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Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. And today, I begin an entirely new series called The Power of Love. And I had an entirely different message prepared for today, but early this morning, God began speaking to me and normally because our messages are online and their archive, literally forever. We don’t indicate what time of the year or season, or any special occasions, but today, is a special day. Today is Mother’s Day, so it ties into the message. And I was early this morning communing with God, and God says, “Look in the Bible.” And I want you to look at the first instance of the use of Mary, the mother of Jesus. And as I open my bible and turned, that’s in the Book Matthew, and Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus. It begins with, this is a record of the ancestors of Jesus, the Messiah. And it goes on talking about, he began that and they began that, and all is hard to pronounce names, I’m not going to read all of that. But for those of you who have started reading the New Testament of the Bible, you read through those 42 generations of the birth of Christ.

And when it gets to verse 16, Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband if Mary. Mary gave birth to Jesus who was called the Messiah. All those listed above include 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 from David to the Babylonian exile, and 14 from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah. Then Matthew verse 18, the next verse after that and I’m reading the new living translation. This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Joseph, her fiancé was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David.” The angel said. “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit and she will have a son. And you are to name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. All this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet. Look, the virgin will conceive a child, she would give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did as the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife, but he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born and Joseph named him Jesus.

I was talking with a fellow few months ago and he asked a question to the group of us. He said, “Supposed a man has gone away for a year and he’s been out of the country for a year and he gets back, and he finds that his wife is six months pregnant. What do you think that man is going to think?” And we said, “Well, he’s going to think that she’d been with another man.” And then he said, “Well, why do you believe the story of the birth of Jesus?” And he was trying to twist things to basically say the birth of Jesus. I said, “Well, I understand your point, but there’s one little thing you’re leaving out, Mary was a virgin.” When you add that in, it changes stuff.

What would it be like if you had a daughter and the daughter was 18, 19, 20 years old and came and said, she was pregnant, you would think she’d been with someone else? But if she was a virgin, it changes things. You see, one thing I know from personal experience, you can see when a woman is a virgin or not. I ain’t going to get into the medical details on that. I’m not going into the medical details on that, but you can see that thing.

Now, in modern world and in modern medicine, you actually could get around both of those. You can have artificial insemination. So, you can’t technically in today’s society, get a woman pregnant and she is still a virgin. Because the technology has progressed to the point where you can impregnate a woman without sexual intercourse. That’s number one. Number two, you can have vaginal reconstructive surgery. You can reattach a fake hymen and a man would not be able to tell the difference. So, in the
modern world, you can do that, but back then they didn’t have the surgery and they didn’t have the artificial insemination. So, if a woman got pregnant and she was still a virgin, that just didn’t happen.

So, Joseph knew by the fact that he could see that Mary’s hymen was still intact that she was not pregnant by a human man. And that made a difference, but that’s something I don’t know, and that’s not really the thing when God got me this morning and began to deal with me about the message for the day. That really wasn’t what he wanted me to tell you, so I’m going to show you something. And what I saw is not that, because you’re all familiar with the virgin birth, you’ve heard that in church, all you like, you know it. You heard every Easter, you know that. It’s not what I want to talk to you about today.

I want to talk to you about the other thing. You all said the other thing. And I know you’ll say, “What other?” I want to talk to you about the other thing. You see, the Bible deals with life and there’s nothing that happened then that’s not happening now. Technology has changed, but the stuff didn’t change. I mean, yeah, you can artificially inseminate a woman, but that ain’t happening. You did that, that baby, sure, that’s ain’t happening. It is not because she’s been artificially inseminated, it’s because she’s been with another man.

So, even though it’s possible and that their hymen is missing, if the hymen is there, it’s not because she’s going to a surgeon to get it reattached, it is because there’s never been broken in the first place. So, even though medically it’s different, you can do it, it’s not done. So, what I want to deal with you today is another thing. You see, Joseph was not Jesus’ biological father. And as I begin this series called “The Power of Love”, this first one is in entitled, “The Most Famous Blended Family in the World.”

