

# Closer Part 4 - Abiding in the Word Part 4

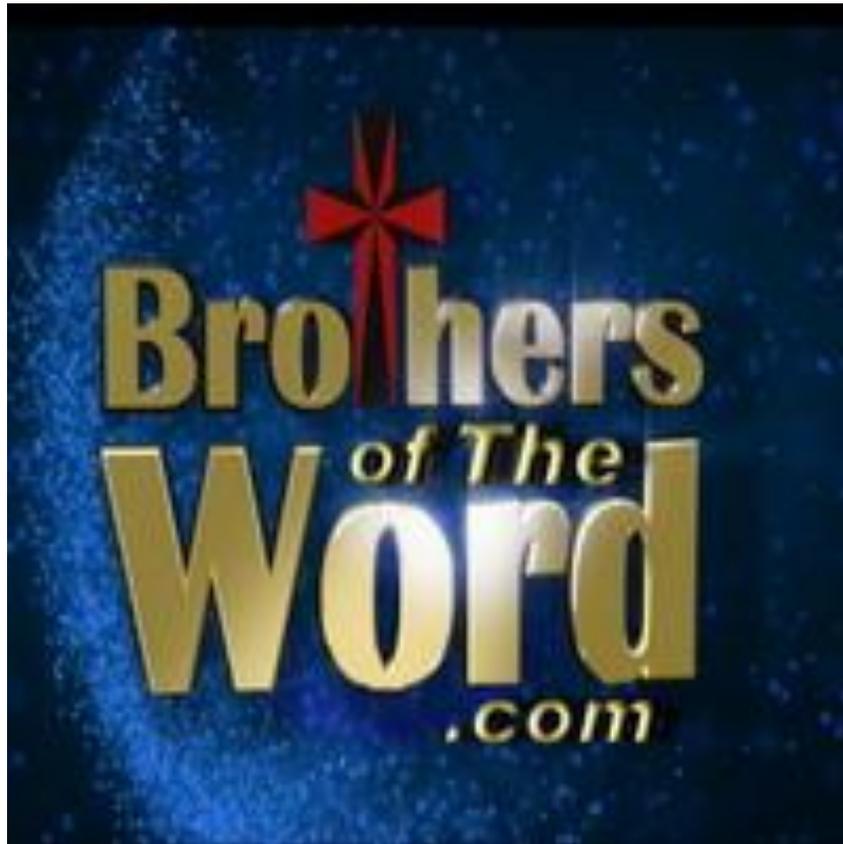
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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of The Word because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or social media. Welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful, delight and joy to have you to join us.

We'd like to share just a little humor. One day, three men were trekking through a jungle when they came across a violent, raging river. They had no idea how to cross, so the first man decided to pray. He said, "Please, God, give me the strength to cross this river." Immediately he grew enormous muscles in his arms and legs and he managed to swim across the river in a couple of hours, nearly drowning twice. The second man saw this and he prayed, "Please, God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." A boat appeared from nowhere, and he battled across the river in an hour, nearly capsizing twice. The third man saw this and prayed, "Please, God, give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross this river." Immediately he turned into a woman. She looked at the map, walked upstream a hundred yards, and crossed over the bridge to the other side.

I like to do something for the women every once in a while. Every once in a while, I like to let the women come out on top.

Well, we're sharing Part 4 in a series entitled, Abiding in the Word. Abiding in the Word. And we've been using as a reference, some reference, scriptures 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 unto you." Notice that the promise is abiding in us already waiting to be turned into prayers. So, when you have God's word abiding in you, that word is there and is useful for prayer. So, it's already there to be engaged in prayer. Prayer is most powerful when it is undergirded by God's word, when you're praying the

word. So, if you will abide in Him and His word abide in us, we can ask what we will and it will be done for us.

Then in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. So, we pour out hearts into the word, and allow the word to take deep root in us, and it dwells in us richly. When we dwell in the word, we're abiding in Christ Jesus Himself, is the Word.

