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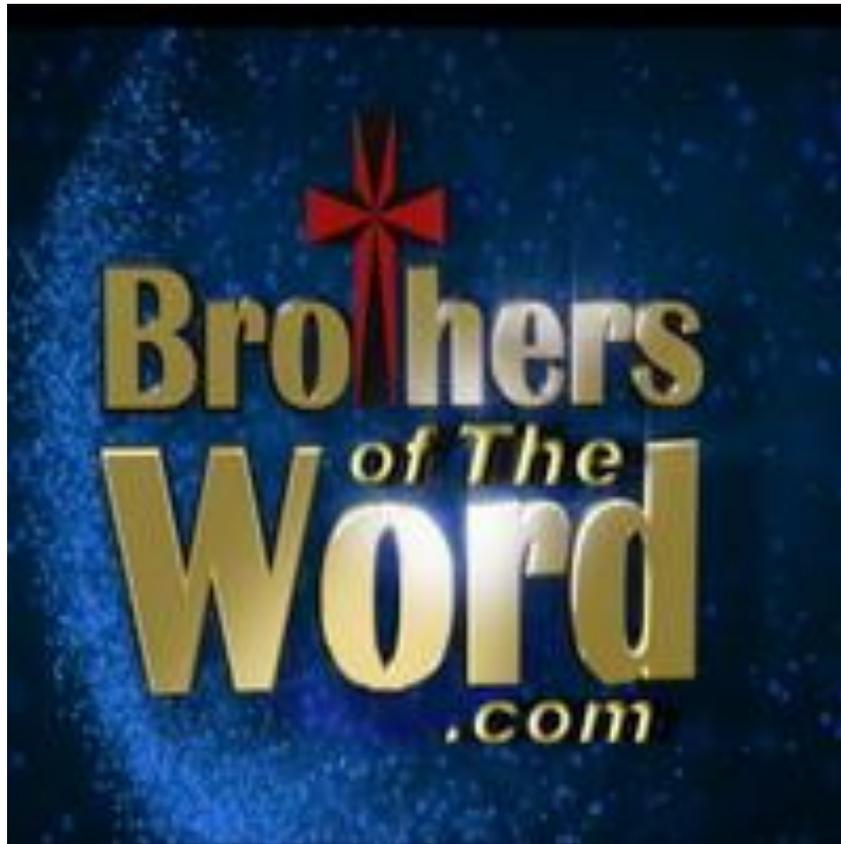
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Well, we welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live. Always wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. A repairman said, "I'm here to tune your piano", and he said that to the church pianist. And the pianist replied. He said, "But I never called you." He was kind of confused. The repairman replied. He said, "No, you didn't call, but quite a few church members did."

Well, we are going to be looking at a special opening(ph), Gospel of Luke, The Gospel of Luke Chapter 13. The Gospel of Luke Chapter 13. And I thought Luke 13 would be befitting because we're on the Miracles of Jesus - Part 13.

So, I thought we take a look at Luke 13, Luke Chapter 13. We'll begin reading at Verse 10. Luke Chapter 13 Verse 10. And we'll read down through Verse 16. Luke Chapter 13, beginning of Verse 10 and it says, "And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity, 18 years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself up. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, 'Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.' And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath Day, and said unto the people, 'There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath. The Lord then

answered him, and said, 'Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath lose his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these 18 years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath Day?'

So, we're talking about the Miracles of Jesus. This is Part 13. The Miracles of Jesus - Part 13. I love the fact that Jesus illustrates that your life can change in an instant by the power of God. I just love that. These particular encounters that Jesus has been having the last couple that we looked at. Notice these people have suffered for a long time and it says to us that even when you've been dealing with something for a long time, that God can change your life in one instance by His power.

I don't care how long you have dealt with something or how long you've struggled with something. He wants us to know that it is His will for us to be whole, free, and delivered. And notice the significance, I gave you the significance of the No. 38 last time and this number is No. 18, which is really the same number as 38 because, one, if you look at -- she suffered for 18 years with this infirmity. One is a number of divinity because there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Jesus said, "The father and I are one." You can't get any claim other than, can you? So, one is a number of divinity, eight is a number of new beginning, seven is a number of completion, eight is a number of new beginning.

