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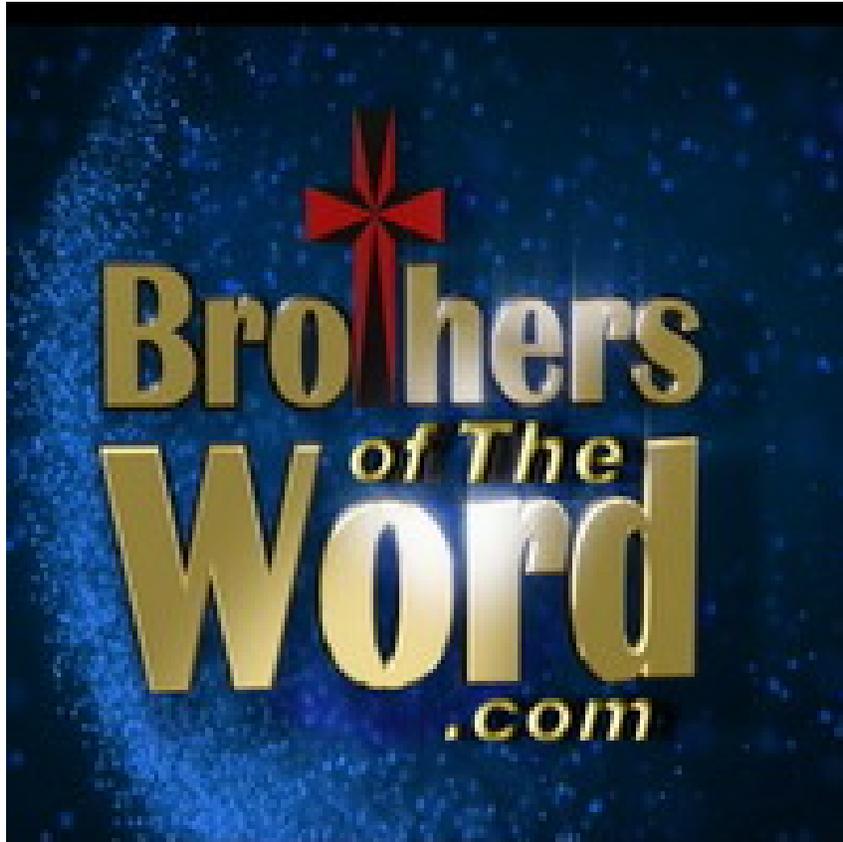
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Nathaniel Bronner: People you got enough inside of you to overcome anything you face, but you got to get up.

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Female: And now for 5724, Pool Party part 2 - Get Up.

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to brothersoftheword because brother, you need the word.

And today I am in the midst of a series dealing with where Jesus went to the pool of the Bethesda, healed one man and walked away. This is Pool Party part 2. You may want to go to brothersoftheword.com and listen to Pool Party part 1, but this is Pool Party part 2. And I'll be reading today from John chapter 5 verse 5.

"And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The impotent man answered him, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me." Jesus saith unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath." Pool Party part 2 - Get Up.

Get up, get up. Now first of all, I understand when life has knocked you down. Life has some stuff. Life has some situations, some instances, some people, some trying times and seasons that don't just slap you beside the head but hit you besides the head with a baseball bat. That can sometimes shoot you with a .357 Magnum. Life has some circumstances that can take you, lift you up and smash you down, turn you inside out. Life can beat you up.

Life can put you in a situation where you feel like Job. When

Job said, "Lord, I wish I had never been born." Life has some situations that can just hit you and hurt you and send you through pain and knock you down. But I'm here to tell you, like Jesus told the man, "Get Up!" And I want to just show you this clip. This is a sports clip. This is from a boxing match. Run the clip. I want them to just see this. This is a boxing match.

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Life can beat you up. Life can knock you down. But it didn't knock you out until you're in the grave. Get up. Get up. Get up.

