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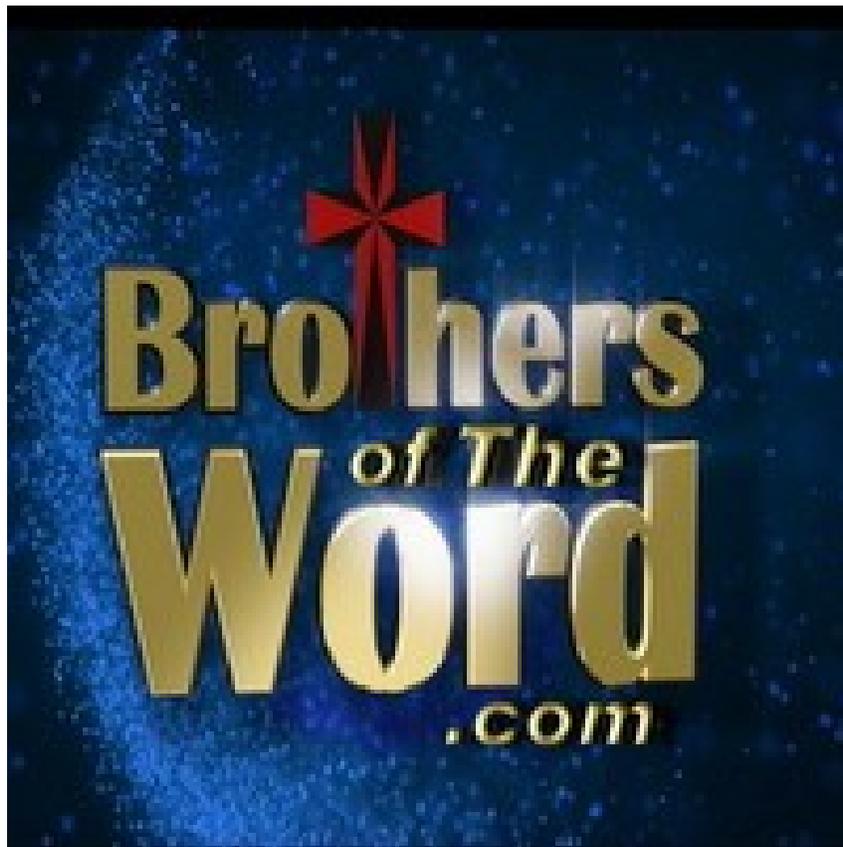
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Amen, Amen, give the Lord some praise after that, Glory, Glory. I tell you some of the adults won't praise and you're using two of them praise and have to praise them Glory, Glory. Amen.

I Thank God for the children that He's blessed us well then. Somebody asked me how old she was, Jhen is only nine years old. She's never had any formal training, never attended any classes, but God we saw Him moving on our hands and our feet and we concentrated her unto God and she only had nine years old, hears the voice of God clearly. And even she's only even delivered the first sermon already at our women's conference. So, God is using her even at a young age. And all of my seven children, there are actually four of the seven that are hearing the voice of God already. And three of them, they went to their schools and began to tell their teachers that, "Mama is pregnant again." And the teachers called us and said, "Why didn't you tell us?" We said, "We're not pregnant." Sure. Now, we went and took a test and we were pregnant.

God was revealed in it to the babies before he revealed it unto the parents. God is doing something but what you see in them is no accident, I want to tell you. And it started with my parents it's no accident that they had four ministers out of six. And my mother is right here and we would wake up in the morning to the sound of her and her prayer partner praying unto the Lord, covering us in prayer and we continue praying over our children and we hold Bible class in our home two or three times a week at the kitchen table with the children, so what you're seeing in no accident even though that's not my message. Today somebody in here needed to hear that because sometimes we get so busy trying to make hands meet and trying to pay the bills that sometimes we lose focus of those that make the bills worth paying in the first place and our father had a priority system of God first, family second and business third. So, he prioritized his family above the business and it shows today. So, I thank God for the wisdom that He gave my father, Nathaniel Bronner Sr. and I just thank him for the legacy that he left us that we continue today. And I tell you, I use that same priority system in my own house and even though we have a very large show here, I would rather personally that the show get cut in half than my children's character get cut in half and that's the value system that has been passed to us.

