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Female: And now for 7819, "The Miracles of Jesus Part Four."

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brother of the Word, because brother you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online in brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live, welcome to today's service. Always a wonder joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us. I would like to share just a little humor. An old man had been a faithful Christian and he was in the hospital near death and the family called their pastor to stand with them and as the pastor stood next to the bed, the old man's condition appeared to deteriorate rapidly. And the motion frantically forced something to write on. The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and piece of paper and the man used every ounce of strength to scribble a note before he died. The pastor thought it'd be best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he had been wearing when the man died. And he said, "You know, he handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it but knowing him, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all." He opened the note and he turned pale as he read aloud the words "you're standing on my oxygen tube." Praise God. It's good to laugh. You know, it's so good to laugh. I was reading the statistic the other day they said that, "Stress constricts your blood flow but laughter increases your blood flow throughout your body by 22%." So, blood is flowing freely through you out now.

Praise God. I want to share you a scripture in the Gospel of John 2: 1-10, when you get there say, "Amen." "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples,

to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, they have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever he saith unto you to do, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

And I just want to use that as a subject. I'm in the middle of a series entitled, "The Miracles of Jesus," and this is part four. I'm just taking a little time to look back at some of the accounts of the miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ recorded throughout scriptures. Scriptures records, I believe it's about 37 miracles that's recorded in scripture that he did, of course, not everything is recorded that he did, because the Bible says that, "If everything was written down, the Books of the World wouldn't be able to contain everything that Jesus did." But the Holy Spirit just prompted me to study the miracles of Jesus. And so, I've been looking and select a few. We've studied one so far. So, this is the second one that I want to take a look at.

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But miracles are events that demonstrate God's power. Miracles are moments when heaven touch earth. And God loves doing miracles. And God, He gets a kick out of doing miracles because you know, God led the children of Israel. He led them to the red sea just so he can divide it. That was actually a shorter route for them to take, but the Bible says, "God didn't take them that way, He wanted them to go the other way. He wanted them to be boxed in. So, they were boxed in by a wilderness on the left and right, red sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind. They were boxed in, and God wanted to do that miracle. You know, God wanted to do miracles when he was trying to convince Pharaoh to let his people go. Do you know God

hardened Pharaoh's heart just so that he can show his power? God wanted to do some miracles. He wanted to show his powers.

So, it reminded me, every time Pharaoh got rid of them and let them go after the deprived miracle, God will harden his heart so he would change his mind, he wouldn't let them go. So, God would do another miracle. That reminded of back in the old days, I don't know if you all ever watched wrestling. Back when I was young, growing up, we watch wrestling. And I used to watch wrestlers and you know, they would have somebody beat early in the fight in the wrestling match. They would have them beat early, real early and they will have him pinned to the ground and three counts it's over. So, the referee would get one and he would get to two and then sudden wrestlers would pull their opponent up, because they didn't want them to be counted out just yet. They wanted to punish them some more.

And so that's how God did to Pharaoh. God wanted to show more of his power. So, just when Pharaoh was about to let them go, God said, "No, not yet. I got something else I want to show you. I want to do some more miracles." So, God gets a kick out of doing miracles. And He wants us to know that His power is still alive, that He is still a wonder working God. He is god who does wonders. He is a god who does wonder. God loves doing miracles.

I want you to know that there's something on the inside of you that is superior to circumstance, and it's called the "anointing." And I want you to know that there's some in the inside of you who is superior to circumstance and His name is Jesus. He is a God who would does miracles, He works wonders. In our midst, greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. There's miracle working power on the inside of you right now. Turn in them and just say that, "There is miracle working power on the inside of you right now."

If you look at our account here in John 2, notice it opens in the very first verse and it says, "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana." So, what the writer was doing, they were actually writing down each day in the life of Jesus. They were actually at this point, they were recording each day because there was no day that went by whether it was not something extraordinary done or something extraordinary said. Everyday

Jesus either said something extraordinary or he did something extraordinary. Actually, chronologizing it, every day they had to write it down. Every day, because Jesus made every day a masterpiece. Every day was a masterpiece on the life of Jesus. Every day, He said something extraordinary or He did something extraordinary. I like something that Benjamin Franklin would say every morning when he will wake up, he will say, "What good shall I do today?" What good shall I do today? You should make every day a masterpiece. Every day you should try to do or say something that's extraordinary. Why don't you live each day as if it's your last? What if you were to die tomorrow, how would you have lived today? Make today special, say something special, do something special, that's the way Jesus lived his life. He lived his life in an extraordinary way for every day was a day of miracles, every day was an opportunity to do something grand and great. He made every day special. Every day is a gift to be treasured. A gift to be enjoyed cease this day today.

