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And now for 6497, You've Got Me Going In Circles.

Nathan Durham: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. But those of you who have your Bible tonight, I want to share out the Book of Joshua, Joshua Chapter 6 Verses 1 through 5. You find these words, "Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all ye men of war, and you should go around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of ram horns before the ark: but the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall come to pass when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout, then the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him."

By the time we have the share I want to talk from this simple thought, "You've got me going in circles." You've got me going in circles. I believe that there are many of us who are living in the land of expectancy. We are trusting God. We are depending on God. We are waiting for God to do something in our lives. But let me pause and tell you that we serve a God who will provide. Our God is big on provisions. He has a track record of providing. He even gave His son, Jesus, as a means of provision. He is big on providing.

Jesus became an otolaryngologist when Peter cut off a man's ear. Jesus became an orthopedic surgeon for a man that was paralyzed. Jesus became a nutritionist when he took two fish, five butter loaves of bread and fed 5,000. Jesus became a gynecologist for a woman who had an issue of blood for 12 long

years. Jesus became a pediatrician for Jarius' daughter. Jesus is always in the business of providing. He will provide our needs.

Let me just submit and suggest to you brothers and sisters that Jesus as He provide, as He makes a way that there are certain provisions that have prerequisites. In other words, there are times in which God would do it. God is going to do, but you and I got to do what we got to do.

It is during these times in which it seem as though we're getting nowhere that God makes us feel as though He us going in circles. When you look at this particular passage, it is an awesome passage because it deals with the children of Israel. You remember how they had been in a place called, "Egypt" for some 430 years. They had served as slaves and God, but then, brothers and sisters, used men of God to lead them. God promised them a place that would flow with milk and honey. He promised them a better place. He promised them a new territory. But at that time of our text, brothers and sisters, they are made to feel as though they are going in circles.

There are three things that I want to look at because for those of you who are watching tonight by way of television or by way of streaming in, there are three phases that we could find ourselves in. The first phase tonight I want to look at, number one, I want to look at their circumstances.

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Their circumstances. They were displaced. They were taken from Egypt. They were in a place now where they couldn't see their way. They were not the recipients of the promise yet, but they had the promise. They had not obtained what had been promised but they had the promise.

What do you do when you find yourself in a predicament where your revelation is contrary to your reality when all you have is the promise but you don't have the provision? They had found themselves going up against one opposition after another opposition. Every time they turn around, it was something else. That's how it is in life sometimes. If it ain't one thing, it's another thing. But let me just submit to you, if you find yourself dealing with opposition after opposition, it is a good sign that God is

getting ready to put you in new territory. And sometime going to opposition is just part of the provision.

You remember in Chapter 5, the children of Israel had to be circumcised a second time. They had to be circumcised. They had to deal with circumcision. I think I had to tell you there are times in which provision comes with precision. It's when we want God to do something for us but God said, "You first got to be precise."

We're living on a day now, I know, where a lot of people are messing up a lot of Christians and making them think that all you got to do is turn around three times and shout that all of your problems are going to be over, but that's not the God that we serve. God is more intelligent than that. God says, "In this season, if you want me to open doors, you first got to knock." He says, "In this season, if you want me to dry hemorrhaging blood, you've got to touch the hem of my garment. In this season, if you want a see clearly, you got to go wash in the Pool of Siloam." Jesus wants us to know that there are certain provisions that come with prerequisites.

The first thing we see is their circumstances. They are in a predicament now where they have been promised the Promised Land. And now, there is a circumscription, not only that we see a circumstance, we see a circumscription. It's another word for boundary, limits, walls. They have been promised a promise but there is a wall that separates them from the provision. They are dealing with some walls and many of us maybe dealing with some walls in our lives.

Walls of financial hardship, wall of dealing with mean supervisors, walls of dealing with financial hardship, walls of dealing with drama, baby-mama drama, walls of dealing with children problem, walls that dealing with people not liking you and you haven't done anything to them. Walls, if ain't one thing, there's another thing. Walls, paying your ties but still borrow from Peter to pay Paul, just walls. Is there anybody here tonight dealing with some walls?

