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Female: And now for, Healing Acts, Part 6.

C. Elijah Bronner: Well, thank you for joining 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 in brothersoftheword.com, or social media, welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. An elderly couple had been having problems with their memory and so they decided to go the doctor. And so the doctor told them that they should start writing things down so that they don't forget. And so that they went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream and she said, "You might want to write that down." The husband said, "No, I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream."

Then she told her husband that she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him. And he said, "No, I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.

Then, the old lady said she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she said. "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes off to the kitchen and get the ice cream and he spends an unusually long time in the kitchen over 30 minutes. He finally comes out to his wife and he hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The wife stirs at the plate for a moment then she looks at her husband and said, "I told you to write it down. You forgot to toast."

We are having fun. We are doing Parts 6 of “Healing Acts,” taken from the Book of Acts. So we’ve been in the Book of Acts, looking at all of the healing acts that were done by the early Apostles and disciples and so forth. At the beginning of the church and so the dispensation in which we live in now because this is after the Holy Spirit has been poured out and Jesus has ascended to the Father and so he’s commissioned us to do his work.

And so we’ve just been studying the Healing Acts and today we’re going to look at one over in the 5th Chapter of Acts. Acts Chapter 5. Acts Chapter 5. Acts Chapter 5, verse 15 and 16. Acts Chapter 5 verse 15 and 16. When you get there say, “Amen.”

Acts Chapter 5 verse 15 and 6. Let’s read together their, Acts 5, 15 and 16 says, “Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.” Verse 16, “There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone.”

Praise God. I just love that. This is an interesting account here. This is an account where the Apostles, it was so many people that were sick. They couldn’t make the house calls.

You remember when Jesus walked the earth a lot of times he would just go to people’s houses and heal, but it was just so many. They couldn’t make the house calls because they were trying to share the gospel this resurrection of life. They’re burning with his fire and zeal with the resurrection of life in the Holy Spirit. And so they have a mission to share this gospel and they got to get it out and they’re running with.

So they don’t have time to go to the hundreds and thousands of households individually to pray for the sick and then this was also a situation where the sick were not allowed to come into the temple. So they weren’t going to allow the temple to be loaded. They didn’t have a God heal service like we have here. So they weren’t going to be allowed to pile all these sick people into the temple. No. So what they decided to do, they just set up a hospital in the street. They set up a hospital industry and I love it. They set up a hospital in the street.

And these people were on beds. They were on couches, they were on cots and so they were just laid out. They just set up an infirmity ward right in the middle of the street. I love it. I love it. I love it. I love it. And I just love this because these people were too weak to stand so that's why they were laying down on beds and couches and (00:05:25) and so forth. They couldn't go, they couldn't stand, they couldn't walk so these were people that were in really bad shape.

But I love the fact that God did something different. God did something different here that has never been done before. I love that. I love that. I love that. This has never been done before. Even Jesus, when he walked the Earth he never healed this way. This is something that's absolutely brand new. It's never been done. It's different and I believe that God is showing us that he is not limited in his ways.

He's not limited in what he can do and you haven't seen all of God as what God is really saying to us. You haven't seen all of me. You haven't seen all my glory manifest. And so I love the fact this has never been done before it's something new and God is saying that he can express his love to us in so many different creative ways. We've never even thought about. I just love this, that God has good things for us that we have never experienced before.

This is a statement that God is making. This has never been done before. They had never set up a hospital in the middle of the street before and the shadow of a man walking by healed. That had never happened throughout history. Never been done. No one had ever seen it or experienced it. Jesus himself didn't even do it when he walked there.

This is brand-new and I believe God is saying this to us. God is saying be fresh, be creative, be authentic, flow with the spirit, ask God for fresh ideas, listen to him, be filled with the spirit and flow with the spirit and this is in any area of life. Any area of life where you need something new, you need something different, you need something creative don't be afraid to ask God because God is the one who reveals himself in many different, creative, new, ingenious innovative ways.

This is a God who we serve. God is always doing something brand-new. He's always doing something fresh. He's always doing something creative and unique. There's never been done

before and God gets a kick out of it. I love it. I love it. I love it. He's never limited. He's never locked into one way of doing things. He's never limited. He's never locked in. You can even look at Jesus, when Jesus walked the earth.