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I like something that someone said, they said, "Every day is a wonderful opportunity to be what you've dreamed to do, what you've imagined." Today, you stand at a milestone in your life. Behind you are all the struggles and challenges you've conquered along the way. Before you, lies a new horizon filled with thrilling possibilities. Today, you choose the direction of your life. Today, make every day special. Make every day extraordinary.

This is the day where I can love today. This is the day where I can be happy today. This is the day where I can work today. In fact, I'm working right now. Make every day special, appreciate each day, seize the day, celebrate each day, live each day with meaning, purpose and passion. Live each day with meaning, purpose and passion. Many will live again some of their most exciting times to be alive and if you're not bounding out of bed in the morning, then that means you don't have any passion., you don't have any meaning, you don't have any purpose and you need to revisit yourself.

It's an exciting time to be alive. There are thrilling possibilities in front of you. There's a world waiting to be conquered by you. There's a world waiting to be blessed by you. There's a miracle

worker at the inside of you. He is there for a reason, for you to be a blessing every day.

And so, the writer here just recording every day what Jesus did because every day was a miracle, every day He did or said something extraordinary. You make each day special, make each day wonderful. Now, notice here in Chapter 2 where we are. This is a wedding and it's probably a relative's wedding because Mary was there, the mother of Jesus. She was already there. The Bible doesn't say that she was invited. Mary was there. That was probably a relative's wedding. Probably a cousin or niece or something like that. And so, Mary was already there. She probably wasn't the director, but she could have been assisting, could have been a hostess, you know, just helping out. You know how women do.

So, Mary was the helper there, but Jesus was invited. Jesus was invited. This tells us that it is important to invite Jesus into our lives, to invite Jesus into the affairs of our lives. His presence makes all the difference. And so, we have to invite Him. We invite Him by prayer. We invite Him by asking Him. We invite Him by acknowledging him. We invite Him by worshipping Him. We invite Him by seeking Him.

So, you have to invite Jesus into your life and into the affairs of your life. And so, Jesus was invited. Wedding speaks of joy. Wedding speaks of celebration. Wedding speaks of love. And I love weddings. Personally, I love weddings. I like weddings because they are quick and then you get to go eat. I love weddings. Weddings is so much fun. They are so much fun. Man, I can't wait to get to the reception. I love weddings. Especially when they have chicken wings and meatballs and little fruit, little cheese, little roll. I love weddings. I love weddings. They are so much fun, so much fun. And then you top all that off with some cake. Weddings are fun. Weddings are fun. Weddings are fun. What is this let us know? It let us know that Jesus, in His presence there, was not only there to honor the institution of marriage. He was not only there to honor it, He was there to celebrate. He was there to have fun. He was there to be happy and to enjoy the celebration.

So, Jesus, He was there to let us know, to live, to laugh, to love and to love some more. Someone said that the most wasted day is that on which one has not laughed. I think Jesus was there at

the wedding to let us know it's okay to enjoy life. He wants you to enjoy life. The Bible says in John 10:10, "I have come that you might have." When translated, it says, "Have and enjoy life in abundance to the full until it overflows." I came so you can enjoy life, I came so you can have life as I have it and enjoy it. And so, Jesus was at this wedding to enjoy life and to communicate to us that is okay to enjoy life.

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Dan Benson said, "It's not a successful climb unless you enjoy the journey." Unless you enjoy the journey, have a little joy, enjoy the journey of life. A really happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery even when on a detour. You learn to enjoy life to slowdown and enjoy life. And so, Jesus was social, He was happy and He have fun. And that's what He communicates because everybody is happy at a wedding. I love weddings.

I have a couple of nieces getting married soon and one of my nieces, she has been coming over to the house. She's my wife's sister's daughter and she is getting married in a couple of months. So, she's been coming over to the house every weekend. And she just comes over. She's so excited. She said, "I just want to give you all update on the wedding". I said, "Okay, give me an update. Give me an update. What's going on?"

She said, "Well, we're going to go find my dress and we're going to pick up the dresses for the bridesmaids." And then she said, "Hopefully, your son, he can be our usher, so I going to get him in our tags." And she is going through all of this. She is so excited. But every week, she comes over in something new, in something exciting. She said, "I'm so happy. Weddings are so exciting." Weddings are fun. Weddings are fun.

So, God is saying by His promise, He honors a wedding, but He also say, "Have some fun in life, enjoy life." Enjoy life because Jesus was social. He was happy and He was fun. Say that with me, "Jesus was social. He was happy and He was fun."