Life can knock you down more than one time. Get up again. Get up. Get up. Get up. Yeah you got a little black eye, that's all right. Get up. Yeah, your lips a little swollen, that's all right. Get up.

Now you all are going to listen to what the trainer tells him because trainer uses a little bad word, don't listen. Don't listen to what the trainer said.

The trainer cursed at him and told him to get on back that goddamn fight.

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All right, you will cut it. See, I don't care how much life has knocked you down, has beat you up, has blooded you up, has blackened you up. I don't care, get up. Life has stuff.

Now I want you to look at this man who was down. And when he was down, Jesus asked him one question, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And the man gave him a three-part answer. First word he said was, "Sir" now the sir is an answer and an expression all in itself because it represents, he was nice. Some people may have been laying there, he has been laying there for 38 long years and Jesus basically asked him, "You know, do you want to be made whole?" Some people would have fuzzed at him, "Are you crazy? Do you see me down here laying this? What is wrong with you?" No, he answers them very nicely. "Sir." So, it let out the spirit of the man. He was a nice man.

But let me tell you something people. Just because you are nice,

does not mean life will not knock you down and out. The kingdom of heaven is taken by force, just because you are nice does not mean the world would not knock you out. He said, "Sir", that was the first thing. Then he said, "I have no man to help me." Some of you all may think, "Well I just don't have anybody to help me out of my situation." And I tell you but to get up.

See, he began with all these excuses, "I have no man to help me." Then, he didn't have anybody to help him and he put all his problems on everybody else. He said, "But while I am coming, others get into pool before me, because I'm only the first person in the pool got their healing." So, he then blamed all his situations, "If I didn't have this other folk trying to get in the pool before me, I would be fine but other folk, that's the reason I'm here. I don't have anybody help me; other folk get in front of me. But I'm nice."

So, I tell you, "Get up." And the man never said yes to the question. He never said yes. Jesus asked the man, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The man never said yes. Wilt thou be made whole? And whole is a particular word because its not just about the healing of your body. In the vast majority of cases, when there is something wrong with the body, it's not just the body. If you got something generally wrong with this body, usually there are things wrong in other areas. It's very rarely just the body. Because a properly strengthened and joyous spirit, you almost can't make sick.

So usually, there's something else wrong that's what said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Do you want your life right? I just don't want a strong body and everything else in my world going to pot, I want my whole life. You all say, "Whole life." I want my whole life right. I want my whole life together. Wilt thou be made whole? And you don't need to be given a whole lot of excuses about why you're not made whole because that's not what Jesus asked. That's not what God is asking you. He knows why. He's trying to ask you; "Do you want to change in your situation? Wilt thou be made whole?"

You know Jesus never prayed for him. He didn't pray for him because Jesus is the answer to prayer. He did not help him get into the water. He didn't have help him get into the water because he is the living water. He didn't give him any daily

principle for daily living because he is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus just told the man, "Rise. Pick up your bed and walk."

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The man had no faith. He could not have any faith because he did not know who Jesus was. And now that did anybody else at that pool. It was all by the power and the Word of Jesus, but if the man had not been obedient. If he had not been quickened by the Word, he would have still been laying there. If he had never risen, never taken off his bed and walked. Sometimes opportunities will come for us and we just lay there. We're nice, "Sir, yes, yes." But the reason why is this, and these other folks is because of my situation. Get Up! No matter what has knocked you down. Get up! But pastor, you don't understand, it's hard. Get up, but pastor you don't understand. I don't have anybody to help me. Get up! But pastor, you just don't understand. I've been dealing this thing a long time. Get Up! Get up! Take up your bed and walk.

Jesus spoke to the power that was lying dormant in the man. He spoke to the ability in the man. He didn't even know he possessed. He made him aware of that awesome ability that he possessed. People you got enough inside of you to overcome anything you face, but you got to get up. And you have to take up your bed and you have to walk with it. And the man picked up his bed and walked. Jesus asked him to pick up his bed. Now see, in that day, there wasn't Sealy Posturepedic. No, he didn't have that. That thing was actually a mat. And this is just an exercise mat. But this is basically what the man has to lay on and actually, what he had to lay on was not quite this comfortable. Most to their mats would just straw mats. And this is what he laid on for 38 long years. This man laid on this bed or this mat.

