Yvette’s Prayer

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And now for 5836, Yvette’s Prayer.

Nathaniel Bronner: Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. Now, I have been in the middle of a series for the past few weeks, but every now and then God will have me break the series and deal with another message, and today is one of those days. I was here to hear and see Elijah for his Thursday message and as I walked in the building, Pastor James and Minister Steffanie(ph), they’re out of town, Prophet Dexter is out of town. As I walked in the building, I heard God speak, “I want you to get Yvette to open and close the service.”

So, when I walked into the sanctuary, I saw Yvette but then Yvette walked up on stage, she was doing the intercessory prayer. So, I said, “God, maybe that’s what You meant by she’s going to open the service. I didn’t realize she was doing the prayer.” So, Yvette, she was about 15 minutes of intercessory prayer and she walked off the pool pit and I was coming down the hall as she walked and she said, “Pastor, I’m finished. You need to go on.” I said, “Yvette.” I said, “Would you mind opening up the service?” She was, “Huh?” She said, “I just got --” I said, “Would you mind opening up the service?”

So, Yvette came up and she opened up the service for the introduction to Pastor C. Elijah and as she spoke, and as she finished, I heard God speak again, “This is what I want you to preach on for Sunday.” So, it’s dealing with Yvette’s opening and Yvette’s prayer. And Pastor C. Elijah, on Thursday night, he actually closed himself. So, he closed out the service. So, I’m going to ask Yvette to close out the service today.

Now, Yvette is upstairs teaching the youth. So, you all tell her, pastor wants her to come close out the service, do you know.
Okay, she will be out to close out the service. So, God knows all of this stuff, but it is interesting how He works and I went back and listened to her prayer, and I had all this stuff and all these details.

I said, “Look, I told you to preach just when what she said.” So, I had to scrap all that and just deal with what Yvette talked about and I know without question that there’s going to be something in what she said and what I expound upon about what she said, it’s going to bless at least one person and sometimes God, like Jesus did in the Pool of Bethesda, He’ll go to a crowded place just for one person. I know it’s one and I know it’s something that she said and that will be expounded upon. It’s going to bless somebody.

So, Aivy (ph), if you would, play Yvette’s prayer. It’s about three minutes long. This is her introduction of C. Elijah on this past Thursday.

Yvette: Looks like I’m back, hallelujah. Hallelujah! Thank you. Thank you, God. That song just spoke to me, oh Lord. That’s something we just need to cry out. Here we are, God, our arms wide open. So, often our arms are closed, our hands are closed. We can’t even receive the things He’s ready to give us and we’ve asked Him and we wonder why we don’t get it, but we’re close to Him. So, open your arms wide right now as we go before the throne in prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank you. Here we are, God, arms wide open, oh Lord, ready to receive whatever it is You have for us, oh God. God, we’re gracefully broken, oh Lord, but they say it’s nothing wrong with being broken for even the broken things work perfectly, oh God. And we are made perfect in You, oh God. So, thank you, oh Lord, for doing what it is that You will do in each and every one of us, oh God. And thank you, oh Lord, for bringing Pastor Charles before us, oh God. So, bring that word, oh Lord, that we will receive with our arms wide open.

Oh God, no longer will we be closed off to the things of you, oh God, but we accept them freely, oh God. No longer will we walk around with our arms folded, oh God, but we will have them wide open, ready, oh Lord, for what it is that You’re ready to deposit. We love You, oh God. You are so great and so good, oh Lord. Only You can unbreak the broken in us, oh God. So, we surrender it
all to You, oh Lord, so that we can be free because it says that pull the sun sets free is free indeed.

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So, we are free in You, oh God. We thank You for this day, this moment, this hour, this very second, oh God. We give You the glory on and praise and it’s in Your Son’s name that we pray now and forever. Amen, amen, amen. Hallelujah.

