

# The Rose In The Crack Of The Concrete

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Female: And now for "The Rose In The Crack Of The Concrete."

Jamie Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother and sister, you need the word. All right, so the title of my message today is "The Rose In The Crack Of The Concrete." Now, have many of you guys have been tested this season from God? Raise your hands. He's been testing all of us, we did not think 20/20 was going to be like this. We were looking for the vision. This is not the vision that we had. Just wave your hands one more time, let me see. So, about everybody in here has been tested by God this season and so before God, you know, he would take away things that we needed. You know, he might have taken away some sleep, some money, we still kept doing what we were going to do.

So, what God had to do, he had to take away something that was going to hit us close to home. He had to take something away that we wanted. So he took away all the places, everything that we love to do. He took it away so that we are now able to differentiate the difference between what we need and what we want because we keep calling on God like God I need this, God I need that. Well, God is trying to show you that you have become way too dependent on just asking him for that one thing instead of seeing other solutions, other pathways that he has for you.

He is now forcing us to see the different solutions, the different pathways that he has for us instead of just a one path minded. You know, we were all making too many excuses as to why we couldn't do what he told us to do. We were like "God, man I don't have the energy. I don't have time. I just can't do it." So you know what God did? He put the world on pause just for you. He did the same thing for Moses whenever he parted the Red Sea. He made that path for his people. He's going to do the same thing for us, but you need to be on that path. Don't be trying to go out and swim and try to get there because you're not going make it.

God knew what path he needs to be on. He was going to make a way for us. So I want you to really focus on the things that you're gaining right now. Stop focusing on the things that you've lost. Some of you guys you've lost her job. I don't want you thinking about what you've lost during this time. I want you to think about things that you gain because a lot of you guys -- you have kept working, you kept working, you didn't take a break. You kept just go in and God knew that you needed a break. You needed time to revive yourself. So during this time, during extra time if you have off, I really want you to take it to really sit there and rest yourself. Some of you guys just need rest.

You might not need to do anything else. Don't be trying to be like, "Oh, I got extra time, I'm going to do this and do that." No, stay at home and rest yourself because God made that seventh day just for us. It wasn't for him. He made it so that we could sit there and relax and not be so everywhere, trying to do everything at one time. Some of you all, the tensions were everywhere but God. So, God took everywhere away from you so he can pull you right back in and reconnect with him and that was his hope and not you complaining, "Oh God, I can't do this. Oh man, I can't go here, I can't do this."

He wanted to pull you back in so you had no excuse as to why you couldn't do what he asks you to do. He didn't want us doing everything by ourselves. He told us that he is our strength and he will guide us on where he wants us to go. So you're trying to sit there and do everything by yourself is not going to work. You can always depend on God because in Philippians chapter 4 verses 19 and 20 it says, "And my God will fully supply your every need according to his glorious riches in the Messiah Jesus." So if you're on his path, if you're on his track, if you're doing what he's asked you to do, he has no reason but to support you.

Now, you're praying to God, asking God, "God, can you help me with this?" And he's not coming through, there's a reason for that. He does not want you on that path, you need to figure out where he wants you to be and stop praying for that one thing. Fine what God needs you to do, find your destiny, not what you want to do. Stop thinking about I, I, I. Think about God because he is the only one that's going to get you to that destination that you need to get to. We're thinking that we have control over thing, but God had to step in and say "hold up now big fella, you don't have

control of anything.” We thought “oh, yeah, I have the freedom to go here. I got the freedom to go there. I’m going to do whatever I want to do.” God say, “Oh, I’ll take it away in a heartbeat and you need to stop taking the things that I’ve given you for granted.”

We’ve been asking God for all this stuff and we’ve been taking what he’s given us all the things that we needed and wanted just for granted. He’s like you all sitting here keep asking for stuff.

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So, you know what “I’m going take it away until you realize what I have given you.” You know, when I was younger I used to get afraid of thunder and rain because you know in horror movies, they had a bad connotation with it. So, you know, I don’t like horror movies anyways, but every time I would hear rain or thunder, I would just get a little scared. I was just like, is a ghost about to come or something? But we always tend to put a bad connotation on storms in general. But during this time, some of you guys feel like you’re in the storm you feel like you’ve been there for months. You’re like, “When is it going to be over with, I don’t know how long I can do this anymore?”

But you got to realize that good things come out of storms. These plants that God has put in the ground. They are not able to revive and rehydrate because if they didn’t have that storm, they would dry up. All the potential that plant had will dry up if it did not have that storm. I want you to think about during this time that you’re in the storm just think how it’s going to get better. Stop thinking, “Oh man, I’m in this storm, I’m scared. I all cold, I’m wet, I can’t get out of this.” But you got to see the bigger picture that God has for you. He planted a seed each and every single one of you guys. Everybody has a seed but he’s just waiting for you to grow it. He’s waiting for you to put in that hard work. He’s waiting for you to get up and stop asking him to do everything for you because we’re the ones that want to control everything. Am I right? With Adam and Eve, they chose to eat from the Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil and now we have the choice to do what we want to do.

So when he’s giving us that choice, we got to take it and run but we have to do what we have to do because God is not going to do everything for us. Parents, you can put a plate of food in front of a child. You cannot make it swallow the food. So God’s going to

provide everything that we need but it's up to us to actually put in that work. You can't be like "God, I want to lose weight," and then not exercise not eat right but that's not how the world works. Everything does not revolve around you, I'm sorry. It doesn't work like that. God wants us to plant these seeds. They're harvesting over time, if you water it and you give it the right sunlight and you make sure it's in the right soil. It will grow naturally without you even having to do much work. So your seed is basically what you invest your time, effort, and energy. You looking on Instagram, your seeds can be looking or going to your job every day.

