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C. Elijah Bronner: We have to be continuously filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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Female: And now for 7812, Joy, Abiding in Him. Part Three.

Male: Thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need, The Word.

C. Elijah Bronner: We welcome those of you joining us by television or those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com. Welcome to today's service, always a wonderful joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us.

I would like to share just a little humor. A mother decided that it was time that her three sons get baptized and on the designated Sunday as they were on their way to church, the mother noticed that her nine-year-old seemed a bit preoccupied and when she asked him what the problem was, he said, "Mom, I want to go first." "Why do you want to go first?" she asked. "Because," he began and then he paused for a few seconds. He said, "I really don't want to be baptized in water that has all of my brother's sins floating around in it." I had never thought of that. So, you may want to go first on our next baptismal service.

Well, we are sharing Part Three of something we began a few weeks ago taken from the Gospel of John, the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, the Gospel of John Chapter 15 and we're reading verses 7 through 11. John Chapter 15, verses 7 through 11 and it reads in verse 7, it says "If ye abide in me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Verse 8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so, shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: Continue ye in My Love. If ye keep My Commandments, ye shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept my Father's Commandments, and abide in His Love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My Joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

C. Elijah Bronner: And we're talking about, Joy Abiding in Him, Joy, Abiding in Him. This is Part Three. I love the Amplified Bible. Verse 11 in the Amplified says that, "I have told you these things that My Joy and Delight may be in you and that your joy and gladness may be a full measure and complete and overflowing." And we have said that God wants us happy and He wants us full of joy. He wants us happy, He wants us full of joy, He wants us full of joy.

I was reading this, there's a very famous pastor and I follow him on social media and I was just reading his testimony. He wrote, he said, "The other morning, I admit I woke up on the wrong side of the bed. I just knew immediately that I was mad. I couldn't wait for my wife Nicole to get up, so that I can have somebody to be mad at. I could hear the Holy Spirit inside my heart, speaking love telling me to calm down and not to ruin her morning, too. She didn't wake up in the most delightful mood either." The Holy Spirit is smart. He knows that if momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy, but did I listen? No, we were like two angry storm fronts colliding head on, no one needed that. When I left, I didn't even get a hug, go figure. Down the road, a bit, I felt the Holy Spirit not to condemn, not accuse, but nudged me to go back.

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"I went home and told Nicole that I hated the way I felt and the way I left and I was sorry for living up to my name, "Cranky." His name is David Crank, living up to his name, Cranky. When I did that, it opened the door for reconciliation, to apologize is to enter into the perfect Will of God, of course, it would be better not to knock heads in the first place, but if you do, be the first one to say, "You're sorry. Get back into God's Will and enjoy your life."

In other words, He wanted to let joy be the prevailing force in your life and I want to know this joy comes out of love. Joy comes out of love. When love resides, then joy springs out of love. Joy springs out of love. Joy is actually the second fruit of the Spirit. Love is the first and that's because joy comes out of love, joy comes out of love. So, when you love right, you are joyful and vice versa is true. When you're joyful, you end up loving right and so, you treat people better when you are full of joy. So that's why God wants us to be happy. He wants us to be full of joy. He wants us to enjoy each other, enjoy our family relationships, enjoy our kids.

C. Elijah Bronner: I had the best time the other day with my little girl. She had a little ski ball game and we set it up in the den and the whole family, my wife and all the kids, we were playing ski ball and man, we just had the greatest time and we laughed and of course, I felt like, I would be the champion. When it comes to sports, in any kind of sports, it doesn't matter what kind it is, I'm always, thinking ahead and I'm always the best athlete in the family, but I wasn't too high to ski ball.