All righty, so that’s -- just call me up, God. Therefore, quick second, I don’t have a phone or a lick of verse and nothing on me, but we go through verses every Sunday with my babies upstairs so I better be able to pop one of them out because they’ll be men and say, “Ms. Yvette, you don’t even know the verses.” So, I’m going to just start with -- we do some alphabet verses up there so I’m going to start with that. Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the doors will be open unto you.

Now, I can’t remember the exact scripture where it came from, but we got to do some asking, some seeking and some knocking. Don’t expect God to do everything for you. You got to get out there and ask some questions.

You get out there to seek Him and we knock on some doors and He will open them for you. So, with that, I think it would be time for us to greet each other. So, let us go, pleasantly with our arms wide open, ready to give the biggest hug and the best hug that you know how because some of your brothers and sisters have not gotten a hug yet today. So, let’s stand and greet each other.

Nathaniel Bronner: All right, that was her opening. Aivy, I want you to play Segment One.

Yvette: It looks like I’m back. Hallelujah.

Nathaniel Bronner: That’s what she started with, because she had just finished the intercessory prayer. So, when I asked her to open up, she came back and she said, “It looks like I’m back.” Some of you all are back. You’ve been down, you’ve been beat. You don’t have some trouble, you don’t have some strife, but some of you, you’re back. You know, the Terminator movie, “I’ll be back.” You know, some of you had been beaten down, but you are back and this is the part of life that we have to understand even with some things.
Life goes through cycles. I don’t care who you are, I don’t care what you have. You’re going to have some ups, you’re going to have some downs.

The public may not know about it, but you know about it. You can’t read about folks down on Facebook because they don’t put that kind of stuff on Facebook. They only put the good stuff on social media. They put the face on social media. They don’t put the back side. So, it’s some stuff that all of us will go through, but when you are with God, you’re coming back.

So, even if you are down right now, hallelujah, I’m back. And see, sometimes, you have to declare the thing before the thing is. So, for those of you and you’ve got some issues right now and you wanted to -- just, “Hallelujah, I’m back”. So, it’s a privilege and an honor and it’s a grace and the mercy of God that no matter where we are, when we’re with God, we are coming back. Play the second segment.

Yvette: Hallelujah! Thank you. Thank you, God. That song just spoke to me, oh Lord.

Nathaniel Bronner: The second thing she said was, “Thank you.” Thank you. And see, these are simple principles but when you are thankful, it changes your whole world and that’s usually the difference between joy and misery. It’s not what folks have, it’s what you think before that makes a difference. And C. Elijah talked about that in his message on Thursday. What was it, C. Elijah? You said, if you got clean water, clothes on your back, food to eat and if you’ve got 20 dollars, you are richer than 75% of the people on the face of the earth.

If you’ve got food in your belly, clothes on your back, a place to live and 20 dollars, you are richer than 75% of the people on the face of the earth and yet, sometimes we got all this stuff and we’re not happy because we are focused on what we are missing. And a lot of people look at me, they say, “Pastor, that’s easy for you to say because you’ve got everything.” No, I don’t have everything. I don’t have everything I want. Thank goodness I don’t because there are some things I don’t want. I don’t have everything. There are some things I’m missing. I got some shortcomings in my life.
I have some struggles in my life, but I don't focus on the shortcomings and the struggles. I focus on the stuff I do have. See, right now, if you notice, even on the pictures that we have that we use publicly, now, I'm smiling. You know, I rarely used to smile because my teeth were crooked and I knew my teeth were crooked, but I didn't want to fix them because they were strong. They were strong and crooked. They really were. They were strong and crooked. So, because I was doing the Coach Bronner's and it would be so close up, I went ahead and got my teeth straightened.

Once I got my teeth straightened, I started smiling a whole lot more. I'll be in places and nobody -- “Boy, you got the prettiest smile,” and the more people tell me my smile was pretty, it is more I smile. And a few weeks ago I had a tooth and they had put a cap on this tooth and the thing broke, and it fell out. Now, the original tooth was strong, but the cosmetic teeth were not as strong. They look good, but they weren’t as strong.

