

# Why Me

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And now for "Why Me".

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

Okay. So the title of my message today is Why Me. This is what we tend to ask God every time something that we wanted didn't go how we planned it. We become really selfish in using use life for our own purpose and not looking to see what God's path of purpose was instead of just looking at our own. And I don't remember in the Bible that God ever sat there and said, "I am here to serve you." He said, "We are here to serve him," but people tend to twist it and make it the other way around and we tend to treat God as if he is supposed to do everything that we want that we think are good, even though we can't even see the whole picture. When in reality, he does do the things that benefit us, it's just not the things that we want in the way we want it or how fast we want him to do it.

And I know you all know about the story of Job and how he has been said to have been the most tested man throughout the entire Bible and still even as he was being tested, he still got on his knees and pray. Now, what a lot of you guys don't know, what I didn't know after reading through the book again and watching the Bible Project and they broke it down a little bit more, but Job after the first two chapters, he got angry with God. He was telling God like, "God your unjust. You are not kind. I don't understand. I haven't done anything. I don't know why you're taking me through this."

So, I want to open up today with Job Chapter 38 and just show you how Job decided to kind of question God even though people thought that Job just staying praying this whole time, but no, Job, he got angry with God and as a lot of us do, we get angry with God. So, in Job Chapter 38, this is what the Lord speaks to Job. It says, Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”

So then God continues he has like pages and paragraphs of everything that he does throughout the entire universe. It’s not in the earth. Everything that he does that we don’t see and we still think that we know better than him. We still think that we can do better in certain situations than he can instead of taking it to him. So, God put Job in his place and he showed them that even though we have eyes, we have ears, we have all these senses, there are certain things that we will never be able to comprehend or ever see the full image of what God is trying to do for us. And we do things that we think are right based on the evidence that we have, but like I said, it does not show the full picture and doesn’t tell us what God wants us to do.

And if we don’t do it God’s way, we will not get God’s result and then the end that is what we are all trying to achieve because we know that that is the result that is going to benefit us the most in the end. And even though Job felt like he didn’t do anything to deserve what he got from God throughout life, there are certain things that happen to people that happen to us that we don’t deserve to get and I’ve always wondered why do Good Christian people die or why do witches and people who worship the devil get to live long lives, but in the Bible, God talks about he doesn’t want to see the wicked go to hell, he wants to give them time to come to him and the good people they’ve done what God has called them to do on this Earth and we just don’t know what the purpose God had for it. We’ve all lost loved ones, we’ve all seen people go off to heaven and we feel like their life was short, but we just don’t know what God’s life was for their afterlife and we’ll still never know because we are flesh.

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I can tell you now that we will probably never be able to fully comprehend God’s wisdom until we’re able to speak with him directly up in heaven. I can tell you that. And even though he

tells us everything that we need to do as you can see throughout the world, there are still so many arising problems and you know why that is because people have done things their own way even though he's told us how to do it. And I want to continue with Job as he talks about in chapter 40. So after God Walk Job through everything that he does for the universe, God comes back and talks to Job and then Job comes back and talks to God. So this is what Job says in chapter 40. So it says, "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him. Let him who accuses God answer him! Then Job answered the Lord: I am unworthy. How can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once but I have no answer twice but I will say no more."

So Job felt like God had abandoned him and he understood that after he had went through everything that God put him through. He understood that he never needed to ask God why me. He never needed to question what God had for him. Instead, he needed to focus on what God told him to do. And we tend to start worrying about a job that is not ours and if you see what Job's name is basically spelt like job just pronounced differently. And our life is not our own, so Job's life is not his own and that is God's life right there. So we decided to take on a job that is not supposed to be for us and Job understood that we were imperfect, that we should never assume what God is doing in our life is bad, but it's only how we deal with that situation that can end up with a bad outcome.

God tells us how to go throughout life. If you actually read the Bible once in a while, you see everything that is happening now is not new. We've already been through a lot of this stuff already and God gives you the answers throughout the entire Bible. So if you want to open up your Bible, just read, God will begin to pour into you. So now whatever Job goes through in life, he understands that God is going to be right there for him. He understands that he never needs to doubt God. He can just trust God now.

