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Female: And now for Closer - Part 3 Abiding In The Word Part 3.

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 online at brothersoftheword.com or social media. Thank you for tuning in today. What a wonderful delight and joy just to have. I would like to share just a little humor. A husband and wife were in a busy shopping center and after a while, the wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and so, she called him on his cell and the wife said, "Where are you?" He said, "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace. I could not afford it at that time, and I said that one day, I would get it for you." Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up. "Yes, I do remember that shop", she replied. "Well, I'm in the sport's store next door to that", he replied.

We are talking in this series about Closer and we're talking about Abiding In The Word in this first part of the series, Abiding In The Word and then in the second part of the series, we are going to be talking about Abiding In Prayer because those are the two primary ways that you draw closer to the Lord. And so, we are still in the first part and this is actually part 3 and we are entitled Abiding In The Word. Abiding In The Word, Abiding In The Word, Abiding In The Word.

Jesus said in John 15, 7, "if you abide in Me and my words abide in you, you'll ask what you will and it will be done for you." Colossians 3, 16, "So let the word of Christ dwell in you richly". And we read, Joshua 1, 8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success". And we read some other scriptures, they will come back to later and so, we've been just

talking about how Jesus is the word and that God and His word are one. They are one. And so, you're spending time with the word, you'll spending time with the Lord Jesus himself.

How can a person say that God is not speaking and their Bible is closed? You can't say that because God speaks to us through His word. He speaks to us through His Word. And so, if we learn to abide in the written word, we will begin to actually hear clearer from the living word. So, you'll hear His voice first and then the written word and then that word will begin to speak to you, will begin to hear Him in the rainbow word, the living word. And so, this is how we begin to know His voice, this is how begin to know His character, this is how we begin to know His heart when you abide in the word. And then, when you're abiding in the word, I have found that when you're abiding in the word, His life flows out of you naturally.

It flows out of you naturally. You don't have to try to do certain things because it becomes a natural flow. You don't have to try to be grateful. You are grateful automatically when you are abiding in the word. You don't have to try to be joyful. You are joyful automatically when you are abiding in the word. You don't have to try to be generous., you're generous automatically when you are abiding in the word. You don't have to be loving or kind. You don't have to try. It actually happens automatically because that's His life. Jesus said at this way. Jesus said, "I've come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

One translation says, "In abundance to the full to let it overflows." And so, when you're abiding in the word, His life literally overflows out of us and it begins to flow to others. So, God has designed our vertical relationship.

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He blesses us in our vertical relationship with Him so that we can be a blessing in our hearts as our relationship with others. And so, it begins with our relationship with Him. And so, we are talking about Abiding In The Word and this natural flow. The overflow, the overflow. Everybody say, overflow. The overflow. I mean that word gets in to you richly like, Colossians 3, 16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly". When it says there richly, it will come out of you because whatever is on the inside of you that's what comes out of you. You know, they've taken the little

black box from planes that have crashed and you can find out what's on the inside of a pilot by listening to that black box because when they are about to crash, they'd let out some choice words when that plane is about to go down. And to see, whatever is in you that's what comes out of you in times of emergency. That's what comes out of you in times of pressure. That's what comes out of you in critical moments. It comes out of you because that's what on the inside of you. And so, you can find out what's on the inside of a person simply by listening tune.

That's why the Bible says that "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." It comes out. It flows out automatically. And so, that's why we want God's word dwelling in us in abundance so it would come out of our mouth automatically. And so, it will come out in our lives automatically. The supernatural overflow of God's life flowing out of our lives. It flows out automatically when you're abiding the word and let that word abide in you.

And then I really wanted to talk about establishing your heart in God's will. Let me read something. This is something that a writer said, this is an unknown writer. But he said this, he was talking about God's word. He said, "This book in the mind of God, it's the state of man, it's the way of salvation, it's the doom of sinners and that happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Its decisions are immutable. Read to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct your food, to support you, and comfort, to cheer you. It is a traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's character.

Here, a paradise is restored. Heaven open and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is his grand subject, our good is its design and the glory of God its end. It should feel the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is the mind of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to calvary, to the empty tune, to a resurrected life in Christ. Yes, to glory itself for eternity." I thought that was well written. Just kind of summarizing the value of God's word in our lives, the richness of God's word in our lives.

