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Female: And now for 6496, "Change Your Chance."

Jamie Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because, brother and sister, you need the Word.

So, today my topic, I'm going to be talking about, Change Your Chance. In the beginning you know, God made Adam and Eve and they had the choice to eat of the Tree of Knowledge and Good and Evil and they decided to eat from it. So, now we have control over our lives whether we want to or not. It's your choice to how you are going to live it.

Whenever you hear the word change, you think about making a 180 or turning completely around and starting over, but the change that I'm talking about is making sure you have the right support system, making sure that you're going on the right path because you know, even though, we might be on the right path, we might have to make some different directions just to get to our location so we can avoid certain things. You see, the wrong path looks like the easy path.

We see our destination down there and we get in our car and we're all fired up. We got our gas tank full and we get in our car and we just driving, now all of a sudden, you just driving in circles and you just keep going in circles and eventually, it's going to feel like you're never going to get there. And then eventually, you're going to run out of gas, so you got to start all over again, go back, get some more gas, and come back, but the right way that you're supposed to go on is always the hard way, it always has some obstacles.

So, when you get on this way, you got challenges that you have to face. It's a straight shot, but it's different ways you have to get to,

to get to your destination and in the end, you're preparing yourself mentally, for what's ahead if you've already been through the worse. So, now you're going to get to gray for what is ahead. Sometimes, God has taken us to certain things to show us where we're going to end up in life if we don't make a change now. So the visions, the dreams that you're having, all that stuff is for a reason because He's showing you, if you don't take some action right now, what's going to end up either if it's good or bad.

Everyone has a chance to turn their life around no matter how old. You can't say, "Oh, man I'm too old. I had already lived my life, like it's done now." You're still on this earth for a reason, you're not dead yet. So, that means you still have a purpose to live. You still have a chance to turn and change everything around for the better because God knows your plan and change is not something that needs to happen all at one time. Don't think, "Oh yeah, if I do it right now, I'll be done. If I change this one time, this one thing, I'm good."

Think about it. I was listening to this guy speaking, he said, "If you were to pick up a big bucket of water, go dump it on a plant, leave, come back the next week and do the same thing -- don't water the plant the entire week, just dump a whole bunch of water, that's not going to help the plant grow. The plant has so much going on, so much water that it is going to drown in. You have to water that plant each and every day and eventually, that plant will grow and grow.

And you know what, the smallest change is the biggest change of your life. The smallest thing that God is telling you to do, eventually, you're going to see the results. The results might not come right then and there, but you'll see it in the end. For you to get the things you're asking God for, you have to make some changes for Him to know that you're ready for it. It's like if your room is full of stuff, you got all these junk in your room, how in the world are you supposed to fit a better something in there. Imagine it's like a garage, your garage -- most people, their garage is full of stuff, unnecessary things, looks like a storage area. If God wants to bring a Ferrari, Lamborghini, a Tesla, a Ranger or whatever car you want into this garage, how in the world are you going to fit it into the garage with all this stuff in there?

So you got to clean some stuff out. You got to realize that there is something in there that's not helping you reach what God wants

to give you. You're blocking Him out, you're making it where He can't give it to you. It's up to you and most of the time, we're focused on the wrong type of change. We think, "Oh yeah, if I change my appearance," or we're going to base off what other people think, we think, "Oh yeah, the society is saying this, so I need to do this," so, you start doing it, but really, what we need is a mentality change and our actions need to change.

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Don't just think, "Oh, yeah if I cut my hair, yeah, I'm done, yeah, everything's changed." Or, "This to that." You have to realize that you can't conform to what society saying because society is always changing. So you have to stay true to your mind, your mind has to keep up with your body. Your body is going to change no matter what, but your mind, you have to grow and change it and make it move along with everything else.

Romans Chapter 12 verse 1 & 2, says, "Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to the God, this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is. His good, pleasing, and perfect will." Stop waiting on God to do things. He's giving you all the things you need to do it. Like Pastor was saying with the Tree. God gave you the tree, you're the one who has to make it into the big house, the table, the chair, even a pencil, no matter how big your goal is. You're the one that's going to have to transform it into what he's already given because He's giving you the information, He's not going to do it because He knows you're capable of doing it, because He's giving you everything you need.

This mission that He gave is not given to everybody. He has the power to do, he has the power to make somebody else do it. So, if you don't do it, somebody else will. You are going to get on it. Whenever God tells you, you need to change some stuff around. You got to get on it because you'll never know what's ahead. You got to be prepared and eventually, we want Him to start changing our life, we start promising and promises, so you know, we get on our knees and we say, "God, man if you give me this money, if you give me this job, I'll stop drinking, I'll stop cursing, I'll stop smoking, I'll stop doing stuff," and then you don't do it, or, "I'll start reading my Word and stuff," and God's in here like, "You're

not doing what I told you to do,” so you’re saying promises that you’re not going through with and you’re looking for a reward, but you’re not supposed to be doing it anyway, so why are you rewarded for something you’re not supposed to be doing?

