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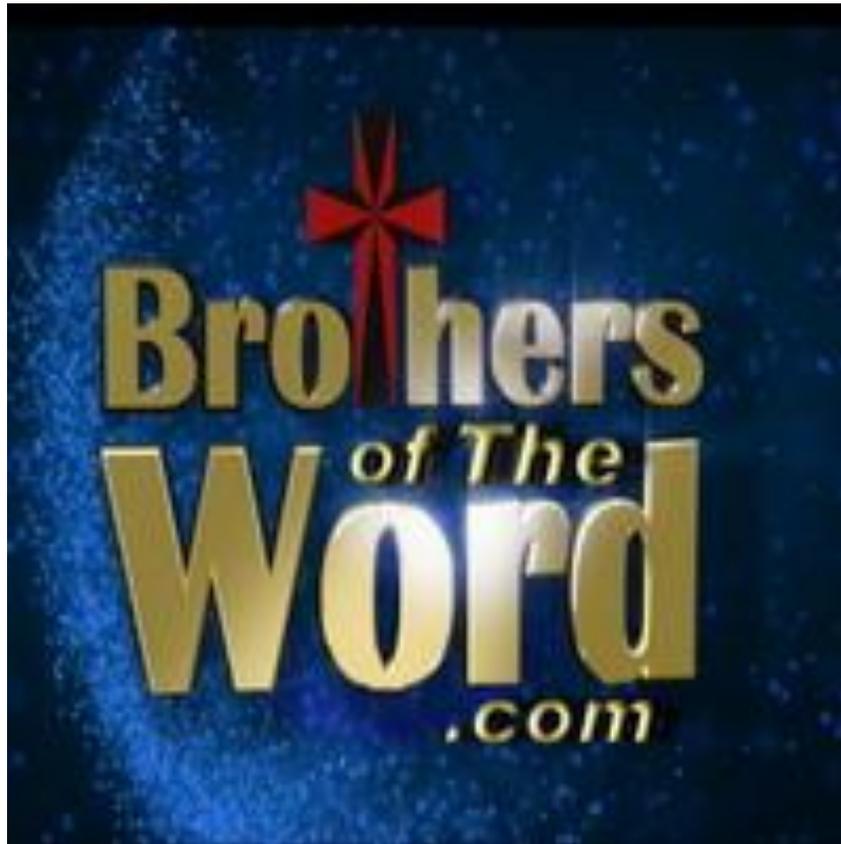
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Female: And now for, The Plagues of Egypt, Part 8, The Plague of Frogs.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Now today is our streaming service and as everyone knows, we're in the middle of this virus pandemic and it's no accident that God has had me preaching even before this thing began on the plagues of Egypt. And today, we're going to deal with that second plague of Egypt which is called the plague of frogs and with each plague, God says He's going to kind of relate this to the thing that we're dealing with today because the plagues of old are still the same things we are plagued with today. They may have a different form and some of them actually are the same things, frogs are a little bit different but yet and still, it's a very similar principle. So, I want to go ahead and just show you the video that we have just about the plague of frogs.

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Male: The Lord spoke to Moses, "Go into Pharaoh and tell him this is what the Lord says. Let my people go that they may serve me. If you refuse to let them go, behold I will plague all your borders with frogs and the river shall swarm with frogs which shall go up and come into your house and into your bedroom and on your servants, and on your people and into your ovens and into your kneading troughs. And the frogs shall come up both on you and on your people and on all your service."

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, stretch out your hand and with your rod over the rivers, over the streams and over the pools and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt."

Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

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Nathaniel Bronner: Now, when Moses told Pharaoh about the frogs and the frogs came and they infested Egypt, first of all, I asked God, "What's the significance for us today with this?" And this is what God says, "Basically, every single plague brings with it byproducts that are not particularly the same as the original plague." For example, right now, we're dealing with this virus situation, but yet there are so many other things that stem from the virus and it's not the virus itself.

The virus causes sickness, but yet thing is causing extreme economic hardship, it's causing depression, it's causing an increase in domestic violence because people are cooped up in the house and they can't get away from each other. So, even though the virus may not physically make most of the people sick, it is affecting most of the people in offshoots of the virus.