So, we set up the ski ball machine and I stood back for a good distance and you had to roll the ball and whatever number your ball lands on, that's the score you get and I was rolling so bad, my ball wouldn't even be hitting the machine. It was going to the left of the machine and the right of the machine and my kids just laughed, they laughed, my wife laughed and we just had a ball. But it was just a simple Joy of the Lord, enjoying the simple pleasures of life and God wants us to enjoy life. He wants us to be full of joy. When you're griping and full of bitterness and when you're mean-spirited and critical and short with people and mean and mad, that's really no way to live, that's no way to live and God wants us to live full of His Joy. Jesus said that, "I've said these things to you, so My Joy would be in you and that your joy would be full, complete, overflowing, running over." He wants us to have running over. So, God wants us to be happy and full of joy and that's His Will for us, that's His Will for us.

Say this with me, "Jesus's Joy is in me and it is full, it is complete and it is overflowing." Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God. We say that by faith. We say that by faith. You may not feel it, but you're saying it by faith because Jesus said it, that His Joy would be in us and our joy would be full complete, a full measure and overflowing joy is literally a quiet or calm delight is what it is. It's a delight. It's a quiet delight.

Dave Myers, he likened it unto a bubbling brook that just flows along quietly, bringing refreshment to everyone who encounters it. That's the joy of the Lord. It's such a calm delight. It's also a calm delight, a calm delight. Well, that joy comes from us delighting in God. It is a delight and we delight ourselves in the Lord and that's what fuels our joy. Joy is delighting in God. Joy is delighting in His presence, in His person, in His promises, in His pure vision. And so, joy is always delighting in God and we bring honor to God when we live a joy-filled life. We honor Him. When we live a joy-filled life, we honor God, we honor God because

we become a witness of Him. We become a witness of His Love and His Joy. We become a witness. We represent Him when we are full of joy. When we live with joy-filled life, it honors God.

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C. Elijah Bronner: Because God is very concerned with our attitude. God doesn't like a mean-spirited attitude any more than we'd like it and God doesn't like it.

And notice what the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver." He could have said, He loved giver, but He did and He said, "He loves a cheerful giver." God is very concerned about our attitude. He is very concerned about our attitude. He loves a cheerful giver. So, God loves it when we are full of joy and brings honor to Him. Its honors God when we are full of joy and we treat other people better when we are full of joy. When you are full of joy, you just treat people better.

Things don't bother you when you just full of joy and so, joy is a powerful force, joy is a powerful force. Now, our joy is in direct proportion to our connection with Him. Joy is produced from our union with Him and so, He fills us with joy, He fills us with joy. Over in the Book of First John, and I thought this was interesting. Over in the Book of First John, Chapter one, the writer says some things there and he said, "I've said these things to you, that your joy would be full, that your joy will be full." 1st John Chapter One Verse Four. And what he was talking about, is the fact that we could have this abiding fellowship with the Father and with His Son, and he said, "I have told you that because you all can have fellowship with us as we have fellowship with the Father and with the Son" and he said, "I've have told you that so, that your joy would be full."

In other words, if you enter in this fellowship that we have with the Father and with the Son, your joy would be full too because they would just full of joy as they were talking about it and guess what, you all can get in His Joy too and that was what He was saying. You can get in on his joy too. So, joy comes from our union with God. It comes from abiding in Him, it comes from our connection with Him.

Here is something I learned in Second John, everybody says, Second John." Now, I begin to get the hint here first, well big

John, the Gospel of John, that's big John. Don't confuse with big John and with this little Johns. Now you have first, second, and third John at the end of the New Testament, there was a little John, but big John is the Gospel of John. So, don't confuse the two. Big John, he gives us the big dipper of joy and so, big John talks about joy in Chapter 15. He talks about joy in Chapter 16, he talks about joy in Chapter 17.

C. Elijah Bronner: So, big John, he begins a nice dissertation on joy, but then in the little John I found in second John, now remember first John, who just said, "You can have fellowship with the Father and His Son so, your joy would be full." So, he talks about joy there and then in second John, I found out that he gave three instructions in second John, that's three instructions.

Everybody say, three instructions. He gave three instructions in second John. The Bible for some reason, it loves to give instruction in threes. I don't know if it is easier to retain the information, easier to memorize it, or easier to identify with it or associate with it, or remember it, but for some reason the Bible loves to put things in sets of three. It's the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. That's a set of three. So, the Bible often it gives us things in terms of the threes.