Jesus was born into a blended family. All of you know what is meant by blended family. Blended family means that you have a woman and a man, and one or more children and the child or children, the woman and the man, they’re both not the parents of the child. Only one of them is the parent of one or more of the children. And usually what happens with the blended family, there are a lot of different possible scenarios. But usually, what happens is, you’ve had somebody with kids here and somebody with kids here and they get married, or they started living
together, whatever. Now you’ve got kids by this woman, kids by this man and all blends together in a family. The point here is the lady and the man, both of them are not their real biological mother and father of the child or children, and that’s called a blended family.

And right now in America, half of the children under 13 years old live in blended families. And that’s general population. When you go to black African-American, that thing skyrocketed. And you all know that, I’m telling that you don’t know, you all know it. It skyrocketed. So you’re dealing with not just had, you’re dealing with the vast majority of African-American children are either in a blended family or a single-parent family. So, the figure just skyrocketed.

It is something I had never truly visualized. I knew Joseph was not Jesus’ biological father, but I had never thought about it in terms of, he was in a blended family. And this is something the church and relationships are dealing with on a heavy basis. Motherhood just ain’t motherhood like it used to be. It’s just not. And sometimes you got to deal with these real issues, and you say, “Well pastor, they had it in Jesus’ day, and Jesus dealt with it in His own family, and I’m getting ready to show you how and why.” So blended families have been here for a while. They are definitely more prevalent now than ever. In the African-American community, they are almost a norm. But Jesus dealt with it in his own family.

And let me tell you, or show you a story of how. I want to go to, this is the chapter of Luke, second chapter. You’ve all heard the story, but it begins in verse number 41. I want to read this, and this again the New Living Translation to make it clear. “Every year, Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was 12 years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t miss Him at first, because they assumed He was among the other travelers. But when He didn’t show up that evening, they started looking for Him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn’t find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for Him there. Three days later, they finally discovered Him in the temple
sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them, and asking questions.”

Now understand this scenario. I have a 13-year-old. Jesus was 12. So here was a young man a year younger than our youngest son. They couldn’t find Him for three days. Mama, can you imagine if you couldn’t find your son for three hours. I remember we were at the aquarium, and the whole family was there, and I had our third son, Christian. So we went off in one direction, and my wife said, “Keep an eye on him, because he’s fast. Keep an eye on him.” So we were in the aquarium, and I kept an eye on him. But look like I turned I saw a shark swimming through things. And when I turned back around, he was nowhere in sight! I said, “Where in the world he disappeared to? What and why in the world?”

So here I am at the aquarium. I had two problems, two big problems. The first problem, I couldn’t find Christian. That was the first problem. The second problem, I did not want to see my wife. And she comes out, “Where is our son?” So I had two big issues standing right there. And it took me about ten minutes to find that boy. And when I finally found him, he was standing over there with a police officer. I said, "Oh, my goodness!" I said, "Oh!" So I had to walk over there, I said, “Look, do you have kids?” Because if he had kids, he’d understand that. So anyway, I was only missing our son for about ten minutes, and it nearly drove me up into a -- can you imagine three days?

They could not find Jesus for three days. Mothers understand this. Daddies understand this. They could not find Jesus for three days. In our world right now, if a child is missing for 24 hours, you file a police report, he goes on the missing list, you send out an Amber Alert. All kinds of things happen after 24 hours. This was three days.

Now after they found Jesus, three days later, they finally discovered him in the temple, sitting among the religious leaders, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. His parents did not know what to think. “Son,” His mother said to Him, “why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for You everywhere.” Can you understand that? Son, we’ve been frantic! We’ve been hysterical! We’ve been about to
lose our minds looking for you everywhere. Why have you done this to us? Any parent can understand this after three days.

