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And now for, "It Is Not A Gamble, Let It Go."

Joseph Bronner: Hallelujah. I got a couple of props for you guys today. I got my little party basket and table. I'm going to make it visual for you so you can visually see what I'm talking about and I got the music playing to set the atmosphere for everyone in the room because I really want to God to speak to at least one person, maybe not somebody in this room, but whoever is watching, but I think there is one person that needs to hear this who is on the precipice of surrendering completely to God, but they are struggling from the same thing that I struggled. A lot of us are struggling from this thing.

Let me pray first before I go into the, I forget that too. Let me pray first before I go and say the message. Everybody bow your heads and close your eyes. Dear Heavenly Father, I ask that you use me right now, my God. I ask that whoever needs to hear this message God that you speak through me to that person and you bring them closer to you. You snatch them back from the pits of hell, my God. If from uncertainty God and confusion God, now you may ask to them and enrich and strengthen their life right now, in Jesus name that I pray, Amen. Let me dive right in.

The title of my message is "It Is Not A Gamble, Let It Go." That's a simple title of my message. Let me dive into a verse. It's a popular verse, when I read it to you. Everybody, you're going to recognize it because Jenny might have just said it actually. It's Matthew Chapter 7, verses 7 through 8 and it says, Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened unto you. For everyone who asks receives and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened. Now, this applies to those following God and Jesus Christ. This doesn't just apply to everybody going about

their way doing whatever they want, worshipping whatever idols, whatever Gods they want.

This applies to specifically those that are following Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. However, a lot of us are not fully following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and we believe that we do and there might be a next step that God wants us to take, but we have to surrender in order to get there. Now, some things that we're going to ask God for or seek God for or knock for. God is going to block those from our lives, because what we don't recognize is that what we are asking is literally a curse that we are asking the Lord to bring down upon us, and that's why he's prohibiting those from getting to you, but there is one thing that it always applies to and that is the process of seeking God.

If you want to seek God and you want to just knock on God's door and if you want to ask, "Lord come unto me," every single time, the Lord will come and that is what my message is about. It is not a gamble, let it go. Let me explain a little bit. God placed a God-shaped void in each and every one of us, everybody in this room, everybody under the sound of my voice, even in myself. He literally punched a hole in your soul in the shape of himself and every single person it is a little bit illogical why we would have a human desire to seek God. Why would we want to place our will under something else's, it doesn't make much sense just looking at pure logic; however, it's there. We all are seeking God, but the reason he had to do that is because without that, without him punching a hole-shaped like God in us, none of us would seek Him.

None of us would want Him, I wouldn't want Him. You would not want Him. If he had not put that hole in your soul to make you cry out while you're about to go to sleep at night. What is it that I need Lord and he says to me, that would not be there, if God had not placed that within you. But there's a problem with this void, the problem is that this void can be filled by other things. It doesn't mean that this is the right thing, it does not mean that it is full, but it can be filled to an extent by the wrong things that are contaminating you, just like your stomach can be filled with the wrong things. You can literally drink poison, it will fill it up, but it's not what you want to be filled with.

Let me make it a visual for you. This is what my party tools are for. God, he places a cup in front of you and the Lord takes his living water and he pours it into the cup for you and the Lord says, "Drink ye all of it. If you drink of this, you will have peace, you will never be thirsty again. There will be no more pain because all of that pain I will it take for you. Any struggle that you go up against, I will be with you, I will take it all from you and I will rule your life and I will rule it like the best king that ever existed, as the creator of the universe."

However, there is something else, there is another voice. This looks good, don't it? There's another voice and it says, "No, no, no, this is actually what you want and I will continue to provide it. Even though he's right you won't be thirsty after drinking this, you'll never run out of this. I will continue to give you more and more of different diversities and varieties so that you can have something different every single day. And this tastes good going down this and this may not. This burns a little bit, but it will give you a little fuzz afterwards."

Now, there's another voice. This is just a facet of this voice. Not God, but the other voice. It takes a little bit of what God, his living water. It takes something that God created and all of its Holiness and it pours it into the cup and all that it has to do, all that it has to do -- it's awesome, pour in a little bit of lie and the entire concoction is contaminated. It becomes not of God, even though that's where it originated from and then whenever it got into the hands of the devil of the world, of your mind, of your heart, of your body immediately corrupted, and we can't use it anymore to make our decisions.

