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Female: And now for 6495 "Rise Above God's Divine Brokenness."

Ringo Johnson: Welcome to Brothers of the word, because brother you need the word. Thank you. What if have you found yourself in a Red Sea situation, where you by stand an enemies on your trial. You're going to cry to God for help or for some reason he doesn't open up the Red Sea nor allow you to walk on dry ground. A word of disputed God legend to the valley of the shadow of death or you stay there so long you begin to feel evil for thought and fell that God has forsaken you. Or what if you facing a mountain that you've been dealing with for a long time and you begin to get worry, you begin to get frustrated, you're running out of endurance, you want to give up, there's a voice inside saying, "Continue." It's not a voice say, "Give up.". What would you do? What were your response?

Or maybe you are person who was walking with God hand in hand, he came to a crossroad and you forsake his hand and you begin to travel on your road to pleasure. And now you had a dead end, a dessert of cliff, looking around, ask yourself, "How in the heavens? How in the heavens did I get there?" I will say, "I'm okay ma", right? Which leave me to the title in today's message it is call "Rise Above God's Divine Brokenness. Rise Above God's Divine Brokenness." The open verse comes from Psalm 34:18 and it reads, "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."

Now, God uses brokenness for various reasons. It uses to bring the center, to receive salvation through repentance of the sins, it also into sanctification and to purification process of our faith. God uses brokenness in our disobedience as well in our obedience to him, either way it tends to happen suddenly having a sledge hammer fit that can crush our hearts, it cause our world to fall apart.

Let me define brokenness. Brokenness mean to be weakened and strength in the spirit. It also can be to strive has been tamed, trained and reduce to submission. Now, in these three words describes how God can I see use us or use brokenness within our world. Tamed he can tamed our mind. He can train us for the battlefield. He can reduce us to submission to do his will. God Divine Brokenness can be for to summarize as God perfect storm in which it allows interruption and disruption into our lives for a divine purpose as we walk in obedience to his perfect will.

And this divine interruption and disruption can be so intense due to the pain and the suffering and the heartache that comes with it. It could cause a believer to lose hope, weaken their faith, simply because in the midst of a struggle we tend loose or to dim our focus on God almighty, which is a legitimate reason in the flesh to why we allow our circumstances to overtake us, creating adverse effects on our worship our prayer time and our praise. And we all know that's it's easy to praise God in the good time and everything is going well. But there are times when it's difficult, you may come in brokenly, broken and you come in, you worship God in good time, halleluiah, but then in the broken time just like, "Hey, Allah." Can you say, halleluiah because heart is broken? In your prayer time you get down to pray, you use to pray to God and you pray and your mind become overwhelm with the circumstances.

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It's affecting your prayer time in a praise time. Thanking God which you heard it in the same time. You're trying to lift up your hands to heaven. Sometimes you only lift your eyes in the hill which you have cometh plus hands, it's hurting so bad and your heart is troubled. Now, it's like I said before some of the Christians have left the church because they thought that God was unfair. They got angry with God because they thought that he'd forsaken them in the brokenness process. Now, understanding that God ways are not our ways, his thoughts are much high than our thoughts. That's why it's important to read the word to get the chance to know his character. It's in the state of brokenness that we will begin to asks those emotional questions, Why me? When will this season end in the end in my life? Have you love Lord? Why you allow this to happen to me? Have I not been faithful to you Lord?

Now these are some typical crying out questions that we make before in these uncertain times especially in our obedience in our faithlessness to God. And it's usually when we become confuse in our brokenness, when we don't understand or have an explanation to why this happening to us or when the circumstances appears to be endless and we just can't see our way out of this unpleasant situation. Now as a brokenness can cause stress, anxiety, it can increase weight, you can lose weight, you can lose your hair, all kind of stuff can happen. But we truly feel internally the effects it shows out will, we feel hopeless for example. It come to person who is believe in you saying, "How are doing today?" And watch their response, their brokenness it's like, "I can complain" or the other people whose walking to God enjoy and say, "I can't complain, praise God." But that's something dealing within the spirit realm and that's where it comes from. And people may say you know, "God is busy and maybe God is punish me for some reason."

Now, the question is why? Why do feel so emotionally out of control in his divine testing of our faith. Let's try to find out why. And one reason is that there is a spiritual and an emotionally battle taking place into a valley of our divine brokenness. In this battleground, this is where faith versus fear. And we know that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power love and with sound mind. Therefore the stage is being set by God for us to conquer the spirit of fear once and for all. Also this is the battleground for testing. God tests our heart to see that we love him like we say. He see if you and when you continue to trust him and obey him even in the lowest, weakest point of desperation and it's in and our desperation has become to end on a rope or in of ourselves.