“But why did you need to search?” He asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in My Father’s house?” The King James Version said, “Didn’t you know that I must be about My Father’s business?” Now I want you to understand this, because this is the critical verse. And right after it says, "But they didn’t understand what He meant. Jesus grew in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and all the people.”

Now, I'm going to throw a different twist on this that you haven't heard. But it’s important in the day and age where we have a majority of blended families among our people in the U.S. “Didn’t you know, that I must be about My Father’s business?” Now understand who he’s talking to. He is talking to Mary and Joseph. And Jesus says, “Didn’t you understand? I must be about My Father’s business.”

Now, you imagine Joseph. This is the man, and back in that day, women really didn’t provide income from the household. Joseph was a carpenter. So here he was, working building stuff, taking care of the family, putting food on the table, roof over the head, clothes on their back. And Jesus looks at His daddy and says, “Didn’t you understand? I had to be about My Father’s business.” Let me put this in modern day vernacular, modern day language, modern day wording. When you understand it clearly about what is actually said in most blended families, when the son looks at the stepdaddy and says, you ain’t what? You ain’t my Daddy! That’s what Jesus said to him. I must be about My Father’s business, and His father was standing right there! The man who put clothes on His back, food in His belly, a roof over His head, He said, “I got to be about my daddy. You ain’t my daddy!”

Now, listen, they didn’t understand it. And right after that it said, Jesus grew in wisdom. There’s another verse in the Bible that says, Jesus learned obedience through the things that he suffered. That’s why right after that it said, Jesus grew in wisdom. Because He understood right after that, He probably shouldn’t have said that. He said, you ain’t my daddy. And this is a statement that I have counseled so many people with blended families, that that teenage son will say to that man who’s putting
food on the table, clothes on their back, and roof over their head, you know, sometimes you'll be the biological dad and the son still won't do right. But especially when it is not the biological father. And Jesus understood what He was saying, “Look, this is My Heavenly Father. See, you ain’t my daddy.”

Now I want you to understand what effect this had. Put yourself in Joseph’s shoes. That’s why when you go to Jesus’ first miracle, Joseph ain’t there. Read it, he’s not there. Don’t you know that with the son, when he’s getting ready to do anything great, the daddy is always there? The son Christian that ran away at the aquarium, that I couldn’t find for ten minutes, he’s graduating this week. So he’ll graduate this week. There’s no way in the world that I’m going to miss his graduation. Not only am I going to be at his graduation, I’m the graduation speaker for the graduation. There’s no way that I am going to miss his graduation. I’m going to be at every one of the major events of my son’s. Daddy is going to be right there for him. With Jesus’ first miracle, and the Bible says, and His mama said, and His mama was, and His mama did, and His mama asked. There is no mention of Joseph.

Now, I’m not saying he wasn’t there. He may have been there, but I doubt it. When Jesus was on the cross, there was no mention of Joseph. Daddy was not there. Now, that thing was known all over the territory, so don’t tell me he didn’t know. It was known all over the territory. Mama was right there at the foot of the cross. But Joseph was not mentioned. You ain’t my daddy.

It’s quiet, and it’s deep, and you all haven’t heard this. You haven’t heard this, but see, that’s why He came in the flesh to deal with everything we deal with.

And this is one of those thing we’re dealing with. We don’t talk about it much in the church, but we sure dealing with it. You ain’t my daddy. And it is not the Jesus did not have great respect for His -- I can do anything that I don’t see my heavenly Father do. He never mentioned His earthly daddy. And I believe His earthly daddy got offended by, and I believe that, I ain’t showing up, (00:20:25) with me and He didn’t show up.
So, I am expounding on this because these are some other things that I believed Jesus suffered. He learned obedience through the things that He suffered, and right there, He grew in wisdom. See, He came in the flesh to experience everything that we experienced in the flesh. And what are the things we experience in the flesh, is we do, we wish we hadn’t done. That’s one of the things we experience, that’s how we learn. That’s how we grow in wisdom. That’s how we get obedience through the things that we suffer because we do some stuff we should not have done.

