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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the word, because brother you need the Word.

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Well, I would like to share just a little humor. This is some signs to let you know when you're getting old. Number one is when you and your teeth don't sleep together. Number two, you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any. Number three, at the breakfast table, you hear a snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal. Number four, your back goes out but you stay home. Number five, you wake up looking like your driver's license picture. Number six, it takes two tries to get up from the couch. Number seven, when your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio. Number eight, when happy hour is a nap. Number nine, when all you want for your birthday is to not be reminded of your age. Number ten, when you step off of a curve and look down one more time to make sure the street is still there. Number eleven, your idea of weightlifting is standing up. Number twelve, your address book has mostly names that start with 'doctor'. Number thirteen, you sit on a rocking chair and can't get it going. Number fourteen, getting lucky means you found your car in the parking lot.

Well, we are sharing part five of something we've been sharing for the last few weeks entitled "Life Abiding in Him." Life abiding in Him. And we'll share over the Gospel of John Chapter 15. The Gospel of John Chapter 15. And we can read Verse 4. The Gospel of John, Chapter 15, Verse 4. And it says, "Abide in me, and I in

you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.”

So, we're talking about life abiding in him. This is part five. The word 'abide', as we have said, it means to remain, to dwell, to stay, to continue to live. And you will find in John Chapter 15 the word "abide" appears about 10 times just from verse 4 down to about verse 9. Just in that set of verses. You will find the word "abide". It appears about 10 times. It actually appears about eight times but then I found two words that come out of the definition of abide. So, I found two words like "continue" or "remain" but you will find 10 references to the word "abide." So, unless you know it's a very important subject anytime you see something repeated that many time in such a short, select number of verses is very important, it's an important subject.

Jesus shared this just before he left the earth. Most scholars say that the account in John 15 took place after the Last Supper. And he was preparing to leave and so before he'd left, he wanted to let them know. Even though he was leaving, it would be important for them to abide, remain, to dwell with him, not to give up, not to go on with life without him but that he would now be a constant friend. He would now be a constant resident on the inside of us, living confident on the inside of us.

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And so, he shares his message that we are to abide. So, that's why he repeats it so many times because he knew that with him physically leaving they could have become disoriented. They could've become frustrated. They could've felt left alone. But he said, "No, no, you're going to be closer now that you ever have been. We have this opportunity to be closer now." And so you see it about 10 times the word "abide", just there is John Chapter 15.

Let's look at verse five. John 15 Verse 5 says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." So, there you see abiding again. Now, we said that we abide in him by maintaining communion with him, talking to him, listening to him, spending time in his words, spending time in prayer, obeying him, walking in love, worship. Worship is abiding in him. Giving thanks -- thanksgiving. That's a part of abiding in him. So, all of those are elements of abiding in him.

And then he goes on to say that, “You’re going to bear much fruit if you abide in me and I abide in you then you’re going to bear much fruit.” Well that means that you got to have his nature, his life and his power flowing through you in abundance. This was a fruit of the spirit. You’re going to have the fruit of his life and the fruit of his power. On top of all the fruit of the spirit, the you know the love, the joy, the peace, the goodness, the gentleness, meekness, temperance, faith, patience. On top of all of the spiritual forces of the spirit that you have, on top of all of that, here are some things that I found that happens when you abide in him and he abides in you. He’ll move on your behalf. He’ll lead you. He’ll arrange things. He’ll order your steps. You’ll begin to walk into blessings. You’ll have divine encounters, unusual favor. You will have supernatural protection.

We talked about ‘he that dwelleth’ which is the word ‘abide’. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91. And so, that whole thing that deals with the protection that comes to a person that’s abiding. And so, there’s unusual supernatural protection. If you don’t believe me, ask Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They’ll tell you about divine protection that comes from abiding and so we walk in diving protection.

Then there’s answered prayer. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you ask whatever you will, it’ll be done for you. There’s power, there’s answered prayer that comes as a result of abiding in him and he abiding in us. Remember this falls right in line with something the Holy Spirit said to me back in the earlier part of this series. He said “Meet me everyday and you will experience my love and fellowship. As a bonus, you’ll receive all the wisdom, strength, joy, love, peace, patience, provision, protection, health, healing and energy you need.” Meet me every day and he throws all these things in as a bonus. We meet him everyday for the love and fellowship but all these other things are added simply as a bonus.

