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Joseph Bronner: Worship and prayer can go together in a system move so that God's Spirit can activate in the environment that your in.

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Female: And now for Ears Open, Heart Open.

Joseph Bronner; Hello everybody. Is everybody having a good day this morning? I'm just going to dive straight on into my message today. Okay? Is that all right with you?

It's going to be a little bit different than what we've done or what I've done in the past but I'm really, really upbeat but today I want to get a little bit of a soothing message going on. Okay? The title of my message is going to be called, "Ears Open, Heart Open" and there is something that I'm really passionate about right now. Something God has been speaking to me a lot about like He's just been influencing me in my everyday life to get more into my worship. So I'm going to start off with a verse, Romans Chapter 12 Verse 1 and what it says is, "I appeal to you therefore brothers by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship."

What that verse means is God wants us to worship Him and in His eyes that sacrifice. And He loves that. He loves you and we all know, we all know, we definitely all know it that we have to show that. And we have to show that with our sacrifice. Like when a mother sacrifices going to sleep to clean up the house the whole night. Now, how many of us in this room are praises going to get a hand of who's the praises in here. There's praise and worship by the way. You can only choose one. Who's the majority praises? Now, who's all the worshipers in here? Who loves the worship? That's me. I love worship. I'm one of the people that loves worship.

Now, praise is great. We kind of need praise but it's a capacity at this church. He'd be on the stage doing push ups and he'd be doing this. He'd be doing sit ups. You just get tired watching him and I know Julia began to cry because Julia be in the back doing it with you. So Julia may need a little bit of that. You know, he

may need a little bit (00:02:17) praise to get his blood up before you start doing your service but worship, worship is the fast track to guy whenever you close your eyes and just tilt your head back and just lean from side to side and you start putting him on the top of your mind and nothing else and everything clears. And when He enters the room that's worship.

My true connection and my true resonance with God is whenever I'm worshipping. So, whenever I hear songs like "Reckless Love" when it says, there's no shadow you won't light up mountain you won't climb up coming after me, there's no wall you won't kick down lie you won't tear down coming after me. That really resonates with me. The reason is because I kind of got a scientific mind. And so there was a period of my life where God really had to show Himself to me. But for me I'm a knucklehead sometimes. I'm hardheaded sometimes. So he basically had to beat me over the head with it. But the fact that he will go to that extent to show Himself to me showed me how much he truly loves me.

And whenever I listen to those songs of reckless love it lets me know this dude is reckless. He's recklessly in love with me. He's recklessly in love of you. And so that song really speaks to me and another song that you said this used to be the only song that could make me feel it whenever I was younger but it's I would trust my friend (00:03:36) and he went -- this is just the beginning, the beginning was great. He said, there was a time I truly believed that I could do it on my own but all that I found at the end of that road is that concept for me was all wrong and I found a savior who turned me around when He placed His love on me and I will trust in you -- okay, I'm done. I'm not going completely end that song because I might get lost but whenever those types of words hit you basically it feels like God reached His hand behind the curtain of reality.

He touches your spirit and he touches your soul and He touches you. It could completely change your mood. It could completely put you in the mode of activation where you want to receive Him into your life. And so young people a lot of the time, it doesn't even matter what the past say sometimes all that matter is if the worship is good because if you got good music then people would come it's kind of like food. If you've got good food at the party, the party is good. No matter what else happened at the party sometimes. The best part about worship is that God comes and He leaves a little bit of his awareness and that's called his

presence. And I used to be really skeptical about his presence when I was really young, I used to see people up on the stage singing and dancing I'd be like what are they doing like crazy.

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Joseph Bronner: What they're doing but now I'm a little crazy too. And so, I understand. But I used to really be young looking at everybody on the stage and not understanding completely. I did not understand what was going on. I didn't understand but now I understand that His presence is not just like anything. It's similar but it's not the same because it has another element to it but it's not just meditation. It's not just you coming to know yourself better. It's not just you trying to find your little inner peace what it is, is there is a presence there. God sends the Holy Spirit into the room to actually see what you're doing and you feel Him.