So, there are those who are listing to me, right now, and you’re in blended families, or there are those and your single parents and if you do get married you go be in a blended family. What are the things you need to make sure? Is you need to make sure that child always recognizes the person who put a roof on their head, clothes on their back, food in their belly. Don’t ever let him say, “You ain’t my daddy” because as long he’s paying the bill, that’s your daddy. And sometimes, mama has to reinforce that, and the child has to understand that and the rebellious teenage spirit is going to be natural nature to see that. It’s going to be a natural nature to give arm to somebody who is not paying for the stuff you’re eating.

I believe this thing caused an issue with Joseph, and that’s why you don’t see Joseph in anything after that, and I haven’t even thought about that real heavy. But that’s why God wanted me to deal what this even on Mother’s Day. Because of in the Black community, most of the mothers are in blended families. It’s either blended or single? And if you don’t understand some of these principles, you’re going to be headed with an alienation. See, first of all, if the real daddy were that good, he be there in the first. That’s number one. It’s either a problem with him not being there to support the child, or it’s a problem between you and him, one of the two.

But if your real daddy was that great, the real daddy would be there. So if you don’t have another daddy, then you need to make sure that child honors that of the daddy and that’s going to follow on mama make sure that happens. Because often times it’s for the man to really enforced dad if mama just going to sit there and be quiet, listening to the child telling, “You ain’t my daddy.” And if she says nothing. See, Joseph was a good man. Bible says, he quotes, “The King James said he was a just man, He was a good man” but He made me like papa. Papa was a good man.
But it came a point, and that was my favorite cartoon. There came a point with papa -- for papa’s favorite line was, “You don’t know the line. The young people, they don’t know about Papa.” And I was having a conversation in my door (00:23:25) papa. So if I had no papa, but papa had this line. I had to stood all I can stand and I can’t stand no more. Even a good man will get to the point where he had stood all he can stand, and he can’t stand no more.

So motherhood in the day of this age, it is not all peaches and cream. Even the old had issues, but now, because of the blended family, it’s hard enough rearing a child and you, the real dad and the real mom, it’s hard enough with that. And then you got to deal but you ain’t my daddy. That takes that thing to a whole another level.

When you get in into a blended family, your probability of divorce doubles. So the statutory is much hard. So there are from things and there are some principles you need to learn from Jesus. Jesus thought you some, but you got to read between the lines. He thought you something. Don’t tell that man, “You ain’t my daddy.” Women don’t let your child tell that man who’s putting roof over your head, clothes on the child’s back and food in their belly. Don’t let your child tell that man, “You ain’t my daddy.” Because he will he will say it.

Because a good man is going to discipline the child, and anybody who has disciplined is going to rare(ph) back. That’s just human nature. So, a good man is going to discipline the child, specially a male child.

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A good man is going to discipline the child, and when you discipline the child, if he gets anything, he can pull or not to accept that discipline he is going to do it. And that is going to be the main thing, he’s going to put -- that’s why all of you knew the completion of that line instantly. You knew it because you’ve heard it.

You’ve either heard your friends talk about it. You’ve heard you family members, you knew it because it occurs over and over. It occurred in Jesus and his family. I got to be about my daddy’s
business. He was not talking about carpentry. That was his
daddy’s business. He was talking about a divine business from
his Heavenly Father, but people, you got to deal with some folk.
He owned the earth. You got to have wisdom with the folk, He
own the Earth.

Yes, you can be a brighter Jesus but you got to have your earthly
husband. You can become an unmarried to Jesus and you got a
husband. So you had to deal with some real stuff on the earth.
That’s why I said, it’s the real message dealing with some real
problems that we really have that just calls issues. And that’s
why I believe Joseph was not allowed to be seen in any of the
major events in Jesus’ life. It as only mama because Jesus never
say that, “You ain’t my mama.” He never said that but he did tell
Joseph in no uncertain terms in one form or another. You ain’t
my daddy, I got to be about my real daddy’s business.