First of people you got the rise. The rise is the part of your mind and spirit. This is, "I'm going to get up from here. I will get up from here. I'm going to get out of this situation. I'm going to do everything that God has ordained for me to do and I'm going to do what I can right now. I'm going to get up and get out of this situation."

And see sometimes, you won't move until you make that

declaration and mean it, and stick with it. And the reason so many of us lay here, because the bed is comfortable. Oh, this mat is soft. And its just comfortable laying down in this bed and you know how it is, you're comfortable in this thing. And laying on a soft bed. And you know, you just don't have to get up and go to work. You know what I'm saying? You don't have to worry about it. And then, you got a good excuse why are you laying there. So, you lay there comfortable in our beds of affliction, but yet, we got to learn how to take up that bed.

Put up the first slide, just in dealing with just our bed. First of all, this is a mat and the bed that was actually a mat. But yet, the first part of the bed and sometimes, we don't want to get out off is belly aching. There's nothing, but moaning and complaining. This is why, God left the children of Israel and let them die in the wilderness. He said, "Because your groaning and complaining about the stuff I'd given you, that's belly aching. Stop whining. And when you stop whining, it changes the very vibration in you and it changes the vibration around. Stop whining about your situation, stop belly aching about what you don't have. What your missing, the trouble, and start rising and looking at what you got. So, Moses was the same way. I stood with the Lord. I came and what's that in your hand. Use what you got in your hands, shut up man. Heads or tail, you may get up your loins. So, there's nothing new about that, that's a natural human nature, but that nature will keep us laying down on the bed of affliction.

So, the first thing is, we belly ache, the second thing, excuses. That's what the man gave Jesus. All of the excuses of why. And they were good excuses. See, it doesn't mean that your excuses are not good excuses. You just got to get rid of using the excuses and stop focusing on the excuses and you start focusing on how you can't get it done. And when, you start focusing on how you can get it done, makes a difference.

The third thing. Deadbeat. Some of us really just don't want to get up. Just frayed out dead and beat and you don't want to get up and you don't want to put in the energy in it and you don't want to put in the effort. It is a law of physics that it takes work to get up. That takes nothing to go down. But it is a law of absolute physics and nature that, it takes work to go up. Simple as that.

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And if you don't want to work, you're not going up. I don't care how much you claim it and name it. If you don't know want to work, you're not going up. So, you going to have to put the energy and you're going to have to put the effort and you got to get off the belly aching, you got to get off the excuses and you got to get off the dead beating. Take up your bed and walk. And I want you to get off that bed of affliction and I want you to move to this next bed.

Now the next bed is the bed of holiness. And see the bed of holiness, that's when all the stuff of your life works right. Now, I don't want to ever make it feel like, all your stuff going to be perfect, because that's just not going to happen in the material plane. I'm not even sure that's going to happen in heaven, because they had a war in heaven. I'm not even sure it's going to be perfect there. But what can be perfect is, your mentality and your joy. See that can be perfect.

So, first of all, on the bed of holiness, the first thing with the bed of holiness is, you need to have some bonus. You have to declare this thing. That's why when I stand up before you and I talk about how good I feel. You know, I really feel good today, I just feel good, I feel good here, I really feel good. No! I feel good, even when I get home with the kids, I'm doing great. They now have started to speak in the same, and I'm bold about declaring some things. You got to declare stuff in the world because you are the first person who hears it. It affects you more than anyone else. So, first of all, you need to have a bonus to get on the bed of holiness.

