

# Pt. 2-God's Business Misson Statements-Use No Deception

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And now for "God's Business Mission Statements Part 2, Use No Deception."

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

And right now, I am in a series The Gospel where he wanted me just to teach on the eight principles that he had given me for biz(ph) and I know some of you are saying why business principles in a Church sermon? Well, these business principles, they really will apply to your life whether you're in business or not. But if you are in business, it will particularly apply or if you're thinking about going in business. But whether you're in business or not, these principles will apply.

First principle that I spoke about in the last message was basically always be financially viable, always count the cost. And today, the second principle that God spoke to me concerning business that we have in our mission statements actually on the website of the woman.com, use no deception. Use no deception. We must always be truthful both inside the company and to our customers and never use deception for gain or other reasons. Put simply, always tell the truth.

Now, that's the principle that God gave me for business. But do you know that applies to just about every area of your life. Use no deception. Now, when I said use no deception, you have to kind of filter through this a little bit because that may not mean don't wait a week. That may not mean don't put on false eyelashes or don't, you know, put on false fingernails because to be honest, that is kind of deception, in your hair and your natural eyelashes. So, when he said use no deception and sometimes, you know, back when I was single, I had to be really careful because sometimes you didn't know what you were

getting and sometimes, men will go out and all of a sudden, they wiggle(ph) on wow! Who are you?

By the time they'd taken off the hair, taken off the eyelashes, taken off the nails and sometimes they're taking off the front and they have these pads in the back. So sometimes you couldn't even tell what was what. So, when I say use no deception, but I must admit now, if you're about to marry somebody and that man doesn't know what he'll really get, you do need to let him know fully what he got before he gets there. You know, he don't need to wake up on a honeymoon and "Who are you? What? No, no, no, no, no. You do need to be honest with this man on what he's truly getting. But I don't believe when God told me use no deception, I don't think he was talking in that vein. I think he meant purely in a business perspective. So don't you all worry about -- well, I just got to be honest. I just got to be truthful. I just can't -- I don't think it goes that far. I don't think it goes that far, but I must admit I want to know what I'm getting.

I don't know about you, but as far as I'm concerned and I remember when I was single, there was one lady who worked -- she was a master stylist and I told her I said don't ever introduce me to anybody you worked on. Never! Don't introduced me to anybody you worked on because when I seen it before and then after you worked on this folk, they don't even look like the same folk. So, don't introduce me to anyone you have worked on because after you worked on them, they're just not the same folk. I need to see the truth. I don't want the work. No, I want the raw stuff just like it is so I know what I got. So that's just me.

So I would just, you know, admonish you. You know, I'm not saying take your wig off, take your wig out. I'm not talking about any of that. But I am saying treat other folk like you want to be treated. So, at least let them know sooner or later that this is what it is and it is what it is so they know what it is.

But God says simply, "Use no deception." Now, deception is old. As a matter of fact, deception was first introduced biblically in the Garden of Eden by the serpent.

Genesis Chapter 3. Now, the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. And this brings up an interesting philosophical and theological point. God made the serpent and not only did God make the serpent, he made the nature of the serpent. So, if God made the serpent and the Bible-- the King James version said, "The serpent was more subtle than any of the creatures." The NIV said he was more crafty, but the bottom line is he was tricky and twisty. But God made him like this and this is one of the deep theological questions that has plagued Christians. Why did God allow or create evil? Because he made the serpent.

But see, this is why you can't ever judge because you're not God. God put the serpent in the garden for a reason. Now, if it were me, I would have done it like that, but I'm not God. Because I don't want anything tricky in my life. I want my stuff all straight and clean and clear and easy. But God didn't do it that way. He didn't do it that way from the beginning. He put that snake there knowing that snake was going to cause some problems. He'll put some stuff in your life knowing that thing is going to cause some problems and you do not understand it, just like I don't understand why he put the serpent there in the first place.

And some of all got some issues right now and you don't understand why God let this happen. Why is all this stuff going over the Earth? Why is he like that? Why is he doing that? Why is? Why is? It was that way from the beginning. So, even in the garden from the start, there was deception and God knew they were deceiving God because God made to deceive. And when he made the deceiver, when he put together the DNA sequence of that deceiver, he knew within that DNA, within that chromosome, he knew there was a gene of deception and he put it there on purpose. So it is in so many of our worlds.