And after he thought about that thing, He grew in wisdom. He
said, “I wish I had to put that in a different way, because it
alienated my Earthly Father and he never followed me, and he
was not there, only mama.” And once you understand the
revelation when you read it, you see it is just clear. The Bible
is real. There ain’t not old document. This stuff is real. And the
same thing that dealt with (00:26:53) is the same thing we dealt
with. So, he put Jesus in a blended family. God could have done
it another way. He put Jesus in a blended family. God could have
spoken to Jesus and told him what to say. But sometimes, God
will not direct us. This is Son of God.

He can say, “Look now. When you’re dealing with Joseph, my
child, this is what is what I want you to say. This how you had --
” He could have told him, no. He let Jesus go through that so he
could learn just like he let some of us go to do some stuff so we
can learn. But we learn from the mistakes of others.

Jesus learned obedience through the things that he suffered.”
Some of that wisdom came the hard way. Some of it was direct
from God, but some of that stuff was through some hard stuff that
we suffered and we went through. And that rather all us to
minimize it. So, there are so many mothers today and you have
a destiny to be with another man who is not the biological father
of your child or your children and you found a good man. But if
you don’t reinforce to your children that is now your daddy and
you will give him all of the respect, “do a good daddy.” If you don’t
do that, that child is going to say to that man, “You ain’t my daddy.”

And when that happens, it’s going to cause a schism. And it will cause schism between the man and the child, and it’s going to cause schism between you and the man. Because he’s going to say, “This woman not even backing me. She’s not even supporting me and she know I’m doing right now.” There’s one thing that a man ain’t doing right. That’s another sermon. There’s one thing that a man is not doing right. That’s another whole sermon. But if the man is a good man and if the man is going right you need to support that man. And that’s going to come up in any blended family.

Then I just want to take four of the verses that dealt with that. And just kind of deal with this in the literal biblical wisdom as a guide to the potentiality that you have going into a blended marriage. And these four verses, Matthew 1:18, 19, 20 and 21. They contain some keys to deal with a blended family. Most of you had never realized Jesus was in a blended family. He was in a family where a daddy wasn’t a biological father of the child. So blended family all day long. Verse 18, “This Is how Jesus the Mosiah was born. His mother, Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph but before the marriage took place while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant with the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Principle No. 1, who you get pregnant by will have to determine the ease of the success of a blended family. That’s the first rule, right there. Let me rephrase it, “don’t get pregnant by a fool.”

Now, I would like to be -- to tell you, you abstain, you wait until marriage but some of you ain’t going to listen to that. So I’m just going to tell you just like my mother, who’s 85 sitting and she gave me that advice when I was young. My mother told me, she says, “Son, don’t you date these women. You just stay holy, you stay holy and you stay holy.”

I said, “Mama, I’m not going to stay that holy.” I said, “I’m not going to stay.” I told her, “I’m ain’t going to stay that holy.” So Mama told me way back then, mama said, “Boy, if you’re not going to stay that holy, don’t you fool with any woman who you do not want to have your child.” Now, I listen to mama only. And that thin, that one little factor cut out a whole lot of focus who I will
fool with, because I would ask myself, “She pretty, but there could be some baby mama drama here, no.” So that one little thing, Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

So, ladies if you’re not going to keep yourself, if you’re not going to be that holy, if you’re still going to fool around, and if you’re going to fool around, there’s a high probability that if you get pregnant, if you had that child, you’re not going to marry that man. There’s a high probability at it. I’m just telling you straight like it is. This is straight talking. You know a whole lot of holy -- no, this is straight talk. If you fool around and get pregnant by that man, there’s high probability that man and you are not going to get married. So if you going risk anything, I will give the same advice that my mother gave me. My mother gave two pieces of advice. She said, “Number one, you need to stay holy. You just don’t need to do anything. You need to stay holy. And if you’re not going to do that, don’t fool with anybody you don’t want to have your child.”