Audience: Jesus was social. He was happy and He was fun.

C. Elijah Bronner: He was fun. Jesus was fun. Praise God. Now, weddings also speak of love. They speak of passion. Weddings speaks of covenant love. Weddings speaks of celebration of love. No

wonder Jesus shows up because we, at a wedding, often times, you think about your own relationship when you're at a wedding.

If you're married already at a wedding, hopefully, watching the blossoming couple and the joy and the love and the renewing of the vows, hopefully that has sparked something in you that it renews the love for your spouse by witnessing this fresh love. Hopefully, that sparks something in you and if you're single at a wedding, you're playing with the thoughts and maybe one day, I'll get married. Maybe one day, I'll have this love and I'll have this joy.

And so, we often thinking of our own relationships when we're at a wedding. And so, no wonder Jesus came to the wedding because we're married to Him. He loves us so intimately. He loves us so deeply. He loves us so strongly. God is always referred to us as the bride. The church is the bride of Christ. No wonder he was at a wedding because he is thinking about his own relationship with us.

He loves us. The whole Book of the Song of Solomon is just a picture of how Christ loves us. He loves us throughout the Old Testament. God often would reveal Himself to the prophecies as a lonely husband longing for the return of His wife. God always use Himself in marital relationship with us. In fact, one time in history in the Old Testament, God was considered owner. We were considered servants.

And in the Old Testament, in the Hebrews, some of the Hebrew words, the language shifted from owner and servant to husband and wife, to a marital love. So, God is saying, "You no longer just a servant to Me, you're My love. You're the one I love. You're the one I won't leave without. You're the one I love more than anything else." Even Paul said, "Husbands, love your wife the way Christ loved the church." And gave Himself for it. We're the love of His life.

Paul talks about how strong God loves us. He says, "You love us so intimately and so intense and so strong and so passionate. This love commended came thought us while we were sinners, He loved us." While we were sinners, His love was so strong, He came and grabbed us. He said, "You love me so strong, You made us alive with Christ." You raise us up with Christ.

And now, we're seated in heavenly praises with Christ Jesus so that you can show us exceeding riches of Your grace and Your kindness towards us through Christ Jesus for all eternity to come. He loves you and maybe Jesus is thinking about why He is at the wedding, maybe He's thinking about one day there's going to be a "Married supper of the Lamb.

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The Bible talks about this in the Book of Revelation that one day, when we all get to heaven, there's going to be great wedding feast and it's called "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb." This is why Jesus is enjoying Himself at the wedding. He loves this so much. His eyeing His own relationship with us at the wedding. Praise God, the greatest miracle is Jesus. The greatest miracle is Jesus Himself. It's not the turning of water into wine. The greatest miracle is Jesus Himself. He is a miracle. His mother knew He was a miracle. And that's why when they ran out of wine, she looked that miracle in order to get a miracle. He is a miracle.

This is the first recorded public miracle He ever did. He did it a love for us to say that I love you all more than anything else and you're in covenant relationship with Me. I'm married to you forever. God told Hosea he said, "I'm married forever to the backslider, so nothing you can do to do drive me away. I'm married to you forever." God loves us with his covenant, marital love and that's why Jesus is at this wedding. And notice that when they ran out of wine, Verse 3 says, "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Gim, they have no wine." Man's need is God's opportunity. In order to receive a biblical miracle, it has to be three criteria met. Number one, you have to have a need. Everybody say, "Need."

Audience: Need.

C. Elijah Bronner: Number two, you got to be willing to participate. Everybody say, "Participate."

Audience: Participate.

C. Elijah Bronner: And number three, it requires faith and obedience. Everybody say, "Faith and obedience."

Audience: Faith and obedience.

C. Elijah Bronner: Those are the three criteria that I have gleaned from how to receive a biblical miracle. You got to have a need, you got to be willing to participate, and then you got to have faith and obedience. And so, notice that in Verse 3 that the mother of Jesus, she comes to Him. Now this is interesting, here's the message, the scripture teaches us when the mother of Jesus comes to Him, she's not coming on her own behalf, she's coming for somebody else. It's not her wedding. She is not getting married. She's coming in behalf of somebody else. We ought to be concern for the needs of others. This is the principle that is thought here. We ought to be concerned for the needs of others. Repeat after me. Say this with me, "I am unselfish."

Audience: I am unselfish.

C. Elijah Bronner: And I seek the help and assist others.

Audience: And I seek the help and assist others.