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So, you put one and eight together saying, "God is a God, who gives us new beginnings." Same as last time when 38 said the same thing that He is a God of new beginnings. He gives us new beginnings no matter how long you've struggled with something or dealt with something. Eighteen years is a long time and sometimes when you dealt with something whether it's 18 years or 38 years, you feel like this is your lot in life and you have to learn to cope. You have to learn to deal with it. You might as well get used to.

So, that's what happened. These people have gotten used to. And so, they really gone to the point where they learned to live with it. But I believe God says, "Never lose your sense of expectancy.

Never lose your hope, your faith that God can change your life, that you can change your life. Your life can be changed in one instant by the power of God.” It can be changed in one instance by the power of God.

I like something -- if you look at Verse 10, look at Verse 10 in there and it says, “And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.” It lets you know Jesus went to church. Jesus was teaching as He was customary. Jesus was customarily in the synagogue or the temple on the Sabbath Day. Jesus went to church on Sundays or Saturdays, which was the Sabbath during that time.

So, Jesus went to church and this woman who has been over for 18 years, she went to church. Now, some people got some lame excuses for not going to church. “I have a headache. I don’t feel well.” Now, this woman was bent over for 18 years. She was in a deep arthritic spinal condition where her spine was twisted and bent and she was bent over. She was doubled over. She was bent over. One translation literally says she was stuck. And so, she was stuck over. I don’t know how far she was bent over. Some scholars believe that she couldn’t even look up. She was bent over so far. And yet, this woman went to church.

So, she gets rid of all excuses that anybody has about not going to church. She went to church despite her condition. She was still going to church, still going to give God glory. She was still going to give God praise. She was still going to feed her soul no matter what her body felt like. She was still going. I like that. That was a feisty little lady. That’s a feisty little lady.

Now, of course, the devil was riding her back literally because it was a spirit of infirmity on her. So, that means it was a spirit behind her infirmity. So, literally, the devil was riding her back, literally. She was bent over and he was riding. But yet, even with the devil riding her back, she still made her point to go to church and Jesus was at church, she went to church, and good things happen at church. You noticed that? Good things happen. She got in a place where the outflowings of the spirit. She got in a place where the outflowings of God was operating.

And so, she got in a place and sure enough, she was healed at church. She was healed at church. So, never be complaisant or lackadaisical, or same all, same all attitude concerning church.

You got to go to church with an expectancy that miracles are happening. The spirit of God's presence is present in this church. God is in His church. Miracles are happening. Something amazing is happening to the -- you got to have an expectancy every time you come into God's place of worship. Always have expectance.

And so, this is letting us know that there's something great happening to church. We've gone to the point where we're long to sleep and it's just, "I'll just go to church try to find the place to park. Hope nobody is in my seat. I will hurry up and I'll get a smoothie on the way out here and I'll go get some dinner. And then, I'm going home and get in my lazy boy and watch the football game." And that has become the extent of our church experience. But what about coming to church, man? Are you excited you see somebody get healed? Are you excited to see somebody get delivered? You're excited to sense the presence of God, train somebody's life. You're excited that somebody's eternal destination is changed and they come to the altar and give their heart to the Lord.

You're excited by the presence of God Himself and as an experience. And so, sometimes, we can be long to sleep in our routine of going to church, but I believe that Jesus did this at church to say, "Hey, don't forget the power of God's presence." Always be expectant, never lose your amazement. I can remember when I first was born again, I remember when Pastor Nathaniel really first came in to his call.

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He was in church every night and every day of the week. He went to a church service. I did the same thing. I went to my brother's church. I went to other churches, but I was in church three or four times a week, man. And so, sometimes, we forget that fresh amazement, that fresh wonder, that fresh expectancy, and the fresh excitement about being in the presence of God and seeing wonderful things happening in the Kingdom of God. Praise God.

