair. So, if you have to choose between your hair and Jesus, some folks said, "Jesus, I'm sorry."

So, whatever you put in the place of that, whatever is on the left side of that or Jesus, that's what you have to deal with. And for those of you, and you want to make the commitment today. To say, "I am going to surrender to our Lord and say to Jesus the Christ, "I give you my life, I give you my will, I give you my way and you lay down everything for me and I just want to lay down everything for you. And upon this day, I want to make a commitment to surrender everything."

And if there's anyone within the sound of my voice and you want to make that commitment upon this day. You want to truly take up the cross and you want to kill some of the things in your life that have been controlling, and ruling, and lording over you and you want to give this to Jesus. I want you to just stand right now and come forward. Anyone upon this day and you want to commit to surrender. Amen, amen, amen, amen.

The countdown has been for today -- A countdown means this thing has been nagging you for a while. The door is simply open upon this day. And some of you may have been in church all your life, but you've never surrendered. You may know the moves, know the words, know the scripture, but you never surrendered. And you want say, "Upon this day, Lord I give you all of me, all of me."

I want you just picture this example. Say for example someone says, "I'm going to give you a ride to the other side of town, but any part of you that didn't want to go, you're going to have to leave here. I'm just going to take the rest of it with me." He says, "What you mean?" "I'm going to give you a ride to the other side of town but I'm going to give all of you a ride to the other side of town." "What you mean all of me?"

Some of you just only want to give Jesus a piece. Can you imagine getting in a car and you just leave your left hand, or your right

eye, or your hair.” So, if you’re going to get in the car, Jesus says, ““I want all of you. I want all of you, because I am not taking, I am giving.” And that’s what you invest in me will produce a return far beyond anything that you can imagine. These few little decades on this earth goes by in search of flesh, blank or Jesus. And I still sense there’s some others and you know this countdown is for you because you know you had to surrender some things. And there’ve been some things God has just told you, and I know it’s hard people. I don’t deny that. If it was not hard it wouldn’t be a cross. It wouldn’t be crucifixion. It wouldn’t be persecution. It’s hard, I understand that. But everything on a higher level is difficult. And it is especially hard to break free of some things that have held you for so long.

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God has ordained this day for some of you to be set free in death. And we don’t even know when our time is and that’s one thing about the freedom of life. I just don’t worry about dying because I know who’s gotten my future. And it takes a certain feel of living. That’s why I could jump out of the plane. (00:35:27) Prepare to pull someone and did the plane, so what? Worse that can happen to me is I die and I’m with Jesus. That’s the worst that could happen to me. When you view life like that, you just don’t have fear. It takes it away from you because you understand that which is awaiting you is better than that which is here. And when you view life that way, changes things. But you have to place your life in the hands of the life master.

There’s one more I’m still -- there’s one more. This countdown day is for you. There’s one more, and God is tugging at you. There’s one more. Are they coming? Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen. It’s a special day.

You know even when a child is born, it’s the closest a woman comes to death is the greatest pain that she generally goes through, but it is necessary to transcend from one world to the other. Amen, amen. I thank all of you who have come today. I truly believed today is going to be a turnaround of a new beginning as you surrender your life unto Christ.

Now, there are going to be some things God will begin speaking to you. My mother and I have the discussion all the time. She constantly says, “Son, I wish I could hear like you.” I said, “Mama

that is not the key. That is not the key.” That’s why they choose (00:36:56), stop speaking to us direct. We’re tired of hearing this stuff, because we don’t want to do it.” The challenge has always been doing the will of the Father.

God will begin to speak to some of you. Some it may be in the internal voice. Some it will be in signs and wonders. Some it will be through a prophetic word. You’ll begin to speak and the challenge is not going to be the hearing. The challenge is going to be the heeding. And to be able to heed that which God will speak unto you upon this day. And I’m going to pray over you, but I’m going to actually ask my mother to come and lay hands on you. And the reason I’m asking is this, I know my mother’s spirit but her house number is 421. Her house number is 421 and I don’t know anybody more qualified. She got sons that are reverend but mama just a big a reverend than anybody. So, there’s no question about this. So, “Mama, I’m going to pray over them but I just want you to touch them.” There’s power that flows through a sainted woman. And even with Jesus, there was nobody at his town, but the women, the men were all gone. It really was. And the resurrection day when Jesus (00:38:06) there’s nobody there but women. And He had to told the men that He’s going to be back in three days. There’s just no one there.