Whatever you're investing the most time and energy into is your seed so that's what you're going to grow. You need to figure out what seed you're planting because you cannot expect to plant a carrot seed and expect a big garden when it's just going to be going right through the ground. That's not how Earth works, that's not how God made this world so you got to make sure that you're planting the right seeds. Some people just see storms as just a bad thing that there is no possible way out of it, that they can't even fix the situation. You got to find other solutions. Always depend on God because God he has always shown us that he's going to be there for us whenever we call on him. He didn't want us doing this life alone. That's why he is here. He knew in his heart. He knows his heart.

He knows that we're going to go through things. That's why he put Jesus on this earth. He knows that we're going to go through things. So get out of that negative mindset of nothing is ever going to get better, think of things you can be doing right now to better yourself, even if everybody else is doing bad. You could be the one doing good, pushing yourself and growing yourself to be the best you can be. Stop comparing yourself to other people because your journey is something completely different. Their destination is something completely different from yours. So stop thinking that you need to get to the same exact place, doing the same exact things. You have control over your time. So you need to invest it and determine what is worthy of your time? Because you do not have an unlimited time here.

You are not here on this earth forever so you need to move now or don't even say you're going to move at all. Use every bit of the extra time that you have that God is giving you right now and don't just think I get to sleep. Well, you do need to sleep some of

you all, but don't just thing "oh man, I get to play video games. I get to go watch YouTube and Netflix." No, use this time to really better yourself, research, find things. If you have a passion about something, go and research it, find how to do it correctly. Don't even just go into a blindly find a way to do it so that you get the results that you want to receive. Don't go into this thing blindly, because I want all of you guys not some, all of you guys to come out of this quarantine, come out of this coronavirus thing with a full-on grown fruit tree or a flower.

I don't want you all coming out here with mushroom stomach because you all keep going to the fridge every day. Some of you all need to hear that. Stop going to check the fridge because there's nothing in there. You didn't go to the grocery store so stop going to the fridge. Well, back to the story. But God says in Jeremiah 12 verse 2, "you have planted them, they have taken root, that grow and they bear fruit. You are always on their lips, but you are far from their hearts." If something is weighing on your heart, you can't sleep. You can't eat, you can't do anything. You're just going to keep going and going until you get to your destination. So some of the things you say that you're going to do, "God I'm going to do this. Man, I'm going to do that. God, I promise I'm going to do it." It's not on your heart because you haven't even started it yet.

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Once you start it that's when it's going to be on your heart and that's when God's going to see it and want to continue to bless you. You can't make excuses right now; this the most time you've had in decades or years or month. So you need take this time and stop seeing it as a downfall and see it as an opportunity to grow because this is just not a coincidence. God knew this is going to happen. He could change if he wanted to but he saw where this world was going and saw that we needed to change. We need to fix what we were doing, take a step back and see the bigger picture and not just all about ourselves and find a way to figure out what is the best option for ourselves.

God has seen our fruit tree. He's already seen it grown. He's seen it step by step. He just needs you to see your potential in that fruit tree. He needs you to stop just seeing it as dirt. He wants you to see it as it's going step by step. You have to trust the process. You can't rush anything. Good things in life don't come

super-fast. It takes time, it takes steps. You can't just jump from here, all the way up here. You have to take it day by day. Don't rush anything because God is in control. So you try to rush it on your own and it's not in his plans. That's not his time frame. You're not going to get to the destination that he wants you to get to. I also want you to trust in yourself. Stop getting distracted by what this world is telling you because 10 times out of 10, they're just worried about themselves. They're not worried about where you're going to end up. There thinking what can I get from that person? What can I get from you? How will I benefit from this?

So I want you to keep yourself in mind whenever you're listening to what these seeds that the world is planting within you. I need you to find out if that seed is really going to grow into something that you want and not what they want. I need you to find out what the world is bringing you and that's the seed that you want in your life and you have to change your mindset. So if you want things to change your life, it's not really your situation. You have to change your mindset the way you think about things would be the way you act about things and where you go about things. Eventually if you start to see things that are optimistic, things are going to do well. You're going to do well because you're not going to give up until they get there. But if you're thinking, man it's going to be bad. You're not even seeing a positive solution. So you're not even going to try.

You can't be doing the same thing as someone else expecting different results. That is not how this world works. You cannot and you have to make sure you follow the right leader because if this leader is going to a whole different destination, but they're telling you all these things, you're not going to get to that destination that you need to get to. So, you got to make sure that you're following the right leader and that leader is always in God. God will always lead you down the right path. If you ever need help, always ask him, always call on him. And if God doesn't speak to you directly, ask for signs. He always gives you signs.

If you really want to know an answer to something, if you should be doing something, ask God, just asking for a sign. God's going to come through and I need you to listen to that sign because he 12 times out of 10, right. So you need to listen to everything that he's telling you and next time whenever you go and you get into a bad situation or you see a blank parking lot. I don't want you to

see it as something that has no potential that can't go anywhere that there's nothing that can grow in a concrete parking lot. You would never think that something could grow within a concrete parking lot but I want you all to see, people online too, to see that opportunity of you planting your seed somewhere where no one thought it would work. You plant your seed and it grows to be something bigger than you could ever think of. You're outshining everything else around you. Nobody thought you would do it. But I really want you to plant that seed and do it to the best of your ability. If you do that, it has no choice but to grow so just take care of that.

The thing that God has planted inside of you and make sure that you're running it by him first. If it's not his plan, he's not going to help, he's not going to do it and it's probably not going to work out if it's not in God's plan. So take this opportunity, go home some of you all need to rest, rest it up. Some of you all need to focus on that seed that God has planted in you and make sure that you try to beat those odds and you become the best that you can be. Better yourself each and every single day.

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