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Nathaniel Bronner: If you do what you need to do today, you don't have to worry about tomorrow.

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Female: And now for 5641, Move That Mountain Part 7 Rebuke That Demon.

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

And we have been studying in a series called "Move That Mountain" from the book of Matthew, the 17th Chapter 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 he often 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."

Matthew 8:23, "Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' But He said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, 'Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?'"

Mark 8:31, "And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside

and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, 'Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.'"

Mark 9:25, "When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!' Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, 'He is dead.' But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose."

Mark 16:14, "Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.'"

Luke 4:31, "Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be quiet, and come out of him!' And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, 'What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.' And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

Luke 4:40, "When the sun was setting, all those who had any that --

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-- were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. 41And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, 'You are

the Christ, the Son of God!’ And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.”

And finally, Luke 9:51, “Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, ‘Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?’ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, ‘You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.’ And they went to another village.”

Part 7 of the series Move That Mountain is subtitled “Rebuke That Demon.” And it is interesting that as Jesus in the many renditions of this verse, it says that he rebuked the demon. That he rebuked the demon. That he rebuked the demon. And so many of us today, we struggle with things and with issues and we struggle with so many of our trials and tribulations of life. And how do we move those mountains? And Jesus said, “O ye of little faith,” and he talked about this time only comes out by fasting and prayer but Jesus when he got ready to get the demon out, he rebuked the demon and it was the word that is utilized when Jesus cast out demonic spirits out of people but it is also the word that is used when the sea was raging all around, it said, he rebuked the wind and the waves and it all come down. Rebuke that demon.

The word rebuke, it is a Greek word that simply says “epitimao” that’s the Greek word. It means “to admonish or to censor.” And to censor is a strong of the (00:07:27) expression of disapproval. And I saw the pattern with Jesus with all of the demonic spirits that he dealt with and even the people that he dealt with; he went through fundamentally four different phases when he had to rebuke some things. How can of you who got some stuff in your life that you need to rebuke? How many you got some stuff in your life that you need casting out, you need change, you need got rid of. Jesus went through four phases of rebuke. Four phases when he had to do something.

He went through number one, identifying. Number two, quieting it. Number three, commanding the now and number four, commanding the future. In the same scenario with the boy where he cast it out, it goes into more detail in Mark 9:25 where he says, "He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!'" It had those four elements. First of all, he identified what it was and you cannot really handle a problem that you don't even know what the problem is. The first element of dealing with any problem, of dealing with any situation, you got to know what it is.

So, the first thing that Jesus did was identification. Charles Kettering, he said engineer who developed the electric starter. So, every one of you who goes out and cranks up your car, it was Charles Kettering who invented that starter. He simply says this, "A problem well stated is a problem have solved." A problem well stated is a problem have solved. Now, many of you know, I demonstrated this before by bringing a candy bar. You all know what my favorite candy bar is? Mr. Goodbar, so you've seen them. I have some Mr. Goodbars back in my office right now. I was going to bring some up to show them to you but I'm not because it will make you all hungry. But you see, I showed you that Mr. Goodbars wasn't issue that I had been true that Mr. Goodbar is not the real problem. You see, Mr. Goodbar is not really the problem and if you don't diagnose the problem correctly, if you don't identify the real problem ,you won't have much of a chance of solving it because often you will go to attack something that's not even the problem.

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See, I've showed you the Mr. Goodbar before but the Mr. Goodbar is not the real problem and if you don't identify that, you won't be able to solve it. Do you know what my real problem is? It's not the Mr. Goodbar. The real problem is I have a tendency to over indulge in sweets. Mr. Goodbar is just a symptom. It's just the evidence of the thing but it's a thing. The real problem is I have a tendency to over indulge in sweets. See, sweet have -- the problem is my tendency to over indulge. That's the problem. Anything you want to solve and conquer -- yes, first of all, identify what it is. I told you I was travelling on a motor cycle trip this past week. I had some sweet every single day and I didn't have any Mr. Goodbars. Yesterday, I had a

croissant and some peach cobbler. The day before that I had some blackberry cobbler with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on it. The day before that I had some marble cheesecake with caramel on it. You see, none of that with Mr. Goodbar. See, if I say I'm just going to cast Mr. Goodbars out of my life that wouldn't solve it because that's not the real problem. My real problem is that I have a tendency to over indulge in sweets.