I like something that Adrian Roger said. He said, "if you have a Bible that is falling apart, you will have life that's not". And so,

it is so powerful that when we -- this is really what I wanted to talk about when we established our hearts, when we established our hearts with God's word. Established in the heart with God's word. Having our hearts deep in the word and having the word deep in our hearts. Having our hearts deep in the word and having the word deep in our hearts and you begin to establish your heart.

Let me share some verses with you. Flip over to Psalms 119, Psalms 119. Let me show some verses. I went on a low rabbit rail, kind of, I wanted to trail this concept of establishing your heart with God's word. Psalms 119, look at Verse 38. Psalms 119 Verse 38, noticed what it says there. It says, "Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear." So, "Establish or established thy word to thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear." Then look at verse 80, drop down to Verse 80. Verse 80 says, "Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed". So, in here, you can see the cross reference here of having a life or heart that was established in God's word.

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And I want to show you another one. Psalms 1, 12, flip over to Psalms 1, 12 and we'll see here a heart that's establishing God's word and we'll see the result of that. A life that's establishing God's word and we see the results. Psalm 1, 12, let's read Verse 1, Psalms 1, 12. It says, "Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments". So, notice that. So, here's somebody that's delighting greatly in God's word, delighting greatly in God's word. Now, drop down, I want to see you the end result of that man. Drop down to verse 7 and 8 to Psalms 112 Verse 7 and 8. Here's something that happens. Look at Verse 7. It says, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord". Now 'fixed' means to stand firm. It means to be established, means to be sure, means to be certain, means to be ready, means to be prepared.

So, here's a heart and what it's saying here is if you prepare your heart in advance when tragedies happen, when bad news happen, it doesn't faze you because your heart is already established. Your heart is already fixed. Your mind is already made up. Your decision is already been made. You're already confident, you're already secured, you already know the truth. And so, when

trouble comes, it doesn't faze us, because we are already established. You can just tell the devil, you're too late. My mind is already made up on that issue. You can't faze me, I'm not fazed I'm not moved by what I see. I'm not moved by what I hear. I'm on a move by what I believe. So, my heart is already established in God's words. So, notice that. So, that's a man who delights greatly in God's word. He won't be afraid of evil tidings. And so, when you get a bad doctor's report or you get some bad news, they're passing out pink slips at work, you are already established, you already established.

You already know that even if you get a pink slip, God already has another job for you. You already established in that. You're established, so He's going to take care of you. He's your shepherd and you do not want --. You're already established. Now, He supports all your needs according to his riches and glory by Christ. Your heart is already established and so when evil tidings come, you're not moved. Your heart is fixed. Like, I said that refers to being prepared in advance. You've already prepared your heart in advance so when trouble comes, you can laugh at it. You can laugh at affliction, laugh. You learn to laugh at it. Your heart is fixed and you've already decided beforehand. It's already been predetermined and it's fixed. Anybody ever heard of a sports game fixed? That means they've decided which way it's going to go. It's a fixed game, you know, it's already decided the head off. who's going to win.

And so your heart is fixed. You've already decided ahead of. Your heart is established in God's eternal word. His truth and His principles, you've already established your life on that. And so, Jesus put it this way. Jesus talked about this very thing. He says, the man who'll have my word and do it, he said he'll be like a man that builds his house on a rock. So, when the storms come, the winds, and the rains, and the floods, so when all that stuff comes, this house will stand. Because it's established, it's established on God's word. And so, that's exactly what it's saying. We're seeing the same future here in Psalms 1, 12, a man that's delighting in the word when fear comes, a man, his heart is fixed. Fear is too late, it's already fixed.

A lot of people wait until calamity happens and then they go and try to do something. That's fine, that's good you know. God is a very present help in time of trouble but it's better to already have your heart established. It's better to already be prepared ahead

of time. So, you don't want to hear somebody breaking into your house and then you think about, I wonder if I can get an alarm put in right quick. You almost waited too late. Now is not the time to prepare yourself. You know, you hear the glass break, and you think. I wonder if I can get a glass break detective put in. No, you waited too late. And so, that's the way it is. You want to already have your heart established. So, when evil tidings come, you're already predetermined, you're already set, you're already fixed. So, fix means to stand firm. Everybody says, "stand firm."