See, some of us don’t look good, but they’re not as strong. Men, sometimes, you want to get -- I mean, look. Delicate women, you want to get you somebody strong. So, sometimes, this stuff, it looked good, but it’s not that strong. You know what I mean? So, it wasn’t strong. So, a tooth fell out right over here and you really can’t see it unless I smile real wide and right then. Now, see the thing about it is this, and this thing has been off for months. I have not gotten it fixed. I’m not sure when I’m going to get it fixed because the thing about it, I am not focusing on the tooth that’s missing. The smile still looked good unless I smile real wide you still can’t see it.

To be really joyous, you need to be thankful for the teeth you have and not focus on the tooth that’s missing, because people, you will always have something that you think is missing, always. It’s a rule of life. There’s no perfection in this material plain. I don’t care who you are or what you have been. What always be something that’s missing sooner or later. Now, sometimes you have some season where everything is working right, but it’s only a season, and that season will change, so your joy comes.

When you can just say -- when you understand the verse at all, things work together for good who love the Lord and are called
according to His purpose. When you’re in God’s will, everything works good. God had to deal with me because I was worried about something in my world and God just had to speak. He said, “Look,” and I just got to deal with the motion and he had carried me through all of this stuff. He said, “Do you see how I orchestrated you through the motion?” I said, “Yeah”. He said, “Look. You don’t think that I don’t care more about somebody’s other stuff than (00:12:23) in your world. If I orchestrated you to do that, why are you worried about this other stuff?” How much stuff has God taken you through and broke you through, but yet you’re worried about some other stuff? Be thankful for that what you have and understand God has all this stuff in His hands. So, that’s the second principle, just be thankful. Play the third segment.

Yvette: That’s something we just need to cry out. Here we are, God, our arms wide open. So, often our arms are closed, our hands are closed. We can’t even receive the things He’s ready to give us and we’ve asked Him and we wonder why we don’t get it, but we’re close to Him. So, open your arms wide right now as we go before the throne in prayer. Heavenly Father, thank you. Here were are, God, arms wide open, oh Lord, ready to receive whatever it is You have for us, oh God.

Nathaniel Bronner: Are you ready to receive whatever God has for you? See, the key of what she spoke was whatever God has for you. See, we often want to receive, but we only want to receive what we want. Pastors know this when people come to us for advice. They really don’t come to us for advice. They come to us for us to tell them what they want to do anyway. Am I telling you to -- I mean, they really don’t come for us to tell them what they are to do. They come to us, generally speaking, to tell them something to do that they already want to do anyway. And when you tell folks something they don’t want, “I really don’t want to do that. I just don’t want to do that.” Are you really open to whatever God has for you?

All of us claim that we want to be like Jesus, but would you want to be like Jesus if He sends you into the wilderness? Do we want Jesus’ path? See, all of us want to be (00:14:17) here and seek preacher, all and powerful sermons on the mountain. All of us want that, but we don’t want the bitter cup. Are you ready to receive -- can you really say, “Lord, just use me, use me up, use me up, Lord”? And then, God tells you, “Go, my child,” and you
go down in the ghetto and you work with them in the ghetto. You say, “Hold up. I want you to use me, Lord, but I want to be up in the (00:14:46). I don’t want to be down in the ghetto.” Are you ready? And I've had experiences dealing with it. It’s just stuff God has told me to do. I just didn’t want to do it. There are some people who God has told me to go administer to, I just didn’t want to do it.

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I still have stuff, to this day, God has issues with me doing what He tells me to do because some of the stuff, I just don’t want to do it. But when you open yourself up with open arms and truly can say, “Lord, whatever You command me to do, I will do it.” When you open yourself up to that point, God can then pour blessings upon you because you are obedient and it’s hard to pour blessings on a disobedient child. You want to pour the blessings on those who are obedient. Do we have open arms, folks, whatever God sends to us? Play the next segment.

Yvette: God, we gracefully broken, oh Lord, but they say that it’s nothing wrong with being broken for even the broken things work perfectly, oh God. And we are made perfect in You, oh God. We love you, oh God. You are so great and so good, oh Lord. Only You can unbreak the broken in us, oh God.