So, I took the second piece of advice. I’m being transparent. See, Pastor James and Pastor C. Elijah, they took the first piece of advice. You understand the difference? They took the first piece of advice. They didn’t fool with anybody until they got married. They took the first piece of advice. I’m just being transparent with this and see, some folks wouldn’t take any kind of advice. They wouldn’t listen to either one of them. I took the second piece of advice.

So, ladies, protect your mother so the first thing is Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. So, even though my understanding of it and my interpretation, there was schism between Jesus and Joseph. The Holy Spirits so empower Jesus. Did he still change the world because of who his daddy was? And see, this is the principle. If you get pregnant by a fool, it’s just proven over and over, stuff travels to that DNA, intelligence, tendencies for alcoholism and drug abuse. All that stuff travels through that DNA. It goes down generations deep.

So, who you choose to potentially get pregnant vice versa, and she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Principle number one, who you get pregnant by will help determine the ease of the success of a blended family. Verse 19, “Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.” Principle number two, Joseph was a
good man. Didn't said Joseph was a cool man. Didn't said Joseph was good looking man. Didn't said Joseph had a fan by – you know, there is some people in the Bible talks about that he was of good looks, he was ready, he was tall, it didn't say any of that. Which is often times the criteria, that so many of you potential mothers will use, Joseph was a good man.

If you cannot put him into the category of a good man, you don't need to fool with them. Because one of the greatest challenges that a single mother would have is financial and a good man, even if you don’t get married, a good man would take care of his child. A non-good man going to leave you to sweat that by yourself. You can't even find that rascal. And if you do find that rascal, he got 10 other children and he’s not supporting any of them either.

So, first thing you need to make sure, you got a good man, like I said, two things; number one, follow my mother’s first piece of advice, stay holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy. Stay holy. First piece, so don’t say (00:34:04) the thing, you told me -- no, no, I told first, if you’re not going to follow number one, follow number two. Make sure you have a good man.

Verse 20, “As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. ‘Joseph, son of David,’ the angel said, ‘do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.’” Principle number three, there was a divine guidance and wisdom before marriage. There was a divine guidance and wisdom before marriage. And in virtually, every single marriage counseling case that we’ve had to deal with, where stuff went --. And virtually, every case, there was always a divine or wise word telling them, “Don’t marry that person.” We haven’t had one case where that weren’t the case. In very case, there was a divine word of wisdom saying, one even the parent. “Let me just tell you something.” People, listen, if you’re thinking about a man and that man mama said, “That boy just ain’t no food.” If the mama say that, listen to that mama.

I’ve had cases where the mom or the man told a woman, the mama told the woman, “Don’t marry my son.” The mama told the woman and she didn’t listen. So, principle number three, there was usually a divine or wise or wisdom that comes, guiding you about that relationship before you get deep in it. And finally,
verse 21. “And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

principle number four, there was divine guidance wisdom after the marriage concerning the raring and destiny of the child. See, even if you have not followed the first three, when you truly seek God regardless of the situation that you’re in, God can take a mess and make a miracle out of it. God can take the flaws and the errors that you have made and the bad judgement and all that stuff. If you will listen to what the divine word will tell you to do, he can take it and turn that all around. Even if you get six children, with six baby-daddies and all that stuff were a mess, if you truly seek God and truly listen to God’s word, God can take a mess and turn it into a miracle.

So, regardless of what your situation is, learn to seek and learn to hid God’s word and God’s wisdom. We are in the time with relationships now where they are more difficult than ever. And I don’t think even Jesus’ immediate family was immune from it. Just as none of our family, just because even you are preacher. Do you know the pastor rate is the same as the rest of the world. Gorgeous, holy worst. We have just as much issues in the spiritual, in the clergy, in the divine world as anybody else. There are principles that you need to follow. Everybody is human, everybody has their flaws, they have their strengths, they have their weaknesses, and the devil try to tie up everybody.

