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And now for 7577, "The Power Of His Resurrection."

C. Elijah Bronner: Well, thank you for joining us today at Brothers of The Word, because brother, you need the word.

Well, I would like to share just a little humor. An American man went on vacation to the Middle East with most of his family including his mother-in-law. And while they were visiting Jerusalem, the mother-in-law died and with the death certificate in hand, he went to the American Consulate office to make arrangements to send the body back to the United States for proper burial. The counsel warned that to send the body back to the U.S. for burial was an extremely expensive business and could cost as much as \$10,000.

In most cases, advised the counsel, the person responsible for the remains normally decides to bury the body here that would only cost \$300. The man gave it some careful thought before answering. Then he said, I don't mind how much is going to cost to send the body back home that's what I want to do. The counsel remarked considering the difference in price you must have been extremely fond of your mother-in-law. No, it's not that said the man. You see, there was a case many years ago of a person that was buried here in Jerusalem and on the third day, he rose from the dead. I just can't take that. I'm sure all the men who are laughing love their mother-in-laws.

Well, open your Bible, if you will, with me to the Book of Philippians chapter 3. Philippians chapter 3, just a couple of verses there. Philippians 3 verse 10 and 11, verse 10 and 11. When you get that say, amen. Let's read verse 10 and 11 in unison. Philippians Chapter 3 Verse 10 and 11. Ready? Read. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his

death. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”

Notice that in verse 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection. I just want to use that as I said the power of his resurrection. The power of his resurrection. The power of his resurrection. The Amplified Bible reads those two verses as follows, it says, “That I may know him progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with him of perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of his person, more strongly and clearly.”

And I noticed that the most powerful thing to me about this resurrection power is the fact that we serve a living savior and the Apostle Paul said, I want to know him. I want to know him clearly. I want to know him more deeply, more fully, intimately. I want to know the wonders of his person. And so, we serve a living savior. We serve a living savior. This is what separates Christianity from all other religions. That was a man who was in another religion and he converted to Christianity and his friends asked him why?

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They said, why did you convert to Christianity? And he responded by saying, he said, well, it's like traveling along the path and he said, if you come to a fork in the road, if there were two men at the fork and one was dead and was alive, he said, which one which you ask for directions? And he said, I wanted to serve a living savior. I wanted to serve a living God. I wanted to serve a living Christ. And so, he transformed himself and he switched religion because we serve a living savior. We serve a living savior. Aren't you happy we serve a living a savior? We serve a living savior.

Folks what that means is that means that you can talk to him. In fact, I talked to him this morning. I talked to him as I drove here this morning. In fact, I talked to him right before I walk up here. I talked with him last night. I talked with him last week. And, folks you can talk to him anytime you want to. We serve a living savior and he will give you direction, he will give you counsel, he will talk to you about your problems, he will talk to you about your life. You can talk to him about his purposes. You can talk to him about what he wants you to do. You can

talk to him about his kingdom. And so, we can have a daily encounter with the living Christ, with the living Christ, with the living Christ, with the living Christ.

Turn and open your Bibles with me at the First John. First John, that's at the back of your Bible. If you flip back the Revelation, just flip couple of books in front of Revelation you'll see first, second, and third John, but flip to First John chapter 1. First John Chapter 1 and look at verse 1 through 3. First John Chapter 1 Verses 1 through 3.

Notice what it says, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." Speaking of Jesus. Verse two, "For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us." They had seen him, they knew he was alive.

Verse three, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." We can have fellowship with him. We can have fellowship with him, with the risen Lord, with the risen Savior. We can have fellowship with him.

Flip also over to First Corinthians Chapter 1. First Corinthians Chapter 1 and you will see it again. First Corinthians Chapter 1 and verse number 9. First Corinthians Chapter 1 and Verse 9. Notice it says the same thing. First Corinthians Chapter 1 Verse 9. Notice it says, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Folks you are being called to fellowship with him. He is alive. He is alive. He is sitting there. When you wake up in the morning he is there, he is there, he is there. He is alive. He wants a fellowship with you. Folks you know the first thing Jesus did when he rose from the dead. First thing he did was he sat with his disciples. He walked with his disciplines. He talked with his disciplines. He ate with his disciples. That was the first the thing he did. He wanted a fellowship with them.