Look at the many different ways that he healed people. He will say to one go wash in the pool. He was due to another, he was spit in his eye and to another here put some clay and mud on him, and to another he would just speak her words that go home your servants heal, to another he would say, "Hey, just go show yourself to the priest."

He used all type of different ways to show that God uses various methods, many different ways that God is non-boxed in. That God is creative, that God is new, God is exciting, God has a lot of fun. He doesn't get it. He doesn't get stale. He doesn't get bored. God is fun and so he uses -- He shows all of this multifaceted, all of these manifestations of his glory. God is so great and so powerful and so awesome and that he's always revealing himself in different ways, different dimensions.

It's always changing from glory to glory. It's always something new and fresh and innovative and creative because that's how powerful and that's how glorious God is, so he speaks to his glory. He speaks to his awesomeness. He speaks to his power. This is a God that we serve. This is a God that we serve. So many manifestations of his power and his wisdom and his grace. So many different expressions. So many different expressions and so it says to us, "Stay open to new ways of doing things." Stay open to new ways of doing things.

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Some of you been taking the same route. You've been driving the same route for 50 years. You've been going to the same store for 50 years and you drive the same route. Take a different route. Take a different route. Take a different route. Get off the highway sometimes. Go down some back (00:10:20) take a different highway. Go something out of the ordinary, do something different. Shake it up a little bit. You made in the image of God. Be creative, be unique, be new, be fresh.

How can you make yourself fresh in your ways? How can you make yourself fresh in your relationships? How can you make

yourself fresh? And so God wants to breathe something fresh. He wants to do something different and unique. And his expressions through our lives. So don't be afraid to ask God for fresh ideas. Ask him for fresh thinking, because this is the God that we serve. Because I believe God is saying to us, stay open to new ways of doing things. Stay open to new possibilities. Keep your mind open. Keep your comfort zone expanding. Explore new ideas, great attitudes precede great opportunities. So God has something in store.

I like something that Anne Frank said. Anne Frank says, "Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"

Peter had no idea, that he could walk by and people would be healed. He didn't know that was in him. He didn't know it was possible and sometimes a piece of good news and all of us. You have no idea how great you can be, you have no idea what you can accomplish, you have no idea what's on the inside of you. And I believe this is what God is saying to us. You have no idea. You have no idea that's a piece of good news in all of us.

The good news is you don't know how great you can be. You don't know what you can accomplish. You don't know what your potential is. You don't know how much you can love. Oh man, that's good and that excites me. That's good news in all of us. That's good news in all of us. Good news is you have no idea what God wants to do in your life. You have no idea what God wants to do through you. You have no idea. You have no idea, how God wants to use you. You have no idea of the ingenuity and the uniqueness and the creative things that are on the inside. You have no idea that's the good news. You have no idea.

It's a piece of good news and everyone you have no idea how great you can be. Praise God. So this is a very unique miracle. Very unique miracle. The shadow. They laid these people in the street so that Peter walking by that his shadow would overshadow with fall on some of them. He couldn't reach everybody but they just wanted to get enough people nearby him that shadow will fall on some of them and these people were being healed. These people were being healed by the shadow. Now this shadow is interesting because God are sometimes use a physical object to help people release their faith. And so a lot of times God has used something

-- somewhat tangible that we can see so that you can have a point of contact so that you can release your faith.

So that's why we have things like the anointing oil. You anoint people with oil. With that oil becomes a point of contact. We have the laying on of hands, while the laying of hands that becomes so that's something physical that you can see. That some of you can feel and so God lot of times will use some physical so it gives you a point of contact. It's like a link between the seen and the unseen.

So we have the laying on of hands. We have the anointing with oil. We have things like communion. You can take communion at home by yourself and be completely healed, just taking communion. It's a point of contact. It's a point of contact. So God gives us a lot of things that point of contact, point of contact so that you can release your faith.

Remember the woman, she said, "If I can just touch the hem of his garment." She needed that point of contact. She needed some physical that she can release her faith and so she said, "If I can touch" -- and she didn't release her faith until she touched it. It was a point of contact that released. And when she released her faith, the power was released in her body. And so often, God will give us something physical as a point of contact.

