

Well Done

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Female: And now for 8234, Well Done.

James Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word.

I'm limiting myself because of this one piece of paper. It's just so far where I can go with one piece of paper. So, it feels some comfort in that. Due to a 10-minute constraint, I'm going to try to give you what I call a mini skirt message that's short enough to keep your attention, but long enough just to cover the subject.

Older men are like, they could relate to that. And in keeping with the theme for the night, that my words speak for me, I want to speak to you for just the next few moments from the title of, Well Done, well done.

That I've learned on my few short years here on the earth that action speak louder than words. People might not remember what you preach on Sunday. I've had experiences when I've been out of town and missed church and I'm coming back and I'm asking a church member, "What did pastor preach on today"? There was a good message, and he said "It came from all the sea it was the book of" and then, they can't tell me, they can't remember what he preached on. But let us do something out of the ordinary, they could remember he did. So, they may not be able to remember what he said, but they can always remember what he did.

As an example of this former president Franklin Roosevelt when goes in office. One of the complaints that he had he didn't like to have these long greeting lines before he advanced to the White House. He even had these dignitaries come from all over the country and all over the world and he really didn't like to do all these long greeting before the event. And the main reason he

didn't like it because he said, "People didn't listen to him." Even though he was the president, that they just didn't listen.

So, he said one day, "I'm going to do an experiment. Let's just see how little will listen, and as he got rid of the host of the event, he began his greeting line, each dignitary, as they came up to him, now I'm going to tell something crazy and just see who can pay attention. I want to see how well can they actually listen

So, the first dignitary came up, an ambassador, he mumbled onto his voice, "I murdered my grandmother today." And the guy said, "Marvelous, you're doing a great job." The second dignitary came up and he mumbled the same thing, "Good evening, I murdered my grandmother this morning." He said "You're a fine president, we're so proud of you." And the next one came up and he murmured the same thing, "I murdered my grandmother today." He said, "God, bless America." And he went on and through the greeting line until he reached the last person and it was an ambassador from Bolivia and that he was the only that listened, and as he greeted him and said the same thing, "I murdered my grandmother this morning." He leaned over and whispered in his ear, "Sir, I'm sure she deserved it."

So, with that realization that people don't always listen to what you're saying. I'll tell you that, "Well done is always better, than well said." Well done is always better than well said.

Whenever someone would give my father advise on raising his children, he had six boys and know a lot of people and people would always offer him advice when he went places. And whenever they would give him advise on how to raise his family, he told us that, he would always look at their own kids. So, he would listen to everything they had to say, and then at the end of the conversation, he goes, "They're cordial about it." (00:04:49) But what are your children doing nowadays? And if they said, "You know you don't know what you're doing." You'd be taken into jail shortly."

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And he would just not include that advice in the school of wisdom. So, he would see what the outcome of their children because before he deposited into his bank to use over his own

family. And I got a friend that similar to this and he likes to talk a whole lot, my wife knows who I'm talking about, and whenever he comes by, he always gives me advice on how to raise my family.

But he sees all over the kids, he's trying to teach the kids how to pray like this and tell them that they need to do this at school and choose these kinds of plans. And when I went through the analysis of what my father said, this guy has one child, that child didn't know I'm growing up. He has a grandchild, they don't see him much and he asked me one day, he said "I want you to go over and start picking up my grandson from church." And I thought about the thing and to be honest I got a little mad about because he had definitely gotten over my children. Do you see, how he's struggling with that?

Well he can (00:05:57) some that he has thrown by his waist. And he says, that he's something years old and I told him, I said "This is your grandson and he needs to know his granddad", I said "You have a working car, you need to go by his granddaddy, pick up your grandchild and teach him the wisdom of life." I said, "I got something to carry to church." Plenty of room and you want me to go to town and pick up your grandchild and you haven't been patient enough.

So, I saw the wisdom of what my father said. Using my father's criteria, I want to say, "I'm a huge dad, pastor (00:06:32) I did but I listened to you for advice on my children, I've seen you raise three children, three out of three are in the ministry, serving the Lord.