The thing that a lot of us don't recognize is we can survive surely off of these things. We don't ever have to touch this. It's going to be bad for your body for sure, but there is water content. I mean at least after you've reached a certain age, you don't have to drink water anymore and a lot of us really don't, we really don't drink any water and we would drink Gatorade, Coca Cola juice, Powerade every single day of our lives, and then it becomes to make sense in our minds that we are not drinking the source. We are drinking things that were all processed by human hands to make it go down easier.

What we don't recognize is that is destroying us from within. It is poisoning your body. It depends on how much you do, but if

you're just drinking this and you don't drink any water, it's probably going to cause some huge health problems later. The thing about Powerade and Gatorade is the more that you drink of this stuff, the thirstier you get because this is not meant to fill you up. It's meant to give you power, that's what it's called Powerade. It's meant to make you feel good for a burst of time and then, it's going to make you thirstier later, so you do go back and drink water but if you never come drink this water, that's where the problem comes in.

At some point, drinking this, this and this is going to make you thirstier and thirstier and thirstier and thirstier and at some point, you're going to realize, I need to seek God and that's where a lot of us come to. They are missing something. I don't know what it is, something in my life is just not right. I need something. There's something that I am missing and that is God, always God and whenever you ask God to fill you up, God says, "your cup is contaminated with foul things." The Lord will not fill your cup up. Let me tell you why God won't fill your cup up. God does not mix his stuff with foul stuff. Let's hope this does not spill out on the ground. I don't believe that it will. The Lord doesn't fill his stuff up with foul stuff. Let me explain to you why. Because if you just pour it into your life lying and deceit, and fear, and pleasure, and lust and gluttony, please do not fizz up.

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And hurting others, stepping on people. Even just submitting to any sin, even submitting to social media where it's ruling your life. Submitting to people that you know and you've got all of that and you only leave just this little bit of room in your life for God to come in. This is what will happen, if the Lord poured himself into your life, indistinguishable. You can't see it visually. From your perspective, this is the same concoction. It's really not, it's diluted with more water. If you get down to the specifics, but from your eyes you cannot see that, and so you would not be able to tell where God began and the world ended.

Any benefit, any blessing that you get out of having God pour into your life, you will not attribute it to God. You will attribute it to sin and you will say because I slept with this woman, this is how I got this. Because I have gambled all this money away, this is how I got this. And that's why God does not pour into you

until you empty out this cup and now, there are multiple reasons why somebody would not want to empty out that cup. I understand it. One of the reasons is that either God will bring you to the desert or he will bring you to the wilderness, and you are parched, and you need water.

Imagine, you have a cup and you're in the wilderness. This is all that you have. It keeps me feeling with the same stuff but this is all that you have and if you pour it out, you don't know if you'll get anymore. And that's all that you have, that you feel you need this cup filled with this concoction in order to survive, or even just to cope because that's what a lot of us do. We need it to survive or we need it to cope and then another thing is some people don't want to take this gamble of pouring out our cup to let God fill it up. It's because that gamble is just intimidating, it's just darn intimidating.

You don't go diving into God with the mindset, I can always just do the wrong thing when it's time. Don't worry, I'm giving my full heart only for now. You can't really put that in your heart. If you're putting that in your heart, you will never find God. So there will be no going back because you never got to the destination and you understand that, we know you will never find God and you know you will never find God. However, sin has an advantage in getting people under its banner because with sin, a lot of people this is the mindset, I always have the future to do the right thing and get my soul right later. This is only for now and yet tomorrow is not a promise. That is lie that has spoken to you from the devil, from the world, from your own core.

That is a lie that has spoken to you or preached by even just your friends. Overall, it's a gamble to you because if you feel that if you pour all that you are and all that you have onto the ground and you surrender to the Lord our God, you have no idea if you will be left high and dry in the middle of the desert with an empty cup. I ask you today, pour out your cup. The reason I say pour out your cup is because 100% of the time, our God, your God will fill you up.

Now, the first time, what he might do is have you wait, what he might do is have you go through some tests and he'll stir it up in you, to clean out all the bad. It may not be comfortable; it may take a while but after you surrender to the Lord, your God,

100% of the time, not 99% of the time, 100% of the time, your God, He loves you and you are His child. He'll stir all of this stuff and pour it back out as you are surrendered, and then he will take and say, "I am your Father" and fill you to the brim to where you cannot even take anymore. Every single time, that is the God that we serve. I understand that whenever you're on this edge, it seems like God might not be there in that time that you need Him.

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He might not be there to fill you back up, even though you just emptied out your cup but he will and whenever he does, all of the peace of the Father will come down onto your life, and you will walk different. You will feel different; you will speak different. The things that you believe about your own life, your goals and desires become different. That thing that you were struggling with before, the Lord takes it and he smooshes it into the ground and he says, "not in my child," but we must empty our cup first and not allow these things to contaminate the love that God wants to bring into our lives. The peace that God wants to bring into our lives.