And here's a particular scripture; we haven't covered this one yet, but I want to just share just this one, just briefly. But Romans 10:6-8, it actually makes Jesus and the word synonymous. And it says you no longer have to go to heaven looking for Jesus, neither do you have to go to the depth in the earth, thinking that you can bring Him up from the dead because we know He's risen, so He's not there anyway. So, you say you don't have to try to go to heaven and bring Him down. Jesus already came down. He already came and saved us. He already has been raised from the dead.

So, he said there, "you don't have to go to heaven looking for Him." You don't have to go in the depths of the earth looking for Him. So, the word is nigh, right at you. It's in your mouth, it's in your heart. If you will put it there, you can fellowship with Jesus at any time. He's always active because Jesus is the Word. The word is nigh. The Word is nigh. We learn to weave God's word into our daily activities. So, while you're getting dressed, play the word. While you're driving, play the word. While you're cooking, play the word. While you're cleaning, play the word. While you're exercising, play the word. You can craftily weave the word into your daily activities, when you're always conversing the word.

We read that last time in Deuteronomy, I believe it's Chapter 6 where it talks about -- talk about the word while you're walking in the way and then put it on your doorpost, and talk about it when you're laid down. And so, it's talking about weaving the word integrally into our daily activities,

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So, there's always the force of God's presence and the force of faith, and the force of the Spirit is always alive and active at you at any moment.

When the word is in you, abiding in you in abundance, you're always prepared, you're always prepared. You never have to go get ready because you're always ready. You're always on. You're always ready, and that's where God wants us to live and to dominate in this physical realm.

I read about a couple, they had an infant that had fallen and cracked his skull and critically injured his neck. And this couple had been in the word. They had been abiding in the word. And so, they went to the hospital, they weren't worried at all. They weren't worried because they had already put God's healing word in their heart. It was already there. So, they were already established in healing. Their heart was already fixed. They had already predetermined that the child was well. And sure enough, two hours later, the child was miraculously healed. Even the doctors noted that a miracle had taken place and the child was released from the hospital two hours later. That's because they were already prepared.

So, when you put the word in you, when emergencies come, you don't have to fear, you don't have to be worried, you don't have to be at your wits' end. So that's where the word becomes alive, and it becomes active. And the Holy Spirit will highlight, He'll highlight God's word. The Holy Spirit sits on top of the word, so when the word is dwelling in you in abundance, now He has something to bring up. He has something to bring up, to bring to your attention. He has something to say to you.

God's word is alive. It talks to you. It's active, it talks to you. You can read the same passage one day and it'll say something; you can read it another day, it'll say something else. That's because the word is alive. It's living. It's God. God is the word. The word is all-powerful, because God is all-powerful and God and His Word are one. Everything you see in this physical world was made by the Word. Everything you see was made by the Word. And everything in the material plane is changeable, but God's Word is unchangeable. And that's why you can take something that's unchangeable to change something that is changeable.

And so that's why God's word is a creative force, it's a powerful force, it's a living force. It's alive, it's active. And that's why He wants it in our hearts and in our mouths. I'm way ahead of myself, I haven't even cut my tablet on, so I'm just way ahead of myself. I'm just preaching out of my heart right now, but one of

the scriptures that I was intending to get to, it says, this is Proverbs Chapter 7, it says that, you should write the word on your heart. Write the word on your heart. Well, what do you write with? Well, I found that Psalms 45:1 says that, "Your tongue is the pen of a ready writer." And so, you can take your tongue and you begin to write the word on your heart. You can - - you start speaking the word, talking the word. Your tongue becomes a pen, you write it on your heart. You write it on your heart.

And so, God's word in our lives is powerful, and it's effective and it's fervent and it causes miracles and wonders to happen in our lives. Praise God, praise God. Man, I got excited right there. Praise God.

You know, now I'm not the first one to teach on the word. Jesus, of course, taught on the word. Jesus said, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. It's our life, it's what we live by. The word is to your spirit what food is to your body. If you don't eat, you get weak. And so, when you do eat, physically you gain strength. And that's what happens to you spiritually. When you receive God's word, your spirit man is strengthened. Your spirit man begins to -- faith is active. Faith is alive. Faith has muscle. Faith has muscle. So, you can give your faith some muscle. It's very similar to, you know, physically gaining muscle, you have to exercise and you have to put the time in. Well, the word is the same way. You want spiritual muscles, you got to put the time in, and you gain spiritual life through God's word.

