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Female: And now for "The Plagues of Egypt, Part 18, The Plague of Walking Away from the Father."

Nathaniel Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. And right now, I am still in the middle of a series called, "The plagues of Egypt" and even after the 10 classic plagues of Egypt, it's the longest series I've ever preached but I'll tell you, we're going through right now some of the toughest stuff we've ever seen in most of our lifetimes. God knew these plagues were coming. And now I'm on the final three. Did one last week and this was after the children of Israel had gotten their freedom, even after freedom, after they were released from slavery, they still had plagues. And last week I dealt with the plague of first words of what they spoke and how that thing came to pass. You can go to brothersoftheword.com and listen to all of the series of the plagues of Egypt because these plagues that came on the Egyptians and the children of Israel are still with us today and they're coming back in that same manner.

So as I was going over some of the things God that told me, I went back and I actually watched my first sermon of the year and it was called, "The Pastor Struggles Part 2" and there was something in that sermon that I had forgotten. AV played the second video clip and I want to just show you just an excerpt from my first sermon of the year and what happened, right at midnight as I was praying, the first thing that happened after midnight. A mosquito bit me and you would say to yourself look like if God -- I wasn't sure whether an angel would appear. I didn't know what was going to happen you I was expecting some great to happen. A mosquito bit me first at 12 o'clock 0, not even 01 like one second after the thing hit 12 o'clock, a mosquito bit me.

Is say, “What in the world.” See, sometimes people no matter even if you’re trying to do right, you’re going to get some blood suckers attach themselves to you. Stuff just don’t happen. You can’t avoid it. Even when you’re doing what God has told you to do, you will get some blood suckers do attach themselves to you. So, God was telling me even as you move into this new season, you’re going to get bit, going to be some stuff happen that you may not like, but don’t worry about I made the bloodsuckers. See, God created everything and sometimes you create situations that you have to go through for varying reasons that you may not understand at the time.

Now, I didn’t understand when that mosquito bit me, but I knew it was not accidental. I’ve been on that island all day, had been sitting there 30 minutes. You’ll remember the story, I was in a little island in the Bahamas and where God had told me to be in right at midnight, a mosquito bit me. I knew it was not accidental, but I’m saying to myself, “Lord, the first thing that happened to me in the New Year’s I get bit. What kind of sign is that?” Now, I understand. See sometimes you don’t understand that God was trying to say, “Look. There’s some stuff coming. There’s some stuff coming this year. But it’ll only be a slight irritation to you.”

It’s not going to destroy you. It may cause a little redness. It may cause a little scratching. It may cause a little itching. It may cause you a little discomfort but it’s not going to destroy you and I kill that mosquito. So the thing about it, God showed me at the beginning of the year is going to be some stuff coming. This is not going to be like you thinking because I was sitting in that place. I told you if you hadn’t heard the sermon. While I was sitting there waiting on something majestic to happen and the minute anything turned midnight, a mosquito bit me. We were waiting on some real big heavy-duty stuff coming this year. None of us expected this. None of us expected all of the turmoil that has happened with this year. None of us expected this but God knew the plagues of Egypt were coming.

So God knew. So as we get ready to deal with today. As the children of Israel had left Egypt as they had become free, I was on Instagram and somehow in my feed was this video? It’s a video by a hair stylist called razor chicken. I don’t really follow her. I don’t follow any hair stuff, but it was in my feed for some reason and God says watch this and he said, “Watch it three times.” I

watched it then he said I want you to play this during your message and I want you to play the whole thing. I said, Lord, I can't trim." He said, "No, no you played the whole thing. Don't trim any of it out. So AV, I want you to play the video. Play this, it's long. But it's a reason I've learned it. I want you to watch every minute of it. I want you to listen to every word and it's a hairstylist, but that's alright. Go ahead AV and go ahead and play the video.

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Nathaniel Bronner: Well, that's it. It's an interesting video and it ties in to this second plea that the children of Israel faced as they were leaving Egypt and it's simply the plague of walking away from the Father. The children of Israel went through the same thing this lady went through and see she noticed there was something wrong while she was sitting in the chair. She realized it why she was losing her hair was because she had walked away from the father. I don't know what all we have lost or what are we have failed to get that was do us because we have walked away from the father and the children of Israel when they left Egypt, Moses had such a hard time trying to keep the children of Israel with God.

