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And now for 6522, MVP - Most Valued Person.

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

So, the title of my message today is "MVP - Most Valued Person." This world is a very confusing place at times and we will live in a time where we often question, "Is this right? Is this wrong?" But in reality, we know the difference between the right and the wrong.

In most times, if it was right, we would never even have to question with it being wrong. If it was right, we would just do it. We would never question it. But when you don't know the sign, it shows that you're just trying to blend in with everyone else, that you're just trying to get approval from them because they think it's right. So, you just try to do what they're doing, but you know it's not right and you continue to do it.

The people who you hang around and the people who you trust and that you honor, you respect, can be the people who you cannot tell the difference between the right and the wrong, but if you look at Corinthians 15 Verse 33, it says, "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good behavior."

So, you can tell if a person is good for you based on your character. If you have to adjust yourself whenever you're around them, if you have to shift over and do something different that you don't usually do, you know that it's affecting you. And when you come in contact with certain experience, you see how you act, you see how you change, and if you're changing for someone, they are not right for you, and this goes for relationships and friendships. Whatever it is, if you're changing for them, you need to let it go.

And you know, you're trying to just see what everyone else has. When you think about it you see, "Oh, they're popular. Maybe I should go with them," and you don't look at what other people can offer. You're just judge them based on their appearance, based on their status, and you just think, "Man, I don't know if I want to mess with them because they're not like that." And you know, we did that same thing with Jesus.

Jesus was a carpenter. He didn't look like a king. He didn't look like a prince. So, we just assumed that he was not right for us, when he ended up saving us all. He came in and showed us what a friend is. He came in and showed us what God can do in our lives. So, don't ever judge.

Wait, why do you think God made this Earth so big? He wanted us to be able to move around, get out of certain environments, situations, move into a different space. So, stop just trying to stay comfortable in your one spot. He made people go through things for you.

They didn't just go through it for no reason. Some of you out there are going through things and you think, "Why am I going through this?" But if you think about it, you have a reason. God is trying to use you for someone else. There's someone else who's going to come and see your life and they're going to need to hear that, and you have to be ready.

So, don't just get comfortable because you don't know what God can do, and you know, those people that make you lose your character, you've got to learn to not even try to mess with those people because you think, "Oh yeah, they're good. They're all that," but they're really not. They're not all that for you, and we get better results whenever we work together with people, and they help us do things. So, for those of you who are going through stuff, and there are people who are reaching out to you, who are trying to help you, they only want nothing but good for you. And you are pushing them away? Why?

God made this earth for us to come together and work, and get through things. Those support systems are very crucial. They determine your development. They determine if you succeed or you feel. They determine if you're going to do God's will or not, and just for your own well-being. So, stop pushing people away. Unless they are bad for you, that's a different story. But if you

know that they only want good for you, stop just trying to do it on your own because God didn't put us on this earth for this.

So, let's break down friendship. This is, like, my little definition of friendship. So, friend is a like a mutual connection between two or more people or just you and someone else. Now, a ship, if you think about it, you know, you're transporting goods across the sea. So, you know, when countries form allies and just nowadays, people are sending their natural resources over to other countries via the sea. We do the same thing with friendship. Except, you're sending over your trades. Everything that you grow in your body --

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everything that's natural, that God has given you, or that the devil has given you, you are growing it in your body, and you are sending it over to the other friends. The same thing is happening with them. They're growing all of this stuff and they're sending it over to you.

Do you know how drugs are important to the United States? It's not good, but if we send over like, coffee, and we send over like the good vegetables and stuff to other countries, we are helping them, and some people are taking more than they are giving. You're letting them constantly take, take, take, and you're going to eventually run out.

That's what we're doing now. We're eating too much. We're taking too much of the Earth's natural resources, and eventually, the Earth's going to be like, "I can't do this anymore. I can't!" And actually, some of you guys are the opposite. You are the one that's the bad influence, and you are the one that is causing the waves and all the winds to push over someone else's ship.

