

We've Come this Far by Faith

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Speaker: And it is my pleasure today to introduce to you the speaker of the hour who is not here by accident but by divine appointment. We had an unusual number of people in the audience today as the new visitors stood who simply said that it was placed in the heart and God told them to be here upon today.

Well, our speaker for today, I was talking with her a few weeks ago. And God spoke to me then, and he said, she is to speak on the third Sunday of this month. So she is here by divine appointment. I do not know what she is going to say. But I do know that whatever she says it is meant for someone who showed here her upon this day. I met her a long time ago. Many of you know her history, a lot of her accomplishments in the governmental world. But I met her when she was a student at Georgia State University. And I remember I was there at Georgia State and I was speaking. And I remember after I finished speaking this young lady came up to me, this student. And I remember what she told me. She said, "I am getting ready to run for political office." And I have been thinking to myself, "What is that woman telling? College?" And then it was the statement that she said next that forever stayed with me. She said, "I am getting ready to run for political office." And then she said, "I am going to win."

And the thought that ran through my mind was, how in the world? And there are a lot of you right now. And you are facing how in the world situation. You do not know how in the world you are going to do what you are destined to do. You do not know how in the world you are going to make it. You do not know how in the world you are going to overcome some circumstances. You do not know how in the world.

And as I sat there and looked upon Mable Thomas who has now changed her moniker into terms of what she is known as and what she is called. She is called Able Mable Thomas. And I saw her from a student who believed what could be done. And I do not know the full reason but I know that the person you will hear in just a minute believes in the impossible by man's eyes. A student was not supposed to be able to win. And there are some things in life that statistics will say that you are not supposed to be able to do. And I want you to open your minds and open your hearts as you prepare to hear her.

She is not coming as a political candidate because that is illegal. It is not legal to actually endorse or bring a political platform from a pulpit or else you could lose your tax exempt status. So it is not legal for her to talk to you as a politician. But it is legal for her to talk to you as a prophetess, as a producer, as a person who believes that because her God is able, she is able. So, it is not legal for her to talk to you as Georgia State representative Able Mable Thomas. But it is legal for her to talk to you as Able Mable Thomas.

So, after this next song by the men, the next voice that you shall hear shall be that of Able Mable Thomas.

(You Raise Me Up being sang)

Able Mable Thomas: I really do appreciate the opportunity to be. And really welcome you to the Brothers of the Word because brother we do need the Word. Yes we do.

I am Able Mable Thomas. And some of you may know that I am a state representative in Atlanta. And some of you may know that I am also a licensed evangelist as well on the ministry called Canoes International Ministry. And I have accountability in the domain of youth. And so I was really glad to hear the information that was being sent by entrepreneurship for our youth because they must understand the natural literacy so that they can make decisions that would help their families and help our communities as we move forth especially in the times that we are in around the economy. Amen.

I would like to say peace and love to all ways and all these troops to the people. First, give an honor to God who is the leader of my life. To my friend and leader of this great ministry, Nathaniel Bronner Jr., James and Elijah, Rona (ph) and to this wonderful congregation, it is good to be back in the pulpit after about seven years now. I passed as I spoke here. And I really do appreciate opportunity come back. I was so moved by “Oh Happy Day”, you know, “Oh Happy Day”. You see because we need a happy day. And a happy day was when Jesus washed our sins away. Now we might not understand the whole context of that but that was a happy day because now we can go forward with Christ. And see, sometimes when you get your sins washed away, your friends, or did I say friends or I would say so called friends. They will try to remind you of the things that you used to do. Let us say, I remember you were on drugs. I remember to used to dance on the table. I remember when you used to steal. But guess what? When the devil reminds you of your past, remind him he has no future because that is what time it is.

And then the gentleman that just sang before me said it was raised up even more than you always can imagine that you can be. I mean, I just thought a crime. I mean, I am just trying to pat the Cortiaz (ph) away because it is just so strong. I felt just so move by the sermon. And see the sermon is not just what I am saying. The sermon is who you are in the space of the sermon. It is the music that comes forth. It is the announcement. It is the Urshus (ph). It is everything that brings the kindness and love to the people. As they enter to worship and depart to serve. That is what time it is.