Man, we should get to the point where you can't wait to get inside church, can't wait to go to church. And so, this happen at church, this happen at church. And so, Jesus was actually teaching. Jesus was teaching at church. Man, I'm glad that lady went to church that Sunday, or that Saturday. I'm glad she went to

church because Jesus was there teaching. Jesus was there teaching. And I noticed this, she had this condition, this arthritic condition, her spine was twisted with arthritis, she was bent over. One translation says she was bent double. You've heard the expression where it says somebody doubled over and that mean they're in excruciating pain. And so, we don't know how far she was bent, but we do know that she was bent. The Bible says that she couldn't lift herself up.

But notice this. Jesus initiated this particular miracle. Now, we've been paying very close attention to the way people respond to Jesus and the way Jesus responds to people and all of these miracles that we've been looking at. And here's the second case we've looked at where Jesus initiated the miracle, not the person. This lady never asked to be healed. She never sought to be healed. Jesus initiated the miracle the same way He did last service when we talked about the Pool of Bethesda. So, there are some times where God, because of His grace, He initiates the miracle and this is one of those cases.

The Bible says that Jesus saw her. He was teaching. This lady slipped in, bent over, and he saw her. And the very thing that He is teaching on, He now has an opportunity to demonstrate. He's expounding on the Kingdom of God. Teaching on the Kingdom of God. Now, He has an opportunity to show His power to express the grace that He's teaching about, to share it, to show it. He sees her. He sees her. Jesus saw her.

Everybody say, "Jesus saw her." Everybody say, "Jesus sees me." Now, this is so interesting. It's so interesting, the personal encounters that we have with Christ, that we have with God. God's eyes are on you. God's eyes are on you. God's eyes are on you and His ears are open to your prayers. That's actually a Scripture. If you want to study that, that's 1 Peter 3:12. It says, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers." God sees you and He hears your prayers. God sees you and He hears your prayers.

And so, He saw this woman. And I want you to notice this, by Him seeing, that means He was aware, He paid attention. He noticed her need and He was aware of it. He recognized her need. Jesus was always looking for an opportunity to share, then show, then demonstrate God's love and compassion. He was always looking for an opportunity.

Let me ask you a question. Are you always looking for an opportunity to show God's love and compassion? Are you aware of the needs around you? Do you see people in need and keep moving? Do you see somebody in need and you tried to do something about it? You tried to manifest the love of God and the compassion? Well, Jesus always tried. He always looked for opportunities to manifest God's love and compassion. Be aware of those around you. Be aware of those around you. Jesus was aware. He saw her. That speaks of His awareness. He was aware of her need. He saw her. He was aware of her need. He was aware of her need.

Here's the second thing. He called her to Him. I like that. Jesus called her to Him. Keep in mind, He was teaching, and so He said, "Woman, --." She had just slipped in the back door, bent over. "Excuse me woman that's bent over, could you come here for a minute?" Jesus called her. Jesus called her to Him. Notice that she didn't seek healing. He initiated this. Jesus initiated this. He called her to Him. This is a personal encounter. This is what I love about Jesus. All of these are personal encounters. He called her to Him. Called her to Him.

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Jesus had the ability to heal at a distance. He had the ability to heal at a distance. All he had to do is send His word and she could've been healed right where she was. But that's impersonal. Jesus wants us to know Him personally. He desires to know us personally. He desires to have us know Him personally, experience Him personally. He called her to Him. He called her to Him. Then, gave her an invitation. "Come to Me. Come to Me. Come to Me, those of you who are heavy-laden and burdened. Come to Me."

Notice the invitation. "Come to Me, ye that are heavy-laden and burdened. Come to Me and I'll give you rest." Notice the invitation. He calls us to Him. He sees us. He knows us. He wants us, calls us to Him. He calls us to Him. And notice this, when she came to Him, what Jesus was trying to convey to her is, "I see you. I know you. I love you. My Father loves you. You are important to Me. You are important to God." And so, Jesus was affirming her by calling her to Him. He was affirming her to let her know that she was special, that she was somebody special to

Him and close to His heart, that He sees her, He knows her, He wants her, and He called her to Him. And so, that was a compassion. So, He saw her, He called her to Him, and then He showed compassion. He wanted to help her. He wanted to help her.