So, Jesus said, you know, "We live by every word." You notice Jesus used the Word when the Devil came against Him? Jesus only used one thing. He said, it is written. Every time that Satan tempted Him, Jesus said, it is written. Jesus used the word, that was all that was coming out of Him, was the word. He just used the word. It is written. There's nothing Satan can do to defeat you when you stand on the word. You stand on the word, you stand on the word, because when you're standing on the word, you're standing on God. This word is eternal, it is unchanging and it is all-powerful.

I mean, God Himself backs that word, all of heaven, backs that word. It cannot be broken. That word comes to pass. Heaven and earth will pass away but not one shot until of His word will ever pass for. It's eternal and it's changeless and it's all powerful.

Now, when we're abiding in the word, three things happen. When we abide, that means to remain. Everybody say, "Remain." Now, when you abide in the word, that means to remain. So, when we remain -- when you're abiding in the word, next thing that happens, you receive something. Everybody say, "Receive." So, by remaining in the word, you receive something, you receive something, you receive the seed of the word. Jesus said, "The sower soweth the word." The word is seed. The seed is the word of God. It's supernatural seed. It's incorruptible seed. It produces abundant harvest.

So, we remain -- everybody say, "Remain." Then we receive, then we reproduce. Say, "Reproduce." So, when you remain in the word, you receive, you receive eternal life, you receive the power and the forces in that word, and then that word begins to reproduce in your life. And then, you can go and share the word with others.

And so, now, you're reproducing that word, you're sharing that word with others. There are people who are dying out there that need the word and so, now, you become a carrier of that word. You become a carrier of that word so throughout the day, you're just dropping the word. You're encouraging people. You're dropping faith. And so, you're carriers of that word. You're depositing that word all around you. Wherever you go, you put little droplets of the word and you use them.

So, now, you become a carrier. You're inspiring. And so, you are reproducing. So, when you remain in the word, you remain in Him and you receive from Him, then it reproduces something in your life. Say that with me again. "Remain, receive, and reproduce." That's what happens when we abide in him.

Now, we talked a little bit about establishing your heart on the word. We looked at -- I just want to share some scriptures that talk about the heart -- Proverbs 4. "My son, attended my words; inclined thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart." Keep them in

the midst of thine heart. So, notice that. So, we keep them in the heart.

In Proverbs 4, it goes on to say, of course, that His words life to health to all your flesh. In a sense, guard your heart because out of your heart are the issues in life. It means all the actions of life flow out of your heart. And so, you put the word in there because now, you reproduce what's on the inside of you. So, all of your actions become governed by the word. All your thoughts become governed by the word. All your words become governed by the word.

Then there's another in Proverbs 3:1-2, it says, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments." So, there it is again. So, it talks about establishing the word and your heart. "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments." I took another look at this scripture. Of course, I have known this scripture for years but I took a closer look at it. "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you." Length of days, long life, and peace shall they add unto you.

When I studied that, I really did end up study, and it said that it would actually cause you to grow to a nice, old age, the length in your days. And then, it said not just an old age because it said not old, old age is good. For some, old age is trouble because it's really no fun to be old and decrepit. What this is referring to is that you have old age and you'll be able to enjoy it. It will be old age that's worth living. It will be old age that's vibrant of life. That's what it's referring to. "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you."

So, God's word will give you long life but a long life that's well with you. A long life that's well with you. A long life where you're enjoying life. You are still enjoying yourself. A vibrant life. I had never paid that part any attention but when I dug into it this time, I saw that. It's a life worth living. It's a life that you'll enjoy. It's old age and vibrant health and vigor and vitality. An old age where you're having fun. I love that. "Forget not my law." He says, "Forget not my law."

And in order for you not to forget something, that means that you got to first know it. You can't forget anything that you don't know. So, it's basically saying, first, know the word, now, don't forget it. So, let's put time in, put the attention in. Acquaint yourself with it. Learn it, memorize it. Speak it. Say it. Believe it. Do it. Put it into practice. Let it govern your life. Praise God.