So I come today with a new and vital power. And it is May 18, 2008. And I brought a book today and it is called “God Calling”. And you know that God is calling. It states that in this devotional book that it would change your life. And change is in the wind, the whirl but change begins within. Be you transformed by the renewing of your mind because old things have passed away. And all things have become new.

So I come to you with this devotional book and I say, well, what does May 18 say? It says new and vital power. Look unto me and be you saved all to the ends of the earth. Not for merit with salvation. The promise was all who looked. To look is surely within the power of everyone. One look suffices, salvation follows. Look and you are saved from despair. Look and you are saved care. Look and you are saved from worry. Look and into you there flows a peace beyond all understanding, a power new and vital, a joy wonderful indeed. Look and keep looking. Doubtful, joy reigns and hope conquers. Eternal life is yours, revitalizing and renewing. Is that a good work?—because clearly we must have a new and vital power.

In ancient times, after the year’s final harvest, our people made the hard journey to Jerusalem all for thanks for the blessing of fruit and grain and to share their harvest with the poor and needy as

they had been commanded. We too are commanded. In Proverbs 22:02 it says, it states that the rich and the poor meet together because the Lord is the maker of them all. The rich must give to the poor. The strong will help the weak and all lived together in peace. And we have learned that not just charity but justice is demanded of us. We must sow order society that people may earn their daily bread with dignity. Many of you know that I have spent a lot of times in our communities talking about justice and justice for all. If that was the issue, where people's home were being taken, I was there to try to keep in latches in their homes. If that was an issue about the poor, the homeless, I was there to say we must have a charge to help the homeless and to give them opportunity so they can move out of their circumstances. But for God, we could be homeless especially the kind of economy we live in where you got a job one day. I know you all saw in the State of Atlanta, these people had a job one day and then 400 people did not have a job a week later.

So the question is, sometimes when you think about these things that happen, is it about balance in a budget or is it about compassion for our people? And at the same time in government you do have to balance those things so we are not trying to say that there was not a need to streamline. But if you are going to streamline, you probably have to streamline from the top to the middle to the bottom. You all are not mad, I know.

So it probably was needed to be in some streamline at the top level as well as those levels of clerks and other people that lost their jobs. So we got to look at this situation from a level of compassion. Who are we as a people in the terms of compassion? Do we really love each other? Are we really our brothers' and sisters' keepers or is that just a cliché? See, this is spiritual warfare. Subsequently there must be a spiritual rebirth. See the fight is not over Black over White. The fight today is over right over wrong, good over evil. It is really about where you are staying in these times of controversy. See, one of the kings said, "You can stand in a lot of places but whether you stand in terms of controversy, when things are not so easy. When things when you have to actually decide whether if 99 people for the wrong and one person you for the right, will you stand alone? Because see, this time you got to stand alone because there is a whole troop of people leading you to hell. It is a whole troop of linear and they are marching strongly. So that is why you got to stand with the Lord. See the question today is not whether or not the Lord is on your side. See Lord is on your side. The question today is whether or not we are on the Lord's side.

See that is the critical questions we go forth in this society. See we have to be on the Lord's side. And we have to have a holy bowl that is for the Lord because that is what time it is. You must be able to sort of talk to your neighbor. Tell him about Christ. We got to all sort be a little evangelism sort of talk about Christ because that is the only thing that is going to save us during this time so you have to hold on to something that is real. Because anything that is not rule in God will fail. So we got to look at this situation. And look at life and see who we want to be in the manner of society.

Chapter 22 in one in Proverbs says, "Choose a good reputation over great riches for being held in high esteem is better than having silver or gold because with God the impossible becomes possible." And I know that you are blessed of the Lord. And faith will give you favor because

fame is not fare. Fame is not fair. Now if you think I have gotten so far in life because I was just so smart then you missed it. I have the favor of the Lord on my side.

In the bible Naomi decide to go back to get her inheritance but Ruth decided to go with her. And when she has decided to go with her she had to make a commitment. See, in life, we go through life being involved. I am involved with the church. I am involved with my job. I am involved with my family. But, see, only in the space of commitment does the universe line up with you. So you got to get in committed to God, committed to your family, committed to those things that are important to move you forth in life. So, in this situation, Ruth committed herself. And even though she was not a reaper she gleaned. So, sometime you all might not be at the top of the game but stay in the game, alright?—because God will still provide a blessing for you. And sometimes it is an unexpected blessing because only God can give promotion. And he gives promotion. And sometimes, you are not even thinking about it. You are just doing right because it is always a good time to do right, alright?