Well this shadow became a point of contact because as a sick were laying there when that shadow, -- man, I just happened to see my shadow right there. As a point of contact -- I like that, as it like that.

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My shadow is free so look at that. Look at that my shadow is freezing. Like it there I got two of them. I got two shadows, both of them.

Well, God use the shadow as a point of contact. The moment that shadow touch the body healing was manifest in the body. The point of contact. They release their faith when that shadow over shadow when it passed by. When they got under it. When they got under it and so God heal often use that. He often used a point of contact something physical that we can see so that we can have -- a point of contact so we can release our faith.

Now, let me share something else about this. Had never thought about this. This shadow is actually Christ Jesus. Let me explain it. Christ in the scriptures is explain like, he's explained or described as the shadow of a great rock. That great rock is Christ. And so the influence that goes out from Christ Jesus is compared to the shadow of a great rock and he is the great rock.

Listen to this scripture, this is over in the Book of Isaiah. This is over in the Book of Isaiah. I never knew this scripture was here. Even though I've read Isaiah several times, I never knew this scripture was here. Isaiah Chapter 32 verse 2, this is a prophecy given concerning the coming King. And so it had parallel. It was talking about the king that was sit on the throne in Israel and Judah so it was talking about an earthly king. But at the same time scripture is very interesting.

A lot of prophetic scriptures are actually talking about a man while at the same time talking about Christ. In this interesting, the way the scripture works so it can describe a man and the man that is describing also fits Christ Jesus. And so it was prophesying of the coming king, earthly not most didn't realize that it was prophesying of the King Christ Jesus? And so this is what it said, listen to this scripture Isaiah 32:2 says, "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind" that didn't feel like a natural earthly man does.

Listen, "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest or a shelter from the tempest. He'll be as rivers of waters in a dry place." Who does that sound like? He'll be like rivers of water in a dry place. What's the last part? "He is as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Jesus is the great rock and he cast a shadow. The shadow was important to a weary traveler because if you were traveling in a weary land, the scorching heat from the sun became deadly. And so a weary traveler will search for a big rock that they can get up under because the shadow of that big rock with shade them and protect them, and it will refresh them, and it would renew them.

Jesus is the big rock and he has a big shadow and this is what Peter was walking in. It was a shadow of the big rock. It wasn't just Peter. It wasn't just Peter. The Holy Ghost was demonstrated to Peter that there is a big rock and there was a

shadow from that rock. Run to the rock. Run to the rock. Get in the shadow of that rock. There is healing in that shadow. There's deliverance on that shadow. There's rest in that shadow. There's renewing in that shadow. Get into the shadow of the big rock.

That's what the Holy Ghost was preaching through Peter. Peter didn't even know it. I'm not even sure if Peter knew Isaiah 32:2. He might not have even known that there was a description of Christ, but the Holy Ghost knew it. And so the Holy Ghost was preaching through Peter that there is a big rock and he has a big shadow. Get in his shadow. Get in his shadow. He's a shadow. That's a shadow of a big rock in a weary land and all of these people on our land are sick and go to God, the Holy Ghost has had and it walkthrough and say hey, "There's a big rock and he has a big shadow. Get in the shadow. Get in the shadow of a big rock. Get in the shadow of the big rock."

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That shadow began to refresh. That shadow began to heal. That shadow began to protect. That shadow began to deliver and that's a message to us today. Get in the shadow of the big rock. Anybody ever feel worn out. You ever feel tired. You ever feel like life is too much. You ever get tired in life. Man, where you need to run to the big rock and get under that shadow because the shadow refreshes the weary traveler. The shadow renews the weary traveler. The shadow brings the weary traveler back to life. Laying up against the big rock. You will be under his shadow. There's protection under that shadow. It's a mighty fortress.

Get under the shadow of the big rock and this is where Peter was preaching as he walked down the street. He might have been preaching this by the Holy Ghost. There's a big rock. Get under his shadow. Get under his shadow. There's a big rock get under his shadow. There's a big rock. They begin just laying the people because they understood there was a shadow coming off of the big rock.