And as you knew what the end, God, he blessed Job with twice as many things as he gave Job in the beginning. So, Job finally was able to understand completely what the purpose was. But God may have just wanted you to find your trust and your happiness and your faith in him and not and all this other stuff. So therefore, he had to take it away for a little while. He wanted you to place everything into him. He wants to have control of you, not

those other stuff, not other people, not other things. So he had to take it away for a moment so you can rebalance your faith and Trust in him and your happiness in him. And once we begin to trust God through all of our challenging situations, he will be right there for us through everything.

And we sometimes don't even have to ask for help anymore. He'll just be right there. But the problem is for most of us, we don't have a relationship with God, so we just tend to out of the blue just ask God, "Hey, so you want to help me with this situation?" And God is like, "Um, who are you? I don't know you." And even though we are his children, a lot of us don't have that father like relationship with him and we don't interact the way he wants us to interact with him. He wants to hear about the thank you at for waking up this morning just for having a beautiful day. He wants to hear that, but instead he's constantly hearing help me, help me, I need you and he's told you to things to do to not even get in that situation in the first place.

So once we formed that real relationship with God, all those situations, those negative situations that start to pop up will start to decrease because then we'll be in his path. We won't ever be living with the world anymore. So therefore, they won't even pop up as much. Your positive situations will start to increase and God will continuously bless you. So therefore, you don't have to go to God and be like, "God, I need help." He's already right there. Number 1, you didn't even get yourself in that situation in the first place.

And as things continue to get worse, we continuously need to ask ourself what are we doing is sometimes we want to put the blame on someone else, we want to say, "Oh, well, and I know Pastor talked about the president have no effect over us." We tend to let outside external things has control over our lives. So we begin to put the blame on our boss, begin to put the blame on our kids, our husband, our friends, anybody we can, we tend to put the blame on. But once we take the step back and we figure out what the problem is, we can then go to God with this problem and he will help us. Well, like I said, first, you need to build that relationship with him because if there is no relationship present, you're not going to know how God works.

He may take 10 years to help you, but if you don't have that relationship with him, you're not going to know that and you're going to give up on God. But once you form that relationship, you find a problem. What is going on? It could be you, what you're doing in your life. Then you take that to God and this walk with God as you all know is not an easy one. But this is the time that we make it the best that we possibly can with God. And there are things that happen to us.

We will never be able to fully understand why they happen, but we have to realize that even through every battle as we continuously start talking to God, we will begin to understand what each purpose of everything that goes on in our life what it was meant for. And indulging your life and feeling like you're stuck in that if you ever want to do anything, like nothing would come out, the devil therefore is not even telling you that anymore, you're starting to tell yourself. So he don't even have to work anymore. You start convincing yourself. "Oh, well, if I do what God said, he's not going to really do much." So you just don't do it anymore. You just stop doing what he said to do. And that is how we get stuck in this cycle.

So now this is what I want you to start for today. I don't want you to say, "I'm going to do this for the new year." I want you to start today. I want you to start praying to God every single day. Not just occasionally, not just when things go bad, not just when you need help, but I want you to start praying to God and all those questions of why me will begin to disappear. All those doubts and fears will begin to disappear because God will continuously show you what each thing was for. And even if he doesn't show you, you will begin to trust him.

And it's like with saving money, you don't save your money when stuff goes bad like after the stuff has happened, you start saving beforehand because after the thing is gone bad, the money is useless now or are you trying to save is not going to be any good now, but you need to start preparing beforehand so that when times come up, you are safe, you are comfortable and you understand that God like pastor said, we are in the arc and we don't need to worry about anything else going outside of this church.

So God wants to just be there for all of us, but we first have to start being there for him. And I want you to start evaluating your

life and stop asking God why me and start looking and trusting and saying, "Well, even through the good or the bad, I trust that whatever you have for me will be beneficial to me in the end." And that's all I have for you today. And I just want to call up my sister, Genesis because I know that she's very, very anointed when it comes to altar causing. Bringing people to God and if you feel as if right now that you've been questioning God, you've been doubting God you've been going through some stuff right now. This is a very interesting weird time and everybody's losing jobs. Everyone's not being able go out. Everybody has been at home for Thanksgiving.

If you feel as if you need to stop questioning God and you need to come back to God and start trusting him again, I just want you to come up and Genesis is going to pray with you.