This message has a whole lot of wisdom in this message. It’s not your typical Mother’s Day message by long, long shot but it’s relevant. I can tell you that it’s relevant because we are dealing with this stuff every single day in so many areas across America. Now, even across the world and in particularly in the African-American community, we guided by the boat load. So, we’ve got to learn how to just hit some wisdom, learn to seek God. And if we do that, it can change our situation into something that is glorious. I was a little worried about that message, but I said, “Lord, wherever you lead me, it’s always for somebody.”

And I understand sometimes when things are controversial or when your heart heating, they’re not traditional but sometimes, we just need some hard hitting stuff just to make us to realize it, and this may not have been for some people in the situation that may been to keep somebody out of the situation because somebody may need that point number one or at that point number two and
it makes a world of difference. Amen. I'm going to ask one of the number ones to -- and there a few number one. See, most folk are number threes, they don't listen to number one and they don't listen to number two. At least I listened to number two. So, I'm going to ask one of the number one shall closes out for the day. Amen.

Male:

Amen. We thank you pastor for having a courage to deliver the word of the Lord today, even though it wasn't an easy message. Amen. All heads bow right now. Just on the day that there is any mothers that are in this place and you just lead us special prayer for strength or encouragement that something that you’re dealing with. You just need an extra special prayer today that we are just praying for you. We opened the altar to mothers today to just -- you may be going through a storm or struggle or something that you just need some extra prayer for, no matter what it is. We’ll just open the altar for you today. And mothers have prayed for us all of our lives. It’s very few times that children come back and pray for the mothers. If there’s any mother today that you’ve been carrying an extra load and you just need some extra strength today, we’ll allow you to come today and just pray for mothers.

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And a few more coming, we’re going to wait on you. Amen. You all have had the patience to deal with us all of our lives. We don’t want to risk you. Amen. Amen. Amen. Just stretch your hands toward these mothers, say your special prayer over them.

Lord we just thank you for mother’s this day, oh Lord. We pray our special in partition of grace upon oh Lord, of strength oh Father. That no matter what they’re going through, oh Lord, we pray Father that the energies, the time, the care that they put on their children, oh Lord. We pray, oh Lord, that by your spirit, oh Lord, it would be deposited back into them, oh Father. We pray, oh Lord, for just a renewal of strength, oh Lord. Renewal of patience, oh Father. Renewal of energy, oh Father.

We pray, oh Lord, for resources that they put out, oh Lord, even in times when they couldn’t afford it and then had to pay for things, for children, oh Lord. Even if they went lacking themselves, oh Father. We pray, oh Father, just return back into
their lives, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord for times oh Lord, when just had to trust you, oh Lord. They didn’t know how they would make it, oh Lord even when daddies didn’t do what they were supposed to do, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord for carrying them through, oh Father. And I pray, oh Lord, that you will just multiply it back onto them, oh Lord. Every bit that they had to scrap, oh Lord, and sacrifice, oh Father, for their children, oh Father. We pray, oh Lord, that you’ll return it back unto them, press down, shaking together, run in over, oh Lord.

I pray for divine wisdom upon them, oh Father. In times when they had to counsel, oh Lord, even without a counsel who has license, oh Lord. When they had to be a psychiatrist, oh Lord. Even without going to school for it, oh Lord. We thank you Lord for thy wisdom, oh Lord. We pray that you’ll increase it, oh Lord. Even when sometime they didn’t know what to do in their own lives, oh Lord. They had to cancel children, oh Father. Going through difficult situations, oh Father. We pray, oh Father, that you’ll comfort, oh Lord, that you’ll deliver wisdom counsel back unto them all, Father.

