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And now for 7834, The Miracles of Jesus Part 19.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you so much for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live. Delighted to have you to tune in and join us today. Would like to share just a little humor. A naughty little boy had been sent to the corner doing Sunday school and after a while, he approached the teacher telling her he had thought things over and asked God for help. "That was wise of you." said the teacher. "I'm sure God heard your prayer and will help you stop misbehaving." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me." the boy replied. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Well, we're still sharing in this series entitled "The Miracles of Jesus" and this is actually part 19. I've been enjoying doing ministry with Jesus and all of these miracles, just to walk with Him and to experience. To see things from various perspectives. To put yourself there on the scene and we have learned so much and we would glean so much that we have grown closer to the Lord. I believe as we have learned more about Him, how he operates and His heart for us and -- so I pray that it has been a blessing to you as well.

Today, we are looking at an account over in the Gospel of Luke. Gospel of Luke Chapter 6. The Gospel of Luke Chapter 6. I had always considered the Gospel of Mark as the miracle-working Gospel but honestly, I have probably preached the last five or six messages out of the book of Luke. So, Luke is further one to feel as well. So, Luke is a close contender to the Miracles of Jesus so that's something that I've learned over the last few weeks.

Luke Chapter 6, we'll read verses 6 through 10. Luke Chapter 6, verses 6 through 10. When you get there say, "Amen." Luke Chapter 6. And we can read beginning with Verse 6 and it reads -- we can read together and it says, "And it came to pass also, on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue, and taught, and there was a man, who's right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath Days to do good, or to do evil? To save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, "Stretch forth thy hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored whole as the other.

This time, we're talking about the Miracles of Jesus. This is part 19 and here, we see Jesus teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath as He often did and actually, not only I found out just from preaching on the Miracles of Jesus, I found out that Jesus not only taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath but He was actually found teaching in the synagogue quite a bit. Even though on other days, He was at that synagogue quite a bit. So, it gave me a whole new perspective about going to church. Jesus went to church regularly.

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He not only went on what we would call Sunday Service, Jesus went several days during the week. He was always in the synagogue teaching. So, it gave me a fresh, new perspective of church, presence of God, the power of God being available at church. So when you come to church, don't think it's just the same old, same old; you should be coming to have an encounter with Jesus. He was always teaching at church. Many miracles happen at church.

And so, I believe that some things can happen right here in the sanctuary because you are faithful, because you are diligent, because you have a heart for God, because you made the effort because you came with the heart desiring to worship and to be in the presence of God. I believe there are some miraculous things that happened for you right in church. So, those of you who don't

go to church, start going to church. Miracles happen at church. Miracles happen at church.

And so, I had never realized that because we often see Jesus doing so many miracles as He walked along out just through the fields or by the sea. But no, He was actually, almost daily in the synagogue teaching. I said, "Wow, I had never paid that any attention. I thought he was primarily there on the Sabbath." No, Jesus was a regular at church teaching all the time. He was a regular teaching all the time.

Jesus would teach wherever anybody will listen. He will teach -- it doesn't matter. He will teach in a house, He will teach on a seashore, He will teach at church, He would teach wherever people were thirsty to know about the things of God. And so, I just love that. It just gave me a whole new appreciation and desire to be in the presence of God--to know that. So, I just want you to have faith to know that as you are at church, you're being healed and you're being restored and you're being replenished and you're being refreshed because there is something just released because you are in the presence of Jesus. You're in the presence of Jesus. Amen, Amen.

Some of you should be feeling a little stronger already just being in the presence of Jesus. You're in the presence of Jesus. Even in the Old Testament, there were times where the cloud of God's glory would fill the temple. Just be pregnant with the glory of God. So, we're on a day and time now where less people are going to church and they are actually missing out on the glory of God because there is power in assembly. Forsake not the assembly of yourselves together. There's power in corporate prayer, in corporate worship. There's power. The presence of the Lord.

So, Jesus was always in the synagogue. It is still a house of prayer and it's a house of his presence. And so, never take it lightly. So, always come expecting and always receiving. I believe you should come and receive eternal life all the time just because you're at church. Just receive your eternal life and receive it. I'm not talking about an eternal life in terms of living forever after you die. I'm talking about God's life impacting your life now. That's eternal life. We lay hold on eternal life now. We lay hold on it now. So, we begin to enjoy all eternity right now because God is eternal life.

The Book of 1 John says, "We have received eternal life. This life is in His son and he that hath the son hath life." So, learn to let the Zoe life of God flow through your body. Let it flow through every fiber of your being -- bringing health and wholeness and soundness and well-being. Let it refresh you and renew you and reenergize you. Let it make you youthful. People don't understand but it renews you. It makes you youthful.