In fact Jesus was having such a good time, he hang around 40 days. Jesus was having a ball. He hang around. He was in no hurry at all to go to heaven. He was enjoying the fellowship. Folks, redemption had already been purchased, so (00:09:29) price had already been paid and so Jesus was just shooting the breeze(ph). He had already finished the work, the job was done. He had already presented himself to the Father. He had already purchased our salvation. He had already kicked the devil(ph) in his behalf. He had already take out the keys (00:09:51). He had all power. He had already done the work. He had already done the work.

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And so Jesus was just shooting the breeze. When he arose, he just came back, he said, yes let's go fishing. He said, hey let's go fishing. Thomas said, I won't believe until I stick my finger in his hands. He said, here check me out. Here check me out. He was a risen savior. He said, here check me out. He said, here check me out. He said, hey. He said, look, I know you only care so put your (00:10:25) on the right side. They put it there and they caught a drum of fish. He said, bring me some of the fish, I want to barbeque it. Jesus was hungry, he said, I want some barbeque. I want some barbeque. Now Jesus has just done a lot of work. He had died on the cross with the hail(ph) he was hungry. You try dying on the cross and go into hail and see if you will be hungry.

Jesus was hungry. Jesus was hungry. He said, hey bring me some of the fish, bring me a piece of (00:10:55). Jesus was fellowshiping. He was in no rush at all. Man, he was just having a bout. Jesus, you know, Holy Spirit pointed this out to me, I had never seen him this casual and I had never seen him having this much fun. He was actually having fun in the resurrection. Now, he had now put on this glory inside body and so, now, he's doing a couple of things. He is now putting on this new suit, this new armor, the glorified body and he's given us a preview of what we will have one day. He is now showing us. He is now showing us what we will have one day.

One day Brother Nigel(ph) won't need that walker. One day Brother Nigel won't need that walker. One day, he won't need his oxygen tank. Folks, if we have no hope for the resurrection,

the Bible says, we are people that are most miserable but thank God he is alive. Thank God he has raised from the dead.

And so, Jesus came back. He's just showing up his new body and so you see him doing things like walking through a wall. Now, I want you to see this. He walks through a wall, yet he's able to sit down. Yet he's able to eat. Yet he says touch me, you could feel the flesh and the bone was there, there was no blood in his body because he had already into this blood in the Holy of Holies. Jesus became our high priest and he had already into this blood out in the Holy of Holies. There's no blood so that's why he said, you see me flesh and bone. There was no blood. The blood had to be given to the Father. The blood has to be given to the Father.

See, if you know anything about the Old Testament, once a year the high priest had to go in with the blood of the sacrifice to make atonement for the people. They had to do it every year, every year, every year, hoping that God would accept it, Jesus had to do it one time. One time, just one time, just one time, just one time, just one time.

Now, sacrifices are already been all forgotten, that's already been paid, he'd never had to do that again. Your sins had been forgiven forever. Your sins have been forgiven. This is the first time where the sacrifice was greater than the judgment. The sacrifice was greater than the judgment. Jesus in his own body on the cross he consumed all the judgment of the God and he lived. He lived, went to hell. He'd knocked the devil around and snatched the keys out of his hand and he said I'd paid the price, I have paid the price, you no longer have authority, you no longer have any rights over my children.

And then he got up to show off his new body. Now, a lot of you all have your new suits on today but Jesus had on a real new suit. He showed up his body. And so, he started doing -- he started doing all type of unusual thing showing us his glorified body. He showed us his glorified body that one day we will have this body and he just had fun. I had never seen Jesus have this much fun. But as soon as he got up he just started playing practical jokes. Mary was there and he disguised himself as a gardener.

Now, in order for him because she said she saw the man it looked like a gardener. So in order for him to look like a gardener, he had (00:14:37) all the rags, he had to be down digging in the dirt. Jesus playing games. Jesus was full of jokes. Jesus was having the time of his life and he's looking like a gardener. And so, he had disguised himself and she said, please sir tell me where you all have laden, because she thought it was the gardener. He rose up and said, -- It is I who you look for.