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Stand firm, be established, to be sure, to be certain, to be ready, to be prepared. Praise God, your hearts already fixed. Heart's already fixed, your heart is already fixed. I love that. Then look at verse 8, look at the very next verse. Verse 8 says, "His heart is established". That's exactly what we've been talking about, thank you David for helping us here. That's exactly what we're talking about. Notice what it says in Verse 8, he's helping me preach. His heart is established. That's why he's not afraid when evil tidings come. His heart is established; "he shall not be afraid". Notice that, you won't be afraid and so, that's one great benefit of having your heart established in God's word. There's no fear. It removes the fear because you already prepared. Your heart is already full of God's word. You already settled on the truth and so, there's no fear. Gets rid of the fear, it gets rid of the fear. Your heart is established. When you've spent years and years and years of establishing your heart and I told you the last time, I want to give you about seven or eight areas to establish your heart and then great areas of establish your heart in. But when you've spent establishing your heart, and then when something happens, there's no big deal. Your heart is already fixed. My heart is already fixed.

But notice it says in Verse 8, "His heart is established, he shall not be afraid". Establish means firm, firm, and fearless. Everybody says, firm and fearless. When something is established, it's firm. It's not shaky, it's firm. When it's established, it's grounded. It's rooted. It's firm, it's solid, it's stable, it's secure. I read one translation and it said, "Anchor your heart in God's promise. Drop your anchor to Him". That's what an anchor does. I was watching a crazy little movie the other night. It was a movie, I don't even know why I was watching it.

But it was a movie about these sharks and the movie was called 'Ice Sharks' but it was about these sharks and they were attacking people out of the ice. So, it was some type of mutated genes, species of shark and they were living in these frigid waters and they were able to jump through the ice and attack people.

So, people would be out snowboarding or riding the little electric snow machines and these sharks would just come out nowhere. But anyway, there was a science lab located -- they were doing some research in the area when these sharks were attacking. The sharks they had actually drilled a circle around the lab so they were literally cutting the ice so that that the lab would be floating out to sea. One of the scientist, he said "quickly, drop the anchor so we don't end up floating out in the sea." So, that's what the anchor does. The anchor holds you in place. It secures you, it steadies you. I love that translation that says, "anchor your heart, drop your anchor in God's promises."

Man, you need something to hold on, you need something to keep you from swimming and moving and drifting off. You need something that'll keep you from getting lost, something that'll keep you from being hopeless and full of doubt, and full of fear. You need to drop your anchor into God's promises. Anchor your heart in God's promises, so you throw your anchor there, that's why it's firm. It's fixed, it's established in God's word. Hope you all enjoyed my little movie. John Osteen said this, this is not Joel Osteen, this is John Osteen, Joel's father. John Osteen said, "Put God's word in you when you don't need it and it'll be there when you do need it." Put the word in you when you don't need it, then when you do need it, it's already there. Your heart is fixed, established, firm, settle, trusting in the Lord. Your heart is already established.

Your heart is established. If you be faithful to the Word, the Word will definitely be faithful to you. So, you have to be faithful to give yourself to the Word. You give yourself to the Word, and the Word will be faithful to you. Let's look at some other ones. Here's a couple more scriptures I wanted to share. Listen to this, you don't have to turn them. Deuteronomy Chapter 6 Verse 6 through 9. I want you to hear how God wanted His people to be established in His Word. Listen to this. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. Where? Listen to this, Verse 7. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house,

and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates”.

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Notice how God wanted them to engage in a writ with the word throughout their everyday lives. He wanted it to be -- when they got up they talked about it, when they lay down they about it, when they went talked about it, as if they walk talked about it, he wanted to put up so they can see it, he wanted them to put it on their hand. One commentary said, it would almost be like putting a wedding ring. God's wants to honor you. He wants to honor you with his words. So, it's almost like putting in all your hand as you would put on a wedding ring to be honored in marriage. He wanted to honor you by putting it on your hand, honor you with his word, he'll honor his word in your life the way that you would honor a person as you put a wedding ring on their finger. So, put it on your hand.

So, notice the value that God placed on His word and he wanted his people to really have their heart to establish. To establish a heart, He gives us the keys and that you know you got to talk about it, you got to see it, you got to see it when you get up, when you lay down, when you're walking, when you're driving, you have incorporate it, infuse it in to your daily life for God's word is coming into your heart because if you can see it, you can hear it, you can say it, you think about it, you can meditate on it, if you can read it, if you can write it, if you can study it. You know, all of these different ways, all of those ways eventually lead to heart, it leads to the heart and it gets down into the heart.