Well, bow your heads and let us pray. Heavenly Father, I ask you to use me in your service right now, O' Lord. I stand before your people, O' Lord, not as a Bronner, not as an executive, Oh Lord, not as a businessman but I stand simply as a messenger of the most high, O' Lord. A servant of yours, and I ask Lord for you to just speak through me, to your people. I pray, Lord, that you would use me as a human stethoscope, O' Lord. That you'll press me against that breast, O' Lord that I may heal the heart and amplify it out and tell the people what the heart of God says in this hour. And I pray that you prepare our hearts, O' Lord and we repent of any

wrong doing that we've done against thy word. Yes, thy spirit, O' Lord, and we prepare of anything that you've told us to do that we've not done, O' Lord. We want to be like before you, O' Lord. It's time out for playing church, O' Lord. We've got to be real with you, O' Lord. We're making fool of all the people but we can't fool you, Lord, for you see the heart. And we thank you, Lord, and I pray over the hearts of the heroes, O' Lord that they will hear the word that you've sent this day, O' Lord, that they will be firmly planted. I pray, Lord that they won't leave this place the same, O' Lord that even though they may have come to this convention for one reason, O' Lord, I pray O' Lord that they'll be change in this hour, O' Lord, by Your word, O' Father. We thank you, Lord and the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

A few years ago, my brother Charles who's sitting there, he called me and told me that one of his classmates, was a Barbara had passed. And he said that he would out of town and the family had asked him to speak at his funeral. And he asked me if I would speak in his death. And I told him I would since he was out of town and couldn't be there and really wanted to be there. And after I hung up the phone, I thought about this, "I don't mind speaking for him but I've never met the fellow. I didn't know anything about him." And the funeral was the next day on top of that. So, I prayed about it and I didn't really get anything but I felt a peace in the spirit that everything would be all right. So, I went on anyhow. I went on to bed and got up the next morning and showered and dressed and did my normal routine and got in the car, headed to the funeral. Still I don't know what I was going to say.

As I was driving just worshiping the Lord, he dropped into my spirit to look up the meaning of the young man's name and there would be a message in it. And I was driving at that time so I didn't want to end up in the funeral home myself so I didn't want to look up on my phone while I was driving so I called my wife and asked her if she'd look up his name. Believe me, it was Lorenzo and she looked it up and said that it meant counselor. And as I spoke to the family that day, they broke out into tears and I didn't understand why but I told them that God had impressed that upon me that he was his counselor and that as people sat in Barbara's chair that he counseled me through their problems and he ministered unto them. And I found out that he was Youth League Football coach and he counseled the kids and stood in as a surrogate father unto them and he was a minister in his own right, and had set the family free because they said they had another son that was a minister. And they wanted him to be a minister as well because they saw the call of God upon their light, but they said when I brought that message out of his name, they said he saw, that he fulfilled the purposes of God right in what he was doing and many of his clients showed up at the funeral then. They didn't know what to wear and a lot of them, first-time stepping foot on a church.

And I told them, I said that if Lorenzo could do it all over again believe that he would be given the choice, give up his life just to get you all to Christ. And I said,

"This is your first time here, but it was worth it all and he took a bullet, I believe he would have done it again to get his friends to Christ."

And I tell you that story because it's what God impressed upon me for you all today, that you are in ministry, counseling right where you are and our PR firm for Bronner brothers that we just hired for this show. They recently conducted a study 1,500 random African-American women. They just gave us the results two days ago. The survey was aimed to find out who women really trusted. The survey asked whose advice they would listen to and whom they feel most comfortable sharing concerns. They gave them five categories of people to check off their top one they trusted. First was their financial adviser or accountant. Second was the police. The third was their hair stylist. The fourth was their doctor. The fifth was their pastor or clergy leader. The women's survey said that they trust out of all those people, their stylist above all of the others, above the doctors, above the CPA, even above their minister and pastor. And they said that when they thought about it, they realized that black women spend a significant amount of time in the salon and they formed a bond that was established overtime with their stylist.

God has given you favor with people and he's given you the ear in this difficult times. You've become their trusted adviser and you have the power of life and death in your mouth before a client ever leave their spouse, they will talk to their stylist about what's going on and what they're planning to do. When their children start acting loud and they get out of control, they will come while they are getting their hair done and tell their stylist about how their teenagers talk and back in the things going on, when they're dealing with health issues in their body and they're about to lose their last nerve and have a nervous breakdown, they'll begin to talk about their problems to you in their chair. And I tell you, you have the power to use that time as they talk as a cesspool for mess or as a time to bless.

And you maybe saying, Brother, Preacher, Reverend Bronner, "I don't have a title. I'm not a Reverend and I don't have church. I don't have any seminary training." But God sent me here to tell you today, woke me up at 4:30 this morning, get on my knees and hear from him to tell you today to stop worrying about that which you don't have and look at what you do have.

