

The First Commission

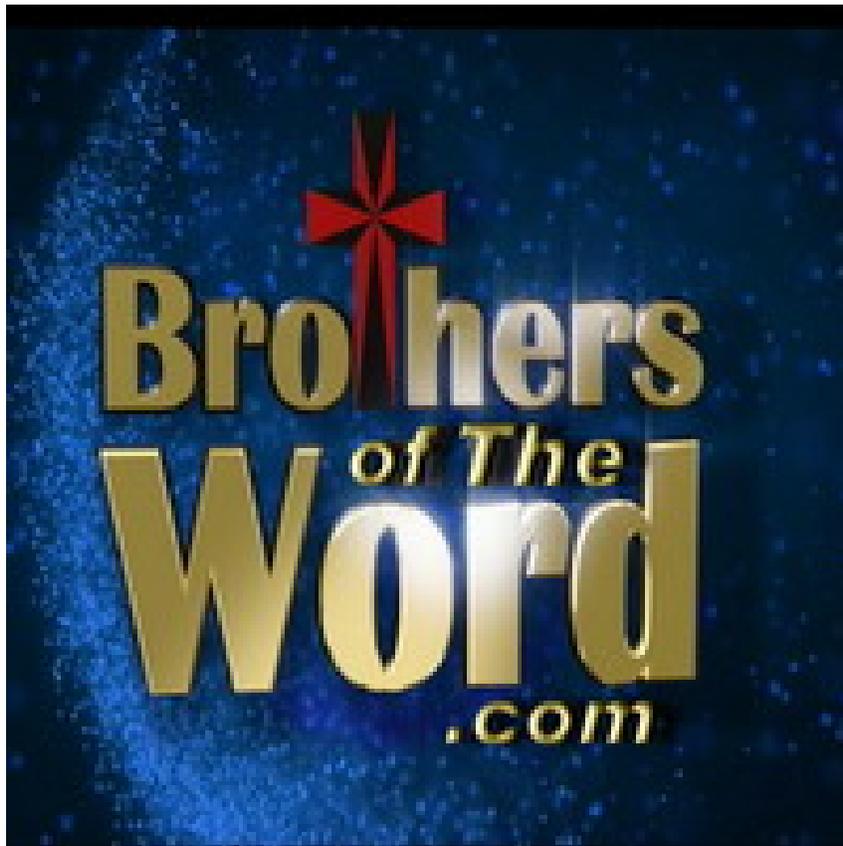
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James Bronner: Thank you for tuning into Brothers of The Word, because brother, you need the Word.

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And I am Pastor James Bronner and I thank you for watching today. Stay right down this channel because I believe God has a word for you today. If you listen and open up your spiritual ears and eyes, I believe God will say something to you this day and we will start over in the Book of Matthew, you'd open your Bible for the Book of Matthew, Chapter 28. This message tonight even though this is not Women's day, it should really encourage the women in the audience.

And a lot of times stuff is just geared for the men, but you know, sometimes women needs some blessing too, and I didn't plan it this way but that's just what He poured out here and tuned me in the revelation that you can get there.

Matthew, Chapter 28, starting at Verse 1, and it reads, 'In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.'

And we are living in a day and a time now when women are being called to fill in many of the gaps where men have not been in place. Men are called to be the head of households but nowadays, there are more women that are head of households than men, and I am not just talking about households where the man is not there. Even in those households where the man is there, still most of the women are the head of the household,

they pay most of the bills and manage a lot of the things of the house.

And I said all of that to say that there were two women both named Mary and instead other unlisted women, they were the first ones there to see that Jesus had risen, not any of his other make disciples were there, all in a women. The women had to be told to go tell my disciples the good news, they went there to see the good news for themselves. He had to tell the women to go tell my men the good news.

And not only did the man not come to see the good news but when the women came back and gave them the good news saying our Lord and Savior has risen. The men laughed at them and mocked them and didn't believe them. They thought they were all lie telling, felt they didn't know what they were talking about, they were making up something even when they brought the message back onto the disciples.

