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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us at the brothersoftheword.com, stay tune to today's message. We are certainly excited and delighted to have you tune in and join us on today. Well, we'd like to read just a little humor. Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "my dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper. He calls it a poem. They give him 50 dollars." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece paper, he calls it a song, they give him 100 dollars." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon and it takes eight people to collect all the money." Well, open your Bible if you will to particular verse we've been looking at. This is part two, something we started couple of weeks ago in Philippians 2:13 and we'll read there together in unison.

When you get there say, "Amen." Philippians 2:13, well, let's read there together beginning with verse 13. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Read it once again. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. We're talking from the subject for his good pleasure, this is part two, for his good pleasure. Now good pleasure has to do with God's good purpose. It has to do with God's good will for our lives, His good plan for our lives and the fact that God delights in it. In fact, God is excited about preparing exciting things for your life. He's excited about your destiny. He's excited about the plan that He has in-store for you, and He delights in it.

He delights in his good purpose, His good plan, His good will for your life. He's actually excited about it and He takes pleasure in it and it's His good pleasure so He enjoys putting together your plan. That's really what He's saying that God enjoys putting your plan together. Have anybody ever planned to surprise birthday party for a child and you got pleasure in arranging everything. You got pleasure in putting the invitations or ordering a clown or ordering face paint or games, or whatever. You got pleasure in putting it together because you were excited to see everything come together for the delight of your child, and so God does the same thing. It's for his pleasure, His good will, destiny, plan for our lives, and He takes pleasure. He enjoys putting together our plan.

The Holy Spirit said it to me this way, He said, "God has fun orchestrating good things for your life," and I drew a little smiley face in my notes. God has fun orchestrating good things for your life. He gets a kick out of blessing you. He gets a kick out of surprising you. He gets a kick out of that. I mean, He just loves to do it. He gets a kick out of it. Psalms 35:27 says, "The Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of his servants." He gets excited when you're blessed. He gets excited when something good happens for you. He takes pleasure in the prosperity of his servants. So, I started tracking down this good pleasure because it's all through the Bible and I had never quite noticed it before, but it's all through the Bible.

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We talked about a scripture last week where Jesus said its father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. He said, "Fear not little flock. Don't be all worried. Don't be all anxious. Don't pull your hair. I know it's the father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. You know the eldest son, the prodigal's son older brother, when he heard the party going on for younger brother, he was standing outside the house with his lip poked out. And the daddy said, "What's wrong with you?" He like sat there, "Dad, you never throw me a party. You've never given me anything." The dad said, "Hey son everything I got is yours. You could have a party anytime you wanted to, it's all yours." Folks, it's the father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. It's the father's good pleasure. It's the father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. And so we start looking at Philippians 2:13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Meaning God will put the desire, God will put the desire in you and in others and order your steps and others to do something that you don't even realize is working to fulfill God's good plan. So, God will put the desire in you; God will put the will in you, and He'll order your steps along with other people because sometimes He has to get the other people involved to bring to past and fulfill His good plan in our lives. So, sometimes He's working in us but He's also working in other people, and we don't even realize it, but God is sitting back with a smile on His face because He's putting the plan together, that He's working it all together for our good. It's for His for good pleasure that He works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. So, He has fun hooking all of these up, He loves it. I was actually listening to Joyce Meyer a few weeks ago, but she said something very interesting. She was reading some of her old journals back in her early days of becoming acquainted with God, back in her early walk with God.

Before she was big but back when she was just starting out and she was reading some of her journals. She said that she pulled out one of her prayer journals. She said, she had prayed and asked God for 12 washcloths. She wrote it down in her journal. She said, "Lord I need 12 wash clothes." She wrote it down and dated it, and exactly one week later, a lady rang her door bell, and said, "Joyce, I know I might seem crazy but for some reason I feel like God told me to bring 12 washcloths." God had not only put the desire in you and order your steps but He'll also touch others in order their steps to bring together His good plan for your life. He takes pleasure for it is God which worketh in us both to will and to do of His, not it's "His" good pleasure. God works all things after the council of His own will. God, He's working for His good pleasure. He's having fun putting everything together, putting the good plan, the good purpose, His good will together in our lives. Say this with me, God sees you. God sees you. Say this with me. God knows you. God knows you; God sees you; God knows you. Say this with me. God thinks about you.