But God told me use no deception because it's in me to deceive. Just like he's in you to deceive. See, there are some things when it's uncomfortable, you don't want to tell the truth about it. You don't want to be straight about. It's in you to deceive. So, God had said, use no deception because there's an effort. If there's an easy way out by line, most of us want to take that easy way and just lie about it. Use no deception. And you said, "Lord, why didn't you just make me where I couldn't lie?" That's the way I would have done it. I would just craft it. In that way, if

you lie, you should have been like Pinocchio and your nose would have just grown real big. You know, that would cut out land, all over the land, all over the earth right away. All you have to do, you wouldn't even have to swear on the Bible. All you have to do is get on the stand and if the lawyer asked you some -- automatic, your nose will just grow out by three or four inches. That's all it would take.

You wouldn't have to question whether your husband or your wife is telling the truth because if they lie, their nose will just grow out by three or four inches. That's the way. That would have eliminated all of the lie and all of the deception. That's the way I have been. So, why did God leave us with this seed of deception in us where there's a tendency when stuff get tough, there's a tendency for us to lie. And see, the thing about it is this. Everyone who is listening to me, who is listening to the sound of my voice, has lied. I know some of you is a pastor. That's a shame. I never lie. That's a lie. Everyone who is listening to the sound of my voice has lied and sometimes, they are innocent lies because sometimes, you know, somebody asks you something and you just can't tell the truth.

Do I look fat in this dress? Somebody asks you that. Do I look fat in this? So, everybody listening to me has lied at some point or another. But God told me, use no deception in business. Now, see, the twisty ones where when somebody asks you a question like that, you get this moral dilemma. If I tell them the truth, it's going to hurt their feelings, if I'm just straight about it. So what do I do? But see, when he gave me that, I understood the purpose of that because often in business, you use deception so you can try to make more money and is it don't use any deception trying to make more money. And from the beginning, the serpent, he said to the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

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The woman said to the serpent, "We may not eat fruit from the trees in the garden." But God did say you must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it or you will die. Now, the first thing you must know, first of all is what God said. So when the serpent told Eve, "Did God really say you couldn't eat from any tree?" No, he didn't say that. He said, he made the tree just hanging from there.

See, first of all you don't know what God is saying. So when something comes to you that's twisty or deceptive, how are you going to know if it's God's word and you don't know God's word. So the first thing you got to know is you got to know what did God truly, truly say.

And the second thing is you kind of got to know the whole truth behind the thing. Being the serpent said, "You will not surely die." The serpent said to the woman for God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God knowing good and evil. The serpent did not lie. He just didn't tell the whole truth. I preach the whole sermon about that and the sermon was called The Eve of New Year, number 5330. It goes through the detail of the interaction between the serpent and man and woman and how in a court of law, the serpent would have been proven innocent and telling the truth because he told them, "You won't die on that day." Adam did not die until he was 930 years old. He didn't die on that day. God's truth was a whole higher level and the serpent didn't tell him the whole truth. He didn't tell them that you're not going to die this day, but if you eat of this fruit, it will mess up your eternal life and you're going to die in a few hundred years. Whereas if you don't eat of it, you have the tree of life and you live forever. That's the difference.

And sometimes, deception and the best deception has an element of truth and an element of lie. That's a real dude when you got that mixture. The real master deceiver is living a whole lot of truth and a little seed of a lie. But that little seed mess you up. And the problem is, if the serpent had told them the whole truth, some people would still take the whole thing. How many years? I live 900 and then I'm going to die. That don't sound like a bad deal to me, but compared to eternity 900 years is a real big deal. It's just like if I would say to you right now, "If you come up and touch this red thing, I give you \$900.00." Now, that sounds like a good deal. But if somebody waited and said, instead of 900, I give you 900,000. 900 don't sound too good compared to 900,000. It all depends on what is compared against. So the serpent didn't tell Eve, "Yeah, you won't die this day, but you're going to miss out on your eternal life and this day is going to go by in a flash of time." Use no deception.

So, deception was there from the beginning and it is there in our very nature. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was

good for food and pleasing to the eye and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her and he ate it too. It began in the Garden of Eden, but when you look at the Patriarchs, Abraham Isaac, and Jacob, they deceived. Genesis 12:16, but the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh, and his household because of Abraham's wife Sarah. So Pharaoh summoned Abraham. What have you done to me, he said? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say she is my sister so that I took her to be my wife now being here is your wife. Take her and go. Now, that was Abraham.