So, once you recognized what the tendency is. What the real problem is then you can begin to solve and to tackle the real thing and then the vast majority of cases, the real things that we deal with -- see, the examples that I gave of Jesus dealt with three basic criteria of things. The demonic, when he calmed the wind and the waters -- those were natural external thing and the third was just folk when he just had to rebuke just folk. It was just the flesh and the unbelief and the sorriness sometimes of folk. All of the sorry sometimes. We just do. All of us fall down on the -- we get sorry and sometimes of what where supposed to do. So, we've got to first of all identify what the real issue is. Sometimes its demonic and if it's a demonic influence and you're trying to handle it in a non-spiritual manner you can do it. So, you got a hell a demon on a demon's level. If it's a spiritual issue, you have to handle a spiritual issue on a spiritual level. Sometimes stuff is demonic. Sometimes it had nothing to do with a demon. It's just us. It's just us and it's our flesh and it's our nature and if you try to go and cast out something -- that's(ph) you, it won't work. See my tendency to over indulge in sweet. They had nothing to do with the demon. Folk can lay hands on the all day long. That's not going to stop that. That has nothing to do with the demon. That's me.

So, sometimes you just got to recognize when you're trying to move a mountain what the real source is and if the real source is -- that's me, then you have to deal with you. So, the first one of what Jesus did is about deaf and dumb spirit. He identified who he was talking to and what it was.

Second thing he did was shut them up. He shut them up. Luke 4:35, "But Jesus rebuke him saying, 'Be quiet!'" Be quiet! Luke 4:41, "And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak." How do you shut up? All of the demonic influences in the world. That's why some of you just need to do no talking. notalk.com. Do you know, should enough is a hard thing to do? See, if the issue is a demon, you can't allow the demon to speak but if has

an issue is you sometime you need to shut up. You know what Elijah went to all that stuff? He went to the fire and the earthquake and all these. And the voice of God was in the still. It was in the small. It was in the quiet. That's why all of the great prophets they have to get alone out in the wilderness, up on the mountain, away from all of the stuff and sometimes, people, we are so surrounded by so much noise that we can never get quiet. You know, I just want to show you some things that you know just noise. This is a song and it's kind of just emphasizes.

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It's just noisy. It's noisy. It's nothing particularly wrong with rap music. It's just what it's saying but sometimes a noise is so much. All we hear all day long is something rapping or talking or moving or we're reading, or we're watching movie and it gets noisy.

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It's just noisy. It's just noisy and you see the demon lives in confusion and when you can't get quiet, when you can't hear the voice -- you say (00:15:15) your mind is so distracted. Some folk can't sleep without the television on. So, it becomes so distractive that we cannot focus on God because all this stuff is just going on and we never felt tired. And do you understand. I started posting on Facebook last week so I'd normally didn't go on Facebook. Somebody actually handle my Facebook page for me but last week I said, let me start posting on Facebook but as I went to Facebook, there's so much stuff on the newsfeed and 90% of it is junk. So, I couldn't even go to post with all of these stuff on the newsfeed and 90% of it is absolute junk. How can you hear God in the midst of all that noise and all of that confusion?

So, if you want to move some mountains in your life you need to get quiet, you need to get quiet and the demonic does not want you quiet because when you are quiet you will then have a greater ability to hear the voice of God. So, if he can keep you distracted and busy with mess. He can keep you out balance and you'll never be able to identify the problem because there's so many problems in all of the noise. All of the stuff you're listening to, 95% of it is not positive and they'll have you believe

that the problem is the crime rate. Crime rate is not the problem. Well, and have you believed when that the problem is terrorist. That's not the real terror. It's not one of you and he got a single problem due to a terrorist. Not one of you got one single problem due to a terrorist but it will have you so distracted, so distraught that you will not be able to get the peace of God. See, what God brings us peace and joy and love. What the demonic bring and if you want to know whether you got the demonic influence or the divine influence just look at the fruit. Peace and joy and love. That's the divine with peace and joy and love is the divine. The demonic is opposite of that. The opposite of peace is fear. The opposite of joy is depression. The opposite of love is hate and looking down on folk.

So, when you look at what is the fruit that's manifesting is a peace, joy and love and righteousness and is it that or is it the opposite and that will let you know what's influencing your world and you have to sometimes get quiet just to be able to see that because the demonic will keep so much noise and distraction in your world that you will not be able to see and to hear the voice of God. So, Jesus first of all identified what the real issue was then he told them shut up be quiet. I don't want to hear anything you got to say. Be quiet.