John Chapter 4 Verse 14 says, "But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Now, God, he's always there and he's always asking to be let in. Whether you believe it or not, the Lord is calling to you and he's showing you in your life where to go. We just drown it out but he's speaking to every single person under the sound of my voice. Sometimes we just don't know how to recognize whenever it is God that is speaking to us but God will sometimes he would just speak and whisper the entire day or every important moment in your life.

And then sometimes, he will scream your name in a booming voice and say, "My child allow me to come in and spread into your house" and cleanse all that you are and all that you know and sometimes God will literally just take tiny pebbles and throw them at your window. It's a little annoying, but it will get your attention and then sometimes God will walk directly up and knock on your door. Believe it or not, some people even if he does that, they will not listen and God steps it up for some

people and he'll literally just throw a brick through your window.

Whenever you feel that breeze and the cold coming in while you're trying to sleep and making your feet cold, then you recognize I'm uncomfortable and there is no barrier between that window and God's voice anymore. For some, that still does not get them and then for some, God will send the tornado and pull through all that you have in them. Tear down all the walls so that he can build them back up again as the best builder, and he won't build you a house, he'll build you a temple and he will build you a palace. He will break down all of your pride and bring a level of humility you've never known and make you recognize the presence of the Lord in your time of need.

And now, with this pouring out your cup, sometimes it's belief, sometimes you have to go as far as having faith, sometimes you have to go to your actions and then you got to surrender. There are different ways that God asks that you empty out your cup but whatever he asks, that's what you need to do. Now, the main thing is just to surrender, that's what we're doing. Whenever you pray, go to God and say, "My Lord, I surrender. I surrender to be used by you." Because if you're not surrendering to be used by him, he will not use you. You must allow him in and God will not come in, unless you welcome him in. Now, first, you must surrender and surrender is showed by your faith and oftentimes your faith is shown by your actions. So whenever he calls you, your actions are extremely important as Jamie(ph) was even saying, your actions are extremely important to getting the love and joy of Jesus Christ.

Now, James Chapter 2 Verse 17 to 20. I actually have to tell one of my friends this a couple of weeks ago, but this is a verse that's in your Bible. Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works it's dead. But for someone will say, you have faith and I have works, show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God, you do well. Even the demons believe and tremble, but do you want to know a foolish man that faith without works is dead.

Now, at some point, God calls us to just have faith, but to get that level beyond just getting into heaven. The Lord is going to need you to show that with your works. If you want those blessings to come down to you on Earth, if you want to walk

with this piece, and if you want to walk filled with the water, the living water of God, then you are going to have to surrender and by surrender, your actions are going to have to go.

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Now belief is the first step and it matters too and sometimes yes, that's all he needs but more likely than not, he is going to either need an internal work in you or an external work out of you. He's going to need you to do something. So all that I say to close out everybody, I say seek God. If you're on that precipice, if there's one person that God has asked you for that one thing. In reality, this cup would not be just one big cup to represent your life. There would be thousands of tiny cups to represent facets of your life. God will not come in to that part of your life unless you surrender it to him, unless you empty out the Powerade, the Coca Cola, the Gatorade and stop drinking those all of your days and allow his living water to come in.

They're most likely going to be test as whenever I was stirring up that water and it will be uncomfortable at times however, it is 100% certain. God did not say, "ask and sometimes you shall receive." He said, "ask and you shall receive." The first thing that he would you to ask at all times is to receive him, just to receive him and all of his glory and all of his might. So if you continue long enough, if you knock long enough and hard enough, if you ask with your heart fully open and truly ready to give to God, and you seek with all of your might to find the Lord, then you will find him and it won't feel that way at the time, but just know that God is there and he is waiting on you. Amen. Hallelujah.

If there's anybody who just realized that God is calling them. They realize that God is knocking on their door. They realize that God has been whispering to them for a long time for something and he needs you to come and surrender it to him, just come to the altar and surrender whatever it is that God is calling you to do to him. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you just speak to your young my God because they are the foundation of the next generation. We are the foundation of the next generation, my God. So you guys just close your eyes and bow your head. Repeat after me. Heavenly Father, we surrender to you right now God. Whatever

you are seeking in us God, we say and proclaim now, that it is yours. That we will go where you say to go. That we will say what you say to say. We will be who you say to be. Father, we thank you for all that you have done and we surrender. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen. Hallelujah.

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