Nathaniel Bronner: All of us has some stuff that’s been broken, but do you know an unbroken person is really hard to deal with, because there's too much pride. That’s why before Jesus could give, He had to break. Before He could give the bread, He had to break it. He gave thanks, broke it and then gave it. In order for us to even be given to the world, often, we’ll have to be broken. Most of the stuff I've learned, I've learned because something has hit me and broken me. That lotion (ph), it’ll have a story that will never be the same because I had to go through some problems. See, everything, it just worked out perfect.

See I rate movies on moviefoot.com, so I see all that are national movies. It’s not a good a movie without a struggle, do you understand that? The villain often is the thing that makes the movie. So, sometimes in our life, it’s the struggle that makes the thing interesting and it is the struggle that makes you strong.
I worked out with Ringo and Ringo is a rough for those of you who go -- he got a free class Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m., absolutely free, but don’t walk into Ringo with a chair. But when you walk out on Ringo after you stay with him for a few months, you will become stronger and better, but Ringo just pushes you to the limit. And when I work out with Ringo, Ringo said, “Pastor, you can have --” I said, “Man, that thing is too heavy.” And Ringo say this, “That’s all right, go ahead and try it. If you can't make it, I got you.” And he’ll be there to just help lift it when my muscles go shaking. Ringo will be right there to pull it up. That’s the way God is.

See, God will say, “Look, my child, you’re broken, but I got you.” Go ahead and see He'll send you through some stuff that just about feel like He’s going to break you. Great faith is not made without great trials and tribulation, it’s just not. You’re just not tested if you haven’t gone through some. All of the folks who really are strong and great, they had been through some stuff. They had been through some stuff that God had said they have been broken. And there are somethings that only God can put back together again. Play the next segment.

Yvette: So, we surrender it all to you, oh Lord, so that we can be free because it says that pull the sun, sets free is free indeed. So, we are free in You, oh God.

Nathaniel Bronner: You know, there’s a really freedom when you walk in God, because you just don’t worry about stuff. And nobody can truly bind you and when you're in God, you're free from so much of the material stuff that binds. See, most of us, number one, we've opened our arms. About 80% of folks got one thought when they open their arms, same as with money, (00:18:42) hand for some blessing that’s my 80% of the people. That’s the thought. It runs through their head is send me some money.

Do you know how free you become when you become free from just the greed of money? And some of the things that when we really understand where God wants to take us, because most of the time when we hear somebody tell, increase in blessing, 80% of it is nothing but material stuff, and that’s the stuff that often binds so many of us.

It’s got us broken down, stressed out because we’re trying to get all the stuff that we don’t even need in the first place and it has
us bound. So, when you can learn to truly follow Jesus, you become free. Many of us are trying to get God so we can get stuff. We’re trying to get God so we can get goods, and that binds you. It does not free you. Play the next segment.

Yvette: We thank you for this day, this moment, this hour, this very second, oh God. We give You the glory, honor and praise, and it's in Your Son’s name that we pray now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

Nathaniel Bronner: She said, “We thank You this day, for this very day, this very hour, this very minute, this very second.” James and, I we attend a monthly meeting of CEOs.

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Each month, they’ll have an expert to come in and train us on some aspect of business or life. In this month, the expert was an expert of what’s called mindfulness, and had all these degrees and all of this stuff. Basically, they were teaching us about mindfulness. You know what mindfulness is when you boil it down on a nutshell, you’re living right now, because all mindfulness is living right now.

I had my kids listen to a book called The Next Right Thing and it has to do with it. If you can just focus your mind on it, don’t worry about all of the stuff from the past, all of the stuff for the future, you just do the next right thing. And if you do the next right thing, it keeps you in line and it takes your future up, when you can do the next right thing. Don’t worry about tomorrow, you do the thing that you’re supposed to do right now. And if you do what you’re supposed to do right now, tomorrow just has a way of taking care of itself. And when you get to tomorrow, you do the thing you’re supposed to do then. So, that’s what Yvette really was saying, “Lord, we thank You for this very hour, this very day, this very minute. We thank you for right -- you all just have to say right now.”