It would be to distinct cry outs. It would be the cry out of spirit and or to cry out of our motions or your emotions. Now, God does not respond to the cry out of our emotions, but to the faith cry of our spirit. And one of God objective is to restore us fully from the fault of Adam to give victory of every area of lives. So, his plan was set in order to take full possession about the total being that is our spirit, soul, mind and body.

For example, before we were saved, our spirit man was dead to the days of God. Therefore we operate it heavily in the natural realm, the flesh walking by sight not by faith. Lead by the soul of our emotion. The body gives little resistance we found the Holy

Spirit guidance which is our divine order. This is why Satan, the devil can easily influence our action by the way of our soul and not emotional willingness while we live in the darkness. And now has believe that Satan is still using the same tactics and influence us to sin against the king of God. Therefore, God is continuously at work and the realignment process of the trinity of our being to set in proper order. Spirit first, soul second, body third and Holy Spirit can finally flow truly to accomplish that we have purpose for our lives.

And you could see that every day in today's generation where people just doing what they want to do just off their emotions. Road rage for example, emotions triggered and they do things without thinking. The second objective that God is concerned about in our spiritual growth is our character.

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Therefore he takes an in-depth look at the fruit our spirit for testing and maturity. The food of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Now, in the testing of our faith, God uses long suffering which is for the spirit has a direct connection to our divine brokenness revealing the transparency of our heart. In the meantime, the enemy is launching a barrage of fury days of worry, doubt, fear, lies, destructions and temptation into our brokenness as a main part of a massive deception.

Now, he's hoping that your love for God will grow cold over time. The enemy knows that if I will love for God will cold, this will affects our joy for the Lord. If we know that to joy the Lord is our strength as the Bible says, and it does any slight of hindrance within our love in our joy department we would not be able to receive what we need and that is the supernatural piece from God. The peace that passes all the understanding and in order to be victorious not define brokenness we need, we must have peace.

Now, how do you rise above God's divine brokenness? He wants us to, we have to. There are seven keys we will discuss as we look at the life of Joseph and how he was able to rise above broken in a broken situation.

Okay. Let us turn our attention Genesis 37, that's where Joseph began his life or begin to talk about Joseph and that's how Genesis would end. Genesis would end in discussion and the life of Joseph and Jacob, how they went down into Egypt.

Now, I want you to listen closely. In Genesis Chapter 37, the Bible says, "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. He made him a tunic of many colors." And when his brother saw that their father loved him more than them, they hated him and they envied him because of his dreams.

Now, I want you to know in this particular passage I just read it would be love, the food of the spirit that will trigger his brothers, the emotions to the evil fruit of hatred, envy it was lead to Joseph then put into the pit of brokenness. Now, because of hatred Joseph was age 17, he would be landed as a slave into Egypt until part of her, then officer of Pharaohs and the captain of the God.

And Jacob, his father would have be deceived by his sons to thinking that Joseph was killed by an evil beast. This was report to call Jacob's spirit to become broken for he refused to be comforted by his children saying, "I will go down to the grave until son mourn me." And this is a good example of the emotional battle that we talked about. Spiritual and emotional battles that is -- things that we could not see but we have to see it from the spiritual standpoint.

Now, let's into the keys. So, how was Joseph able to rise above God's divine brokenness? Number one key, site alignment, site alignment. Now in difficult circumstances God can become the magnify or he can be made low depending upon our heart's focus. Therefore we must seek God of our whole heart.

When Joseph was able to his focus on God even in broken circumstance or he broken affliction between the pit and road to Egypt, Joseph had no choice but to focus in depending on God more than ever before. And to think this guys is 17 years old going to the pit, alienated from his father and family not knowing if he'll able to see him again but something happened before he got into the pit. He established a relationship with God. He knew God. He knew what God has shown him, so devil's enough just hold on and that transition something happened and we will see a man like Joseph rise above brokenness and hurt and pain.

Key number two is surrender. This must be for transparent heart. You must catch your tails before the All Mighty God. You must talk about your fears, your pain, your anger, your disappointments, your regrets. In such a young age Joseph must have felt and had to face the same challenge in dealing with these intense emotions being torn apart from his family for years. So, you have to be transparent with God, he can handle it. He can handle our frustration and our anger, he can handle that. His God Almighty, it's his test, all right? So, remember as you in its predicament, this is about your heart. Listen to what it said now and so you have peace.

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The third key, submission. We must submit to the perfect will of God. It is in a submission and a determination to serve God regardless of tough circumstances you may be facing. We must allow God to order our steps and to walk us to the process about divine brokenness. Once you realize that God is using you in a brokenness process you can't get out on your own, he won't let you. You can try, things may fall apart even worst. So, once you identify and you have matured question, you had -- you know what? Okay, lead me and guide me. You guide me here, I belongs to you, I surrender.

The fourth key is faith in God's faithfulness, faith in God's faithfulness. It's about total trust in God of heaven. You must know that God who is able is to sustain you, it's more enable and willing to deliver you out of an appointed time, he will deliver you but it's in his time not in us, because God is ought into finish of our faith, he has purpose, he has design, he wanted to carry it out the process without interference.

