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Female: And now for 5638 Move That Mountain Part 4, Move That Extreme Mountain.

Nathaniel Bronner: Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. And today, we're still on the series called "Move That Mountain" and our scripture Matthew Chapter 17 beginning at the 14 Verse, And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to your disciples but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. And I want to focus on verse number 15 which says, "For he often falls into the fire and into the water." For he often falls into the fire and into the water. Now what I have here on stage is a bucket of water and a can of the liquid fuel that burns and this represent our title for today, Move That Extreme Mountain. He said, "My son is falling into the fire and into the water." Sometimes people, we face extreme from one end to the other. Now, I want you to notice that there is nothing inherently evil or bad about either fire or water, nothing at all. They're actually beneficial.

Industrialized society needs fire and all of us at all times, need water. They're perfectly good, they're useful, they're necessary but out of control and out of order, both of them become deadly. Out of control and out of order, fire will burn and scar and kill you. You can drown on a bucket of water. You know in the movie sometimes they drown poking the toilet bowl? Yeah, get hold of your head. You'll drown in a bucket of water, out of water, that which is perfectly beneficial and useful becomes detrimental and yet(ph), even deadly. So this is my son, he falls into the fire often and he falls into the water. Now, I want you to understand that the word for demons in the Bible is the Greek word daimonion(ph). Daimonion means to be controlled by another, to be controlled by another.

The King James's version has Verse 15 which is saying, Lord have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic and, sore vexed and often, he falls into the fire and often into the water. The NIV says, Lord have mercy on my son. He has seizures and is suffering greatly and often falls into the fire or into the water. The New King James version, Lord have mercy on my son for he is an epileptic and often suffers severely for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. Seizures, lunatic, epileptic, the point is, when the demon or the demonic or the daimonion controls a person, he cannot control himself. That's the definition of demon when you are controlled by another. When you can't control yourself. When you can't help yourself. When something made you do it. When you know better and you know better before you do it but there is something about it, you just do it anyhow and it feels like you just can't stop yourself. You cannot help yourself. Your mind clearly tells you but you just can't control what you do.

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That's the definition. When you are controlled by another and though the child would recognize, the child would see the fire and the child knew that going and falling in that fire was going to burn, but he couldn't help himself. We saw the water, the child knew that falling into the water, he could drown but he couldn't help himself because he was controlled or she was controlled by another and see sometimes people, these represents those extremes because sometimes what happens with us, we get proud because we're not conquered by one extreme. See, we stay clear of the fire and then we'll

breathe(ph), you know, I don't have to fall into the fire. I don't do that. That's not something that controls me. I've got command of that, what we don't tell folk. You know Eric Clapton, our rock and roll singer, his most popular song was, I Shot the Sheriff. And the lyrics of the song went, I shot the sheriff but I didn't shoot the deputy. Sometimes, we get to brag and about we didn't shoot the deputy, you know, I didn't shoot the deputy. What we forget to focus on is we shot the sheriff so we will pride ourselves and that's why, pride is the first of all seven deadly sins. When you go down to look at all of the things that do42.com tries to address of those seven deadly sins that you got pride and lust and anger and envy and greed and laziness and glut and sometimes, we'll said, "You know, I'm doing that, you know, I've got the laziness under control because I work hard, I work hard, I work all the time and I'm working."

Laziness has no control but what about lust, but I didn't shot no deputy. You see, from one extreme to another, we take pride as something we're not doing but we don't mention what we are doing. We don't mention all of the stuff that's happening in our world and see the demonic can cover from one extreme to the other because if you walk in your own street, now you will think you got it covered. Yeah, you may have yourself where you're fire proof but the water gets you. So there is a point of the extremes that the demonic world, the satanic world, the world of the flesh has got something on one end or the other or something in between that can get hold of you. How do we pook(ph)? Put your small pot.

So you got one thing you don't do. When I wrote the book, MountainWings and I written the book, I had somebody who bought about two dozen copies and they send them all back and when they send them back, they say, we send them back because we bought the book, you had one story in that called "weeds and seed," that talk about marijuana and we believe marijuana is the tree of life. We don't torch pook(ph), we don't eat any meat but we smoke pot so -- no I'm not -- that's their business but I'm just simply saying that you may not do one thing but you got something else. So, no man should glorify in the flesh about how strong you are and what you're not doing because there's some stuff you are doing that you don't want to talk about. And maybe the mountain that Jesus was talking about, maybe that mountain because spiritual stuff has multiple layers of meaning. Maybe that mountain was controlled by

demons and desire. Jesus said, this can only come out except by prayer and fasting. And as I read through those series of verses, sometime, I do have a different kind of scientific, logical, inquisitive mind and if I look over there, I look at as, wait a minute, who is supposed to do the praying and the fasting?