And then it says at Psalms 84 and five, “Happy are those who are strong in the Lord because we have come this forth by faith.” At the end of the day, we have come this forth by faith leaning on the everlasting Lord. And he has never failed us yet. He may not come when you want him but you got to believe he comes on time because there are many things we have asked for, the Lord knew we did not need it. But you got to be careful what you ask for. So you got to really think about what you ask for because the Lord will give you some things that you ask for. And when you get it you want to give it back to him but you asked for it.

So, Hebrew 11 says, “Faith is the subs of things hoped for and the evenness of things not seen.” God gave us a proof to people in the days of old because of their faith. By faith we understood that the entire universe was formed at God’s command. What about that? The entire universe was formed at God’s command. That that we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. I am going to let you in on a secret but it is a well known secret. God is the same today as he was yesterday. So he can do greater things even today in our lives if we believe and have faith, alright? If God can do it for Abel, Anoc (ph), Noah and Abraham just to name a few faith men, he can do it for you. So live by faith.

Romans 1:16 and 17, “For I am not ashamed of this good news about Christ, it is the power of God at work saving everyone who believes, Jews first and the Gentiles.” This good news tells about how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. It is through faith that a righteous person has life. Repeat that. It is through faith that a righteous person has life. Your accents must carve a smile on with your faith. The forth of faith will make you able to do supernatural things. I may know about supernatural things has happened in your life. You own your own. You could have not done it. It is absolutely impossible for you to have done it. So sometimes the Lord put you in a situation where you cannot do it because when Barok stepped out to run for president on his own, he could not have done it. It had to be a move of God for him to be able to speak into the hearts of people a hope message, a message of belief and began you to chant, “Yes we can.”—because yes we can! It is not that we had not heard it before but sometimes the Lord would send someone in to say a message that otherwise would not get through. And so even though you might be on one path and I am sure the other person in

the race was on a path. And had actually seen themselves in the Whitehouse. They had visualized it. Everybody told them. But then guess what happened?—a move of God.

Because when man plans, God can unplan because he says he knows what is best for us better than we know for ourselves, alright? So you have to sometimes step out in faith. See, this election cycle is just not about whether or not we get a Black president or a president who is qualified who is Black. This election is about us taking our dreams off the shelf dusting our dreams off. This is about us believing in ourselves once again of the possibility of who you are as you manage it. This is about us looking at what are the things that we, that God told us to do. See there are some things specifically God has told you to do. You have not stepped out on it. You have been afraid but it is to be of good courage. You have not stepped out on your dreams. This is about taking your dreams off the shelf no matter what you did in the past. I heard a sermon about one of our brothers that said, “Come to the other side suddenly.” Come to the other side suddenly that means some people say, “Well I am going to get my life cleaned up after I get married, after I find a good woman, after I do this, after I do this.” No, come to the other side suddenly, a milli-step into your greatness because you are destined for greatness. See, what we do not understand is we are connected to destiny. See the Lord already know exactly where he is going to take you. Get out the way and let him take you because that is what time it is. We got to get out the way and let God do the work that he know needs to be done in our lives because that is what time it is.

I looked in Mathew Chapter 8. And at Mathew Chapter 8, it talked about a Roman officer who basically said he wanted him to heal his servant at home. Then Jesus said, “Where does he live at? Where do you live at? I am going to come to your house.” The man had said, “No, I am not worthy to have you to come to my home. Just say the word and he will be healed.” He says, “Because I am a person of authority.” And that say, “People go, go, come, come and they do it. So you just say the word and it will be done.” And Jesus said, “I would tell you the truth. I have not seen that kind of faith in all of Israel.” You see that is the kind of faith we need. Faith for you even got. You just believe God and his word. Can we believe God and his word?