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Glory to God. It is I. It is I. He said, you go tell my boys I'm back. I am back. I am back. Go tell my boys I'm back. Go tell my boys I'm back. Go tell my boys I'm back. Go tell my boys I am back. Go tell my boys I am back. Go tell my boys I'm back. Go tell my boys I'm back. Tell them to meet me in Galilee. The king is back. The king is back and this time he's not a suffering servant. He's now king of kings and Lord of Lords to the glory of God the Father.

He showed up to two other disciples they're on the road to Emmaus, they're all sad and they all dejected and defeated. Jesus shows up. Now, once again, he disguises himself. Now, he's just playing game. He's having fun. He's enjoying the resurrection. He's chilling. I mean, he's so cool. I had never, in fact I wrote down the phrase, this is one cool cat. I wrote that down in my -- I've never seen Jesus that cool.

Jesus now he puts on a disguise, he comes up to his two disciplines who were walking down the road and man, he just comes up, put his hands in his pocket and he switched lane and he started walking with them. And he said, hey guys, he said, what's going on? What's going on? And they said, what you mean what's going on, have you not heard? Have you not heard? Jesus said, heard what?

They said, you knew in town. He said, you can say that. I am from a long way away from here. This isn't my home and he shows up man and he finally revealed himself to them. And he said, let me teach you boys something. And he said, in Genesis, the Bible says, he open the scriptures and begin to show them himself and all the scriptures. He said, guys, you know in Genesis, I was the (00:17:25). He said in Exodus, I was the

Passover lamb. He said in Leviticus, I'm the high priest. He said in Numbers, I'm a pillar of cloud that day and a pillar of fire by night.

He said in Deuteronomy, I'm a prophet like unto Moses. He said in Joshua, I'm the captain of your salvation. He said in First and Second Samuel, I'm a trusted prophet. In Ruth, I'm a kinsman redeemer. In First and Second Kings and First and Second Chronicles, I'm the reigning king. In Ezra, I'm a faithful scribe. In Nehemiah, I'm the rebuildder of the broken down walls of human life. And so, he walk, he says in Esther, I am Mordecai. In Job, I'm the dayspring on high. In Psalms, I'm the Lord, you're a shepherd, you shall not want.

In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, it said I am wisdom. In the Song of Solomon, he says I'm the lover and the bridegroom. In Isaiah, he said, I'm the prince of peace. In Jeremiah, I'm the righteous branch and in Lamentation, I'm the weeping prophet. In Ezekiel, I'm the wonderful four-faced man in a wheel in the middle of a wheel. Then he said in Daniel, I'm the fourth man in the burning fiery furnace. In Hosea, I'm faithfully married forever to the backslider. In Joel, I'm the baptizer with a holy ghost and with fire.

In Amos, I'm your burden bearer. In Obadiah, I'm the man that they saved and in Jonah, I'm the great farm missionary. In Habakkuk, he's God's evangelist crying out revived thy works in the midst of the year. In Zephaniah, he says, I'm your savior. In Haggai, he's a restorer of God's lost heritage. In Zechariah, he is a fountain opened up in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. In Malachi, he's a son of righteousness who arose with healing in his wing. And he just went through all the scriptures.

He said, in Matthew, I'm the Messiah. He said in Mark, I'm the wonder worker. In Luke, I'm the son of man and in John, I'm the son of God. He said in Acts, I'm the Holy Ghost. He said in Romans, I'm your justifier. He said in First and Second Corinthians, I'm your sanctifier. In Galatians, I'm the redeemer from the curse of the law. In Ephesians, I'm the Christ of unsearchable riches.

In Philippians, I'm the God who supplies all your needs according to my riches and glory. In Colossians, I'm the fullness of the Godhead bodily. In First and Second Thessalonians, I'm the soon coming king. In First and Second Timothy, I'm the mediator between God and man. In Philemon, I'm a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and in Titus, I'm a faithful pastor. In Hebrews, I'm the blood of the everlasting covenant. In James, I'm the great physician. In First and Second Peter, I'm the soon coming shepherd with a crown of unfading glory. In James, he's the great physician and in First, Second, and Third John, he is love. In Jude, he's a Lord coming with 10,000 of his saints and in Revelation, he's king of kings and lord of lords. He's king of kings and lord of lords.