Third thing, he commanded the now. Come out of him. Come out of him. He commanded the now. You see, all of the future is predicated on the now. If you want something in the future, it depends upon what you're doing now. So many of us want something in the future but we don't want to do right now. So, you have to command the now. If you do what you need to do today, you don't have to worry about tomorrow. See, generally folk who are worried about tomorrow didn't do what they did today and folk who had missed today didn't do what they needed to do yesterday. So, if you do what you need to do today, it takes care of tomorrow and some of you will say, well, pastor you don't understand I had made some mistakes in my life. Who hadn't? I'm talking about doing what you need to do today because you cannot do what you needed to do yesterday. None of us can. Yesterday is gone so if you didn't do it you cannot do what you needed to do yesterday. You can only do what you need to do today. Now, this is the challenge to some of you. Some of you know there are some things that you need to do and you need to do it within an hour as you get out of service. You need to do it within an hour after you get to listen to this message and you

only need to pull it off. It's the commanding of the now. The demonic will have you procrastinate. You can do that tomorrow. You can do that tomorrow because there's no need you're doing that right now. You got other stuff to do. Do you realize what's coming on television right now? You can do that tomorrow. And that's the way the negative stuff rules us.

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There are some things that you know you need to do and you need to do them right now. So, he commanded the now and then he commanded the future and he said and don't come back anymore. Get out of it and don't come back anymore. See, even when you command the now -- how many of you has done good today or this week but a week after that you got some issues. See, you have to command the future but before you can command the future you got to command the now. You have to do what you need to do now and people flesh will flip up. There's no two ways about it. All of us do that but when you slip up, remember, command the now. That's why Jesus said when he had the demons house clean and guarded and came back with seven demons more wicked than itself. See, if you don't command the now you have to do that every single day 24/7. Do you think Satan takes a break? I started to say the presence of Satan is more prevalent in the world than God but that's not really true. That's only your perception that makes that difference. See, that's why the Bible said, you should know him by the things that are made. When I was on my motorcycle trip this week, I saw the beauty of God everywhere I went. Satan does not have the predominant presence in this world. You can see how God has created all of the stuff that's all around us. So, yes Satan has some pockets and most to his pockets are in the folk. He's not even trying to fool with the natural stuff. Most to his pockets have strong holes in the folk. So, if we can command the now, it will take care of the future but we have to be cautious to make sure that when we got ourselves straight, we keep ourselves straight and that's why we have the word of God to help us to constantly correct courses.

When you drive as you go to a destination you have to constantly make course corrections. That's why you can't just sit to steering wheel and take your hands off it. You're running to a ditch. Life is the same way. You can't just sit to steering wheel and step on the gas and take your hand off. Now, that coming

with computer control cars that will do that one day but you can't do that right now. You got to constantly correct the course the same thing that you have to do in life. You have to constantly command the now and you have to command the future. You have to identify what is the true source of your issue and this is the most difficult part because the natural human nature wants to blame something other than us. We like to be like Flip Wilson. You all know what Flip Wilson's famous statement was. "The devil made me do it." We like to blame anybody but us and mess most of our mountains. Most of the real changes of positive effect that we're going to get in life is going to be with changing us on the inside. It's going to be forgetting the demonic, of the demonic influences out of us and once we do that identify quiet. How much quiet time are you spending every day? How much time do you spend in prayer or meditation of just with God? How much time every day? How much time do you spend seeking the face of God? If we spend as much time seeking the face of God as we did on Facebook, do you imagine what the change in the world would be? (00:23:12). See, the devil always gives you another face. He'll always give you another master. He'll always give you a substitute. Can you imagine what it would be like? Identify quiet. Command the now. When you finish listening to this message or when you leave this building, there's something that every one of us needs to do within the next hour. Do it. Don't procrastinate. Do it. And every one of us knows what that is. There's something that you've been putting off that you need to do within the next hour. Go and get it done. Command the now and then command the future and don't come back and don't come back. I have to command those at Mr. Goodbars whatever it is. That's why I understand my issue. My issue is not sweet. My issue is over indulgence. So, when I eat that piece of cobbler, I had one small bowl of piece of cobbler. My nature wanted three of them. That's the issue I had one.

So, I had to command the now. I am not eating but one of this piece of cobbler now. I'm eating another one tomorrow but I'm going to only eat one of them now because that's my weakness. My weakness is over indulging so I have to command that and I prayed to Lord for strength but -- but Lord would tell me -- well, you do that, I don't tell you, I've given you the way, you do that. You got control of your hand coming up to your mouth. You do that. You got to control of saying, "Waiter can you bring me one more of those." You got control over that. Keep your finger

down. You got control and I know demon hail your finger up waiter can you bring me one more over. And I know demon holding your hand up -- that's you.

So, you have to first of all identify the problem. Spend some time quiet so that you can hear and you can command the things that should not be speaking to shut up. Command the now and command the future. This is the end of series called "Move That Mountain." You can go to brothersoftheword.com. Listen to the entire seven parts for there's some mountains in your life that you need to move and the series will help you to move them with the power of God. Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Amen, amen.

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