It’s like do you get a reward for brushing your teeth every day, do you get a reward for doing your hair, taking a shower? No. The reward might come in the end, but right then and there, nobody’s giving you a \$100 for brushing your teeth. No, you just know you’re supposed to do it. So, you need to do what you’re supposed to be doing in the first place. If you could change something that will guarantee to change your life drastically, think about it, “Man, if I could change this, then my life would be changed forever.” Some of you guys are going to think about it appearance-wise, you’re going to think, “Man, only if I was prettier. Only if I had longer hair, only if I was taller. Only this, only that, only if I was richer,” you think your life is going to change, but that happiness is only going to last two points, two seconds because if you think about it, you’re going based of what other people think is good.

So, it’s not really what you want to be happy about, it’s materialistic things and things on the outside that don’t matter. So you’re going to base off them, the happiness is not going to last that long. And you’re not going to have nothing to change if you just wasted a change and you spent all this time, and all this energy into this change and now you can’t go to something else.

Okay, now number one, I want you to look at yourself and see why in the first place you thought that you need to change that? What did you think was going to come out of it? Think, because some reasons are not always the best reasons. Number two, I want you to look at the people around you, the people who persuade you and they reflect you. If you don’t know what you’re doing wrong, it always shows on your friends, it always shows the people you hang around. If your friends are up here, you won’t be trying to get up there, they’re going to be persuading you and getting you, and pushing you to your highest potential. If your friends are down here, you won’t be trying to just stay with them, for most of the time they’re friends we’re trying to impress. We try to do everything to get their approval for, but at most times it doesn’t matter, they don’t help us, they’ll all actually bring us further down.

And number three I want you to look at, how God wants you to live your life. See, if you're living up to His potential or His standards that He wants you to live up to, because most times, His standards aren't even that high. He just wants you to do the things that He said to do all along. He's not asking for any extra stuff. He's just saying, "Do the things that I said, do." And most of us are not even doing it. We're focused on other stuff and our time and energy and everything else is consumed by other stuff. If you were to look at yourself in five to ten years, would you look back on yourself and say, "Man, I wish I could change that." Because a lot of young people, we say, "Well, it won't matter, like I mean, I know I regret it now, but in ten years, I might want to go back and change, but I mean, I'm just going to do what I want, because I don't care."

You got to think about it in the long run because we have to start sacrificing some of our desires because these desires are something like, candy and junk food, and fast food -- we all love that, we'll eat that all day every day, but it's not always the best for you. So, whenever you eating this candy and all these junk food, some people actually do need to work on this even though I'm using it as an analogy, you need to work on it. But every time you're eating, you try to eat healthy again, you got to work twice as hard just to get back to where you started.

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So, why put yourself further back for the things that you want when you can just stay on track and stay where God put you. He put you on the spot for a reason. Don't go further back, to keep going forward. We like to go back to our bad habits, you got to stay on the track because we like go to the easy stuff. You're like, "Man, we see McDonald's right there and I'm so hungry, let me just go get a burger real quick and then I'll eat something else." That's not going to help you at all. You got to stay on the path on that He told you to be on. Don't get sidetracked because there is nobody that going to pull you back in. Some people think, "Well, if I go over here for a little bit, eventually I will get back on track." You got to push yourself back on track, nobody is holding you accountable, nobody is going to pull you back. You are in control of your life, so you have to do what you need to do.

You got to start changing the way you view things because the things on the outside aren't always the problem, it's the things

that you're going through on the inside. If you know, that you need some help, you need to go get help. If you know, that you're doing this wrong, you need to go figure it out and do it right. There's no ifs, ands or buts about it and I want you to look at your life and reflect to right now. Determine if you're living your vision or you're living in somebody else's. God gave you your own mind, He gave you your own body, He gave you your own mouth for a reason for you to live what He told you to do. Not for you to be going under somebody else when you think, "Oh, well I have time. I'm just going to do this, right now and then eventually I'll get back on track." No, He gave you your own vision for a reason, so you got to go and live out your vision. Take some risks, do the things you need to do. It's not going to be hard. I want you to look for obstacles, look for challenges because without these things, you want to go to the easy way and the easy way doesn't always bring you the best outcome.

And don't be against change either, because without change, nothing unique will ever come in this world, we won't have this green screen, this technology, none of this. None of this will be here. So without change, nothing good will ever come. Change while you have chance. Like I said, you're not here forever, so you'll never know what your next day is. Don't think, "Oh, I have tomorrow, or I have next week, I have next year." Don't think that way because what successful people think years ahead of time, the people who are living in the moment and living day to day, minute to minute, second to second, they don't know where they're going in life and eventually they go left into the wrong ditch and they fall and they're done, they're dead, they're done. So, I want you to even just try to make an effort to change your chance.

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