When Moses went up on the mountain when he came back, what had happened? They had just gone all the way from God. They built the golden calf. They were worshiping other gods. They were doing all kind of stuff and it made Moses so mad. He just threw the tablets down or just broke the tablets. This lady in the video recognized and as I went back and when God told me to watch it three times, it wasn't until I was watching it the third time that I saw the tears that started to come down her face before she even began talking. So she started crying and then she started moaning and the hairstylist couldn't even understand what she was saying. Just take your mask. I can't she started crying first, then she went to moaning and then she went to talking because kind of sometimes the stages that we are going through. We sometimes will begin to shed tears. We got stuff wrong and often we don't realize, the plagues that have come into our world are because we've left the father.

And this thing happens on an Earthly plane even just dealing with our natural fathers. Often what has happened, we either left the father's instruction or the fathers have left. So there's a problem – see with our heavenly father, he never leaves but the

Earthly father and holding ball game, but oftentimes we have issues that if you check prison statistics, 95 percent plus of all of the men in prison claim they have big issues with their father, either he wasn't there or they have major problems with their fathers. When we can get it right with our Earthly father and when we can get it right with our Heavenly Father, it changes our lives significantly, but there's a pattern that humans go through when we walk away from the father and they're basically about eight things that happened. They happened in the Garden of Eden. They happened when the children of Israel were freed from slavery and you would think their day of freedom made all the difference in the world, but every single one of those who was freed on that day in Egypt died in the wilderness except for two people. So even their freedom from man's oppression did not bring them true freedom because they walked away from God.

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And sometimes it's like that the minute God frees us and blesses us, we leave him. The minute the pressure is off. The minute the riches come. The minute the fame come. The minute we get what we want. The minute the new job comes. The minute the new house comes. The minute we get a new relationship. I got it now. I don't have to pray that much anymore. And she went through some stages in the video. She first of all stopped assembling together in the churches and it makes a big difference now. I'm not talking to anybody who's not here because of the virus. You're not here truly because of the virus. You don't need to come back. I talked to my mother this morning and my mother who's 86 years old. I'm having a hard time remember how mommy is myself but she said, "I'm coming back to church next Sunday." I said, "Mama, I don't know about that. You might not need to come. I really don't think my mother's going to catch the virus even if she came in contact with it because she doesn't catch colds or immune system is strong. She'd been working out every day. She taking us seven Shield. I don't think mother going to catch it, but I said mother I wouldn't recommend that you stay right there.

So my mother will not be back on next Sunday, but there are some of you and you're truly not in church for legitimate reasons because the virus poses a threat or you have older people who you're with and you don't want to bring it back to them. So I fully understand it's not talking about that. Most of the people who have walked away from God, they walked away from God the

before this virus. And most of the stuff, we're really -- you were distant from God. You were distant from church. They weren't seeing you in church before the virus. So that you won't had given your money before the virus. So it really has nothing to do with the virus. Some patterns were there long before the virus. The virus is just another convenient excuse but it's not the real reason. So the plague of walking away from the father. There are eight things that happened and we can recognize these things in our lives when they begin to happen and if we recognize them in our lives and can stop them in our steps, it can save us from some things.

Number one is we question God's word. It's like what the serpent told Eve, "Did God really say that?" We questioned God's word, but in order for you to question God's word, first thing you got to do is to know God's word. Is this Christian way really? I mean, I don't know about that. I believe in that situational ethics. I'm just a good person. I don't need to confess my life to Jesus. All I need to do is just do good stuff. We question God's word and when Satan can get you questioning God's word, you've taken the first step away from the father. That's the first step. The second thing we do is we question God's goodness. If God is in control, if God is our father, my sons who are here, they may not like some of the strict stuff daddy will do. Sometimes when daddy tells them to do something, they may not want to do it. Some of the places that Daddy will tell them to go. They may not want to go. They may question or know whether they want to do something or not. But there's one thing they never questioned. They never questioned that Daddy is telling them to do this for their own good.

They know I'm not trying to hurt them. They know I'm not trying to destroy them. They know I'm not trying to kill them. They know what I want is only for their best interest that they know. They may not like it. They may not want to do it, but they know Daddy has their best interest at heart and they also know Daddy does not have all power. I'm limited myself. I got challenges myself. It's like the lady in the video. Everybody got something. She said no, I ain't my church because I don't care what church you go to is going to be some stuff out here what church you go to and that's just the truth. So at least you recognize that. That's the second thing the devil will come sometimes bring it up. We question God's goodness.