Is it the person with the demon because the child didn't do the praying and the fasting? Is the person trying to get the demon out or they don't want supposed to do the praying and the fasting? The disciples didn't fast. Did Jesus right before we casted out so as I look at there, I began to wonder, who exactly is supposed to be doing the praying and the fasting? And then, another revelation begins to hit me dealing with these series of verses. Now, understand this, these were the greatest men walking the earth. These were the apostles. These are not ordinary men. These were the disciples. These men had given up houses and land and families and prestige and money. They had given up all of this stuff to follow Jesus. Every one of the disciples but one died a pretty tragic death in terms of a torturous type, horrendous death.

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When you study history -- everyone but John had a rough death. These men follow Jesus until death so these were not ordinary men then they had been doing miracles all throughout the land. They had been healing for, casting out demon, raising the dead, these were some serious men. These were not ordinary men so when you look at who was trying to heal the child and when the father said, "I brought my child to your disciples and they couldn't cure him." These were the greatest men walking the face of the planet but understand their position because when you're walking for Christ, you always have detractors. So, imagine the Pharisees now looking at the disciples and say, "Look, you told to be all this. You're supposed to serve a God, you got all power. You walk around talking about you're doing all these miracles, all the stuff. Here is one (00:10:59) child, you can't cure this child." And here the disciples wondering why can't we cure the child? Lord, we have done all the stuff, we'd heal all these folk, Lord, we have raised the dead and yet we cannot cure this child. His daddy is pleading with us. All of the other religious community is looking at us laughing, claiming we're frauds because we can't perform what you said we can do. That's why when the disciples, they had to come to Jesus

privately. They didn't do it in public. It said, "They privately came to Jesus," because they were wondering themselves why could not they cure. Why?

There comes a point when all of your past success is all forgotten and people look at your present trial. You got a demon and you can't handle it. You talk about healthy life and you're sick. How do you think all the robot felt? He's laid hands on all of them, thousands of folks and he's got to go into the doctor to have an operation on the bare shoulder for the hand, he laid hands and heal all of the folk out. So, the surgeon, especially if the surgeon was not a Christian, seize all the robots come in. So, look man I know about you, I know what you claim to serve and what you claim to do and what you claim to have done and then Jesus, He is supposed to be servant and you're supposed to be --and He allow these folks with your right hand and you're coming in here not to mean to get your right shoulder operated on. And I'm sure all will have to ask God privately. Lord, I don't laid hands on all of these folks, all across the world. I don't see miracles happen and the very arm I use to lay hand on all of these folks, I have to go in and get an operation on, why?

There are some things people that we will face and no matter how great of a Christian you are, no matter how good you are, no matter how much you pray, you know people, these were the best of the best. These were no chunks, these were the best of the best. They had given the ultimate sacrifice. They come with just no titles. They gave their life. These were the best of the best and they walked it in and there is a point. There are some obstacles of which they faced and they couldn't fix it and they had to go Jesus, why could we not cast it out? And Jesus said, "This can only come out by fasting and praying." They didn't know that. They didn't know that. There are some demons you will face, you never faced that kind before. He knew you. He cast some stuff you have never seen. You don't know his name. They got some techniques you never ran against, some stuff happening in your world and you ain't seen and you don't even know who to ask to help. So, how they notice it can only come about by fasting and praying? I'm no demon expert. How would I know?

I remember when I was running years ago, I was running through my neighborhood about a four or five-mile running, I will cross property lands and this horrid stench would hit my

nose and it would disappear. The minute I went across property lands, as I start -- I said, "Lord, what in the world is this stench, the smell is coming and stopping too instantly." I noticed he is not enough (00:14:05) he said, "I'm allowing you to smell the demonic." But I said Lord, "This is every other house and I went living in the ghetto," I said, "this is every other house."

I said, you mean to tell me is this many demons but how many folk do you know can control some stuff? How many folk do you know are under controlled by another thing and they say to themselves, why, I just can't help myself with this, my anger, sometimes, they made me so, I just can't help myself. Lord, I can't stop this behavior. How many folk do you know that I just and people I hate to tell you this but some of you all have got some demons because there's some stuff you just can't help and you don't want to stand it and the disciples faced the situation. They didn't know how to handle and this is the broader point, some situations are not for you to win but for you to learn because we've got graduates in school.