Rufus Moseley said, he said, “Life in Jesus is gloriously easy. It has one responsibility. The responsibility of remaining in union. If you stay in union with me, I’ll take care of everything else.” So, our main responsibility is simply to stay in union with him. He takes care of everything else. J.C. Ryle said, he said, “To abide in Christ means to keep up a habit of constant close communion with

him to be always leaning on him, resting on him, pouring out our hearts to him and using him as our fountain of life and strength as our chief companion and best friend abiding in him.

Now notice so in verse 7, it says, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you." Now Colossians 3:16 says the same thing but it says it a little different, it says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." That actually means, "Let the word make its home in us." Let the word make its home in us. Derived there, there is a particular Greek word that's used there.

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And the Greek word is (00:10:06) and it actually means, keep house. Let the word keep house in you. And the commentary around that Greek phrase or that Greek word keeping house is keeping house in terms of not living in the house as a servant taking orders, but it's actually referring to a living in the house as a master giving the orders.

Speaking of more of a hit of house. So, the saying, "Let the word be the be the head." Let the word not only make his home in you but let him be the head of the house. So, let the word govern your life. Take your orders and direction from the world. Follow the word, "Let it lead." Let it be in charge. So, that was it said, "Let the word dwell in you richly." Now notice it say, "Richly" not poorly. Some people have the word in them but it's poorly in them, you know sparingly. There's a sprinkle in here and, "No", he said, "Let it be in your richly." Let the word be in you richly. Let it be in your richly."

Now, when they say "In you richly" then the word has force, it has influence and it has use in our lives. Your soul begins to prosper when the word is in you richly, you're so prosperous. I pray that you prosper, 3 John 2, "and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." And so, that's how we proper our soul is when the world is dwelling in us richly. When a word is dwelling in us richly.

There are some things that happens when the world dwells in your richly just to give you these three things and you will find this in Proverbs 6:22, but the Proverbs 6:22 says, "When the world is in you richly." It says that, "When you go it will leads you. When you sleep, it will keep you. When you wake up, it will talk

to you.” That something that happens to you when the word is dwelling in you richly. It leads you, keeps you and it talks to you. You don’t know the number of times I wake up in the morning and the word of the Lord is just standing there waiting on me to wake up. He has conversation.

Well, that’s what happens when the word is in you richly, he leads you, he keeps you, and he talks with you. Say that with me, “He leads, he keeps and he talks.” That’s Proverbs 6:22 when the words in you richly it will lead you, it will keep you and it will talk with you. So you abide in the word and the word will abide in you. I gave you 12 ways to get the word dwelling in your richly. I gave you 12 ways and I’ll repeat it.

Number one, read it. Number two, study it. Number three, think it. Number four, say it. Number five, visualize it. Number six, write it. Number seven, meditate it. Number eight, this is probably the most important, do it. Everybody say, “Do it.” Number nine, hear it. Number 10, pray it. Number 11, memorize it. Number 12, believe it. Also 12 great ways to get the word “dwelling in you richly” and the Holy Spirit gave me one actually. If someone gave you a bonus. He said, “You can also sing it.” You can sing the word. You hear Stephanie tonight.

But you can sing the word. That’s a bonus. Singing, making melody in your heart until the Lord sing. I love the outmost song to you just in. But anyway. I’m (00:13:52) if I have a little bit more time I will sing.

Let me share this with you. I did a study one day and I guess the Holy Spirit was leading me again but he lead to me Psalm 119. Now Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the entire Book of Psalm. Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Book of Psalm. So, it has probably 200 to 300 versus also, long Psalm in the Book of Psalm. But he lead me to Psalm 119. The entire Psalm, the reason it’s so long it talks about God’s word. The whole Psalm talks about God’s words. So, it’s like Psalm 119 is dedicated to God’s word. The whole Psalm is dedicated to God’s word and the reason it’s so long, the Psalm is -- he just got carried away talking about the word and power of the word and the benefit of the word.