So then after chapter 8 was so good I said I would better go to chapter 9—Great Acts of Faith. The paralyzed man on a mat, “Stand up. Take your mat and go home. You are healed. Send out faith, take heart, your sins are forgiven.” And then, the woman with issue of blood who believed that if she could only touch the hem of his garment she will be healed. But you got to remember now, she had faith. But at the same time, it was a whole crowd of people. They did not keep out her faith. They were trying to push her back. “Get back, Jesus is coming, get back!” So when you move forth somebody is going to say get back but you got to what?—push. You got to be unstoppable in you faith and what God can do for you and what he has promised you. See, he does not really promise that he cannot deliver to you. So he believed. And so she pushed to a big crowd of people. And she touched it, the hem of his garment. And since there were so many people, he said, “Who touched me? Who touched me?” Now, how could he feel her touch in the middle of everybody? That side would say, “Are not there too many people. How would we know who touched you?” he said, “That was not just a regular touch.” You see, that was not just a regular touch. That was some supernatural. She touched him supernaturally and that moment she was healed. She had an issue for 12 years. And that means that she was sort of pushed to the

side nobody would not want to be bothered by the lady with issue of blood. So the bottom line is the faith, the faith, okay?

And then it says, do not want to be encouraged your faith has made you well, healed at that moment. At that moment, two blind men received sight, alright. Casting out demons, Jesus traveled throughout that area preaching the good news about the kingdom. He healed and Jesus said also to his disciples, "The harvest is so great but the workers are so few." Now we know how it is. There is a church I went to they have a group called the Faithful Few. So it does not matter whether or not the others will participate in the program. They know that the programs do not go forth because somebody could be touched by that.

See the Lord would use all kinds of ways to bring you to salvation. He will take the youth program and you will be inspired by the youth program that you will do something greater for yourself. See, young people only 25% of the population but 100% of our future. Do you hear me? Only 25% of the population but 100% of our future that is why have to stay with our youth. So he said to us as we go forth, "Let us not to be discouraged in good doing." Do not be discouraged but pray to the Lord who is in-charge of the harvest. And ask him to send more workers for his field because there is a lot of work to be done in Atlanta, in Georgia. But the bottom line is we have to pray that more people will come to the side for Christ, that those who were pushed in the world for greed and materialism. Because it is a weak push in the world for you to bye, bye, bye and to have, have, have and to put yourself into context of who you are based upon the things that you have. So if you do not have certain things that you are not anybody. But see, the Lord did not speak that. He did not speak that. You are somebody. You are somebody in the sight of the Lord. You are an extra child of the most high king, of the most high king. And what you got to understand is that there is new king in town. The king that they are talking about is something else. We are talking about a king that can give you salvation. We are talking about a king that can give you joy. We are talking about a king who can heal you in the moment.

Some of you had in a days of now, this is the days of now. How many of you have prayed that somebody in your family was healed. And because of who you work, God gave favor to you and healed that person. Oh, come on now. The Lord can work at any way he wants to work it. So the moment then is nothing they say the way the women win. It has many times women have been at home and just have crying out to the Lord. Help me with my son that is on drugs. Just cry it out to the Lord. And because he hears our cry, because he hears our cry has delivered just on. And, no, you did not think he could be delivered because you have seen him go in and out of the system. But guess what? The Lord can do it.

See, it does not matter how far you have fallen to the left. The Lord can raise you up. No matter how far. He can reach down and get you. See that is the kind of God we serve. He is a God who can reach down and get you, a God who makes the impossible possible, the God who can say, "Is it my time? Or, is it not my time?" But clearly, it is your time if you walk with God. It is your time if you walk with God. If you believe in this bible that you read and profess to know, you can be healed. You can do miracles. You have a word for somebody. That is when you think just because you are just a lay person you do not have a word. The real reason you come in here is to get the Word. So when you get the Word you take the Word out. So you are the disciples now.

You are present day disciples so take the word out to people. Do not spend all your time trusting man. Spend all your time trusting God. Spend all your time trusting God because that is what time it is.

I always want to say to you to always love. From Psalms 24, it says, "The earth is the Lord and the world are fools as they are." So that means everything, everything is made by God. And he is in control of everything. So when you think about the obstacles and you say, "I cannot achieve that." Just take it out of your vocabulary because you can. You can! And yes, we can! Yes we can! And it is not by chance that you need the positive. Sometimes chant some positive so you can get it inside of you. See, change comes from within. I just told you that now. As you change, so does the world. As you change so does the world by faith. I am here to tell you we have come this far by faith leaning on the everlasting Lord. And he has never failed us yet. So I thank you for this opportunity come before you. I absolutely positively love you. I know who you are because I know who I am. I am a child of the most high king. I am someone who is going to fight for the least of these. I am someone who is going to stand up for those who are faceless and nameless. I am going to be someone who can be holy bowl in every level of whether it is government, business, community, I stand up holy bowling and say, "I love the Lord and not only do I love the Lord, I am on his side." I am on the Lord's side. The question today is not whether or not the Lord is on your side. The question today is, are you on the Lord's side. Thank you! God bless you!