Now, I wanted you to see that in all of these miracles of Jesus that we've been exploring, here's one thing that really, oh, man, just excites me, I love this fact. We get a chance to see the willingness of God, the desire of God, the delight of God to do us good. He is so kind. He is so gracious. He is disposed to show favor. He is willing to be merciful. He enjoys it. Remember all the miracles we studied where Jesus even asked a question, "What would you to have Me to do?"

Now, keep this in mind. Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you've seen the Father." He said, "I only do what I see the Father do. The works that I do, I'm doing them because I see the Father doing these very works." When we see Jesus, you're actually seeing the very heart of God. His willingness, His desire. He asked a question. "What is it you have Me to do?" He asked it on several occasions. "What is it I can do for you? What would you have Me to do?"

When they came to Jesus and asked for anything, "Sure, I'll come and heal them. Sure, I'll go with you." What is it? His answer was always yes. That's the willingness of God. That's the kindness of God. It's the mercy of God. It's the love of God. He was so free. He was so eager. He was so willing. He was delighted. It was a pleasure to Him. He wanted to. Here is this woman who didn't even ask for healing. He said, "Come on down. Come here. I have something for you today. I've got something for you today. You came in, bent over, but you're going to leave out straight up."

Glory to God! God has so much goodness in store for us even when we don't ask for it! Before she could ask, He had already answered! It's the goodness of God. It shows His willingness, His want to, His desire, His delight, His kindness, His dispose to show favors. He is willing to be kind. He is forever good. And man, He loves to do good things and wonderful things for us.

Then, He speaks a healing word. He said, "Woman, thou art loosed. Woman, thou art loosed of this infirmity." Then, His word is full of power. His word is full of power. Psalms 107:20 said,

“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” He sent His word. His word is full of power. The centurion said, “Just send your word only, my servant will be healed.” He sent His word. So, His word packs power. His word packs power. Remember with the man at the Pool of Bethesda, He just spoke to him. He said, “Get up and take up your bed and walk.” He did nothing else. So, there was healing divine power just released in His word. Just His word alone. And so, He gave the word. And so, He was basically saying -- He said, “Woman, thou art loosed from this infirmity.” So, He was basically saying, “Disease, go. Spirit, go. Crippling arthritis, go. Spine, straighten up.” He just gave the word. He gave the word. He gave the word.

But then, He goes a step further. Now, Jesus operated differently just to show that He can do whatever He wants to do. There is no box that you put God in and say that He can only do it one way because you can't hold Him in a box. He has a multitude of ways. He can use anything He wants to use, anywhere, anytime, anyhow He wanted in anyway. And so, Jesus healed. He did miracles by a variety of different methods and means just to show, “Man, you know, I could do whatever I want to do. I can speak to you and heal you. I can touch you and heal you. I can speak to you and touch you.” Which is what He did here. So, He not only spoke to this woman. Then, He laid His hand on her.

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He laid His hand on her. And then, the power of God went into the woman. She was immediately healed. Man, she stood straight up. Oh, she stood straight up. Man, what a relief that is 18 years of being bent over looking at the ground. She stood straight up and gave glory to God. Praise God. Isn't God good? Man, God is good. God is good. God is good.

The almighty power of God. Almighty power of God went into her body. I believe He touched her because He wanted her to have personal contact. He wanted her to feel as embraced. He wanted her to feel the power. He touched her. She was immediately honed(ph) and stood straight up. The power of God rushed through her body. She is immediately healed. That's the power of God.

The Bible says in Psalms 146:8 says, “The Lord them that are bowed down.” Those who are bent over, God raises you up. Many

of us are bent over because of sin. We're bent over because of failure. We're bent over because of shame and guilt. We're bent over because of fear. We're bent over because of tragedy. We're bent over because of trouble. We're bent over because of sorrow, but God raises us up. He raises us up. He knows us. He sees us. He calls us. He wants us, and then He lifts us up. He lifts us up. He always lifts us up. He lifts us up. Many are depressed, that's all depressed means that you're pushed down. He lifts us up. Praise God. He lifts us up. He lifts us up. He lifts us up out of sin or out of depression, or out of fear, or out of shame, on grief or trouble. He lifts us up and He sets us free.