First Thessalonian talks about being prayerful, being joyful, being grateful. He put it in three, He gives us three things to do and first, be prayerful. Everybody say, "Be prayerful, be joyful, be grateful."

But then here in found in Second John, he talks about three things, He gives us three instructions. He says, "Walk in love." He said, "Walk in The Word" and he says, "Be full of joy." Three instructions, I love that. So, God give us three so that's not much to remember. Everybody can remember three, certainly, they must say, "Even you can remember three."

And so, Second John it simply says, "Walk in love, walk in The Word and be full of joy, walk in love, walk in The Word and be full of joy. I love those three things that Second John talks about. So, first John said, "He fills us with joy" and then, Second John says, "Be full of joy, walk in The Word, walk in love and be full of joy, be full of joy." Say this again, with me again, "I have Jesus's Joy and my joy is full and overflowing." Praise God, praise God. Amen, Amen, Amen.

C. Elijah Bronner Now He said some things to us back in our text in John Chapter 15 Verse 11, He said, "These things I have said onto you that your joy would be full and I had written down a list of things

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that I shared with the last time. I don't know 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Now, I shared about nine things that He said to us that gave us reason for joy and that I shared that with you last time about nine things.

Well, as I was looking back at it this week, the Holy Spirit, He narrowed it down, to guess how many? To three, it's almost that He was saying, "That's too many, don't give nine. That's too many." He said, "I want to distill this thing down to three so, it would be easy to remember, and He said these are the three things that I calls for joy: Number one, you can live in Me and I in you, number two, I love you, you can abide in my love and number three, "I'll answer your prayer."

Those were the three things that He said to me very powerfully, very powerfully. He buried the stick because I had nine, when he said, "No." He said, "That's kind of convoluted." He said, "When you get down to the nitty-gritty of this, there are only three things, there are only three things, you can abide in Me, I love you and I'll answer your prayer. You abide in Me and I abide in you, I love you and I'll answer your prayer."

Man, how many of you can remember that? I love that. We get to abide in Him, we can abide in Him, He abides in us, He loves me, He loves me as much as He loves Jesus. The same love that He loved Jesus with abides only inside of me. I can live in that love, I can walk in that love, I can continue in that love, I remain in that love and then, He answers my prayers, He answers my prayers. He said, "Three things that I want to get out of this, this is why you can have joy because you can live in Me and I in you, you can live in Me and I in you, I love you like nobody's business and I will answer your prayers."

Man, if that doesn't give joy I don't know where we are. That will give you joy, that will give you joy. Man, He lives on the inside of me and I live on the inside of Him. He lives in me and I live in Him, He loves me, He loves me so much, He carries me in his

bosom the way our shepherd carries a lamb close to His Heart, that is in the Book of Isaiah. He loves you, He can carry you in his bosom the way our shepherd carries a lamb close to His Heart, that's the way God carries you. He carries you close to His Heart. He loves you, you're in Him, He's in you and He answers your prayer. Those are three things that he distilled down for me. So, I told you, for some reason He loves to work in three's, that the power of The Trinity, that is the power of The Trinity, that is the power of The Trinity.

C. Elijah Bronner: I am just thinking there are so many scriptures that deal with three. Now abide with faith, hope, and love. The greatest of this is love. So, there are so many scriptures that deal with three, with The Trinity. There is one scripture that talks about, gosh, it talks about The Word, it talks about The Spirit, it talks about the flesh, but it gives you three, it gives you three. There is one that talks about the fire, and the one that talks about the water, and the one talks about the clouds, but it gives you three, and some are just thinking that so many scriptures where God, He deals in sets of three. He deals in sets of three, He deals in sets of three. But those are some powerful things that He gives us for us to remember.