And you all are familiar with the Great Commission but Jesus, He gave the great commission to His disciples at the end of the Matthew 28. But before the great commission, Jesus gave the women a commission to go and tell the men that I have risen and the title of my message tonight is The First Commission.

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Everybody repeat it, The First Commission. And that scenario would be the equivalent today of a woman coming up to a great male bishop and who had high ranking, one of the fathers of the church and coming up to that bishop and said, "Bishop, God spoke to me and told me to tell you to hold on that I am still God's servant on the throne. Bishop, God told me to tell you that I want to speak you more. God told me to tell you that I miss my time with you. God told me to tell you that I am still in the miracle working business." And you see, Jesus had to send the women to get the preachers straight first and He used the women to do it.

The devil also, he desires to tell the preachers down and he also uses women to do it many times. And many of you are probably saying, well, these women, they just happen to be there when Jesus rose, they just got there the right time, that's all that was but from what I saw in the word that wasn't the case.

If you turn one chapter over to Matthew 27, Verse 50 starting, we will see that they didn't just by happenstance be there. Verse, starting at Verse 50, reads.

'Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.'

And we see there that even on the cross, the Bible said the women were there. It didn't mention men in that verse and it really struck something in me when I read the part that it said, when He was coming from Galilee that the women were ministering unto him and can you imagine as great as Jesus was, all of His life, He was ministering to everybody of us, wherever there was sick, He had to minister to the sick; wherever there were people in depression, He had to minister and lift their spirit.

Wherever there was blindness, He had to minister unto them; wherever there was ignorance, He had to minister the word unto them; but here Jesus had to be ministered unto and it was the women that ministered unto Him. And that really touched my heart and I think it touched the heart of Jesus in His time of struggle that those women were there, ministering unto His needs when He looked out and couldn't see a man that He trusted.

There was a woman ministering unto His need and He didn't mention any men at the cross, nothing but women. It may sound strange but over in another book, He did not mention that He looked out and He saw the disciple John and told Mary to

you know, behold your son but and mother, behold thy son and son, behold thy mother.

But it said that John was standing by, didn't really say he was right there at the foot, He said He looked over at John, I don't even know exactly where John was but when He spared out, those people that were right there at the foot of the cross, it spared out those Marys and other women that were there laboring with Him.

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Man where were you. I tell you, these women they weren't scared of authority, they weren't worried about public opinion. They weren't worried about being associated with a criminal. They stood by the Lord until the end when the man couldn't be found. Keep reading that Verse 57.

'When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.'

Yet old saying, women are again. I tell you, these women they weren't worried about something spooky happening here in the graveyard. They were sitting against the sepulchre even when they brought Jesus by there. They stuck by Jesus when the going got tough. They were with Him when He told the people. They were with Him when He did His miracle and what really made the difference is they were with Him when the people were calling Him a fraud. They were with Him when He was walking down the Via Dolorosa with the cross on His back and blood coming from His body. They were there with Him, ministering us to His needs, wiping the sweat from Him, giving Him great confidence in it. They were with Him. When He was hanging on the cross, suffering, they were with Him then. When everybody was spitting in His face and cursing at Him, there were those women with Him then, when He was down, they

were with Him and they still declared Him as a LORD in the midst of tragedy.

And not even believed looking at the passion of those women. If those merits would have been also the opportunity, I truly believe when they look at their savior hanging on that cross, if the leaders would have come out and said, we can allow you to take His place off that and He will go free and continue His merits, I truly believe that those women would have said, I will do it, but those men, I don't think those men would have done it.

I will tell you, even if most beloved disciple, John, I don't think he would have even treated places with that, but the women were there and when He gave up the ghost, they were there, when they took Him to the sepulcher they were there. When He rules that whole power in His hand, they were there and He said, when He came out that I need somebody who has been there with me. I need somebody who I can trust, I need somebody who will not stop until the job is done to let the people know that I have risen and he looks and said, I need the women, they have been there with me and He told them to go and tell the man what had happened and there is no wonder the day when you look at churches, all over the nation, that women are numbered men in every church. It is no wonder and I believe that I will stay (00:13:58) for everybody if I do ever get sit.