And if we know this world is controlled by a benevolent, a Divine Father, no matter what happens, we know God has it in control. Now, it may be sometimes God may have to spank us or spank the world or bring some things into the world to correct some things just like when children have to be corrected. They don't like it. They absolutely don't like it and often they don't understand it, but they know a good parent only has their well-being at heart. So the devil gets us to question God's word. Then he gets us to question the goodness of God. The third thing that happens is we believe Satan's lie. We believe Satan's lie and the world will tell you a whole lot of lies. They will put a lot of images. They will put a lot of heroes in front of you and here have you seen this is the way you are to live your life. This is who you are to the father. This is what you ought to be.

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And a lot of times but that ain't what a Christian person poses to be but they have a lot of fun. Look at them, they're just loving life. They don't show you the dark side. Satan never shows you the ugly side of stuff which is always the biggest and the longest side, he only shows you the temporary, pleasant, sweet side that will turn sour sooner or later. So number one, we first of all question God's word. Number two, we question God's goodness. Number three, we will believe the lie and number four, we will desire what God has forbidden us. I don't know why that is. I don't know why barbecue ribs is just the best tasting meat in the world. I don't know why. It's something you know, I mean, I've had all kinds of meats, but it's just nothing quite as good as poke. I'm just going to be honest. It just isn't. A good slab of well-cooked ribs. It's just hard to beat that with anything. I mean for breakfast. I mean some really good crisp poke. The turkey bacon is good but it just somebody that poke bacon. It's just somebody. You understand what I mean.

So that which God has forbidden us. That was a song back in the That was the song back in the old days, Johnny Taylor, titled, "My Love Is Sweeter When You're Stealing It." It's just something about that which is forbidden and there's something about that which is forbidden that just attracts man. If you ain't supposed to touch it, they want to see what it is. You're not supposed to look at it. You're not supposed to listen to it. You want to hear it? It's something about that which God has forbidden that somehow draws man and woman into it. So we desire what God

has forbidden. Then, we disobey what God has commanded. I have challenges with that. One of the reasons why I was going back watching my first sermon of the year was because I knew God had told me focus on Coach Bronner and I knew I hadn't done it. And six months later, I still haven't done. I'm just getting back to -- I'm going to get this thing done. Why is it that even when you hear the voice of God clearly, you still don't do what God has told you to do it. Sometimes we disobey what God has commanded us and we do what we want to do. And a lot of the things you don't need a command, you know God he is in his word. There's some of the things you know, you supposed to be doing. You don't have to hear voice booming from heaven and know you ought to be doing some certain things but there's something about it we disobey and these are the steps and as we take these steps, they slowly, slowly take us away from God. And before we know it, we're way away from the father and we deal with these plagues.

Number six, we cover up sin. When you confess it, it first of all brings it to the light. But when you cover it up, that's the first thing that Adam and Eve did once they had sinned, they had to go cover up. So they covered up the sin. Even in the camp with the children of Israel, they went and took some stuff and one of the men took some stuff. He wasn't supposed to take that God had commanded him, don't touch your stuff. Don't take their stuff. He took it went and put it in his tent and dug it in the ground. And there was a curse that came over to camp. They said, "Why is this curse?" He said, "Because someone is taking one of the forbidden things that God told him not to touch it. "Who took it? The man went, found it in his tent, brought him out, kill him, kill all his family. Why is it that we will disobey that which God has explicitly told us to do. Some of us directly and some of us in his word.

Number seven, we hide from God. See sometimes when we've been sinning and we know it, we don't even want to come to church because you may think Prophet Dexter can see it. You understand that? See, a lot and then this last night I go to church and I going in Propohet Dexter and he is going to see this thing and he's going to see me in the middle of this thing. If I go in that propagation, he'll go see me. So sometimes because we have been disobedient, we've done all this stuff. We don't even want to come to church because we are afraid that somebody with a prophetic spiritual insight may see what we've done. People, let me tell you

first of all, God generally didn't reveal your stuff even to the prophets because you know it, you know it and if he does reveal, the meaning he will tell you about it because it just ain't decent. So you don't have to worry about that. The other thing the lady said in the video is this, she said, "If all the folk were perfect, we wouldn't need church." That's absolutely correct. You need church because of the mess. Jesus said, "I didn't come for the well, I didn't come from the folk already fighting. I didn't come for the well. I came for those in sin. Those sick. I came for those who need it. So for those of you and you have not returned unto the Father because you are ashamed or afraid or embarrassed. That's why God has the church and any church that won't accept you, there's some wrong with that church.