See, when the Nile River was changed from water to blood, it changed the environment. And as a result, all these other critters just started breeding and that's what we have with this virus. It's not just the illness, it's the other things that come even beyond the illness that for many people have a much more devastating effect than the original plague itself.

So, the frog is kind of one of these things. It's an offshoot of the original water and the blood that caused the whole environment to change in the river and it causes all of these critters to multiply and to grow and to overrun the land.

But here we have Pharaoh and Moses. And here we have frogs that are everywhere. Can you imagine you opening your refrigerator and frogs jump out, frogs in your bed, frogs in your oven, frogs in your car, just frogs everywhere? The thing about frogs, frogs are not deadly. As a matter of fact, frogs cannot harm you at all. Frogs are a nuisance issue.

There are some things and it really cannot hurt you but it's a serious nuisance. So, here we have all these frogs and there's some things in your life like that and they are nuisance, but they're not deadly. They really won't hurt you, they just annoy you. And you have to sometimes learn to separate the difference

between things that are deadly, things that are harmful versus things that just upset you. And there's sometimes a big difference in understanding the difference in those two.

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But one of the major things about this offshoot from the water and the blood, all of these frogs -- when Moses went to Pharaoh and Moses had told Pharaoh in advance that the frogs were coming. And now, the frogs are here, the frogs are everywhere regardless of how great the palace is, regardless of how fine Pharaoh's bed is, there's all these frogs in his bed. There's all the frogs in the bed of Pharaoh and there's all the frogs in the Queen's bed. Now, Pharaoh may could have handled the frogs a lot better than the Queen, because sometimes if a bed is full of frogs, even the man didn't like it, but women, oh my goodness! That's a whole different level.

So, I imagined Mrs. Pharaoh has given him much more trouble than anybody else about all those frogs in the palace. So, here, Moses comes to Pharaoh and here, we'd be looking at Exodus, Chapter 8 in the 9th verse, NIV version: "Moses said to Pharaoh, I leave you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your house may be rid of the frogs except for those that remain in the Nile."

So, basically, Moses says to Pharaoh, "I give you the power to tell me when to pray and to have God remove these frogs from your house, your official's house and the people of the land. When do you want these frogs removed?" Pharaoh gave Moses one word and that one word was tomorrow. In other words, Pharaoh said, by indicating the word tomorrow that let me sleep with these frogs one more night.

Procrastination. It's one of the greatest things that we deal with, the things we should do right now and there are so many things that all of us need to be doing right now that we have put off until tomorrow. And as the old adage goes, "Tomorrow never comes."

How many things have you put off that you should've been doing already, that should've been done, that should've been accomplished and that would have been producing fruit in your

world, but you did not do it simply because of that one word, that one attitude, that one decision called tomorrow?

And there's a man who says simply this, "All decisions are now. There's no such thing as deciding tomorrow. You make a decision and the decisions that you make right now will affect the decisions that you make tomorrow." It's as simple as that. There are no delayed decisions. You decide right now -- even if you decide, "I'm not going to decide" that's a decision and that decision makes a difference and that decision affects your world.

How long do you want to sleep with those frogs? When will you make the change that you know God is pressing you and pushing you and putting on your heart and soul to make that change?

Now, we're dealing with this virus situation. And I know you're saying, "Well, Pastor, how does a virus situation get anything to do with me procrastinating?" First of all, there is the issue of preparation. That's why all of the people were crowded into stores preparing for a disaster. But everybody was not in the stores crowded. You know, some people were already prepared. The thing about it is this, this is not the final thing that's coming upon this land. It's not even the roughest thing of what God has spoken. We have some rougher stuff coming. Now, the thing about it is this, when are you going to prepare for that thing?

There are some people called preppers that have plenty of food and plenty of toilet tissue, they got plenty of water, they got plenty of supplies already. You know something else is coming. So, are you going to be in line with everybody else trying to get supplies or will you be one of the few who are already prepared? Because often times, when a disaster hits, you may not have time to go and get stocked up. But there's a huge difference between those who are already prepared and those who are in the line at the last minute getting prepared. The difference between those who get it done and do what they need to do right now as opposed to those who wait and end up in the line or in a situation and they have not prepared for what they know would eventually come.