I tell you, looking at these women and men and the Bible, I want a woman ministering under my knees and even the night when I was telling everybody that I was tired from the 00:14:11, my mother, a woman said let me minister unto you, minister, let me come over and grab you to the church. There was a woman and she is my mother but twice my age and she could have said, you know, he ought to be driving me, but she said, no, let me come to your house and drive you. The nature of a woman ministered unto the need.

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The First Commission was given to women, somebody that he could trust and that Commission had four parts to it that we will look at briefly and this applies to everybody who is a Christian because we all have the commission to go out and tell people that Jesus is risen, and look back over that Matthew 27 Verse 6, it says, "He is not here, for He is risen as He said!"

Come, see the place where the LORD lay and go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead. The fourth part of that that was part of that First Commission that we all have is first to come, second to see, third to go and fourth to tell. He said, come see the place where the Lord is lying. That's the first part of the Commission.

First of all, you got to come to church and you know some people they are even scared to come to church even in a safe country. First is this, what do you think no sane people are saying? If you don't say come to go to church, but just say, come with me to go to the graveyard out here. I want you to meet a man who they say just got up on his grave out of the ground. What do you think now (00:16:24) they said they come to the house of God.

And you must come to Jesus yourself before you can bring it about after Him. You've got to come yourself. And if you're not with Him, when you tell others about Him, then your life will be a stumbling block to them, because if you're not with Him, you won't be able to stand the temptation of the world and the world will look at your life, and I'll say it, that's how the Christians are living and they don't have faith to carry on and I don't want to be a Christian.

So, first, you must come. Part two. You must see and some people, they go to church for 40 years. They still can't see the truth of the gospel, you know, they can come to church and see what everybody's wear and what and what they got on in they can see that, they can see who sin and then they see that they usually fit in and they can see that, they can see what's wrong with the church and what the pastor is saying as wrong. They can see that clear. But when they come loud to the truth they can't see and people can be in the same place looking at the same thing and see two separate things.

It reminds me of those. You all have seen, now look, 3D posters that have a type of hologram. You are supposed to stare at the middle and it will pop out the picture to you. Now you can ask two people side by side squinting and looking at this picture, waiting on it to pop up, they looking at the same pictures, it's exactly the same place, they could be the same business with two eyes each looking at it and one person it will hit him in the chest, I am going to say, oh, I can see you. And you must be able to see. Number two.

Number three, you must go. Once you come to Jesus yourself and see the truth of His word. Then you must go. Many people want to travel the world to tell people about Jesus. When they have people in their own house does not see him. You've got to start at home first. You've got to start with your own relatives. Then you've got to go to your friends and you got to go to your job. The people on your job that don't know Jesus will be ready to go all the way to India before we go to the people sitting next to us in the cubicle.

So number three, you must go. First, you must come. Second, you must see. Third, you must go. And the fourth and final is you must fail. When you get to where God assist you, you got to know what to say when you get there and he'd give you an order. Some of us will get there and thinking this, we're not prepared, but we are just thinking it's just going to flow and then come out. And it is not convincing until the people, you've got to be prepared to know what to say. And God gives you testimonies so that you can tell them so that they can bless somebody else's life and give them strength in their faith.

When the U.S. government, they send out ambassadors to other countries, they don't send them to just show them how lavish the Americans live. They send them they tell them. The voice of the president to be a voice for the U.S., calling up the country on the (00:19:48). And if you never open your mouth when you go and you're sick, then people will never know what's on the inside of you. You won't even know what's on the inside of you either. Do you really open your mouth and things begin to come out that you didn't even know what's in there and the fear of public speaking is the number one phobia in the nation. But it's yet it's what we are coded to do.

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And I'll leave you with this. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him or whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? You are that preacher. You have the First Commission. You must come. You must see. You must go and you must fail.

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