And so, I went to Psalm 119 and I believe the Holy Spirit had me to do this, but I jot it down two category of things from Psalm 119. The first category is the benefits of having the word in you. The

benefits of having the word in you. And then the second category I jot it down was, how we are to respond to the word. How we are to respond to it and the benefits of the word in your life. So, the benefits of the word in your life and how we are going to respond to God's word. Those are the two categories and I gleaned out of Psalm 119.

So, a great deal of the scriptures deals with the benefits of God's word. Everybody says, "Benefits." It deals with the benefits of God's word in your life and the second major category deals with how we are to respond, how we are to respond, how we are going to treat, how we are to embrace God's word and how we are to respond to it, treat it or embrace it.

Well, let me give you the benefits, I jot it down. I don't know how many this is, how many benefit is this. Well, you will count them as I gave them to you. Here is the first one. We are blessed by God's word. We are blessed by it. Second one, we are enlivened by God's word, enlivened. You will find over and over, he says, "Quicken me oh Lord according to thy word." So, the word "Quickens us", enlivened us." This will actually enlivened your physical health. This will enlivened your physical health.

Jesus said, "My words are spirit and they are life." Proverbs 4:22 says, "God's word are life to those that find them, health to all their flesh." So, God's word quickens. We are enlivened. Everybody say, "Enlivened." You're made alive. It literally affects your flesh in God's word and enlivened us. So, we are blessed by it, it enlivened us. We are made wiser.

Number three, we are made wiser. We are made wiser. We are made wise by God's word. If you don't believe study the Book of Daniel. You'll see Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego Those four guys were wiser than all of the other students in the kingdom. They were the four wises and that's how they became elevated in the kingdom, became princesses in the kingdom because the king said, "Bring me the top people." I want the top people working for me and Daniel Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego. Those were the names that the king gave them but they have some Hebrew name. I was trying to give them to you but you have to go look that up for yourself.

But anyway, those guys arose to the top but it was the wisdom. They were wiser. They were smarter than everybody else. So,

God's word actually makes you smarter. So, if anybody in school, you're thinking about going back to school, well, man, God's word to actually bring you to the top of the class. Praise God. It will. It will make you wiser. That's what I tell my children. I tell up my kids, I said, "Look." I said, "You guys got special advantages. You will arise from the top because God is going to give you wisdom above and beyond."

And so, I talk to my kids that, I told them that but I learn their principle out of the Book of Daniel. Now, I wish I had known it when I was back in school I didn't know that back. I would have perform much better if I had known that. I didn't know it. But you know, I learn it now so I was able to teach my kids then. I was able to teach my kids.

In fact, my little girl, my baby girl Alexi, she came about a week ago. She called me, I was out of town, she called me, she said, "I just won first place in the whole State of Gorgia." She won a first place in the whole State of Georgia. It was in language arts. She was the top student in the whole State of Georgia.

Well, that's God's word. It will make you wiser. So you're able to believe for that. Teach your children, teach your grnad children that. That's what God's word and does for us. It makes us wiser. You will find that Psalm 119, you will find it verse 98 and 99 and 100. You will find it, God's word it makes us wise.

He's another thing. I'm giving you benefits first from God's word. We're strengthen by it and we are upheld by it. So, God's word strengthens us, it upholds us. Here is another benefit. It gives us light, it gives us understanding. It gives us light and it gives us understanding. Another benefit, it gives us direction and it guides us. Remember, that's what we learn in Proverbs 6:22 when you go it will lead you. Well, Psalm 119 confirms that. It said, it guide, it gives us direction and as a guide.

Here is another benefit, we can hope in it. We can hope in God' word. That's what Abraham did.

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When his body was dead and his wife's body was dead, the Bible says, "He hoped against hope." That was no natural hope. He got his hope from God's word. He hoped against natural hope but he

put his hope in God's word and he had a baby. He had a baby because he hoped against hope but he was able to hope in God's word. You can put your hope in God's word even when natural circumstances are not there, you can get your hope out of God's word. That's what Abraham did. He hoped against natural hope. So, there was no natural way for his wife to have a baby so he had to hope against that but he had God's word on it. So, he put his hope in God's word versus what the natural circumstances looked like. So, we are able to hope in God's word. That's one of the benefits.