There's something that happens from the very life of God. A physical light is affected by divine life. And so, we are able to partake of that divine life. When you come to church, you should be partaking of even a greater measure of that divine life because of the corporate flow of His presence. Praise God. I don't know who that was for but man, I received it. I received it and I'm happy to be in the house today. Happy to be in the house. Turn to your neighbors, so I'm happy to be in the house today. Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God.

I want you to be expecting and just receive whatever you need because you're in the house and He's in the house. Alright, now, if you look at this particular account in Luke 6. Luke 6, Jesus -- He was in the synagogue. He was teaching and I want you to see that there was a man there who had a withered hand. And so, the scribes and the Pharisees, they were plotting because they were trying to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. And so, the man with the withered hand, he never asked to be healed.

So, this is another instance when he didn't ask to be healed. He didn't cry out or yell out or he didn't even come to Jesus. Jesus was in the synagogue teaching and they wondered if Jesus would heal them on the Sabbath. I'll answer that for them, yes. Yes, He will. Yes, He will. He will heal anyone in need and He will help anyone in need at any time any place. And so, what we see here, they were applauding to catch Him because they knew it was somebody in there who had this infirmed or this withered hand and they figured that Jesus would do something about it. And so, they knew that He would be yearning to help. He would be yearning to heal. He would be yearning to restore this man.

And so, we see a picture here of Jesus because he delights in doing good. He delights in doing good. He loves to show kindness. He loves to show kindness. He is disposed to show favors and He is not only able to do wonderful things for us. He actually wants to do wonderful things for us. And so, He's in the temple. You know,

the man with the withered hand had not said anything, had not done anything but the scribes and the pharisees, they figured that because Jesus was so merciful, because He was so good, because He was so compassionate, they figured that there was a great chance that Jesus was trying to heal this man and they were right. They were right.

So, we see the heart of God. The heart of God goes out to us anytime we are in need. This man didn't even seek Jesus out but Jesus saw him. Jesus knew he had a need. Now, some scholars, Greek rendering or Hebrew renderings of this account, they actually say that this man was a bricklayer. He was a bricklayer and he had injured or damaged his hand on the job so he no longer had use of his hands. I don't know if that's an accurate account but that's what some ancient scripts. You know, that's what they give a little bit more insight into it. So, they said that this man was a bricklayer and he had damaged, injured his hand and now, he can no longer work. And so, it wasn't just a withered hand but now it had prevented him from his occupation. And so, Jesus noticed him and so, we see the yearning, the desire and the delight of the Lord to do us good and to heal, to help, to recover us, to restore us.

Jesus went about doing good. So, Jesus, you know, he made it a point to always be doing good no matter what day of the week, Sabbath or any other day. He was always going about doing good. I like something that Voltaire said. Voltaire said that everyone will be guilty of the good they did not do. Everybody will be guilty of the good they did not do. And so, we should always, because we have the spirit of Christ in us, we should always have an eye to do good to people. We should always be aware when there's a need. We should always be caring, we should always be compassionate because this is the way Jesus operated. This is the way he operated.

And so, Jesus, He saw this man, remember, I gave you the acronym, HOPE. Hope stands for if you want to bring hope into the world, that stands for help, one person every day. That's how you bring hope in the world, help one person every day. That's the way Jesus cared in his life and that's the way he lived. And so, these scribes and pharisees, they're in there trying to catch Jesus so that they can accuse him of breaking the law and doing wrong on the Sabbath and so forth. Someone said that we can never look good trying to make someone else look bad. And that's

what they were doing. They wanted to make him look bad and I think the converse of that quote is true as well. You can never look bad trying to make somebody else look good.

And so, they were trying to make him look bad. They were trying to make him look bad. Now, Jesus said, I like this, so, Jesus said some things to this man. If you look at Verse 8, Jesus said to the man, "Rise up." I wonder was Jesus the original Falcons fan. I wondered if the Land of Falcons got that slogan from Jesus. Jesus said in the first day, "Rise up." So, we've been trying to resurrect the dirty birds here in the city. Rise up. But I like that. Jesus said to this man, "rise up". That means change your position. Change your posture. Get up from where you are. Get up from where you are.

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Keep in mind, the mind had a withered hand. The hand had a withered hand. Withered hand could represent things in our lives that have withered. We could have withered dreams. We could have withered relationships. We could have withered plans. We could have a withered career. We could have withered health. We could have withered marriages or withered finances and so, withered simply means that it has lost its potency. It has lost its freshness. It has lost its vibrancies and has become useless to a large extent. And so, withered represents this loss of freshness and potencies and usefulness in our lives. And so, this man, this represents things that are withered in our lives.