Flip open your Bible I will show you just a couple of more scriptures here, we're just having fun. Let's all say, we're just having fun, we're just having fun." Praise God. We're just having fun. Flip over to John 16 verse 24. John 16 verse 24. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name, ask and you shall receive that your joy maybe full." He is teaching us there again and remember He taught it in John 15, now He's teaching it in John 16, then also, He teaches it even in John 17. John 17 Verse 13, He teaches and He says, "And now I command to thee and these things I speak in the world that they might have My Joy fulfilled in themselves."

So, Jesus talked quite a bit about us having His Joy in us. He talked a lot about us having His Joy in us and this joy is powerful. Did you know joy is one third of God's kingdom, here it is again everybody say, He's talking about three things. Here it is again, Romans Chapter 14 says, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. There it is again. So, God always for some reason, He always teaches in sets of three. He always gives us a Trinity. The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink. They were arguing about whether or not

they should eat meat and some believed in eating in meat and some didn't.

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C. Elijah Bronner: And so, He said, "Look, don't let that separate you. The Kingdom of God didn't have a thing to do with Me, is Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost, that's what the kingdom of God is, His Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.

Now, here's another thing. I may have to stop right here, but the Holy Spirit inspires our joy. The Holy Spirit inspires our joy. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, let me give you the scripture. X Chapter 13, Verse 52, listen to this, it says, "The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost. The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit inspires our joy, He inspires our joy. The Word that is used where it says, "The disciples were filled." The tense of that verb actually is translated or denotes continuously filled. We are continuously filled with joy in the Holy Spirit. We have to be continuously filled with joy and the Holy Spirit because folks they'll use your joy up. When you deal with folks, folks will use your joy up. So, you have to be continuously filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. So, the Holy Spirit inspires our joy. He inspires our joy. Joy is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Joy is inspired by the Holy Spirit. So, we have to allow ourselves to be filled and refilled by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians Chapter 5, Verse 18, 19, 20 says, "And be not drunk with wine wherein it's excess, but be filled with the Spirit speaking to yourselves, in psalms. Here we are again, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs singing and making a melody. I want you to see that and now notice this, He is talking about being filled with the Spirit, but then, He starts talking about singing because joy is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now, asked when to say when the Holy Spirit comes on you, it will either make you sing and I started to start singing. But you know, what I thought about, I thought about the pastor that just went viral who says, "When the Holy Spirit comes on you, it's easy to jump over this." So, I decided not to go there, I decided not to go there. Oh, praise God.

Oh man, "But be not drunk with wine wherein its excess, but being filled is continuously feeling, be being filled with the Spirit speaking to yourselves in songs and hymn. Spiritual songs

singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord that sounds like joy to me, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord that sounds like joy to me, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving thanks always on to God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Praise God. May the Holy Spirit inspire our joy, the Holy Spirit inspires our joy, the Holy Spirit inspires our joy, the Holy Spirit inspires our joy.

C. Elijah Bronner: I'll tell you, whenever you're feeling in life or whenever you get to a place in life where you feel like your joy is waning a little bit, spend some time with the Holy Spirit because He will refill your joy, He only inspires joy, He only inspires your joy, spend some time in His Word, spend some time in prayer, spend some time in worship, spend some time meditating on Him, spend some time in His Presence and I guarantee you, He will inspire your joy because joy is in the Holy Ghost and He pours that joy into you. Praise God, praise God. Stand in your feet because I'm about to freeze right on overtime. Praise God. Halleluiah. Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory. Man, I'm enjoying a revival. I've just enjoyed a revival.

Ms. Angela, I'm waiting on you, just run through the church.

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I've been trying to release Ms. Angela for at least two to three years and just run through the church, let the Holy Ghost follow and let the joy of the Lord just follow and let her run through the church.

Let's pray. Father, we just thank you so much. We love you Lord. Thank you for Holy Ghost's joy. Thank You for filling us with Your Joy. Thank You Lord for joy and speak-able and full of glory. We thank you for being so good to us Lord. We love you and praise you, in Jesus' name we pray. Let every heart say, "Amen, Amen, Amen."

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