Second thing, you need to have some excitement about it. There's a joy, there's an excitement about you are going to rise and that boxing clip that I showed you, the boxer who won, he made a comment and he said, he was going to win that fight no matter what he had to go through. You see, he had a bonus, he had a declaration. Now, he also had trained extremely well. See, you can't just talk and get in the boxing ring. You can't just talk and get into boxing ring all flabby and out of shape and you're out of breath in two minutes. No, no, no. You got to train. So, that was the elimination of the dead beat part of it. He went to work, but he had an absolute conviction. He said, "I'm going to win this no matter what I have to do." "So man, I knocked him

out, twice.” He gets right back up and he just had a do get determination, but he was excited about. So, second thing you have to have. You have to have an excitement to get on the bed of holiness.

Third thing is, you need to be doing what you need to do. You need to be doing what you need to do. And this is the part, there are lot of times most Christians miss, Jesus was there, but He only went to one man and He told this man, to rise take up your bed and walk. Now, look like after the man, had been there 38 years. I would have thought, because it was against the law to carry the bed on the Sabbath. They’re like, I would say, “Man, just get up, stretch your legs a little bit, just walk around just you know come back and get this bed later. Because you haven’t walked in 38 years. I would’ve had look and -- He said, “You get up, you take that bed and you go to walking.” The man was obedient and from his obedience came his deliverance. He could’ve listened to Jesus all day long. But if he had never gotten up, if he had never taken that bed up and if you had never walked, he’d still be laying there. He had to do what he needed to do.

So, I speak to you today people, get up, get up. I don’t care where you are, what your situations are, what your negatives are, what you have to overcome to get where you need to go, you need to get up. And if you don’t get up, I’m not sure that Jesus only went to one man. I’m not sure that what he saw within all those other folks was, they don’t want go to get up. And I’m not sure, it was that man that Jesus went to, to say, “He’s got it in him. If I can speak it to him, he will catch it and he will take it and he will get up, pick up his stuff and move.”

And do you know when you go into a situation where you get a whole lot of folks, that’s just in a bad situation, most of them will not listen. Even if you put the opportunity right before them. And even if you tell them, “You know I don’t have any jobs. Say, look, I’ll give you a job, but you need to be here, 8 o’clock in the morning. And you need to be here at 8:00 in the morning, every morning Monday to Friday.” Do you know what will happen with the vast majority? Its just like, you see on the sign, people have that, “They will work for food.” And you go tell them about, “You got a job?” “Oh no, that’s all right.” They will not work for food. They want the handout, but they don’t want to put their hand to the plow. You need to do, what you

need to do, to get where you need to go. But the first thing that you have to do is, you have to get up. Its like, the prodigal who was there and he was eating what the hogs where eating. And he raised up his head and he said, "Wait a minute. The servants in my daddy's house eat better than this."

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And the Bible says, that he got up. That's the first thing you have to do. He said, "I just rather go back to my daddy's house as a janitor than stay down here like this. But the first thing he had to do was get up.

Rise, rise, rise. So, I know you've been knocked down. I know you've been hurt. I know at times you've been disheartened and you don't think there's a way out. I'm telling you I the Words of Jesus, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And people, I don't even believe in just walking. You all know what happen to me. I was in the hospital just like last two choir members exactly one year ago. Ten months later, I wouldn't just walk and I ran further than I'd ever run in my life. So, I don't even believe and just walking.

I'm going to tell you Pastor Nathaniel's version. "Rise, take up your bed and run." And it'll take you to a whole new level. And I believe that God has some things that are so awesome for his people for those who are willing to listen and to do and to come off of the bed affliction and move to the bed of holiness. God has some stuff waiting on you, He sees it in you, He had spoken it over you. But you need to do, what you need to do. You need to be bold about, you need to be excited about it, and you need to do, what you needed to do. And when you do that, in the Name of Jesus. Jesus is there. It's not that Jesus missing. Jesus is not missing, God is not missing, it's us who are missing. And just as He was there at the pool of Bethesda, He's at out bedside, Jesus is there. But we have to listen and we have to heed and we have to obey. And now some of the things the Holy Spirit has spoken unto you, and you just have not done them or you won't keep doing it. God has the bed of holiness for us. And we all should be there.

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