Jesus told them this direct to himself and He see they weren’t there. So, the hearing is only the first part, it is the heeding that is the hard part. It’s doing. It’s being with Jesus. So, God is going to begin to speak to you. He’ll begin to break up some things and open up some doorways and some pathways for you. Amen, amen, amen, amen.

And sometimes you got to cry when you die. You cry when you’re born, but yet it ushers you into a glorious world. That when you’re with the life master, you don’t worry about falling because even if you fall, even if it’s from miles up, He got you. He got you, he got you. And as long as you know He’s got you, you don’t worry about a thing.

Dear Heavenly Father, we just thank you for those who’ve come today. To surrender their lives unto you. Father, as I know you will, I pray that as you take this submitted lives. That you begin to shape and mold them into the image that you shall have them to be. Speak to them in visions and in dreams and in words, and Father, let them know the path that they have to travel, that they

may travel this path without fear, without hesitation and without reservation. And they'll be able to travel the path in power knowing that it is you who have set them on the path, knowing that you've got their back, knowing that regardless of what happens it is orchestrated by you for their good, and knowing they shall lose nothing, but they shall gain and gain and gain and gain. Set your hand upon them. And Father, as the matriarch of the family touches them. I pray that you impart something special within them. Amen, amen.

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I'm even noticing that most of the people here are women. Amen. Amen. I would like to tell you the name of her street because that is significant, but I don't want to take it because I don't want you all going by there. Amen. But just open your hearts and your spirits, and your minds to receive the anointing. This is a special day. This is a special day. I thank you that you made the choice of Jesus and your life will begin to change. It does not mean the stuff going all of a sudden smooth out. That's a misconception. "Lord, once I submit to God, stuffs going to just straighten up and smoothens." No, no, no. No, no, no, no.

If you remember when God said, "This is my son of whom I'm well pleased," and He saw the dove descending out of heaven, sent Him straight into the wilderness. So, for some of you, you may be heading straight into the wilderness, and sometimes it takes the wilderness to knock some stuff out. It takes some wilderness experience sometimes to try some things to send you through some things. So, it's a test of your fate and so you know some stuff. And there is nothing that can seal your knowledge of God, like going through something and you see the deliverance of God.

Sometimes I have people who want to argue with me about this theology and that theology. I want to tell everybody; I don't experience the power of God. I don't care what you say. I don't care what history you drew. When you've experienced something, nothing can change your mind when you have experienced the power of God for yourself. It makes a difference.

So, I just pray that you experience this power of God for yourself, so, you'll know it's in your soul, not just in your mind. And that's why when you experience Jesus, no one can tell you because you

know, and you know, and you know. From this day forward, things will not be the same,

I want you to resist the temptation to let the old stuff be born again. Today, I declare it dead, but it'll try to rise, just as Jesus has resurrected, so with that old stuff trying to get resurrected. You let it stay dead and you move a new life in Jesus Christ. I'm going to ask, see Elijah to close this out. He may have had a message altogether between the hour. I told him I wouldn't going to be here and I told him I was able to secure a flight. He probably got a full message in an hour. So, he may have a little piece of that. He may just have a little piece of that this morning. And I'm going to ask him to just close this out for this resurrection.

Elijah Bronner: Praise God. I want you all to stand on your feet. You join hands. Let us pray. Father we just thank you so much Lord for this wonderful day. We thank you O Lord for your resurrection and we celebrate your life and your power, and your grace, and your love, and greatness to us, Lord. We thank you for those who have come, Lord, to surrender their lives to you. We all surrender to you, Lord. We're just so grateful to you, Lord, for all that you do for us, and we are just so grateful for your life. We love you and we praise you, we just thank you for this wonderful resurrection, this wonderful new life that you have brought us into, Lord. We thank you that we're dead of sin and alive unto you, alive under righteousness. And we thank you that we are your children, Lord, and we just love you, we just pray over the rest of this day, Lord, that everyone will just have a wonderful time and enjoy, and love one another, and enjoy your goodness.

This in Jesus name, we pray. Let every heart says, "Amen."

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