And it has a profound effect on you. And whenever you get up and walk away you walk away with it. You don't just walk away alone. It is a communion that you feel and that peace and that love is literally unmatched. It's like mind numbing whenever you feel all that emanating off that presence in the room and it just takes all the weight off your shoulders immediately every single time. And I will go so far as to compare it to a protector's warm embrace. So, whenever I was young I used to ask my dad a lot of questions you know how kids are. And one time, him and my mom they thought this is really funny to do because it was probably really cute but I'm sorry if I get your voice wrong dad but I would be like, Daddy can you beat up super man? And he said, Yes, son, I can beat up superman.

And then I go, Daddy can you beat of that pooh? Yes, son of course, I can beat up of that pooh. And my mom is just in the background sitting here. Yeah, your daddy can. He can beat up whoever he says he can beat up. And Dad, can you beat that batman? Of course I can beat up batman and then the last one I did. I said, no, so I said, Dad can you beat up Jesus? He said, boy can you stop asking me questions. That's exactly how I win, he answers but the only reason I said that was to say that whenever I was younger my dad's warm embrace. I knew he was a protector. Even in dreams a lot of the time. If I went to sleep and I was in my neighborhood or something and there was like a bad guy or like some animal that was going to harm me in my neighborhood

then my dad usually showed up literally in the dream and he fought them off.

And so whenever He gave me a warm embrace as I was a child then that had a profound effect on me. Instantly, I was soon but God's presence feels the same if not better every single time. And it seemed a little weird whenever I was young but I began to learn and this how he got to me. I will read this verse to you, he says Jeremiah Chapter 29 Verse 13. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart, ears open, heart open everybody. Whenever we seek Him with all our heart and we keep asking Him, prove yourself God. Show me who you are and whatever way that you need, I want to feel you, I want to be a part of your kingdom.

Then He will come and he will show you if you're diligent enough and if you truly desire to be a part of his kingdom. If you truly desire to be one of His children. If you truly desire to give Him your heart and give Him your life, then it will happen. He'll give you a conviction that you've never had in your entire life for anything and everything is different at that moment. You walk different. You talk different. You speak different. Your company becomes different. Your confidence is different. Everything is different because you understand that you are a prince or a princess of His kingdom. And honestly you can worship at any time, me? I'll be in a Walmart and I'm in a line.

I just close my eyes and just and they'd be like, excuse me sir, there's space in front of you. Oh, I'm sorry. I have a problem of not paying attention sometimes. Yeah, but that may be why sometimes. But you know it's just me getting in tune. But you can worship in the Walmart. Now, close your eyes on the road now. Now, you can worship in the car just don't close your eyes. That's the thing. That's the trick but I learn that. Whenever you're about the swing on somebody I work when their hand caught back. Just unclench your fist. Put it to your side. Go back to your desk pop your headphones and close your eyes.

Lift your head up and just say God take it away. Listen to that music. Listen to those words. Allow His presence to literally enter your office space and take it all away. And whenever you get up on that chair and you walk then it doesn't matter what they call you. It doesn't matter if they call you ugly. It doesn't matter if they told you stink because God said, I know you don't

stink. It doesn't matter if you stink because you are my child and you are that prince or princess at that point. God will literally explain to you who you are because we forget all the time. We forget all the time. So, sometimes you have to just slow it down listen to the words and allow it to guide your prayer and go deeper.

And God recognizes that. God (00:09:29) prayer just as much as regular prayer. It's just easier all the time and it can take you deeper and I honestly had to learn. This is the last thing. But I had to learn whenever I was younger that I used to think you had to pray with your eyes closed you could have anything playing or anything like that. I had to learn that worship and prayer can go together. Worship and reading your Bible can also go together although it can be distracting sometimes but it says to move and it says to move so that God's Spirit can activate in the environment that you're in. All that I got to say is let us be true worshippers. All right.

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