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We are here for the broken. We are here for the sick. We are here for those who need to pick up in the help. And that's the real reason. So sometimes we try to hide from God because we have sin. Everybody has sinned. I don't struggle with my past sins. I struggle with my current stuff. I struggle with doing stuff. God has told me to do and not doing stuff God has told me not to do. I'm just like Paul. Identify way when we parted in Jesus. I will just be honest about that. I just do. I identified with Paul. Paul said, "This stuff, I ought not to be doing as there's stuff I find myself doing it and very stuff I already do that and the very stuff I ain't doing. He didn't put it like that, but that's basically what he said. And that's what so many of us deal with and when we don't do it, we hide.

And then the final one, number eight, we blame everybody else. They know but you don't put that stuff on anybody else. That's one of the things that even teach us in our executive training the James and I said a problem begins with you and it ends with you, is you. Don't blame that on anybody else all your problems start and end with you and when you understand that. See, it's so easy to want to blame, somebody blame just you know, it's easy to want to blame the government on our stuff. I want to blame the president. I'm not speaking positive or negative about the president but beyond the president not of my problem. It just not of my problem, is not of my problem, none of my solution. President got his own problems. Trust me. Trust me. The president got his own problems. He got enough stuff to deal with him. He can't save me and he can't save you and he's not the

cause of your issue. I have not had a single counseling session where the issue has been anything the president had done. I'm not talking about Republican Democrat that I'm talking about any. I have never had a counseling situation publicly, privately, business or in the church where the president had anything to do with it. C. Elijah, when the last time you had a counseling session and the president has something to do with it? He's shaking his head. Pastor James, when the last time you had a counseling session and the president has something to do with it? Prophet Dexter, when the last time you even saw something in the prophetic rim in the president has something to do with it and folk lies? It just don't happen but will spend all his time blaming somebody else and I'm not saying, they're right, there may be true. But the issue that we deal with in when we stand before judgment, God is not going to ask us. Jesus is not going to ask us what did your president do? He's not going to ask you that question. He's not going to ask you what your next door neighbor did. He's not going to ask you what the KKK did. He's not going to ask any of that stuff.

The question that will be asked of you is did you do what I told you to do and this is why that plagued walking away from the father affect so many of us and we know where God is. We know who God is. We know what God has told us to do and I'm guilty of it. I have to constantly renew my mind with this thing to stay on track, to get back on track and I tell you right now people it's not too late you not deviate that long. This lady said she'd been gone eight years. The hair stylist says she ran nine years. Sometimes we run from God for years before we finally realize I had better follow God if I'm going to get to the destiny where God asked me. And for those of you right now and you're watching this electronically or whether you're here in the sanctuary and you know, you walked away and has nothing to do with the physical walking away. You just walked away from what God has told you to do and sometimes what God has told you to do is mundane stuff. It's not world-changing stuff, but it changes your world and it doesn't matter how big or how small it is.

When God tells you to do something, it may appear to be very, very small, but this very, very small thing has big effects in the long run and plus how can God tell you to do anything big and he can't get you do anything small. You don't give a person a mountain. You start with a little rock and they won't carry the rock, you can rest assured, they're not going to move the

mountain. So I challenged those of you today and you walked away from what God has placed on your heart from what he has told you to do and you want to just make a turn this day and say, Lord, I hear you. I know it has been years, months, days. I don't know how long has been. It may have been decades and I've not done what you told me to do or I have not done it with my heart. You know, that's the other principle. It's like C. Elijah and he got the basketball. C. Elijah don't come out their hair step in. When you step on the court with C. Elijah, you're stepping on the court with a man who's going to give it everything he got to beat you.

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And he beats but sometimes when it comes to God, we have step in. You don't want a partner who comes to you and want to give you 10% do you? You want somebody going to love you with everything they got. You don't want somebody half step and then if you don't want somebody to half stepping, why you think God wants you half stepping. So some of us have been half-stepping with what God has told us to do, with what God has told us to be and it may be small, but it's big and if you fit into that category today, I just want to openly pray over everybody. I want you to stand in a come down front if you electronically watch it. I want you to just lift your hands up and I want to just pray over you for those who want to really walk back and closer to God.