Then Isaac get almost the same thing. Genesis 26:1. Now, there was a famine in the land besides the earlier famine of Abraham's time. Now, I want you to get how both of these things began. It began with -- in Genesis 12:17, but the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh. It began with disease with Abraham. Then we got to Isaac. Now, there was a famine in the land besides the earlier famine of Abraham's time. Famine and disease is nothing new. See, if you think we got a rough time now because we got a little disease in the land and because we got a little economic turmoil, they're not new. That's been here from the beginning.

And Isaac went to Abimelek, king of the Philistines in Gerar. When the Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt. Live in the land where I have told you to live. Stay in this land for a while and I will be with you and will bless you for you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and confirm the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. Go and I'll make you descendants and he said. But then when Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelek, king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebecca. So, Abimelek summoned Isaac and said, "She is really your wife and you didn't told her she is my sister."

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Isaac answered because I thought I might lose my life on account of her. Then Abimelek said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife and you would have brought guilt on all of us. Both the men lied. But of the men had real beautiful lies.

This stuff goes down through the bloodline. You see, when Isaac saw the kind of woman Abraham married, he said to himself, I want that kind of woman myself. It went right down through the bloodline. Kids do what they see the parents do and when the son saw that the dad had a real pretty wife, he wanted a real pretty wife. So men, when you're looking for a wife, you need to keep that in mind. The very woman you choose is the very type of woman your children will choose. Or women, when you're looking for a man, the very type of man you choose is the very type of man your daughters are going to choose. So here, we see the bloodline go through with the same deception, but we see it also go through with the same type of wife both of them picked.

Abraham deceived. Isaac deceived. Jacob deceived. Genesis 27:21. Then Isaac said to Jacob, this is the daddy, "Come near so I can touch you my son to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." You all know the story if you've been in the church for a while between Esau and Jacob and the birthright and the blessing. Jacob went close to his father Isaac who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau. So, he blessed him. "Are you really my son Esau?", he asked. "I am", he replied. Jacob lied to his daddy and he lied to his daddy to get the blessing from his brother Esau. Abraham deceived. Isaac deceived. Isaac was deceived by his son, Jacob. Jacob had children. Jacob had a child Joseph who he gave the coat of many colors.

And here in Genesis 37, then they got Joseph's coat, slaughtered the goat and dipped the coat in the blood. They took the coat of many colors back to their father and said we found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's coat. He recognized it and said it is my son's coat. Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces. Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. No, he said, in mourning will I go down to my grave for my son. So, his father wept for him. The pattern continued. Jacob lied to Isaac that he was Esau to get the blessing. His sons lied to him about Joseph and Jacob said he would go to his grave later on down the road, but this was decades later. He found out Joseph was still alive but all that time, he had just been mourning and weeping about his son.

Don't deceive anybody. That stuff has a cost. And even when you are in the bloodline, even when you are part of the patriarch, deception has a cost.

And sometimes, we'll look at it and say, if I lie about this, it's just going to make stuff easy. Don't lie. God has said, don't you tell any lie about any product about what it would do. Everything you do must be truthful. No deception. Because we're in a natural foods in the supplement business and sometimes, there's so much lying. The folk will tell you the stuff would (00:18:42). All these lies. And we were dealing with one product and we were wondering what's a competitive product. How did they put this much calcium in this product and it's not chalky and it doesn't have a bad taste. How are they doing this? I sent it out to the lab because they said it had like 35% of RDA of calcium. And I said, I don't see how in the world they're doing this. It came back from the lab analysis. And they said, it got virtually new in it. I said, you mean to tell me, these are folks who are naturalists, who are in the health food store and they know it's not and they know it. But they lied and they're lying to make money. And God says use no deception because they can get tempting at times and it can even be tempting just on day-to-day stuff. Lying is so much in the DNA of men. You don't even need to lie to the government. We lie on our taxes. And see, there's a penalty that comes with that. Don't let your kids catch you in a lie. Somebody called the house. Who is it? Tell him I'm out. Don't let your kids catch you in a lie, because the minute they see that, it will be just like Abraham's son seeing him marrying a pretty woman.

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They'll see Mama or they'll see Daddy and they say, "Mama, daddy told me to lie." So if Mama or Daddy told me to lie, lying must be all right. They will pick up from you in the subtle things. Use no deception. Use no deception. And sometimes, it looks like it's going to profit in the short run and sometimes it does, but there's always a cost. Jacob had no idea that he would lie to his father and that thing will come back on him multiplied, that he would have multiple sons lie to him. There's no accident. Nothing is accidental. The curse does not cause this. Now, all of this was orchestrated by God. Once Joseph got that, he said, look you meant this for evil, but God meant it for good. But see sometimes, God will play chess on 10 different levels.