Folks it would really blow your mind if you realize how much God thought about you. God knows you; He sees you, He knows where you live, and He thinks about you all the time. The Psalm is over, you don't have to turn there over in Psalms 139:17-18. He got to thinking about this. He got to thinking

God thinking about him. And you ought to think about that. Turn to your neighbor say, "You ought to think about God thinking about you." And that's what he did. He started thinking about God thinking about him. He said, "Lord, this is awesome." He said, "I were to try to total up your thoughts towards me," he said, "I couldn't. Your thoughts towards me are countless. He said, "they outnumbered the sand."

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And so, David, he just started thinking about how much God thinks about him. It's an awesome thought. I wrote down a little bit about those thoughts from one of my commenters. I'm going to read some of it. But it says that "God thoughts toward are us are precious. They are deep in themselves such as cannot possibly be fathomed and comprehended. Providence has had a vast reached in its dispensations concerning us and has brought things about for our good quite beyond our insight or foresight. He goes on and talk about how numerous, how great is the sum of them. Talking about the way God thinks about us. He says, "We cannot conceive how many of God's kind counsels have been concerning us. How many good turns He has done on us and what variety of mercies we have received from Him." He said, "They are vast, they are countless because every morning they're renewed."

They are renewed, so even if you got a count on them, you had to start over the next day because they are brand new the next and they are so vast, and they are innumerable and they are more than the sand. We couldn't conceive the multitude of God's compassions toward us, the thoughts. God thinks about you all the time. His thoughts, they're innumerable, countless, and He has you own His mind all the time. So, God sees you, God knows you, He knows exactly where you live, and He's thinking about you all the time. God is thinking about you all the time. You're on His mind. The angels asked God on several occasions. What is man that you're so mindful of them? Why are they always on your mind? They couldn't understand that. But what is man that you are mindful of them? One angel, he raised his hand in staff meeting. He asked God, he said, "God, is it about man, why are you always thinking about man, talking about man, what is it about them, why they're always on your mind?"

We're going to talk about angels in just a second. But I want you to know that what the Bible says concerning you, the Bible says that God delights in you. God delights in you, that's in Psalms 18:19. Bible says, "God is pleased with you and He delights in you. God thinks you are special and He celebrates you all the time. Psalms 149:4 says that "God takes pleasure in His people." You also find this in Zephaniah 3:17 and you will find in the story of the Prodigal Son that God – He's excited, in that prodigal son, threw him a party and God was just excited, He rejoiced over him. God rejoices in His people. Even though He had sinned, it's the father's good pleasure to bring you out of sin. Even when you sin and get off track, God takes pleasure in bringing you back. The Bible says, "He delights in mercy. He's happy to forgive. He's eager to forgive, eager to bless and He even takes pleasure to bring us back when we sin and miss it." Isn't that good news? He rejoiced over the prodigal son. Rejoiced over him, threw him a party when he came home. God takes pleasure in us. We can confidently live our lives knowing that God has us in the palm of His hand and we are under His care and He leads us with this act.

Turn to Psalms 32:8, let me show you the scripture. Psalms 32:8, we're talking about for his good pleasure, how God will orchestrate things in your life and put them together working out His good plan and His good will for your life. Psalms 32:8, notice what it says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." I'll teach you which way you should go and I'm going to guide you. So, that's God working in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. So, I want you to learn to see the handy work of God in your life and recognized the handy work of God in your life. I began to realize that God has all of heaven and all of earth at His disposal. So, God can use all of heaven, all of earth to bring His goodwill and plan together to fulfill it in your life. Everything is at His disposal. Here's another one. I told you I want to talk a little bit about angels. Flip over to Psalms 103. Psalms 103, take a look at this. Now, remember we're talking about for His good pleasure.