See first of all, if you're watching this or listening to me right now, you ain't all the way away from God. I'm not all the way away from God. I just have done what he told me to do with a full focus and with my full energy and my full heart. Just hadn't done it. I pray every day. Some of you pray every day. I'm in church every day. I'm in town. So it's not a matter I'm away. I just have given it my all. That's why Jesus said, "To love the Lord thy God with all of your mind, your heart, your strength, your everything. All of it. Not half and that's the problem we have step. We need to follow God like C. Elijah play basketball. And if we can do that, it changes, it changes the results and I want you to right now. I want you to focus on the one thing. I got a list of commands but he told me focus on one thing. I got one thing to focus on. I don't understand Lord, I got the ten are not tens. I want you to put in your mind. There's one thing that God has placed into your heart this one thing. I have to ask God the other day. I said, "Lord, you told me to focus on Coach Brown. He's been telling me do that for

years. No, I haven't -- I'm doing it but I ain't had doing and it's the truth.

I said, "So how exactly do I focus on it, how do I do it?" He spoke one word to me and I understood from that one. He spoke one word. And that one word was this, time. See whatever you're going to focus on whatever you truly love. You're going to put some time on that thing. If all of you giving it as five minutes a day, you ain't focused on that. Time makes a difference. So he spoke that one word and I understood it. Time, you've got to spend time on whatever God has told you to do and when you spend time on it, you get the results. It's just as simple as that. I want you to just lift up your hands with your palms up to the heavens. Dear Heavenly Father, we just stand before you right now. We stand before you in a position of surrender. Father, we know we have not done what we should have done to the level that we should have done it. Father, we just pray right now for strength, for clarity of focus. Father for diligence. Father, for the energy to get done what you have commanded us to do. Amen.

I just hear God speaking it as they do this, the blessings are going to pull in and beyond what they have even imagined. Amen. That's it. I think this is what we want. We want prophecy without any perspiration. That's what we want. We want prophecy without perspiration. You want the Pastor to tell you, "I see some blessings coming in your ohhh. Check your mailbox this week." That's what you want. I hear God speaking as they begin to do this. Blessings will begin to pour like they have never imagined and I'm wondering how this is going to pull for me with me focusing on because I don't know. God has a thousand different ways of blessing you. I can't begin to figure some of this stuff out. He's got a thousand different ways you can pull blessings into your life beyond what you can even imagine, but he can't pull the blessings on a disobedient folk. He can't pull blessings. When you guys just go ahead, you know just thing you go ahead just the way you handling go. You all see how the zombie walk in the movies when you see zombies coming?

And sometimes, this is kind of the way we approaching God. You're like a zombie. You know, there's no way. You got to be like C. Elijah. When he comes out on the court. C. Elijah just be ready. This is the way. We have to approach serving God. So that's why I heard God speak, then he ended the prayer. As you do what God has told, you to have one thing in your mind, as you

focus on that one thing as you do this, you're going to have blessings that will pour into your world that you have not even imagined.

After the sermon, Monica came to me. She said that was a really, really powerful sermon, but there's one thing that if you added to that program, it would change and improve the success rate tremendously.

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And that one thing is an accountability partner. And what she said, it just hit me like a ton of bricks. She was so right because I actually had an accountability partner but we hadn't gotten started on it yet. And because we hadn't gotten started on it. I hadn't done what God had told me to do. So for those of you and you want to take life to another level, find you someone who you trust. Someone who's going on the same path as you. That's why Jesus never sent anyone out by themselves. He always sent them out two by two. He always sent them with an accountability partner, a human accountability partner. So get someone who's going in the same direction. Someone who you trust makes the world of difference. One can put a thousand to fight but two can put 10,000. It'll make it 10 times stronger, 10 times better and 10 times more effective.

Get you somebody and you get started with this thing. Whenever you want to get your results up to par and you get with them. You give each other authority and you report to them every day about what you're supposed to do in detail. It'll make a difference. Get started. Go ahead. And Monica, I thank you for that suggestion. I'm getting on it, right now. You can go to brothersoftheword.com and you can listen to, "The Plagues of Egypt." The entire series or share it with a friend. Absolutely free of charge. We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word.

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