He orchestrated him, but also, you're paying the price for it. So, God orchestrated just like in the beginning when he put the serpent there in the first place. That's why you just need to do what God tells you to do and don't worry about all the stuff you cannot figure out because it's going to be a whole lot of stuff. You absolutely will not be able to figure out. None of the folk can figure out Joseph's situation, even Joseph himself. So, when he dropped him down in the pit, Joseph had no idea this was all in God's orchestration. When he went and was sold and Potiphar's wife talking about he tried to have sex with her, he had no idea. This was all in God's orchestration. He died in the prison. He had no idea. This is all in God's orchestration.

They had no idea God was controlling everything, but Joseph would not lie and he would not violate the command of God and God blessed him, but he sent him through all this stuff. Can you stand the stuff? Look at the person next to you and that if they're more than six feet away, don't look at them. It's only the person you came with and ask him, can you stand the stuff? When God sends you through some stuff and he will often send you through some stuff, can you stand the stuff? Can you stand the temptation? Can you stand not taking the easy way out? And sometimes deception gets really, really deep and to be able to tell the truth all of the time is a challenge.

I remember reading Ross Perot's book. Perot was one of the billionaire businessmen who ran for the presidency years ago. And Perot had a statement that was deep. He said, any man who his wife can't trust, I don't trust him either. And that thing stuck with me and I began to see the parallels through life in it. If he lied to his wife, laying over in the bed with her, he would lie to you absolutely because you got to go through some hurdles. You have to go through what – it's like drugs. Some things are gateway drugs. See, you got to make a decision. First of all, that's why cigarettes are the most dangerous of the drugs because 95% of all the hard drug addict smoke cigarettes. When you make a decision to kill yourself and start with this one, it's not that big of a leap to go from cigarettes to some harder. When you can start lying about one little thing, baby, where have you been? You've been working late. Oh, yeah. I've been working it off for all legit leaving office and you just said it. And then you got to get good at it. You got to get good at looking him in the face without batting the eyelashes. I just lied. I sure would. You got to steady. You got to know how to make your

head nod so they start nodding with you. And you're steady and you're looking afraid now, so you don't look – can't be looking guilty. So, you become an expert liar, but once you become an expert liar, the one person you now have the ability and you have broken the moral boundaries and now, you lie to everybody. (00:23:53). Yeah. Oh, yeah? Man, yeah.

Once you have mastered the art of lying, you can lie to everybody. So, Perot said, if a man's wife don't trust him, neither do I cause if he can look her in the eye lying look me in the eye and I can tell he's lying cause he don't got good at it. And see, you can lie to men, but when you're in business and you use deception, you can lie to your customers, but God knows it. That's the first thing God knows. Second, your employees know it because they know in the business when you lie to the customer. They know it. They know when you're telling them something or something is not true. They know it. So when employees know it and they know the bosses lying, when I taught the 24-hour MBA, there's a segment called how to reduce intercompany theft and one of the main things when you research theft within a company and companies experience far more theft on the inside than they you do from the outside.

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I used to sit on a bank board and people think banks lose money because somebody coming in and you know, pulling out a 357 Magnum. No, no, no, no. Banks lose less than five percent of their money from outside. Most of the theft comes from inside. But just like that is true with the bank, it's true with business, it's true with your own life. Most of your problem isn't coming from the outside, it came from the inside. So, that's where it is with most of the stuff. So when an employee sees the boss lying, seeing the boss being deceptive, seeing the boss not telling the truth, it puts a spirit that flows through the company and they see it. They're just like children with parents and they say if Mama lies and daddy lying, I might as well do a little lying myself. So, what they'll see, they'll say. If the president lies, if the vice president -- not so much the president of the United States and the vice president -- now if the shoe fit, you know, what they say. They say if the president is lying and the vice president is lying, I might as well do a little lying myself. If the president is stealing from the customers and the vice president is stealing from the customers, I might as well do a little

stealing from the president and the vice president. See, this stuff is a spirit and the spirit goes through.

Trust me, if you're running a company, your employees know. They know when you're crooked. They know when you're lying. They know. So God says use no deception. That thing becomes a disease and it becomes a spirit that goes through and it affects everybody.