I've been listening to you on how to maintain a successful marriage. I've seen 60 years next year you're holding a marriage together. I think the lesson that you are and how to be a good servant of the Lord. I've seen you've been diligent, the same ministry of 50 years.

Well done is better than well said. Nobody demonstrated that better in the Bible in my opinion than the prophet Moses. Moses was a leader that, he's very powerful, but yet he had a speech impediment. He was slow in his speech and he was very meek. The meekest man on the face of the earth and God used him. But he had his brother Aaron to come help and speak and do some of the miracles with him because he was conscientious

about his speech and yet because he obeyed God, God used him to perform some of the greatest miracles the children of Israel had ever seen. But he stood before the Pharaoh and he told his brother, “Brother Aaron, I need you to lay down your staff, so that it could turn into a snake.”

And even though it wasn't the most eloquent stick, it so demonstrated the power of God and it fully convinced Pharaohs. So, he went on and said “Let's go over to the river.” And he said, “Let's touch your staff down into the water.” And as he did it turned into blood. The Pharaoh still wasn't convinced. He performed miracle after miracle and he kept going until finally he said, “Mr. Pharaoh, if you keep going, you'll watch your eldest son, the first born in every house, God will come down and touch him with his Angel of Death if you don't repent and let my people go.”

Pharaoh's heart and hardened and the angel came and slew all the first born. He finally let the people of God go after that last miracle and they marched out and ran into the Red Sea. And the people began to murmur against this prophet of the Lord. “Say, why have you brought us out here to die. You should have left us back there in Egypt?” But he lifted up his hands and said, “Lord, these are your people. Oh, by Your Name Lord, show them Your power and Your glory Lord.”

Let them see Lord. I believe, but open their eyes and hearts that they may believe. And he stretched out his hands in front of the water, the winds blew back the waters and they walked through on dry ground. And it wasn't eloquent in speech, but it was powerful in action, the prophet, Moses.

In sales they teach us that people ought to remember six percent of what you save, but they remember a hundred percent of how you made them feel. With that being said, Pastor (00:09:43) when he went to the hospital to visit the sick, you made them feel comfortable. When you counsel those that were having marital difficulties and those that were going through life's changes, you made them feel like, if they could just hang in there, everything would be all right. When you maintain a good character, you're made us feel like the temptations of life could be overcome. When the church burned down and you said, “We will rebuild” and feel the power of faith and perseverance.

When you were attacked and robbed personally and got back up undeterred from doing the work of the Lord. You made us feel like, we could overcome any challenge of life and no weapons (00:10:23). When you performed weddings and funerals, you made the people of God feel cared for all out of the flock. The congregation may not remember all of the words that you said over these last 50 years, but they'll never forgot how you made them feel.

When I used to order steaks in restaurants and the waiter would ask me "How do you want this steak prepared?" And I wouldn't tell him "Rare." Well, I wouldn't tell them, "Medium rare." I wouldn't tell them, "Medium." I wouldn't tell them "Medium."

We'll I always said, "I want mine, well done." I don't want to see any blood in it. I wanted it to get cooked all the way through, and I am today telling you pastor (00:11:12) has gone through the fire and he's well done today.

And God looked at it, "That's just a young man." And He said, "That something is special in this one. He's rounds like a first state of the state and he kept maturing and went through some fire with some things and he stayed in God's Word and stayed in prayer and stayed decent and matured and stayed in the fire. And he got to the next level where God began to speak to him and lead him and he's became a medium for the Holy Spirit.

James Bronner: And he made the sacred state of state of medium. He kept going down to church for he stayed in the fire, and he stayed diligently. Fire touched his finances, as fire touched his body, but he stayed with his hands on the fire. And I'll tell you today that God will hold me rule to tell you that you stayed and leaned through the fire and you said "Well done, well done." My good and faithful servant." Amen and let my state and my daddy, you are well.

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