Key number five, integrity. (00:16:12) spirit Joseph operated in the fear of God and God was able to vanish the slave boy at through different occasions. When he was second in charge on to pharaoh, that's number one, he was made overseer in the house of Potiphar and while in prison, the keeper of the prison committed Joseph hand to all the prisoner that was in the prison. So, Joseph operated in the blessing of God, the mercy God, the grace of God.

Number six key, it's a big one, it's a tough one, it's attitude adjustment. Cut the complaining, cut the blaming, the whining. You must take on attitude of gratitude, love and forgiveness. In Genesis 42, Joseph brothers discussed the anguish of Joseph's soul after putting him into the pit, but yet Joseph forgave his brothers because he understood that God sent him to Egypt before them to preserve life. Same things from God perspective, can sometime help to make forgiveness easy or easier to do.

Now, you can imagine being put in the pit by your brothers. The Bible said that they even sat down to take bread. And you know Joseph has some choice words at that time, you can't tear me down because they said he was angry at his brothers, but along that way on that journey, relationship with God it took away the pain, he was able to forgive his brothers.

Key number seven, you must maintain hope. Hope fast to the promises of God by guarding your heart with worship and songs of praise to God. Joseph held on to the promise dreams that God revealed to him and watched them come to pass. Those are long process but God was faithful. God will be faithful in this process. Once you identify that he's walking with you in his -- some things that God will let you know. He will whisper to you and with you continue, and it's always that first one get frustrated because the process could take years. And if God have chosen you as he had chosen Joe or Paul he had to withstand the process, you got to stay in there, you have to get God glory even in the brokenness process.

Now, if you are able to keep an essence in spirit in your divine brokenness has to Joseph, you can expect to experience a few of these points here. You can expect two experience. Number one, the favor of God in your life. The Bible says Joseph was a godly person, he was well-favored. So, one of the things that you will identify that you will see is favor, unmerited favor happen in your life in the process. Even when you're feeling low or you're down low in the brokenness process, it will ask you to move, you begin to see God favor, open up different doors. So, the stance will may not change right away but the favor will sustain.

Number two, God will prosper your hands. Number three, people will notice that God is with you. Number two and number three goes hand in hand because in the Bible its says that part of her soul that the Lord was with Joseph that he made all that he did

to prosper in his hand even the enemy recognize God is with him. Now Joseph a slave boy in a foreign land and everyday and any he did, everything he touched is turned to gold. He rose up second in charge in Potipher house, he was made second until everything except his food and his wife. Joseph has a favor of God. He had to recognize that and recognizing that favor can help sustain you in a tough situation.

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Number four, God will confirm and validate his divine plan for your life before and after the test. Now, we know that God gave Joseph two dreams, confirmation meaning that something's going to happen with you. This had been ordained, a got a plan, Joseph understood that. And we're looking in Genesis also, we see that gospel to Jacob, Israel and the vision of knight and he said, "I am the God of your father. Fear not to go down into Egypt for I will make thee a great nation." Confirmation, "Jacob, hey I did this. Going down Egypt, I'm going to bless you, I make you a great nation, this is me." Confirmation, the process came from me.

And in Psalms 105 and that is confirmation. 105 Psalms 17 to 19 God said, "He sent a man before them Joseph who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came, the word of the Lord tried him." So, God confirmed the will again in Psalms 105, 17 to 19, so he tested Joseph, he tried him and Joseph evidently passed the test. And all of that trouble that he went through in brokenness time God will restore. He will restore. He restored with Joe is a good example.

Now with Joseph, Joseph restored as well. At 30 years old he was placed, once again second in charge to pharaoh and he was made governor over all the land of Egypt. Now, and it took 22 years of absent from his family. He was finally reunited with his father, with his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, 22 years this process took but it was part of God plan. That was what he wanted to do.

Now in closing, it was the interpretation of dreams, connections that got Joseph thrown into the pit, release for prison and eventually made governor over Egypt. Like I said before, has Gods perfect storm in the life of Joseph. No matter the circumstances is God plan for us to rise above divine brokenness

by His grace and by His mercy. Brokenness is not an easy process but God chooses certain believers to go through the process and when he does that you can reset assure that's a big blessing on the other side. It's a blessing, it could be material, spiritually but you will not go to that process just for no reason. And I know that some of you may or may not be in a situation of brokenness but you know who you are, you know how your heart feel, this be encouraged that God has you and he guides you as long as you trust into him, long as you have been faithful to his word, stand in faith everything would turn out according to God will and plan for your life.

I just want to say thank you for listening to this message. I hope that it did something for you and for those who are listening and I just want to say thank you and to give God a glory and I appreciate each and every one of you. So, thank you for joining us at Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word.

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