I want you to do as one person say, "I want you to stop stewing and start doing." "What?" Stop stewing and start doing. Stop complaining, fussing, worrying about stuff. Stop stewing and start doing. You cannot stew and do at the same time. It's like you cannot have faith and fear at the same time. So, when you

become pro-active, when you start moving, when you start doing and then there's some that said, "Well, what can I do?" First of all, you can start preparing your body for the next virus because the real difference in that is how strong your immune system is.

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So, you start preparing your body now for the next virus that will come because a lot of times, you can't prepare for it when someone sneezes on you. You need to have your immune system strong before they sneeze on you. When are you're going to do that? Right now. That's the difference between those who will be prepared and well and happy and prosperous versus those who'll be in the line and sometimes run short or sick or in lack.

The time to prepare is before the need arises, but most people procrastinate. They say, "Tomorrow, I will get ready. Tomorrow I will prepare." Tomorrow, get rid of the frog as opposed to saying "Today, I will do. I won't stew. I will do. I'm not going to sit just fuss and complain. I'm going to and I'm going to do and get prepared of what can I do right now."

One of the things you can do to get prepared is the series that I preached before I began the Plagues of Egypt which was spiritual exercises. Exercises are number one factor in your health. Now, I believe in praying by all means, but let me tell you something, every one of the Brothers of the Word has a serious workout schedule. We believe in prayer. We believe in the power of prayer, but what we have seen, those in shape simply weather the storm of disease a whole lot better or they don't get sick in the first place.

There's a story of a man. He said, "Look, I bought a stationary bike. I bought a rowing machine. I bought a stepper and I bought a trampoline. It had all these gadgets on and they will track my heart rate. It would track my progress." He said it had everything on all of these machines except one critical thing. The device that would cause me to get started. Some of you got memberships. We have a program at the church. There's a free exercise class which you can come to on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. It's not operational now because the city has been shut down. But as soon as the thing is lifted in about another week, it will be operational again.

So, the thing about it most of us say, “I’m going to start getting my body in shape. I’m going to start exercising tomorrow, or next week or next month or I’m going to wait to the first of year. I’m going to wait the full of Sunday. I’m going to wait to this. I’m going to wait until I turn a certain age. I’m going to wait.” And we end up sleeping with the frogs one more night and often, what happens when we get into the habit of procrastination, we never get started.

So, the man had all this equipment and some of you right now, you got treadmills in your house. You got bicycles in your house. You got running shoes. You got gym shorts. You got this tight yoga pants on for exercise. You got all this stuff, some of you got gym memberships. You got all this stuff, but you’re not using the stuff that you have. You got diet plans. You know what to eat. You’ve got even prayer plans. You know when to pray. You know how to pray and you’re going to start on all of these stuff tomorrow.

The time is now, and it’s not just because we got virus in the land, you need to do this on a constant basis. I have to struggle with standing straight on the constant basis in that way, I never have to walk in fear. I don’t have to worry about what’s coming because I’ve done what I am supposed to do and God has taught me, “When you do what you’re supposed to do, I’m with you. I got you.” And God has even got me with grace and mercy when I don’t do what I’m supposed to do. But I realized the more I do when I’m supposed to do when I’m supposed to do it, not waiting until tomorrow, somehow the more God seems to bless me.

As I used to say, the harder I work, the lucky I get. The more I exercise, the less disease I have to deal with. The more you do what you are supposed to do, the more blessed you become. It’s as simple as that and it’s always been that way in the Bible. The Bible has always been about people acting and doing. It’s got faith, but faith without works is dead. You’ve got to do what you’re supposed to do and I believe the message for you today is to do it now. Don’t wait until tomorrow. Don’t wait, “You know, Pastor Bronnie is really preaching a good message. I knew I’ve been -- I’m going to start on that thing tomorrow.” No, no, no. The minute this stream stops, whatever it is that you know you needed to do, you need to get on that thing right away. You need to turn off the monitor. Turn off your phone and get on the thing right away, start working on them frogs right now.

A famous preacher once went through the Bible and he was looking for the most destructive word in the Bible and he put through everything. He looked to all kind of words, all kind of scenarios, all kind situation, what he decided was the most destructive single word in the bible was tomorrow. People who intended to get right with God and they never did because they put it off big, big, big difference.

I want to read for you a portion of the Book of Acts that dealt with Felix.