And Jesus said those words to him. Rise up, rise up, rise up from lethargy. Rise up from complaining. Rise up from complaisance. Change your position. Change your posture. And I love this, you know, God always sees us. Jesus saw him. So, anytime we are hurting, anytime we have a need or anytime is as withered in our lives, God sees us. He sees us, He knows us, He wants us, but here's the fourth thing, he lifts us up. God is always trying to lift us up. He's always trying to restore us, He's always trying to restore us. He's always trying to renew us. He's always trying to refresh us and so, anytime we are withered in any area of life, God's desire is to lift you up. And so, he didn't literally said, "rise up". Rise up. Rise up. So, God desires to lift us, he lifts us.

And you know, at one time, here's the greatest withering. We were withered in sin. We were withered in sin and Jesus came

and put his life in us. Revived us again, revived us and brought us life and fervent freshness toward God. We were withered in sin so we've all suffered being withered, and in some facet or form or another but God always desires to restore, to lift, to renew, to refresh, to make new again when we are withered in any area. And then notice this, He told the man not only to rise up but He said, "stand forth". I like that. You can just almost feel the confidence. You could hear the authority in these words. These are commands.

You know, sometimes you have to speak to yourself, you got to encourage yourself. Sometimes you got to say to yourself, "Shut up complaining! Stop feeling sorry for yourself! Stop mealy-mouthing!" Sometimes you got to talk to yourself." So, Jesus was very direct in the way that he addressed him. He didn't waste any words. He just gave some two words commands. Rise up. Stand forth! I like the confidence and the authority. I like this. You know, as if Jesus is, "This will not defeat you. You're being bigger than this. You will overcome this. There's something more powerful in you than this. Stand up, rise up. Stand forth." The Bible tells us to stand forth, Ephesians tells us, having done all to stand. Stand therefore. Having the Lord's (00:18:32) put on the whole armor of God so you may be able to resist the wiles of the devil. Having done all to stand, stand.

God says use my equipment. Any time, something has knocked you down, anytime you don't feel like you can make it, God said, "Don't forget about my armor. Don't forget about all the resources that are available to you. Stand up and put them on my armor. Put on the helmet of salvation and the breast plate of righteousness. Let you loyal begird about with truth! Put on the shoes of the preparation and peace and take the shield, the faith and above all, take the sword or the spear which is the word of God.

So, you got to speak to yourself. You got to encourage yourself. So, Jesus was doing this for him but he was just simply speaking life to him. He said, rise up. Stand forth. Don't shirk down. Don't be ashamed. Don't allow your life to be wasted and useless. No, you stand. God's not done with you and God wants to do something special in you. Those of you that may feel your life is useless. No, rise up. Stand forth. God wants to do something special in you. He wants to do something special for you. He wants to use you. So, that's why He's always restoring us. That's

why He's always renewing us. That's why He's always lifting us up. He wants to use us.

You know, a few weeks ago, I was teaching on the pool of Bethesda, I had never heard any boy ever say this commentary.

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I didn't read it anywhere, but you know I just really feel like it was the Holy Spirit. When Jesus went to the Pool of Bethesda and healed one man and left, I believe the man that He healed that man had been there the longest out of anybody, had been there 38 years. Jesus healed the worst case and left him because Jesus restored him so this man would have ministry. This man went to everybody laying around the pool saying, "Hey, you don't have to wait for the water, I was here 38 years. I got healed yesterday. Let me come show you where this man is holding a meeting at the night. If you check the scriptures, they brought the sick out of all cities to Jesus' meetings. This is why he left all of those people at the Pool of Bethesda so that they could be brought in his meetings and hear the word and be healed.

I believe that the man He healed, who had been there 38 years was a primary evangelist helping to get those sick people to Jesus' meetings. Jesus was holding meetings all around the area. And you think somebody had been laying down for 38 years who's now well, you mean you're not going to go check out to see where he got his healing from? Of course, you're going to go. I believe Jesus used this man. I believe when this man got up, he was instrumental in getting the sick from the Pool of Bethesda getting them to all of Jesus' meetings. And you will find it the scriptures. When Jesus will be in cities, so, they brought all the sick from the cities to his meetings. He healed them all. The Pool of Bethesda I believed emptied because those people went to his meetings, it makes sense.