If you do what you’re supposed to do right now, life has a way of working out and you don’t have to worry. See, generally, when you worry about tomorrow, is because you haven’t done what you’re supposed to do today, or you didn’t do what you’re supposed to do yesterday. So, if you do what you’re supposed to do right now, the future takes care of itself. Play the next segment.
Yvette: We got to do so some asking, some seeking and some knocking. Don’t expect God to do everything for you, you got to get out there and ask some questions. You get out there to seek Him and then knock on some doors and He will open them for you.

Nathaniel Bronner: You got to work. I see so much in life, and so much -- especially in the Christian world where we just want God to do everything. I had to go and visit someone who was considerably up in age and they were basically kind of an involute stage and they were telling me, they said, “You know, your mama used to call us and tell us to go walk in. And she used to say we were lazy.” And they just told me, they said, “Look, I told your mama I am not going to walk.” The problem is you’re have the same age as mama and they can’t walk. They’re actually way more spiritual than mama.

God is not going to do for you what you can do for you and too often we want God to do what God has put in our power to do. You had to get up and move and you got to ask, you got to seek and you got to knock. I hear these words sometimes it kind of let me know they’re not going anywhere on waiting on God. Usually, when you hear that, they’re doing exactly that, they wait. I’m just waiting on God. Now, you do need to wait on God, don’t get me wrong about that. But generally speaking, they’re just waiting on God and you check on them next year, they’re waiting on God. You check on them after that, they’re waiting on God. And they’re still now waiting on God and they’re not doing what God has empowered them to do.

Let me tell you another one on statement. I’m just going to be still. I’m just being still. There are times when you absolutely need to be still. I’m still for an hour every day. I’m still in prayer I’m still trying to communicate and hear from God, but once (00:23:36) go to work. If you’re just being still 24/7, I can tell you right now, stuffs aren’t going to still be the way it is. So, you have to move and you have to do what God has empowered you to do. Everybody in the Bible when they really accomplish it, they will move it and say, God will strengthen your move, but He will tell you what to do. If He doesn’t tell you what to do, do what you know you need to do in wisdom.

So, whatever situation you have, you seek God. Now, see, just like even I gave you the example of the lotion, I’m praying to God,
but do you know when I think of the thing and I was in the lab, I was in the lab on Memorial Day. I was in there working because I knew my time was running out for the next batch. I needed to see if I can get this thing figured out and He wouldn't go give me the answer, sitting up still praying. He could have, but He wasn't. He said, "Boy, I want you to do what you can do. I'm going to give you a clue, don't change the format." That's all he would tell me. "I'm going to tell you want not to do." That leaves a whole world of possibility what you can do. Do you know if you do what you can do and makes you don't know what he told you not to do, and told you not to be a designer, don't steal, don't do this, so you got a whole list of don'ts, but that leads a whole world of what you can do.

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And when you do what you can do, it will change your world. Play the next segment.

Yvette: I think it would be time for us to greet each other. So, let us go, pleasantly with our arms wide open, ready to give the biggest hug and the best hug that you know how, because some of your brothers and sisters have not gotten a hug yet today. So, let's stand and greet each other.

Nathaniel Bronner: That was what she closed out with and sometimes, that's just a physical thing, you just open it up. Sometimes we get cold wind hugging. And some of your relationships would just change if you just did more hugging. Sometimes, just the physical hugging changes when relationships have no physical, they're going to grow cold. I can just about guaranty you that. If you just don't want them, just hug them for just a change. Do you know people have less accidents if they kiss and hug before they leave for work every day? Absolutely do.

So, right now, I'm going to ask Yvette to come up and close this out. And as she come up, you all just stand and give about a 10-second hug and you can sit back on the seat. She's bringing her man with her. She got his man here to hug.