Moses didn't have a cruise ship to take the people across the Red Sea, but God said, "Look in your hand and see what you have." And he said, "I've got a rod." He said, "Use that rod to part the sea." David didn't have a 9mm pistol to take down a giant, but he said, "Lord, all I have is five smooth stones and a loose sling shot made out of a little leather." And he said, "Use it and throw it and I'll be with it, I will knock it." And he said in between the giant's eyes and took down and saved the nation.

The prophet Balaam in the Bible didn't have another prophet to warn him that he was about to curse the people of God that were blessed. He didn't have another

prophet to warn him but he was riding on a donkey, an old donkey and God used that which he had that thing that looked down, frightened the other people. And he opened the mouth of that donkey to begin the minister unto the prophet and said, "If your eyes could see what I see, you'll be glad I stopped you." And I told you today, you may not have a mega church, but the one thing that you have is one swiveling pew. And if you use this chair for his ministry, he would do wonders and miracles and I come to you and speak from the subject today, of one swiveling pew. When you leave this land, God won't ask you how many people you told about him in the church house. But he will say in that one swiveling pew, "Did you tell him about me?" You'll be accountable.

God work miracles through the rod in Moses' hand and I tell you, he's given you a rod in this day on a kind of rod and you can take this rod and while you're working that hard in your chair, you can begin to tell what God is impressed upon your spirit and that will feel something on, the anointing go beyond you while you're using this rod and you'll be like Moses. Moses brought the people over the Red Sea some troubled water then people -- that people are hurting. They have problems that they are going through troubled waters, but he will use your rod to bring them to the troubled waters if you will allow your hands to be anointed, he can use the simplest tools to accomplish his purposes.

The rod can act like a snake when he told Moses to put it down and if you give on godly advice and if you get in the gossip, it will turn into a slithering snake that would be cunning. But yet, if you listen to the voice of God and counsel, Godly, he'll turn it into a bridge over troubled waters. Moses didn't look at himself as a minister of pharaoh because he said, "I'm slow of speech," and then "Lord, I don't want to go in. I'll be stammering before the King. Lord, you know I can't talk good." But God said, "Look at what's in your hand. Don't look at what you don't have. You might not have been eloquent, loyal but you've got a rod in your hand, just use it and it would be enough in my hand, Moses.

Some of you may have felt the call of God on your life but didn't know how to walk in it and yet feed your family at the same time. But I'm here to tell you Jesus didn't call a group of preachers to be his disciples and to share the good news with them. He called a tax collector named Matthew and said, "I have a need of your ability then if you'll come and follow me, that would be treasures stored up in heaven for you, that all of your accounting and math skills would have trouble counting." He calls some fisherman named Andrew, Peter, James, and John and said, "I want you to keep on fishing, but I want to change your bait and I'll take you from fishing for fish to fish in for me."

He's not calling you to take you out of where you are. He wants you to keep in touch with the people right where you are. He is saying into you today that I've given you

the gift to make people over but not just on the outside. I want the inside to look brand new his way off.

In addition to given them a perm to straighten out their hair. He said, "I want to use you to straighten up some elicit behavior with my word." In addition to shampooing, washing out the debris out of the hair, I want to use salvation to them to get them under the blood of Jesus to rinse out sin out of their lives. In addition to applying conditioner to make their hair softer, I want you to minister unto them the food of the spirit that will soften up their hearts with love and joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

God looked at upon the heart. He looked at upon the heart, 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, your priest are royal priests, a holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should show forth the praises of him who let called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Corinthians 12:27 says, "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular, you may not be a pastor but you are a member of the body of Christ. You may not be the mouth or the eyes or the head, but even if you're the body's hands, the hands are very vital unto the body."

How many of you know that the hands get stuff done on the body? The hands touch people. People out there were hurting everywhere from relationship, from finances, from health. They're hurting in all of the areas of life. And you know, when I go to the house at night sometimes and I may stock my toe on something, the first thing I do is I put my hand on it and there's something about when I put my hand on it. I don't speak to it, even when I looked at it, it didn't help the pain but it's something about when I apply the comfort of the hand that it touches the situation and it somehow helps, the pain subsides. So, the hand has ability to comfort pain. When a child is feeling unloved, words play a big part but it's something also about the embrace of the hand that would let him know, "Baby, it's going to be all right." And it just makes him feel better.