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Psalms 103, notice this, Psalms 103:20-21. Notice what it says, "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." Verse

21, "Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure," notice that. I told you, I started hunting down the pleasure of God for his good pleasure. So, God uses angels to bring His good pleasure to pass in your life. Angels exist to do His good pleasure. Angels exist to do God's good pleasure. And so, God works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure and angels exist to do His good pleasure. So, angels are involved in bringing the plan of God, the will of God, the purposes of God to pass in your life. They're going to be times, you may have encountered, angels are working Abraham said it this way, when Abraham told his servants, he said, "I want you to go and get a wife for my son and he told him exactly where to go and what to do. And the servant said, "But, what if I'm not successful?" Abraham said, "The Lord will send his angel." And he's going to cause your assignment to prosper because Abraham understood that angels exist to do His good pleasure.

I want to read a quick story to you. This is on Charisma Magazine and it's a fascinating story. I mentioned a little bit over to you on Sunday. But it says, David Watson had a good problem. The church he had been pastoring in Garrett Pennsylvania Bethel Assembly of God needed more space for his exploding youth ministry. And though they had just built a new sanctuary, the church agreed as a step of faith to build a new youth center without borrowing any money. It was necessary however, to hire out the job of laying the trusses, so Watson met with a construction firm that claimed to be a Christian company. He thought they made a clear verbal agreement that since the church had only 10,000 dollars to spend, no additional work beyond the trusses should be done. Watson went on a ministry trip while the work was hired out and what he saw when he returned stunned him, not only where the trusses laid, but the entire roof had been constructed in shingle.

"It scared me," he said, "I felt sinking feeling in my stomach." Waiting on his desk was a bill from the company for an additional 10,000 dollars. In a panic, the pastor called the company but they threatened to sue if he didn't pay up. "I (00:18:13) a loan," Watson says. His trusting spirit had been betrayed and he felt isolated from everyone even God. Watson called an emergency board meeting for the next day, desperately apologizing and asking for guidance. He couldn't stop thinking my ministry is over and it hasn't even started. A month later with a payment deadline looming and no money to pay the bill,

Watson received a call from a stranger who offered to take him to lunch. Suddenly, Watson was hopeful, but at noon the next day when he opened the door to meet his new friend, standing before him was a man Watson describes as a vagrant. The stranger handed Watson a rusty tin can and said, "Instead of taking you to lunch, I brought lunch to you."

The town was accustomed to transients riding the rails so when Watson invited the smelly man with torn dirty clothes and decaying teeth to come inside, disappointment came in the door along with him. "I was so taken aback and so desperate, I never even asked his name," Watson admits. But with a shepherd's heart, he listened to the man's stories about his life as a transient, how he was once homeless and slept under bridges and the people he met along his travels. This journey of mumbling took about half an hour, Watson quips. Then, suddenly, the man looked up the clock and announced, "My time is up, I have to go." At that moment the phone rang and the stranger slipped out of sight. "It was just seconds, really," Watson says.

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When he looked down the hallway and scanned the long road that led to the church, the man was nowhere to be found. The next board meeting was a somber occasion. The board members hadn't raised the dime to pay what was owed and they were out of ideas, then the treasurer noticed the tin can on Watson's desk. What's in it, he asked. Frankly, Watson didn't want to know. Although the can was factory sealed, it was dirty and rusty and had no label. It was anybody's guess how old the contents were. The treasurer pressed into the lid with a can opener and everyone in the room heard the hiss of a vacuum seal. All of us were ready for a stench but there was no stench Watson says.

Instead of slimy old beans, the can was full of crisp 100-dollar bills. Totaling 10,000 dollars. We just sat there stunned, Watson crows. It was as close to a holy place as I'd ever been. We realized something beyond to us had taken place. The story went public but the vagrant was never identified. "I really felt that it was an angel," Watson says. An angel that smelled and had rotten teeth. But Watson realizes those things don't matter because God had come on the scene to show His faithfulness when the church's ministry and the pastor's future were at

stake. "I'm not the same person that I was before that rusty tin can arrived," he says. "My faith is not in religion or in people but in God. Keep your eyes on God," he says, because God is the God of miracles. Praise God. God still works. God works through angels. They bring together His good purpose, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

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