Yvette Hallelujah. To my surprise, I was told that I would be coming down here without a clue of what's happening, except he said he played your prayer from Thursday which I probably don't remember, but that's all good. The message was wonderful. For
me, I'm talking about the hugging and having our arms open and doing our part. And we waited for God to do, but we got to do too.

So, I've been doing it. I got off the plane this morning and came straight here to church. I went for those who remember our baby miracle, she graduated this week. And so, it was my time to do my best to get there and so I did that, not knowing that I would come here. And then I got my babies up there working some stuff. And my spirit for today was like, “La Kreshia, I need you to come back and help, but I got to stay with the bands then.” No, you got to come up here and help me. And praise the Lord that she’s up helping me now so I could be here. Now, babies are still attended too, right?

So, one of the biggest things as we close out, I don't remember the prayer. I didn’t hear the segments, but that was just -- I always say, I'm not one that I'd be like, “God told me this or God said that, but I know when I know, when I know, when I know when He speaks to me and when I do what He says, what I think He's saying, magic happens, people. I'm going to tell you, it is beautiful.

So, when the Pastor asked me on Thursday to open up the service after I had already done our intercessory prayer, and he says, “I want you to close.” I was, “How can this? What I’m going to do?” I said, “Oh, Pastor Charles went to seventh, fifth and ninth, I'm good. I don't have to do it. Right?

So, here I am today. When God says do it, you're going to do it. Right?

So, I want to go in, I'm praying out. So, I want to end with actually, one of the things that stuck on me from Pastor Charles on Thursday. He said the three words, our job, our purpose in life is to live, love and matter. Then he broke it down and the quote, I remember I hope right was that, our life isn't measured by the number of people who serve us, it’s measured by the number of people we serve. And sometimes I feel like I'm going way extra and I'm doing all of this extra, and I think my husband sometimes is like, “You're doing too much” or as my god daddy was saying, “You're doing the most.”

But I'm going to tell you, when it comes back, I'm not looking forward to come back to me. I'm never looking for what's going to
happen to me because God’s got me and God has you. Never look for, “I did this for you because I want something back.”

But years later, when the little girl who was seven or six, when she left us and she said, “I want you to be at my graduation,” that was my payback. When somebody comes back to you and says, “That little smile you gave me the other day, you don’t know what that meant for me.” Those are the things that matter.

So, when you keep your arms open, when you expect God to do something big for you, and when I say big, I’m not -- people would be like, “The mega millions, I want that,” but that’s not necessarily my big. Your big might be that your child comes back to you and says, “Mama, I’m sorry.” Your big may be that your relationship is restored and healed. Your big might be you got into school you’re like the S student for four years.

You don’t know what that big is, but if you expect God to do it, He’s going to do it to you all. So, let’s stand. It’s 12:29, we’ve got to close this thing out in prayer. I’m so grateful that I just say, God, whatever you want me to do, I’m going to do it. He has had me do some things that I didn’t think was possible and I’m just going to keep saying, yes God, use me. So, my challenges to you all today, say, “Yes, God, use me.” Let’s say it. I’d like who -- they just did it without me asking, “Yes, God, use me.”

Heavenly Father, we just thank You this day, oh God. We are Your vessels, oh Lord, here to do Your will, oh God. You said that may Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Well, we’re here to make heaven here on earth because of You, God. We thank You, God, for being so good to us. We expect greatness because You are great, oh Lord. We thank You for being sovereign over every little issue we have, God.

We may be given answer, these cancers, diseases, heartache, broken heart, whatever it is, but God, You’re bigger than all of that. And so, we aren’t got to worry, oh Lord. Thank you for being our healer, our Father, our God, our provider, our protector, our comforter, our friend. Thank you, God, for just showing us the way, oh Lord. We’ll take that one step because we know, God, in our one step, God, You’re going to make it 10, 20, 30 and 100. So, God, we give you all the glory of this day, all the honor of this day,
all the praise this day and we just love You, oh Lord. You are good and You are worthy to be praised and we say in Your Son’s name. Amen, Amen, Amen. Hallelujiah!

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