Genesis Bronner: As I heard my beautiful sister and brothers speaking, what kept coming to mind was that I've heard of churches, temples go bankrupt. I've heard of many of them that have demons in them and they have possessed church members and they release them and people get saved. But personally, I find paradoxes to be quite funny and when you hear of specific stuff that happens in churches, your just like, "What?" like, "What happened?" It brings the sense of like this can't be true, this can't be real, this is a joke.

So, whenever I look at a temple without a purpose, it sounds like a joke. Like, "Did you go to that Temple last week because they had a huge party there." It's like, "They had a party at a temple?" "Yeah, they had like drugs, got wine. It was so fun. Like everybody was just twerking all over the place. It was the most funny thing in the world. I was just like what is going on, bro?" I would think that's a really funny paradox because it just doesn't happen. But whenever you have a person and they are supposed to be a temple, and they have given up themselves to the world, it becomes just as paradoxical.

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But we don't see it because it's normal now, it's normal to us. But the problem is that that place is no longer a haven, for themselves and for others. So whenever you see a temple without a purpose, whenever you see other people who aren't following in the kingdom of God, because it's not just a kingdom, know there are

laws in the kingdom, and there are things that you were supposed to see. Whenever Cyrus envisioned his kingdom as my dad preached on maybe like two weeks ago, Cyrus the Great, he used to over and over again envision his kingdom. What would it look like? How will the mail go around? How do we get news everywhere? That's how he innovated. That's how he changed things. That's how he made things better for himself and his people.

But now in days, we seem to have lost our purpose and we see ourselves just as somebody delighted to be in heaven, delighted to know we do get in, but we don't act like citizens. We don't uphold the laws. You don't really care as much as Jesus does. We don't really care about ourselves as much as Jesus does. Not our Temple.

So, I would say, move forward in purpose. Move forward as Jamie and Joseph were saying surrendering yourself to God. Knowing that his plan is always better for you. Please, do not throw parties in your temple. Do not let demons into your temple because it is a sacred ground that has more value than you could ever imagine. You are a sacred person who has more value than you could ever imagine. It is why it is unbelievable that Christ died on the cross for us. But he knows very well that it was worth it.

So, if you personally have lost your sense of purpose or worth as a temple, you can spread out in front of the altar and we'll come back together and we'll surrender again. And we'll clean up the parties, we'll clean up the mess, we'll clean up whatever is there. And we'll say, "God, can you take this?" Can you handle this? Can you have this?" And if you don't want to come down to the altar because of COVID or personal reasons, that's fine. You can say this prayer with me in your seat but I'll give you a few seconds.

Dear Lord's, a temple is nothing without his God. Without a God, a temple is nothing more than an abandoned building where people come together without hope. But you rest within us and you give us purpose and you give us love each and every day. Sometimes it gets hard but that's why we have to come to you because we are broken people in need of a surgeon, not somebody who is going to try to get rid of us, but somebody who will handle us with care as a delicate and valuable creature who he wants to save.

Dear Lord, I just pray as our healer, as our surgeon, as our God and beloved father, that you come into our lives removing whatever needs to be removed and helping us not to complain when we go through pain not to complain whenever we have hardships that are only there to help us. Not to complain whenever we don't want to surrender and so we blame you for every single consequence that our actions bring. But I pray that even if we're not perfect during this process, you bear with us patiently and kindly as you always have and you just keep hearing our voices, that you keep hearing us cry out to you and that you come each and every time because we know you will, we trust you will and we say thank you that you do.

Renew us Father God, renew our minds, renew our spirits and help our hearts to delight in you, to commit ourselves to you and to be aware of the evil that lurks around us, hiding in deceit or hiding in plain sight, it doesn't matter. As long as you're there with us God, we know we can overcome it so I just pray once again that you work in us like a surgeon, and surgery is not an easy thing, it's very painful and sometimes you have to go and you have to close your eyes during it because it hurts so much and you have no idea what is going on and what the surgeons doing. But just thank you that you are a surgeon we can trust with our lives, and more than our lives, with our entire beings.

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It is in your son's name that I just pray that you wash his blood over us day after day, sin after sin, that you wash his blood over us and that we truly do become new creatures and that each time we don't do like the other nine lepers did in the Bible, but we come back and stop one leper who says thank you. Thank you for healing me my surgeon, my God, my Father. I'm glad to you have you in my life. Restore our temples and restore our lives Jesus here and today. It is in your son's name that I pray. Amen.

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