And then he said, wait a minute, boys, I'm not done. He said, I was able sacrifice. I was Noah's rainbow. He said, I was Abraham's ram in a thicket. He said, I was Isaac's well. He said, I was Jacob's ladder. I was Judah's scepter. Then he said, I was Joseph's code of favor. Then he said, I was Moses' rod. I was the son standing still for Joshua. He said, I was Gideon's fleece. I was Samuel's horn of oil. I was David's slingshot. I was Elijah's mantle. I was Elisha's staff. I was Hezekiah's sundial and I was Isaiah's figs.

And then he said, I was Peter's shadow. And then he said, I was Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons. And then he said, I was Stephen's signs and wonders. And then he says, I'm John's pearly white city. Glory to God. He is the risen savior. He is Lord God almighty. His name is Jesus Christ and he lives forever more. He lives forever more. Hallelujah to Jesus. Hallelujah to Jesus. We serve a risen savior. Oh we serve a risen savior. We serve a risen savior. We serve a risen savior.

Some people call him El Shaddai. Some know him as Jehovah Jireh. Other call him Jehovah Nissi. Nigel knows him as Jehovah Rapha. David knew him as Jehovah Rophe. He is the Lord our shepherd. He's El Shaddai. He's a God who's more than enough. Folks, he is the risen Lord. He's the risen savior. Jesus is the greatest comeback story in history and if you're going through anything in life, he's resurrection power is in you to bring you back, to bring you back, to bring you back better than you've ever been before.

Praise God. Amen. Amen.

I have preached myself happy. I have preached myself happy. I have preached myself happy. I didn't get the chance to get over until the power of the resurrection what I really came to talk about, I just follow the Holy Ghost this morning. Holy Ghost just wanted to tell you who you are -- but there's power in the resurrection. There's power.

Paul said that I might know the power that is out flowing from his resurrection. Folks, that power didn't just dissipate the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in you now. That power is in you now. It's still just as active, it still just as strong, it's still delivers, it still saves, it still resurrects, it still heals, that power is in you now. That power is in you now. The Apostle Paul pray the prayer in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 18. He said, "That you might know the exceeding greatness of his power that is toward those who believes."

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How many believers are in the house? How many believers are in the house? Paul said that as a believer, he prayed that you would get the revelation of the power of God that goes toward the life of a believer and he said it's the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. You can't fail. You can't go under. You can't be defeated because the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in you now, is in you now, is in you now, is in you now, is in you now.

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Thank you Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah to Jesus. Hallelujah to Jesus. Hallelujah to Jesus. Halleluiah to Jesus. Halleluiah to Jesus.

Thank you Jesus. Hallelujah. Thank you Jesus. Yes, yes, yes.

I was talking to Nigel earlier this week and he was telling me that he went to the doctor and he said the doctor just looked at him and baffled. He said the doctor shook his head, he said, I don't understand it. He said we couldn't do anything for you. He said it's not from us that you're still here. He said, I don't understand it. He was just baffled. He was baffled and I told him Nigel, I said Nigel that is that resurrection power. That is the resurrection power. I said that is the resurrection power

and I say you just gave me my message (00:27:24), I'm the preacher and the resurrection power.

Resurrection power. That power is still dynamic and it's working. That power is still dynamic and it's working. Hallelujah. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Hallelujah.

What a resurrection. What a risen Lord and savior we serve. Jesus is standing here with his arms widespread. He's saying, I'm alive. My child I'm alive. I am alive. I am your savior. I am your Lord. Just come to me and I'll heal you, I'll deliver you, I'll take care of you. All power is in my hand and I've given and delegated that to my people, to the church. It's up to you now to fulfill the great commission. I've given you the power to do it. You got power of all the power to devil. He's under your feet now and I've raised you up together with me, you're seated with me in heavenly places. You reign in my authority. You reign in my authority at the right hand of God almighty. I am with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am with you.

I'm out of time. I didn't get to half of my message but I am out of time.

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