But he used the man who had been there 38 years, as an example and he put him in the minister to be the primary witness. So, he always restores and He always lifts us up so that we can be used to be blessing to others. So, that's why He wanted to heal this man with the withered hand. He wanted him to be able to go back to work, lay those bricks, be a fine brick mason and then tell other people, when he went back to the job he said, "Hey, Joe, I thought you can't work anymore, I thought you are on disability?" "I was

until I met a man.” Think about his testimony, think about his testimony. Man, I’m back to work. I thought I would never be able to use my hand again and I thought I would be useless. Man, so God is always restoring us and renewing us and refreshing us because He wants to activate us.

Not only does He want us to have abundant life ourselves, but that abundant life begins to spill over. We have a testimony to share with other people. It’s powerful. Man, that’s powerful. Man, the Holy Ghost taught me that. He taught me that, but I had never heard that preach, never heard that preach, never read it anywhere, but the Holy Spirit over my eyes, so the Pool of Bethesda, and I really believe that’s exactly what happened because I couldn’t figure out because from studying the life of Jesus, I saw Jesus always healed anybody that was in need. There’s no way He could have left all those people. He simply left on there so this man can bring them to His meetings. He was in the area, come on out. Come on, I’ll be preaching tomorrow night at this place, and so, they will bring the sick because this man had already been healed and they will bring him. Praise God.

But we learned about the Lord, he was so compassionate. He healed everybody. He went to everybody that was in need. And so, this is Jesus, this is our Jesus, this is our Lord and this is His goodness. This is His goodness that’s released into our lives. Praise God. Well, I’m almost out of time. Man, already on time, but let me -- I have just preached already right on over time. Let me just share a little bit more. Let me just share a couple of more points from this account. But He tells them to stretch forth his hand, stretch forth his hand. Notice this, He told him to do something that he couldn’t do. He couldn’t stretch his hand. It was withered. He couldn’t. Jesus told him to do something he can’t do, I like that.

See, it was impossible to us, it is made possible by Him. Only if we have the courage sometime to step out, the courage to try. There is something activated when we have the courage to attempt, the courage to try, the courage to believe, the courage to come back. I like this somebody says, stop being afraid of what can go wrong and start being excited about what can go right. And this is what Jesus was storing up in him. Don’t be worried about what can go wrong, man, be excited about what can go right. And so, Jesus told him to do something that he couldn’t do. The only failure is not to try. This man didn’t have anything to

lose. Jesus says, "Stretch forth your hand." I think He is -- He is telling us to leave your comfort zone because that was uncomfortable to stretch forth a withered hand, leave the comfort zone. It also shows that it required faith and also require obedience.

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I noticed in most of the miracles we've studied, Jesus always gave instruction and all you have to do is get the master's instruction. It recalls miracles that happened in your life. Get the master's instructions. Think about it, when you multiply the fish and loaf, he said, "Hey, everybody sit down, companies of 50, I want you all to do this," he gave instruction. And so, anytime Jesus work a miracle he was always giving instruction. Hey, put the net on the right side, launched out into the deep. Notice he gave instruction. When they needed water, turn into wine. Fill up these six water pots with water and then draw out and take to the governor of the feast. He was always giving an instruction. So, He did the same thing here. Rise up, stand forth, stretch out your hand. So, He's letting us know, He's always willing to instruct us. He says, "Come to me, learn of me, my yolk is easy, my burden is light. I'll instruct you. I'll tell you what to do." Oh, man, isn't that exciting? Oh, man, that's our master. That's the relationship we have with our master.

And so, notice that He tells him to do something that he can't and he gives him instruction, so it requires faith, it requires obedience. But then, I believe that when Jesus is helping this man, I believe that by the spirit there's a spark. He sparks us with inspiration. I believe that God furnishes us the faith to believe Him. He furnishes us the faith to believe Him. And so, that's why he was able to require people to do things that they can do. It was almost like, God canned the faith. There's a spark. Whenever God inspires you to do something, you've been touched by something super natural, it's actually beyond you that's why you don't know you're doing, you don't know how you could do it. You can't. It's His power. It's His anointing. It's His spirit coming on you. He sparks us with inspiration. I believe by the mere fact when Jesus said "Rise up, stand forth, stretch your hand." He was inspiring the man -- spirit was going into him. He was inspiring him with faith. He was inspiring them as (00:27:06) let you know. He's happy to preach over there.

Brother Eddie, see me after church, I'm going to give you five dollars for --. His offering me free (00:27:20). I'm out of time. I'm going to stop right there. We may pick up -- I don't know. We may pick up next time and finish this because I have some more things that I wanted to share with. Praise God I'm out of test. Stand with your feet, stand in your feet. Those of you watching us via television, I want you to go to [brothersoftheword.com](http://brothersoftheword.com). You can listen to this message in its entirety, the entire series absolutely free of charge, The Miracles of Jesus.

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