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Whom the sun sets free, is free indeed. Is free indeed. Praise God. Notice what they said in Verse 16. Verse 16. It says, "This woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these 18 years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath Day?" Notice who did the binding, Satan. It was Satan making her sick. He revealed.

All we see Jesus doing is healing people. We never see Jesus making anybody sick. We see Jesus healing people and Jesus reveal who's the one making sick. He says, "Satan has done this." The Bible says that Jesus came to Earth, 1 John 3:8. The Bible says, "Jesus came to Earth that He might destroy the works of the devil." And so, this is one of the works of the devil and Jesus was making her see.

We're in the Earth today that destroy the works of the devil. That's why we're here. We carry the anointing of Jesus. We carry the name of Jesus. We are here to recognize Satan's work and to destroy it. Loose people, set people free and deliver them because of the power of Christ Jesus is on the inside of us.

And so, that's all Jesus did. He revealed. He says, "Satan has bound this woman 18 years." He said, "Today that stops. Today, that comes to an end." And so, he reveals who causes the sickness. Satan causes the sickness. We never see Jesus making anybody sick. And Jesus said, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. He was always healing. He was always delivering. He was always bringing liberty to His people." That's why He came. Isaiah prophesied He would come and heal the broken heart and give sight to the blind and set the captive free and all of these. He would heal the bruise and those crushed down and He's fulfilling

the very call, the very purpose of Him coming. He came to set free. He came to destroy all the works of the enemy.

It's the enemy we find out, John 10:10. "The thief comes but to kill, steal, and to destroy. I have come that I might give you life that you might have life in abundance, to the full, until it overflows." And so, Jesus reveals that -- I love that He reveals the work of Satan and He shows the distinction that Satan is the one that's cursing. He's the one that's causing infirmity. He's the one that's robbing people of their lives. He's the one trying to destroy. Eighteen years, he robbed this lady of her freedom. Eighteen years, he robbed this lady of her purpose. Eighteen years, he robbed this woman's life. Jesus came to restore it and to set her free and then give it all back to her. Praise God. Praise God. So, He affirms her. He says, "She's a daughter of Abraham." (00:24:32) daughter of Abraham. Those are covenant words. Abraham had a covenant and God's covenant was with Abraham and to His seed, to the children of Abraham.

She had covenant right, covenant entitlement. She was entitled to the blessing by covenant right and Jesus knew it. Jesus is saying, "If anybody ought to be healed, this woman should be healed. She's a daughter of Abraham. As a covenant blessing of healing that goes and flows to the seed of Abraham."

Now, I got good news for all of you. The Bible says that if we are Christ Jesus, then you're Abraham's seed and heir as according to the promise. Praise God. You're entitled to Abraham's blessing.

Go ahead and shout it right there. Let's shout the news. Let's shout the news. Oh, man, let's shout the news. Let's shout the news. Praise God. Praise God. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Praise God.

I'm just so excited, man, just to see Jesus flowing in these miracles and the liberty that He brings to His people, the blessing, the goodness, the mercy, the grace He brings to His people so freely. He delights to do it. He wants us to do it. He wants to see His people set free. He wants to see His people living abundantly. He wants to see us in the blessing. We're Abraham's seed. The heir as according to the promise. It belongs to you. This is your inheritance. This is your inheritance by right of covenant. It's my right of covenant.

When God covenant with Abraham, He wasn't just cutting a covenant with Abraham, He was cutting covenant with Abraham's seed, which is Christ. God literally made covenant with His own son. This is a covenant that can't be broken. It can't be broken. Jesus won't break it and God won't break it. It's an unbreakable covenant. We've been grafted into it. We're beneficiaries of it. It's the covenant. Had not this son, this daughter of Abraham? Had not you enjoyed the inheritance? Praise God. Oh man, I feel like Jesus is standing up here. Stand on your feet. Praise God. Amen. Amen. It's alright to get happy. Isn't alright to get happy, man? Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Praise God. God is good. God is good. God is good. God is good. God is good.

Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that those oppressed of the devil." That was His mission and that's our mission. That's our mission today. Praise God.

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