You are steering them in the wrong direction, and you know it. You know that you have a big influence on their life and you are constantly giving them the wrong stuff. Well, you could. You know you could, because all of you are in church. You know you could give them what God is giving you, so it's not like you don't know. You know, and you know that they are constantly bringing you down, they're sinking your ships, and you know it's draining you, but you keep giving them chances, even though they disappoint each and every time.

Why? Why are you giving them chances after they continue to show, “I’m not ready. I’m not worthy of your time,” and they might be ready to give up on you. But you know who’s not? God.

God is the one that set the goals there in the first place. He wants to see you succeed. He might be disappointed with you, but he won’t give up on you. He will see you in the final result, and he’s going to push you and give you all the things that you need to reach where he wants you to be. And you know, in the Bible, we see with Moses, Moses kind of doubted God a little bit whenever he brought the Israelites out with Pharaoh. He doubted Him.

In Numbers 20 Verse 2, it says, “Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. They quarreled with Moses and said, “If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord! Why did you bring the Lord’s community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!”

These people just got out of slavery. Slavery. And the only thing they could see was the negative. They pointed out everything that was not right and they brought it back to Moses like, “Moses, why did you do this?” when they forgot to see the big picture. And we’ve got friends like that, who always just see the negative.

They don’t ever see whenever you can get out of a situation, they might bring you a problem, and they’d be like, “Oh, girl. I don’t know what to tell you. I think you’re just going to have to stay with him because that’s the only guy you can get. “Oh girl, I don’t know what to tell you, you know. I mean, you’re not just smart, that’s why your grades are still low.”

They constantly are just keeping you back. They’re just saying the negative, when they can’t see the big picture, and you know, Moses kept constantly hearing this. He’s like, “Oh man, I don’t know what I did. I don’t know why I did this.” You know, he’s starting to doubt God.

And then it continues to say, “Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. The Lord said to Moses, “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather

the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”

So, these friends that you can't tell the difference between, they present you with one thing and change, and you know, God showed us with this rock. This rock is dry, water is wet. I don't care about the argument. Water is wet. I don't care what you all say. God brought water out of this rock to show Moses, “You don't have to worry. You don't have to doubt,” because if you doubt God, he can bring the complete opposite in your life in a heartbeat.

And for those of you who are presented with the opposite, don't think it's over. Keep on pushing. Stay on the right path. Don't just give up and be like, “Well, I'm already here. I'm not going to keep on pushing on now.” Keep going, because God can present the opposite when it's time.

And then it ends with, “But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

So, Moses fought for these people, fought hard to give get them out of there, and Moses let them take the promise right out of his hand because he listened to what they had to say, and that's the only people he was surrounded by. So, he started to think like that. He started to act like that and started doubting God.

Just because you're presented with one thing with a friend does not mean that that's all they're going to bring with them. That does not mean it's the final result, and once you allow them into your life, they can take so much from you in such a small amount of time, just like they did with Moses. Moses had been working for years to get these people out of there.

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And in an instant, God took it right it from him. He said, “Oh, you don't want to trust me.” I see how you want to play this.” So get someone who sharpens your sword, that's going to help you fight these battles. Get someone who helps you fight these battles and not someone who you have to fight because they're constantly bring a temptation into your life because you can't see, you have

to figure out, “Is this right? Is this wrong? I don’t know which where to go, but you know it’s wrong. You know this not what God has to you. Stop letting your friends try to tell you where you should be if it’s not right, because they don’t have the best interest at heart, they don’t know where you’re going to end up.

They’re just looking at the now and not the forever. So, figure out who you are hanging and stop from that and you think about it, if I’m correct, you can sharpen like a sword or a knife with the rock, correct? Okay, to make a sword. And you think about, have you tried to sharpen a sword like this? You’re hitting the sword like this, you are going to chip it, you’re going to damage it, you’re going to scratch it.

This was going to handle you from fighting these battles. Now, if you were to use that same strength and go the other way, you’re going to strengthen that sword up to be able to fight these battles. If you just change your minds that change the way you’re going, you will end up helping yourself and helping God. All you have to do that is just change the direction.

So, I want you to figure out who is your most valued person and what are they doing with this rock that God has given you. What are they doing with this sword? How are they helping you fight these battles? Because they can really make you lose. So figure out who you’re hanging around.

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