We thank you Lord for just upholding them, oh Father. Upholding them, oh Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord for our mothers, oh Lord. Thank you for our mothers. They’ve had the best so much, oh Lord. Caring so much, Lord, oh Father. We thank you for him, oh Father. Thank you for him, oh Lord. We pray for strengthening, oh Lord. For nobody knows, oh Lord, how much they’ve had to bear, how much they had to carry, oh Lord. Only you, oh Lord. Only you and them know, oh Lord. We just pray for an extra strength, oh Lord. Extra grace upon them, oh Lord. Thank you, Father for lives, for bringing up this far, oh Lord.

Thank you, Father for never leaving. I’m never forsaken, oh Lord. Thank you, Lord for your love, oh Lord. They’ve had to dish out so much love, oh Lord. Sometimes others seem like nobody returned under them, oh Lord. We thank you, Lord. For just upholding them this day, oh Lord. Thank you for loving them, oh Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you for being father to the fatherless, oh Lord. Thank you, Father, for making up the gap, oh Lord, and we just pray, Lord for extra strength,
extra grace, extra favor upon them, oh Lord. Thank you for these mothers. Thank you, Lord.

We pray that you’ll bless right now in the name of Jesus that you’ll strengthen the Lord, Father. Give them everything they need, oh Lord, to go home.

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Thank you, Lord for bringing him this far, oh Lord. Thank you, Father for paying every bill, oh Lord, for healing every sickness of father. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Father for caring for the children, oh Lord. Even when all they could was call out to you, oh Lord in dangerous situations, oh Lord. Thank you for bringing them suitable. The name of Jesus, we pray upon these minds. Amen, and Amen, Amen. Thank you so much, mothers. Thank you so much for all that you’ve done. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

If there’s anybody wants to give their life to Christ will also take a moment to open the altar for salvation or rededication, (00:45:56) this time. Second appeal if there’s anybody who want to join the Arc of Salvation as a member, the door of the church are open and we welcome at this time to come. You all can stand to your feet and just come across. And don’t forget to keep on praying for mama. Don’t just pray for mama on Mother’s Day. Mama didn’t just pray for you on Christmas and your birthday, Mama pray for you every day. So, make sure you uplift mama in the same manner. Amen. Amen.

Nathaniel Bronner: Before we leave, I just hear God speaking. Today’s message on blended families, there are so many, even present now and you have daddy issues and they’re unresolved. And often, we can’t move forward in life and it change everything we do, because we’ve got daddy issues. Daddy is or wasn’t there. Weren’t it good when he was there? Sometimes there’s molestation that’s involved, all kind of stuff. It clouds the subconscious mind, would eventually manifest and even our conscious actions. And I just want to pray for release. I don’t want to invite you to come down. What I do want to do is just ask you to raise your hand wherever you are and you know, you got these daddy issues.

It’s Mother’s Day, but most of the real negative issues in the world, they’re caused by million to be honest. But that’s why God
say, he looked into the hearts of men, and they were filled with violence. He never said he looked into the hearts of women, he looked in to the hearts of men.

So, it is because often times the failure of man that there’s so many daddy issues. So those and you’ve got daddy issues, raise your hand, open your palm and put your palms up towards heaven, because that’s the early father that we don’t have exist in the heaven with the heavenly father. And the heavenly father, he’s far better than the early father. But sometimes, the earthly father can do a whole lot of damage, that the heavenly father has to heal. So, for those of you right now with daddy issues you’re your hands up raised, bow your heads and just listen to the words as we pray.

Dear heavenly Father, for those present today with their hands open and upstretched and there’s been seed planted by man who did not walk in your will nor your way, nor your image. Father you have the power and the ability to wipe clean everything. To make new, to resurrect, to heal, to restore, to repair, to even erase. Father, right now, I pray that there’d be a supernatural wind that shall come into their life and daddy issues shall be no more.

And right now, I’m hearing God’s speak. As you forgive, so shall you be given. As you forgive, so shall you be given. For those who have to hands up right now, forgive that man. Let it go no matter how bad it was, not matter what he did or didn’t do, forgive him. And as you forgive, it shall be given unto you. And thy son Jesus his name we pray, Amen.

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