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Felix is not a real popular character. A lot of you didn't even know Felix. You never heard of Felix. All you can think about is Felix the Cat. But, no, Felix was a real character in the Bible, in the Book of Acts and it's really important. Let me read you just what the Bible says about Felix. This is from the Book of Acts, Chapter 24, beginning at the 22nd verse, the NIV version.

“Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the way, adjourned the proceedings. When Lysias the commander comes,” he said, “I will decide your case.” He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs. Several days later, Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.” At the same time, he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him. When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.”

And the thing about is Felix told Paul when it is convenient. In other words, later, or in other words in line with our message for today, “Tomorrow”. Two years later, Felix still had not accepted Christ. Procrastination can sometimes put more people in hell than anything else. “I’m going to get straight when I get older. I’m young. This is my young, I ain’t going to spend my time following God in my youth. No, no, no. I’ll wait, I’ll get older.” And when you get older, you got the same type of mentality and

another excuse about why you cannot do and go to God. Procrastination is going to put a whole lot of folk in hell. There's some of you, you're listening to me right now and you either have never accepted Christ or you accepted him, but you kind of wandered away from the faith much like the children of Israeli did so much to the Bible.

Every generation, by the time they went two generations, they went away from God and they begin serving other gods and not following what God had told them to do. Often that happens with us, we get on far, we get emotional. We accept Christ and before we know it, we're back to the old ways. I just want ask and talk to those of you in particular right now and you either need to commit or you need to recommit, and you need to do this thing today. You need to do this thing not an hour from now, but if you know you need to do it and this is kind of the way it is with life and with decisions. It's kind of almost like this five second rule. And we know in five seconds whether we really going to do this thing, when we're convicted in our hearts and in our minds and we know it in our spirit. Five seconds it all it takes. I know I need to do this and if you need to do this, you need to start on this thing right now. You don't need to wait. God is talking to you right now and there are some of you who are watching the stream right now and you know this thing.

So, if you know this thing, I want you to just first of all lift up your hands right now and I want you to just pray the prayer of salvation with me. You may be there by yourself. You may be sitting with family and you may be sitting with friends. You may be sitting in an airport waiting on a plane or in a bus station. It doesn't matter where you are and don't worry about what people are going to think. If you know you need to do this, don't let the excuse of place or time deter you from what you know you need to do. It's simple. It's going to take less than a minute, but it's a path of something that you know you need to do and you know you need to do it right now.

For those of you, and this message of the frogs and one more night and tomorrow really resonates. Now for some of you, you're already saved. You've been following Christ. You're solidly in God's will, but there's some things in the natural that you know you should do and God didn't have to tell you. So, God is not going to tell you some of these things I've talked about. He's not going to tell you to exercise. He's not going to tell you some of the stuff.

Some of the stuff you just know you need to do. He's not going to tell you to spend more time with your children. He's not going to tell you to treat your spouse right, to take care of their needs.

Some of these things, God just not going to speak to you. It may be in his work but you know them already. And you know, you needed to do it because first of all, let me tell you something -- the areas that you know you need to work in of the same areas you have the pain and the problem. So, if you got a pain and a problem in an area of your life, that's the area you need to start working on, putting more focus on, in an area the stuff is going really, really, really good, you're already more than likely putting focus in that area. So, that kind of gives you a good key of the areas where you need to work on. Those are the areas where you have pain, and you have the problem and if you got pain and problem in an area, you need to spend more time working on those areas and you need to start on that right now.

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But for those of you and you're not right with Christ or you have fallen away and you need to dedicate or rededicate your life, right now, I just want you to just hold up your hands and close your eyes and I want you to just repeat after me wherever you are. For some of you, you know there's a friend who needs to hear this message. You can go to brothersoftheword.com. You can send them this message absolutely free of charge and if you know that friend or friends that popped in your mind, you need to do that right now, right now, right now.

For those of you who need to come back to Christ or go to Christ in the beginning, just bow your head and repeat after me.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you right now a sinner, but Lord, I come to you wanting to get right. I believe that you sent your son, Jesus the Christ to die for my sins and I believe he was crucified and rose again on the third day and Heavenly Father, I commit right now to accept Jesus the Christ as my personal Lord and savior. And Father, I commit right now to make changes that reflect that commitment right now, this day, this minute, this second, I put your name right there. I, be it Nathaniel H. Bronner, Jr., I make a commitment to follow Jesus right now. Lord in thy son Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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