One time, my daughter that was in second grade at that time, she went through something at school and was having some trouble with some of the kids and went through a depression. Her mother and I would try to talk with the best we could, we told her how much we love her, and tried to explain a situation and they're like neither one of us could help the stage she was in. And I prayed about it and God simply told me to take her out to the park, don't say anything but just walk and hold her. We walk around to try it one time and her frown and spirit lifted some and we walked twice, it got better. And we kept on walking, daughter and father. And I felt the anointing and I felt her spirit lifting through the power of touch that could calm the hurting heart, and you have that power in your hand than words couldn't do, but it was the touch of the hand. You are the part of the body, Christ. Listen to

the last words of Christ in Mark 16, starting at Verse 15 it says, "And he saith unto them, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Turn to your neighbors and say, "I've got some creatures in my shop."

And he says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believeth and my name shall the cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink in a deadly thing, it shall not hurt them."

This is the part I want to get, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," and these are those called by his name. Raise your hand if you call by his name today. "And these signs shall follow you." And it says, "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, set on the right hand of God." It's the last thing he said, "You lay hand on the sick, and they shall recover." You are the body of Christ's hands. He has no hands, but your hands. Just look at your hands right now, and say "God, these are you hands. Use them as you please. I give you my gifts, I give you my talents, I give you my heart." He has no hands, but your hands and I tell you, you are a minister. I don't have there go through the exhausted Hebrew and Greek, but for simplicity, I'll tell you the word 'minister', the Old and New Testament in its original language. It means 'servant' or 'attendant' in the original Hebrew and Greek; and you attend these people, you serve his people everyday. The Bible also says that when people are sick for the elders to anoint them with all and the name of the Lord and pray their payer of faith.

Well, you might not have in your holy all of the time, but I tell you, use what is in your hand. You got some washing. You got some oral moisturizer. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I got some of that now." All you have to do is apply it to their heads in faith, pray over them in the name of Jesus, while they sit down. And if you don't feel comfortable, they don't even have to know what you're doing, you can be just operating on their half under your breath. Lord, I just pray for Susie right now, Lord. You know she's going through with these children, O' Lord and the dead has got up. Lord, I want you to just do a miracle in a life O' Lord, and you can't just pray under your breath, and God will move through your hands, he will moves through your rod and he will do miracles in the life. You've been wondering how to keep people from going home and doing their own half and deal with natural faith, but I tell you, if you will apply the anointing to the people's situation, that when they go home to do their own half they'll say, "It looks all right, but I don't get the feeling that I get in that shop. It's something I can't explain. There's something." And they will be back just to get the counsel, just to feel the presence of God with you.

I tell you, you'll see your tips go up. You'll feel your purpose go up. Bronner Brothers are not prospect for 65 years because we're so smart and so gifted, a businessman, but God has blessed us, he's favored us and it's because we put him first in our business and in our homes for 65 years. We opened all of our shows with

this church service. We open all of our meetings with prayer and God honors those who honor him.

Let me give you a two-minute seminar in closing on how to grow your business that you might not get in the other classes we have here for the show and he gave me this morning. As I was sitting and praying, it's like I saw Jesus sitting in your chair and the scripture came back to me it says, "As you do to the least of this, you do also unto me." So I submit unto you this day, a technique to try that no other class teachers going to give you. If you'll schedule him on your appointment books, in your salon that is your first appointment of the day, if you'll give him one hour and just try it. Don't take my word for it, but just try it out for a month. Spend an hour with him and anoint your grounds when you get in while nobody is there. Anoint your chair, anoint yourself. Begin to worship him and pray unto him and reach a word and just give him an hour in your books as your first appointment, make him your business partner and I tell you, you won't fail.

There's no better business partner that you can have. You want your business to grow, the biggest techniques alone (00:27:06) tell me to get new customers is through the power of referrals. And I tell you, if you will make him your first customer everyday that he knows more people that all of your other customers put together. Your other customers are local, but I'm talking about one who's international, who travel the world every single day, looks high and low, knows the intense of the heart, a man and -- he speaks all different kinds of languages. So, you sometimes when you're going through and stuff get tight, you can't just speak English to him because he is an international traveler and you have to speak sometime in his native tongues,.

So, when you minister in and unto him, sometimes you'll have to come out of English and go over in his native and say -- and you will see your shop begin to turn. You will see customer saying, "There's something about the spirit of this shop that I can't explain." And you will see increase come, you will see favor come upon you. And I tell you, don't worry about what you don't have. God today wants to anoint and use what you do have. You have one swiveling chair, you have these spirit of the living God living on the inside of you, you have hands to touch, you have a heart to feel the people, you have ears to listen unto them and if you will not just worry about what you don't have -- focus on what you do have, give it and dedicate unto God, give him the glory and use your gifts in life for his glory. You will see your life, your business will never ever be the same. God bless you.