But I come to tell you, I come to declare and decree that on this time next week, some wall are going to come tumbling down in your life. They are dealing with walls. They are dealing with walls and many of us were having to deal with some walls. What

do you do when you know that there is a wall in your life? I'm glad you asked.

Whenever there is a wall in your life, the first thing you got to do is accept the reality that there is a wall. See, many of us, we are guilty of trying to act like we're the (00:09:32) good time. You got to accept the reality that there is a wall. And I know a lot of time we put on our mask before the mask and we don't want people to know what we're dealing with. And I do understand that because you can't tell everybody your business. But there comes a time in which you got to deal with the reality that that is a wall in my life, but I come in this season to say that every wall that the enemy has put up has got to fall down in this season.

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Is there anybody here tonight who can declare and decree it's time for some walls to come tumbling down?

Well, we see there are circumstances but we also see the circumscription. But number three, I want you to notice the circumnavigation. God gives them some specific orders, says to them, "I want you to take the horn and I want you to take the priest. They have to be in the right place, the right position." Let me just tell you tonight, that there are times in which it could be the right time that we can be out of place. You see, you can miss out on your blessing when it's your time but you're out of place.

Many of you know about football. In football, they have a play called a, "Timing Pattern." A timing pattern is when the quarterback is throwing the football at a certain time to a certain place. He's not throwing it directly to the receiver, but it's up to the receiver at a certain time to be at a certain place. And I come to tell you tonight, in this season of my life, I don't have time to waste. I want to make sure I'm in the right place. God, attach me to the right people. God, put me in the right job, in the right career. God, I want to be in the right place. I don't want you to miss me in this season.

Is there anybody here tonight who want God to find you in the right place? God, if the right place means sweeping the floors, I want to be in the right place. If the right place means being a servant, I want to be in the right place. Touch about 10 people and tell them, "I want to be in the right place." Tell them, "I want

you to march around the city for seven days, for six days. Do it one time. But on the seventh day, do it seven times.” Why seven, God? There’s power in number seven. Number seven represent that which is complete.

You remember when Jacob got ready to marry to Leah, he had to work seven years. In order to marry her sister Rachel, he had to work seven years. Seven is a powerful number. Jesus spoke from the cross seven times. Seven is a very powerful number. There are seven days in a week. Seven is powerful.

When you look in the mirror this morning, there are seven holes in your face, two for eyes, two for your eyes, two for your nose and one for your face. Seven is powerful. But why seven, God? I’m glad you asked. And God says, “Since you’re man enough to ask, I’m God enough to answer. The reason I said seven is because I want it to.”

I think I ought to tell you, God doesn’t owe us an explanation. There are times in which God would tell us to do some things that may not make sense to us but God says, “I’m God and if I said do it, then you’ve got to do it.” He says, “March around seven times.” Archeologists believe that the wall was a double wall that went at least six feet down that it was a strong wall. But yet, they had to march around. They could’ve got tired, could’ve felt like, “We’re not getting anywhere.”

Sometimes in life, it will make you feel that way, “I’m not getting anywhere. I’m trying to do right, serving God right. It seems like I’m not getting anywhere. The matter of fact, every step I take forward seems like I’m taking two steps backwards, seems like I’m not getting anywhere.” What are you doing? You feel like you’re on a treadmill of life. You’re moving but don’t feel like you’re getting anywhere. They were going around the city. Perhaps they felt like, “We’re not getting anywhere.” But let me tell you, when God says do something, even when it seems like you’re not getting anywhere, those are the times you’re really getting somewhere. When God says move, you got to move. Tell them to march around seven times. I’m glad that the text doesn’t say they complained.

Some of us, we would've been complaining at least five laps ago. They didn't complain but they were obedient to God. They marched around seven times and you might want to ask God, "Couldn't you have chosen another plan?"

Well, how would you feel if somebody asked you for a ride to the Storm Mountain and they get in your car, you said, "I will take you to the Storm Mountain." They sit down in your car and they ask you, "Why you don't have leather seats? Where is your sunroof? And why aren't we riding on 22's or 24's?" "How dare you to ask me about the car, you asked for a ride to the Storm Mountain?" And that's how we are with God. Where we ask God to land us in a certain place, who are we to tell God how we want to travel?