Speaker: Amen! We truly appreciate that divine word brought by Able Mable. And she really lives that what she preaches. And I mean, literally lives. Mable's house is in the middle of the Hood. I mean in the middle of the Hood. And it is very unusual for a successful politician to remain and live among the people. And you will often hear a politician say that my door is always open but they are talking about the door down at the state capitol that you have to go to the secretary to get to. Mable literally has people in the community and they come to her door and they literally knock on the door where she lives and say, "Mable, can you help me?" And she does all that she can in the community where she lives to help people. And that is the whole mission of Christ is for us to do all that we can to help our neighbors so indeed we thank you so much for that divine word. And there is someone here that had touched. And you know that you need to go to the other side and you knew to go to another level. And you need to do it now and today was that push that will help to get you going. There is no excuse with almighty God. And it even struck me as she began to name the men in the bible. The first one she named was Abel. And I did not realize this that when you look through Genesis you got Adam and then Cain and Abel. So Abel was a, you know, you all know Abel. It is not just Mable who is able and that what she is trying to tell you. It is not just Mable who is able but sometimes you have to see Able Mable to make you understand that you are able.

And I will just say it. Able Mable is not high yelling straight ahead evil. So there is no excuse. There is no excuse. Whatever she can do through the power of God you can do. It is just time for stop making excuses. Stop making excuses. Stop making excuses. And it really is. So become able. Become able through the god that you serve. Our God is able. He is just able. She has so many points at what she talked about. If God can make the universe, why cannot you straighten out your world? What is it in your world that he cannot do? He can create the whole universe. What is it in your world that he cannot do? So he is able but we are just in the way to be honest

about it. And you cannot do anything with the person until they make up their mind that they are able, nothing that you can do. You provide all the resources in the world. You cannot do anything on the person's life until they make up their minds. Through the power of Christ, they are able. So just from her name and just from the words of which she spoke upon to you today, I hope you realized within your souls, stop making all these excuses about what you cannot do that you are able. I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me. I am going to ask James to just come and have final word and just dismiss us for today.

James: Amen, amen! Many of you have heard Able Mable but you did not know she could preach like that. That is Amen. So it is good to know that those who hold our offices have the word of God on the inside. Amen. So men in that, they are trying to push the word out to you out of our society. So we thank God that the Word is on the inside of Able Mable and empowers her to do all that she does. Amen.

Able Mable: Heavenly father we just thank you for this moment. Knowing that each moment is sacred. We thank you for the fellowship. We thank you for the love. Lord, we thank you for our life, health and our strength. Lord, we thank you for all that you have done and all that you will do. We ask that each family is represented today. Be blessed, Lord. Oh, we just thank you right now. Lord, we thank you for your mercy that endures forever, Lord. We just thank you right now. Lord, we thank you for your prosperity and we know that prosperity is more than a dollar sign. We just thank you right now. We ask that you heal our bodies, Lord, from the top of head to the souls of our feet, Lord. We just thank you right now. Lord, we love you. We adore you. We just thank you right now. Lord, we thank you for holiness in our life, Lord. We just thank you right now. Lord, thank you that you continue to bless us, Lord. Thank you! Continue to guide us, Lord. Oh, thank you! Lord, we just said to give us the desires in our heart, Lord. We just thank you right now. Lord, put a clean heart in us, Lord, as we go forth, Lord. Oh, Lord we thank you! We thank you Lord that you, oh halleluiah, Lord, with us we are majority, Lord. We thank you for the majority and the poor, Lord. We thank you Lord for this great church, Lord. We just thank you! We thank you that we are safe in the arc of salvation. We just thank you right now. Bless this Bronner's family, his legacy, Lord. We just thank you right now. Thank you for the congregation that has ears to hear and a heart to do. We just thank you right now. Thank you Lord, thank you Lord for your wonderfulness. Thank you Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.