1 Timothy 2:14 says this, "And Adam was not the one deceived." Adam knew. Eve was deceived. But Adam knew. You got two responsibilities. Number one, not to be a deceiver and number two, don't follow somebody else and they're deceived and you know they're deceived. A lot of people do a lot of stuff and they'll tell you, "If they don't bother you, you know better than that." You know better than that. But if you're hanging around folk and they say, "Man, they don't bother you. How are you going to do? You're saying this. Look, how did you know? How do you this? I smoked any weed in my life, but I don't see a whole lot of folks smoke a whole of weed. I'm not coming down on weed because when you look at weed versus alcohol versus cigarettes versus eating a whole lot of bacon, all this stuff will kill you if it's doing something it's going to mess up your body. But the point is simply this, Adam was not deceived. He knew, but he was hanging around somebody who was deceived and when you're hanging around somebody who was deceived or who is deceived, one or two things will happen. Either you will pull them out of their deception or they will pull you into theirs.

One of the things will happen. Either you will pull them out of their deception or they will pull you into theirs. You have a responsibility. Number one, use no deception and number two, if you are around deception or if you see deception, you have a responsibility to try to help pull others out of their deception. Even if you see the president and even if you see the vice president, even if you see them deceiving and being dishonest, you have a responsibility because you are not deceived to even go to other employees and look, don't do that. Now, I know it's wrong. We see him doing that, don't do that. Yeah, don't do that. That's not right. Don't do that. You have a responsibility and I I even made it an open mandate in our company. If you see us violating any of these eight rules, speak. Let us know because sometimes, you slip and we've had situations sitting in our board meeting where I had an employee saying, Mr.

Bronner, that may violate number two, and I look at it. You've no deception. Now, think about it. I said, "You're absolutely right. We're not going to do that." So these are some of the things that use no deception because lies catch up with you and when they catch up with you, they're liable to run you over. So use no deception.

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We'll ask Pastor James and Pastor James, he is the vice president of the company.

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So, you're looking at the president and the vice president and we both do our very best to use no deception.

James:

Amen. I thank Pastor for just sharing his personal life and business and family stuff with us and I can tell you, he does live by what he preaches here. And I thank him even as an older brother for using no deception because you know, sometimes, we learn our ways even from older siblings. When a guy has an older brother and he's running a lot of women, he'll teach him how to be sleek and how to lie to him, how to get away with stuff. So, lot of times we will learn it from older people in our lives though. I've always known him to be honest. You know, lying is something that we all have to watch out for because it's one of those things where you actually don't even know where taught many times by example. You don't even have to be taught. Having seven children, even a child, even if they haven't seen anybody lie. They go take a cookie out of the jar. You say, "Did you take this?" If they know they're going to get in trouble. There's something innately in that sinful flesh. That is, "No, I didn't do it."

And even as good of children as we have, we got some of the best children, but I can remember multiple instances when they were little, they never saw us lying, didn't get it taught to them. I remember somebody put a hole in the wall and we just lined all

seven up of like they do it in the jails when they had it and we started, “Oh Joshua, did you put this hole?” “No, I didn’t do it dad.” “John, did you put this hole?” “No, it wasn’t me.” “Joseph, did you put?” “No.” “Jamie, did--?” “No.” We went all the way down to seven and nobody said they did it and we had to just look. “Mama, did you put that in?”

And then another that we have something with the oven and we line them up. I just got so afraid. Yeah, I want to stand here for 30 minutes so somebody tell on. So, we even saw it even the best of kids. That even without being taught, they would lie. Just something in the flesh. So it’s something that we all have to watch. And I could relate even though what Pastor was talking about. Even when he started off and saying even with some of the artificial things you wear. When I was dating my wife and she’ll tell you that one of the things after a few dates, we were getting ready to go out and I asked her, I said, “With this date, can you not wear your colored contacts and your hair and you’re different.” And I wanted to really see how God made her because I knew she wasn’t going to wake up with these things if we stay together. I wanted to see what I was getting into earlier.

I seek out a little nervous and “Oh, okay. If you really just wanted--.” But I wanted to know what I was getting myself into, but I still saw the same beauty that when she took it out. I I actually liked it better. So, I thanked her for just showing me her true self early on. It also reminded me of a famous movie scene movie. I’m going to get you sucker and the lady. You are all laughing. You all remember the lady pulled off everything and she even kept pulling off until she pulled off her leg and the guy was running. She said, don’t make me half.