And Peter is not that big rock. Peter was simply pointing to the big rock. There were shadow coming from the big rock. The shadow was coming from the big rock. Get under the shadow. Oh, man, I'm beginning to see this. Jesus is our big rock. He's the rock that followed Israel throughout the Old Testament. The Bible says so. The Bible says, "Israel drank from that rock. That

rock was Christ. Every time water gushed from that rock that was Christ Jesus giving water to the Israelites and he is the big rock and he cast a big shadow.” And we can go to that rock and get under that shadow. Oh, man, that’s the good news.

When Peter was preaching, there’s a big rock come and get under that shadow and get under that shadow. Get under that shadow of the big rock. Get under the shadow of the big rock when you feel worn out and tired, beat out, life is too much, man crawl, crawl, crawl, crawl to your prayer closet. Crawl and get your Bible and get under that big rock. Get under that big rock. Get under the shadow of that big rock and I guarantee you it will bring refreshing. It will bring renewal. It will bring life and rejuvenation. It will bring healing. Get under the shadow of the big rock. Get under the shadow of the big rock.

Oh, man, but I got so excited when I saw that I had never known that I’ve never known that was exciting. That was exciting. That’s exciting. Wow, the big rock cast the shadow. The big rock cast the shadow and so, this shadow that Peter had, it was coming from the big rock. It was coming from the big rock.

We see the shadow, of course in Psalms 91, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” And so if we’re dwelling in the secret place of the most High we’re abiding under the shadow of the almighty. That shadow overshadows us. That shadow overshadows us and that’s what was happening to Peter.

Peter was being overshadowed by the shadow of the almighty and when your spirit filled, when your filled with the spirit there is a presence. There is a presence, when you’ve been with Jesus there is a presence that emanates off of your being and people can feel it. People know it and people can sense it. When you’ve been with Jesus there’s a tangible presence that people can feel and they can sense and they know is because we’re being overshadowed by the shadow of the all Mighty.

Praise God and so that’s where Peter was doing. Listen to this, this is Psalm 16:8. Psalm 16:8 says, “Keep me as the apple of thy eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.” Hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Praise God. Praise God. Then there was one last scripture. I wanted to share. And then I'm done. Psalms 121. Listen to this, it says, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper." The word keep means to protect. The Lord is thy protector. The Lord -- listen to this, "The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." There is a shadow. The Lord is thy shade. The Lord is thy shade on your right hand.

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The reason that shows your right hand because the right hand is the hand that you worked with, if you're right-handed, of course. Now, if you're left handed then the verse would have said the Lord is thy shade on your left hand. But if your right hand, the Lord is thy shade on that right hand. That mean, he empowers you to work. He'll make you successful. He'll work with you. He'll help you. He's a shade on your right hand. He will help your work. He'll assist you.

That shade, get under the shade. He'll help you. He'll make you successful. He will make you successful. He's the shade on your right hand. He's the shade on your right hand. He will help you do your work. He'll help you become successful. He's the shade on your right hand. So hand your activity. So hand you work with. He will. He's the shade on your right hand. He's the shade. He's your keeper. He's your protector. He never slumbers nor sleeps.

He says that two times here in Psalms 121, "He never slumber nor sleep." I looked up the word slumber, it means, sleep of course, but it also means doze. Not only God never sleeps. He didn't even doze. He won't doze off on you. He won't doze off. He won't doze off. He won't doze off. He is your keeper.

AVM going to ask you to play this and I'm actually dumb. I brought a funny clip this from my favorite sitcom, Seinfeld. And when I thought about this that God never slumbers, he never sleeps because he's always guarding us. He's always protecting us. I thought about this clip and it is so hilarious. It's about four

minutes, but it's fine. I just wanted to make you laugh before you leave today.

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C. Elijah Bronner: Glad, God never slumbers and he never sleeps. He never dozes off. I thought about that as I reflected on this scripture. God never slumbers. He never sleeps not even dozes off. He's watchful. He's alert. He's watching over us all the time. He is our keeper. He is our protector. He never slumbers. He never sleeps so you can rest, you can sleep because God is always watching over you. He's always keeping you. He doesn't even doze off. Praise God. Amen. Amen.

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