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There are some things that God will send you through and he'll send you to the fire and he'll send you to the water and as for you to learn and I told you, I take a shower like that every morning, I turn the shower on pure hot and I take my shower and I take 60 seconds of ice cold water. I go to the fire and it strengthens the body to be able to handle stress but if you're not in shape, the shock will kill you. So, there are some things that you may need to go through and God will send you through the fire and he'll send you through the water to strengthen you, to be able to handle some things but here where the disciples and they were facing an impossible situation and yet, when they asked Jesus, "Lord, why couldn't we cast them out?" And it appeared that Jesus was fussing at them but you don't know his tone. In 17:17 Matthew, then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to me."

It sounds like Jesus was fussing at the disciples, saying you perverted lack of faith folk. You'll never say how long you got put up with this, how long do I have to put up with you all? It sounds like that's what Jesus was saying and people, there a point for we all lose faith and we wonder, is God really there?

Am I going to get out of this? Is he really going to pull me through this? There is a point we're all human flesh. If the situation gets rough enough for all of us, it points our faith will waiver but I want to let you know that when Jesus asked the question, "How long will I have to stay with you? How long shall I bear with you?"

He asked the question but he answered the question in that same book, 9 chapters later, in Matthew 28, beginning at the 16th Verse, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit taking them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." How long must I bear with you? How long will I be with you? I'm going to be with you forever. That's what Jesus told them, I'm going to be with you forever and people, this is the point, as we face extremes in life, we're going to come up against some stuff, I don't care how good you are. I don't care if you've done all to the right stuff. I don't care if you just eaten a healthy diet, exercise, there's going to come a point when you are going to pass some sickness you just get hadn't figured on and you can't explain. Sometimes, there'll come a point where a stuff will happen, you're tired but yet your money didn't run out. There'll be some stuff that will happen and you can't figure it out and you don't have an immediate solution and there's only one option. There's only one who can get you out of this situation.

The disciples as mighty as they were, they were the best of the best but they ran across some and only Jesus could get them out of it. Only Jesus could solve the problem. Only Jesus was the answer. He said, this time comes out by prayer and fasting but he didn't pray and he didn't fast. He just commanded you to come out. Our actions are important. I never want to diminish that but even with our actions, even with right actions, there'll come some things in your life that you just can't handle and you're not going to have the knowledge to handle because you've never faced it before and the disciples knew what to do, they had called Jesus.

They had been healing for all across the land. They had to call Jesus. Jesus, we can't handle this. Help me, Jesus. That's what they had to say. There comes a point you may have the grease, lack of the (00:19:11) but there'll come a point when you just have to say, "Help me, Jesus. I don't know what to do, help me, Jesus," and with just a word, it can be turned around. And I always like to -- look, you need to do the right stuff. The more you do the right stuff, the less you have called. You need to do the right stuff but there'll come a point for even with all of the right stuff, you will run into situations and only Jesus can solve your issue. There's going to come a point at the end of life, you see, you can do all the right stuff by all to the health stuff and you can live the maximum amount of times that the human body is engineered to stay and that's 120 years but when you get to 119 years, 364 days, you get the last day, I don't care how well you -- if you take it to the max and if you do everything right, you still won't get to the last day and you wish stare death in the face.

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And even if you've done everything right, you're still going to have to call Jesus. Jesus, I'm back. Come over there now. I need your help, I'm back the crossover. There are some things in life that disciples couldn't handle, your knowledge is not going to be able to handle, your money is going to be able to handle, your muscles will not be able to handle. There are some things in life only calling on the name of Jesus will get you out. I don't care who you are or what you are. There are some things, there are some points, there are some extremes in life when you face the water and when you face the fire that only Jesus can get you out of.

You'd be able to say to this mountain, "Be thou removed, and be thou cast into sea," and it will be moved but you got to have Jesus. You've got to have Jesus. You've got to have Jesus. There's no way around it. You have got to have Jesus and as we face these mountains that will face in life, do the right thing, do everything in your wisdom and your knowledge to stay out of the fire and stay out of the water, to stay out of epilepsy, to control the things in life that God has granted because he gave you dominion over all the earth. He gave that right to you but even with all of that, that's going to happen, with all of that, stuff is going to happen even with the best of the best, you will need Jesus. We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the

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Word because brother, you need Jesus, you need the word.
Amen. Amen.

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