So indeed, we have to be careful of our truthfulness and even my grandfather, my father’s father. He sent my father to Atlanta with three principles and one was to work hard. Another was to keep that company and that third one was to be honest. So, out of all of the things he taught him, the top three, one of them was to be honest because they knew that everything could unravel, just caught up in a lie. We’ve seen people make billions and get caught in lies and end up going to jail. Imagine even where our political system would be today if they just followed this message. Didn’t tell you voters things that weren’t true, that they knew they weren’t going to do. So, this message just needs

to really go to every sector of our society and it's something that we have to watch in our own hearts and lives because it may seem like the easy way out, but in the long run, the consequences of what it does to your soul is much greater than these temporary consequence. With heads bowed at this time. If there's anybody under the sound of my voice, you want to dedicate or rededicate your life unto God.

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Biggest person you even got to be true which is your own self. We can act like we know God to our family and friends and co-workers. We can come to church in. People can think we're the biggest Christians, but you've got to look in the mirror and be honest with your own self because on that Judgment Day, lies won't work to your creator. He knows what's in your heart. He knows what's in your mind. He knows. They'll make it seem like Santa Claus knows whether you've been good or naughty in this Christmas season, but your creator truly knows. So, don't lie to yourself especially with your relationship with God because the truth will be revealed and when it's revealed, it may be too late.

So, we want to give opportunity right now. If there's anybody, even if you aren't sure, if you say I just want to leave this place, sure come at this time and we'll pray with you. Amen. If you all would just repeat after me. Heavenly Father, I come right now and I proclaim with my mouth and I proclaim in my heart, with absolute certainty, that Jesus is Lord, that Jesus is my Lord, that Jesus is my savior and I thank you for saving me from my own sins, from my own actions, from my own mess-ups. I thank you for loving me when I was unlovable. I thank you for caring for me when I didn't deserve it. In Jesus' name. Amen. Amen.

Just stretch your hands forward as we just say our prayer. Lord, we thank you for these three representing even your Trinity Oh Lord, the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, Oh Lord. I pray Oh Lord that even as they've recommitted unto You Oh Lord, I pray that they'll know you more Oh Father in this upcoming year Oh Lord, little closer than they've ever known you before Oh Lord. I pray that your tabernacle with them Oh Father. I pray Oh Lord that any time they're tempted Oh Lord to give a falsehood Oh Lord, no matter what it looks like it will do for him, I pray that you'll bring this message, that this

commitment will fall back into their memory Oh Father. I pray that they'll leave this place and walk in truth Oh Lord, not just even to everybody else, but truth even to their self, Oh Lord. Whether they're walking in their mission and their destiny that you've given, that they'll be true, that they'll look in the mirror and be true to their own self Oh Lord. We thank you Lord for doing a new thing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen. You may be seated. Amen. Amen.

And I'm going ask Joseph to give us our closing prayer since Pastor mentioned them in the sermon and Pastor Dexter(ph) mentioned them in the prayer. Amen. Amen.

Joseph:

Hallelujah. Everybody, just close your eyes and bow your head for a word of prayer today. Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you so much my God for just being with us on today my God. Thank you so much for that message of my father. I ask that in each of our lives, my God, whenever it's tempting to lie my God, when it's tempting to deceive my God, you'll speak to us and hold us in your word my God and your will for our lives my God, to make sure that we don't do anything that is against what you represent my Father, that when others are able to look at us my God, they'll see you and only see you. In the name of Jesus God. I ask that you just guide us more on towards your path my God, that you'll speak to us to allow us to know more of what is right and what is wrong my Father and I ask that you just lead us more to our Bibles my God, to fill us more with your Holy Spirit my God, that whenever we go down on our knees to pray to you my God--

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--that you're into room, your presence will come upon us Father and everything that we hear from you my God, everything that we read from you my God, it may have an impact act upon our lives my God so that we may walk up and take up your cross my God and everything that we do in our day Father, I ask that you just crush temptation Father in front of us God. Strengthen us my God so that we may walk in your path that you have set for us my God. I thank you so much for the love that you've placed on my life. I thank you so much for the love that you place on everybody under the sound of my voice each of their lives Father. So much love my God that they can understand and I cannot understand Father and I ask that you keep on doing it.

Father, guide us through lying, guide us through deception, guide us through every single sin that we commit on the daily Father so that we may be better and so that we can become more like Christ every single day Father, that we don't have to be perfect Father, but all that we have to do is get in the mindset of being better for you. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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