We get peace from God's word. Psalms 119 where we are verses 1 to 5 says, "Great peace have they that love thy law so we get peace. We get peace from God's word. We also get counsel. His word is our counselor. We get counsel. His word delivers us. We are delivered with the word -- we are delivered by the word. He's really a good one and I probably get rid to close with this a bit. He is really good one. You find this in Psalms 119 verses 89 through 91, "God's word is faithful" or God is faithful to his word. In the Bible uses in those versus uses very interesting analogy or illustration to show that. It says that everything that we are enjoying right now in creation is a result of God's word operating from the beginning. The sun still rises and set because God gave that command when he created it and the word is still faithful.

So, if you ever doubt God's word? Just go outside in the morning and watch the sun come up. That sun will come up because it's under command. God gave the order in this. The sun is still obeying that word. God is faithful to his word just as the sun rises and sets. So, everything that's happening in nature is operating based on the original word God gave it. The earth is still spinning on its axis and still rotating around the sun. All these things, the beast comes this far and no further because God set the balance. That word is still holding it. And so, all of those things in nature that would in place according to God's word and so in nature shows you the faithfulness of God to his Word. You find that in Psalms 199 verse 89, 90 and 91. God is faithful to his word. Those are the benefits.

I have a few more benefits. God's word teaches out of sin. We are able to trust in God's word. We have liberty and freedom in God's word and we have comfort from God's word. Those are my last few benefits. Man, I'm a good student. Man, I got a Psalms 119 and went to work and I realized you know, we've had Psalm 119

all this time nobody ever really dug it in and dug it out until the holy ghost slapped me and made me do it and say, "We got it out of there." Those are the benefits just in Psalms 119. Powerful chapter. Powerful chapter. Gosh, I'm out of time so I'm going to borrow time. I'm going to take a couple of Pastor James' minutes next time he preach. But anyway.

Here is a category of how we are to embrace God's word or react to it. This is how we react to God's word, embrace it. Number one, we're going to delight in it, enjoy it, rejoice in it and give thanks for it. Number two, we have to desire it, learn it, esteem it, make it our priority and love it. Number three, we are to keep it, obey it, do it. We are blessed by it by doing those things. Number four, we are to establish our hearts with it. Number five, we have to remember it and meditate in it. Number six, we are to take it as an inheritance. Praise God. Amen. We will stop right there. Give the Lord a hand for His word. Amen. Amen. Amen.

You know Psalms 119 is power. I encourage you to go home and read it. Go home and read it. You might find somethings to add to my list but I doubt it, but anyway you can trust. I'm only teasing. I'm sure you'll find one or two things to add to it but also to two categories I look at. I saw the Psalm is talking about the benefits of the word and also saw him talking about our reaction or our response how we are to encounter the word what we should be doing with the word. And so, enjoy Psalms 119, it's a beautiful Psalm but is powerful. It unlocks some things and man, you know why you chewing on and realized you're getting smarter. You begin enlivened by it and also some great benefits. You're getting smarter. You're getting younger, stronger, healthier by it. Man, it's great benefits. No side effects. No side effects. There were no side effects listed.

I was watching the commercial the other day for prescription and then side effect was so funny that you may fall out. You may a stroke. You may have a heart attack. But nonetheless, ask your doctor for this particular drug. I was like, "They got to be kidding me." Oh man, they have some crazy side effects. They had side effects like you may lose your vision, you may lose your hearing but you know still ask your doctor for this particular drug. I was like, "Oh, no, thank you, no thank you." So, God's word has no side effect and it works every time. He works every time with no side effect. Praise God. Praise God. Amen. Amen.

Stand to your feet. I'm out of time. I'm going to let you go. We're just having fun. And good, let's have fun with the word. Let's have fun with the word. We're having a little fun. Praise God. Let's pray.

Father, we just love you so much Lord. We just thank you and we rejoice over your word and give you thanks for your word. Lord, thank you for the wonderful benefits of your word Lord and we just love your word. We enjoyed your word and delight in it. Father, we just thank you for the fruit that it produces in our lives. We thank you for the wonderful benefits of health and strength, Lord. Thank you that we are enlivened by, made wiser by. We thank you that it leads us and guides us and all of our fears in life and Lord, and Lord we are just so grateful to be abiding in you and you in us and allowing us to bear much fruit and we just give you thanks. In Jesus name we pray that every heart say Amen.

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