Also, I was looking at another word in that verse "But let thine heart keep thy commandments." The word "keep" in the Hebrew -- it's actually two words in the Hebrew. The Hebrew word "natsar" and the Hebrew words "shamar", but they mean to maintain. So, He says, "Let your heart keep my word." He's saying maintain, that your heart maintain it, hide it, obey it, protect it, observe it, to regard it, it attend to it. And you will see that word "keep" in quite a few verses in relations to God's word, that we have to keep His word. That's what it means, and the Hebrew means to maintain it. Let your heart maintain His word, hide it, obey it, protect it, observe it, regard it, attend to it.

I had a chance to ask a bible scholar. I asked a bible scholar a question. I said, "How do you study the bible? Because I just noticed that they were really good bible scholars. "How do you study the bible?" And they gave me these three points. He said, number one, they don't read a whole lot at one time. They only read basically one chapter a day. I said, "Interesting. Tell me more."

And number two, they said, they will read the chapter one time then they will re-read it a second time and this time, they will highlight. So, the second time they read the same chapter, they highlight. I said, "Tell me more." I was fascinated. And then, they said they read it a third time, but now the third time, they sit there quietly with a notebook to allow the chapter to speak to them.

Pastor Robert Morrison(ph), he said, "Don't merely read the word, but allow the word to read you." And so, I thought that was fascinating. They read the chapter straight through the first time. Second time, they read through and highlight. Third time, they read to receive. "What is it saying to me?"

So, we keep the word, we maintain it, hide it, we obey it, protect it, observe it, regard it, attend to it. Rick Warren said, he said,

“Would you rather have your worries or God’s word running through your head?” He said, “Confess your words and then fear your mind with God’s truth found in the bible.” Jesse Duplantis said, he said, “Choose God’s timeless truth over your temporary thoughts.” So, you let the Word of God prevail over any thought that’s contrary to his word. God’s word is timeless. It’s eternal. Our little stuff is temporary.

So, truth always prevails even over fact truth prevails over fact. Truth can change fact. So, God’s word is truth, it’s eternal, it’s timeless, and that’s what should prevail in your thinking.

Let me read this one. This is Proverbs 7:1-3. Notice what it says. It says, “My son, keep my words.” There is that word “keep” again. What did we say keep means? I gave it to you in the Hebrew. I gave it to you twice in the Hebrew.

Well, once again, keep means to maintain. It means to hide, means to obey, means to protect, observe, to regard, to attend. So, notice right here, “My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.” The word “lay up” means treasure. You take God’s word as a treasure and that’s why the bible uses it -- you find often the term “hide”, hid is the word or the word in my heart. The reason you’re hiding is because it’s a treasure. You don’t just normally leave treasure laying around because people will rip you off. People will rip you off.

You know, even at your home, you don’t just leave your silver and gold laying around. You don’t leave your fine china that’s really worth something, that’s been passed down, that has value. You don’t just leave that stuff lying around. You hide that stuff. Anybody know what I’m talking about? You hide that stuff. You hide that stuff. You don’t just leave treasure.

So, he’s taking God’s word as a treasure and that’s why he says “Hide it in your heart. Keep it safe, protect it, maintain it.” The devil is out to steal the word. Jesus said it Himself. Immediately when the source sells the word, the devil comes immediately to steal the word. So, you hide it. You hide the word in your heart. Hide the word, you keep it, you guard it.

“My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with me.” Verse 2, “Keep my commandments, and live;” Remember, Jesus

said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

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Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, and write them upon the tables of thine heart. Praise God. So, we lay up God's word, we treasure it, we keep it, we guard it, we maintain it so that we can do it. Praise God.

Let me give you the seven areas again that you can establish your heart in God's word. Number one is God's love. Number two is in healing. Number three is in protection. Number four is who you are in Christ. Number five is in God's goodness. Number six is concerning your family. Number seven is concerning provision. Those are seven powerful areas that you should establish your heart in God's word. Praise God, praise God, praise God.

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