And I believe I'm talking to somebody out there tonight who can testify I'm trying to get to my destiny. A matter of fact, you can already be a witness that you've had to drag yourself to the mud just to get where you are tonight but as long as you get to your destiny. Is there anybody here tonight can testify, "I've gone down some dark roads. I've had to cry many late nights but as long as I get to my destiny"?

They marched around seven times and I'm trying to get there. And it was important that when they march around on that seventh time, they were supposed to shout with a great shout. Okay, understand that this shout is not to take place after the walls are down, but this shout is to take place before the walls come down. And I just love that about God because there are times in which we have to celebrate the breakthrough in advance. You don't have it yet but you got to celebrate like you already have it. You don't have the job yet but I dare you to fill out a resume and put your shout behind your name. You got to shout like you already have it. You don't have the house yet but I dare you to go ahead and go to the dollar store and pick up some whatnots and shout down the aisle and say, "I'm getting ready for my new house!" I dare you to just look at somebody and say, "Neighbor, let's shout like we already got it." Find another neighbor, somebody that will shout with you. If you're looking by TV, find your brother, find your children, get them in your living room and say, "It's time to shout!" After all the hail we have called, it's time shout like we already have it.

But I come to tell you tonight, God wants our praise. He wants our shout. He wants us to have a hallelujah experience. And let me tell you, I feel sorry for people who have to have 2,000 people to shout, but God is looking in this season for some people whose shout is authentic, who can praise Him before you get your breakthrough. A matter of fact, you don't have to wait until you get to church to praise Him but you've been known to have some co-church. You could praise Him in your car. You can praise Him in the domiciles of your home. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. I dare you to praise Him like you love Him. In this place, praise Him like it's your last time praising Him.

But tonight, you may feel as though He has me going in circles. I want to let you know tonight that God's delay is not a denial. What you're going through is necessary. It is part of your process. It is part of God's plan. I just want to pray for you tonight. All over the place, I want to pray for you. Those who are watching, I want to pray for you. Just grab somebody's hand with you tonight.

Merciful God, in Jesus' name, we bless you. Lord, we give you glory. You are sovereign. You are all-knowing. And Lord, we bless your name tonight. Lord, we thank you, God, that in the midst of what we've gone through, God, you have kept us in our right mind. And Lord, we bless your name. In spite of how difficult it has been, God, you still kept us. And Lord, we bless you for that.

And Lord, I pray upon each and everyone under the sound of my voice, you know what it is that we are standing in need of. God, you have all power in your hand. I pray you touch every situation tonight that somebody, God, who is standing in mental needs, touch that mind tonight. You are a perfect mind regulator. Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be also in us.

Lord, we come against depression tonight. We come against anxiety. We come against any suicidal thought tonight. You are God. Touch that mind. And Lord, I pray upon families tonight. I pray upon marriages tonight, which you've joined together let no man put a sunder touch right now. Thank you, Jesus.

Lord, I pray upon ministries tonight, those who are in ministry, those who are doing ministries. A lot of them feel as though they're getting nowhere. Lord, touch them tonight. Let them

know, God, it's part of the plan, it's part of the process. I pray God that we would not be weary in well-doing. We believe that, God, in this season, it is reaping season. Lord, I pray, God, upon every pastor, every leader. In the name of Jesus, increase territories tonight, in large coast.

Lord, I pray that even as we leave this place, and I pray, God, that even in our homes, I pray, God, that we will have a sense of peace knowing, God, that you're fixing it right now. You're working it out on our behalf. We put this in your hand. I pray upon every financial hardship. I pray that every need will be met tonight, in the name of Jesus.

And Lord, we thank you in advance. We glorify you in advance. We praise you in advance. We lift you up in advance. We thank you for what it is you're getting ready to do. We thank you for the doors you're getting ready to open, God. We bless you tonight because, God, you are worthy. In the name of Jesus, and if you believe, will you give God a hand of praise all over the place. Hallelujah.

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