One of the ways you notice in your heart is when it gets in your heart in abundance, have you ever been walking around and all of a sudden, a song comes up on the inside of you, you just hum while thinking about the song. If you can hear words and you're humming that song as you're walking around. Well, that's what God's word it will be similar to that, that word has start coming up and you will hear it on the inside. That word will start talking to you. And so, that's what happens when we get it in to us in abundance. Praise God. So, we see -- keeping it before your eyes, keeping it coming in your ears. So you have to hear it, you have

to see it, you have to say it, you have to read it, you have to hear it, you have to do it eventually. God wants us to do it and that's why he wants us to be so bombarded with it so we do it. It becomes the automatic doing because this was in our heart. So, what's in the heart comes out in our lives and so, we do it, we do it, we do it. So, we just keep going over it, and over it, and over it, and over it until it becomes a part of you so you can do it. That's the end result of doing it. The end result is doing it. Praise God, praise God.

Let me give you this. I'm going to stop right here but I want to at least mention these areas to establish your heart in God's love, you establish your heart in God's love for you and your love for others. That's a great area to establish your heart. When you wake up in the morning or when you first begin in prayer, you want to say, "Father, I love you with all my heart, soul, mind, strength, I love my neighbor as myself." You have to have your heart established in that because that's foundation, that is the whole gospel. You love God, you love your neighbor. So your heart should be established in how much God loves you and then the same love that he loved Jesus with or let me put it like this first. That's really number two. God loves you as much as he loves Jesus, he loves you as much as he loves Jesus. How do we know that? Because he sent Jesus to die for you. He gave up Jesus to gain you. He already had Jesus. He gave Jesus up in order to get you. He loves you just as much as he loves Jesus.

So, you establish your heart in that and then the same love that he loved Jesus abides on inside of you. That same love abides on the inside of you. The you say, "Father, I'll continue in that love, I'll abide in that love, I'll remain in that love, I'll stay in that love, I'll live in that love, I'll dwell in that love. That same love and then when you establish your heart there that father, I'll keep your word and I'll love one another as you love me.

The Bible says that Jesus and the father will come to make their abode in you, they'll live in you, they'll live in you. When you establish a heart on God's love for you and how that love spills over to others. Let me give the other quick areas, really quick and I may go into each one of them next time. Number two, you should establish your heart in healing, establish your heart in healing because there will come a time where either you or somebody you know would need healing, you need prayer for healing, you need faith for healing. So, you establish your heart in healing.

I had a woman one time, she was in the hospital, she had major surgery. They had just cut her wide open and what she said to me, she said, "Pastor, I was trying to remember what you thought about healing." She said, "I wasn't listening when you were teaching that", but she said. "When they brought that saw to cut open, I was trying to remember." So, you don't wait, you don't wait tell you need it. Your heart has to be fixed before you need it. So, you want to establish your heart ahead of time in healing because most likely either you or somebody you know will eventually need it. And so, you have your heart already established. That's the area you want to have your heart establish in.

Third area you want to have your heart establish in is protection and you can establish your heart in protection in one chapter, Psalms 91. One chapter will do the job, one chapter will do the job. Psalms 91, that will establish your heart where God's protection is concern.

The fourth area you want to establish your heart it is in who you are in Christ Jesus, who you are in Christ Jesus. You need to have your heart established in that area.

And the fifth area, you want to establish your heart in God's goodness. God has covenant of goodness with you. You need to know about it, you need to establish your heart in God's goodness. Which one is that?

The sixth area, you should have your heart establish and as for your family. God's covenant is not only to you is to you and your household. You need to have your heart already establish for your spouse, for your children, your heart needs to be established that nobody in your house is going to hell. That needs to be established in your heart. So, you should establish your heart for your family.

Then the next area is your provision. You should have your heart established in your provision. God's already provided everything pertaining to life and godliness. But anyway, those are the seven or eight areas. How many did I name? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay. One, two, three, can anybody count? I'm out of time, so study when you're free. Here we go. Praise God. Give the Lord hand for His word. Amen, amen.

Amen. Amen. Let's pray. Father we just love you so much, we honor you. We thank you for your word Lord. Thank you for teaching us your word. Thank you for allowing us to access your word and to abide in it, to live in it, to put it in our hearts Lord, put it in our mouths, in our mind and let us saturate our lives so that we can do it. We just love you and we thank you for this wonderful covenant, promises you've to us and all of life, Lord. And we just thank you so much for the richness of your word and allowing us to get it in our hearts and live it in our lives. In Jesus name we pray that every heart say, Amen. Amen.

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