C. Elijah Bronner: I am interested in helping others win.

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C. Elijah Bronner: I am gracious with people.

Audience: I am gracious with people.

C. Elijah Bronner: And I uplift others.

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C. Elijah Bronner: That's straight out of the scriptures. I pulled that from Romans and I also pulled that from Philippians. This is the harder what Mary was doing. She was coming on behalf of somebody else. She was in receding for somebody else. This wasn't her wedding. She wasn't getting married. She was getting a miracle for somebody else. And that's why I say a declaration every day you should say that remind yourself. Say it again, "I am unselfish."

Audience: I am unselfish.

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C. Elijah Bronner: Jesus demonstrate it in this miracle. His willingness to help others. He showed us authority and He was in personal touch with people. Jesus love people. He loves people. He loves us. Jesus loves us. And do we have to love people? Do you realize that not only was Jesus there but His disciples were at the wedding as well? They were there because He was there. The invitation, this let us know Jesus said in the Gospel of John, He says when He was leaving earth, He said, "I'm going to prepare a place; therefore, I am, you will be also." His disciples were at the wedding also with him. There was a picture of us being with him also he wants us with him. They were with him and to love Christ is to love people because they couldn't invite Jesus without inviting his disciples. When you love the people of Christ, you are loving Christ. When you love people, you are loving Jesus that's why the disciples were at the wedding. Praise God. Aren't you happy to be at the wedding? Glory to God. You're at the wedding. He loves us so much. Praise God.

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I am running out of time. I have to end this. Glory, glory, glory. Hallelujah. Glory, glory, glory. I'm just turning and flip someone on the inside because actually where I could go with this but I believe I've shared enough and I'll pick it. I'm in the middle of the whole series. I'm going to be teaching this so, you all going to just come out on the Thursday and get the rest of this. I'm sorry. I'm sorry that just shed it out but I'm just taking my time and the Holy Spirit, he woke me up one

morning. The moment my eyes opened, I heard the words, the miracles of Jesus. And I knew at that moment He wanted me to start looking at Him. There are some things He wants to say to us. There are some principles there. It's not just the miracle itself. There's a lot of principles that He reveals in the miracles and His wonder workings and dealing with us. And so, I started looking at the Psalm. So, I'm in the middle of the series and the miracles of Jesus, say you have to come out on Thursday night if you want to get the rest of this. I may have to shut it down for the day. Praise God. God is good. God is good. He loves you. And if you don't get anything else from what I've said, I just want you to know this marriage is all about His relationship with you.

Audience: Amen.

C. Elijah Bronner: His marriage is all about His relationship with you. The intimacy, the love, the affection of a newly married couple at the wedding is a symbolism of the intimacy, and the love, and the excitement, and the joy that He wants in relationship with you that we have with him. He is our first love. He is our first love that was what Jesus got on with one of the churches in the Book of Revelations. He says, "You've lost your first love. I am your first love." I can remember when I was dating my wife. I would just spend hours on the phone just hanging on the phone not saying a word. Just wanted to be on the phone with but neither one of us said a word but we would just spend hours just hanging on the phone. That's your first love. When is the last time you just spend hours hanging out with Jesus not saying a word? Just hanging out because you want to be there.

The Apostle John got a revelation of this. John would often just lay on his breast. In fact, whenever the other disciples wanted to know something they would go to John and ask John to ask Jesus because John was so close lying right on his blossom. And He wrote regarding himself that John is the disciple whom Jesus love. You won't find that anywhere but in the book of John. John wrote that about himself. I am the disciple whom Jesus love and out of all the disciples the only one who lived the long life is John. He didn't die a horrible death like the others. John was on the allopath just writing the Book of Revelations that lives to be an old man.

And I believe that has something to do because John was the one who was the adamant and he'd love Jesus. He would just lie on his breast to hear his heartbeat. Hear the Lord's heartbeat for your life. Hear the lord's heartbeat for your purpose. Hear the Lord's heartbeat for your meaning in this world. Without a close relationship with Jesus life makes no sense. It makes no sense. But with Jesus filled life that gives life meaning and purpose and joy and passion. The relationship with Jesus when you bound out of bed in the morning because you can't wait to spend time with him. That's a picture of this wedding. He is our first. Praise God. Give the Lord a hand for His word. Amen There's so much more in this account. I only work my way down about not even halfway but I'll be continuing. So, those of you whose watching this live I want you to go to [brothersoftheword.com](http://brothersoftheword.com). You can listen to this series and it's titled, "The Miracles of Jesus." Absolutely free of charge, you can also email it to a friend. Thank you so much for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother you need the word.

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