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And now for 8243, Prepare.

James Bronner: Welcome to brothers of the word, because brother you need the word. And whether you're watching us on television or Facebook Live or live on the internet, stay tuned because I have a word from the Lord for you today that I really believe will bless your life and will help you really get to that next level that God wants to take you through, so you don't want to miss it. There have been numerous prophecies recently over this ministry and over the pastor's lives and about this season being a season of increase and change and going to another level and God is even ministering and confirming even in pastors' own spirit. But the anointing of the leader, it flows onto those that are under the leaders like Aaron, when the anointing oil was placed upon his head, it flowed down into his beard, onto his garments, and so it is with the anointing of leadership.

So, as God has spoken prophetic words over this season, I believe that your life will also go to another level. God has even instructed pastor to prepare the ministry and the structure of it to be able to handle many times what is presently in it. How many of you right now by show of hand that in your life, you are in the seizing of expectancy and waiting on God to deliver some things that he has spoken in your life and you are waiting on it to come through right now. Amen, just look around at the hands. Well many times God is ready to bless us, take us to another level but we're not prepared for the blessing and it holds out the blessing because we're not prepared, he's so eager to give it to us and to bless us.

Now I don't want anybody under the sound of my voice to be held up in this seizing and to miss their blessing. I want you to receive that everything that God has in store for you in this hour, so I speak to you today from a prophetic subject of just one

word that God placed into my spirit ringing over and over. A one-word title of prepare. Prepare. Prepare. Turn to your neighbor and tell them to prepared. Turn to the other side and tell them to prepare. And I feel like the prophets of old where God would have them out in the wilderness just crying out, prepare, prepare, prepare for coming of the Lord. And within the last 10 days, I've actually had the unpleasant experience of going to the dentist three times in the last 10 days.

For the first time I went, it was for a scheduled appointment to place of crown on my back tooth and everything went fine with it and they placed the crown on my tooth and gnaw my jaw and drilled down my tooth. Many of you have been through the procedure. You know it's not something you look forward to. So about a week later, I was eating and they told me to stay away from hard and chewy and crunchy things and I took that advice and didn't eat any of those things but I was just eating some grilled chicken and some regular bread and I felt the crown come up and I crunched down on it. I said, oh my goodness, and I tell you that was some good lunch too I was eating. I really hated it to go to waste. I was eating at a new place and they have some of the best food and I had just spit that out and just wrapped up my food. I said, I can't finish this and I had that open area in my mouth from the crown.

So the next morning, I went to the dentist first thing and they took me through another hour and a half procedure putting another crown on. The next day, I was eating lunch again and I knew to stay away from those things and again, the crown came up, came loose and it cracked. So on yesterday, I had to go in, I have limited hours at the dentist's office and I ate on Friday, I ate with brother Travis at dinner and even while we were eating I felt it, I just had an appetizer because I said, brother Travis, I can't chew much on it. I have to be careful with this crown. So, I just had some lettuce wrap, taken it really easy.

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And again, it cracked in the midst of a little thing and I had to go back yesterday and told them, can you squeeze me in? I said, this thing has come up a second time and I need a third crown, temporary before my permanent comes in and keep in mind I got to go back this week to get the permanent, all this were just replacement in this one temporary with three different visits.

So, I had a new guy that I hadn't seen him at the dentist, he's a new guy. He did an awesome job on it. I mean he did where it was more pain-free and he had a better fit. And I told him, I said this thing keeps coming up. You all need to put this thing in good this time. And he looked at my mold from the other times. He said, I see what's wrong. They did not take a good impression. They didn't get a good mold and a good model for your tooth. He said, I'm going to add some putty to it and make sure that I get a good mold and as he put the crown in, it fit totally different than the others and I told him, I said, "Young man, you've done a better job than anybody at this office." I said, "Even the dentist, even though you're an assistant, you've outdone them all and I praised him."

And the lesson I got from that, what he showed me that if you weren't prepared and mold it properly, that you'd get out of place. And I want you to imagine in your mind's eye right now, what imprint, would mold would it look like if you were operating in excellence in the destiny that God has over your life. What would your life look like? What would your daily schedule look like? A crown is a symbol that represents a position of authority. When you go into a kingdom, you can tell who's in leadership and who's in authority over that kingdom by just who's wearing the crown. And we're going to talk today about five areas that will prepare you for your breakthrough.

So when it comes time for your breakthrough to come through that when you're placed in that new position, in the new level, you won't be like those first two crowns that was placed upon my tooth that wasn't seated properly, and those crowns that when the pressure of food and of other teeth came down on them in that position, they loosened and weakened and cracked, came out of position.

But I want you to be prepared so when the pressures of that position and that new level and of life comes upon you, you will be firmly seated, you'll be firmly formed and able to handle it. And even when I went to the drugstore on Friday night on the way in with Brother Travis. I went to see if I could get some kind of glue or something because it was cracked and I said, I need something and I was trying to keep from swallowing it in and even affected my speech because I want to rather, like this, I can't even open my mouth because I didn't want it to fall out

and I recognized that when that crown was out of place, it even affected what came out of my mouth. When you properly prepare for your destiny, you'll even speak and talk differently. So that proper seating and forming will even affect the words that come out of your mouth. You'll speak with a different authority and there's a youth of development organization called 4-H. Many of you I'm sure have heard of it. They have millions of members and they have four Hs in their foundational teachings that prepare youth for life.

And since you're adults, I'm going to give you all five Hs today to help you prepare for the destiny that God has for you. The first of the five Hs is that of heart. Stands for heart. Matthew 12:34 says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." And it's a lot more impacting when you speak from your heart. But in order for your words to be right, speaking from your heart. Your heart has to be right and the fear of public speaking is the number one fear in America, but also heart disease is the number one killer in America. And maybe, just maybe some of the fear from public speaking is because our hearts have not been filled with the proper things and we're afraid of what might flow out of it that enough positive and it has not been put in there so that when it's time to speak the right things will flow out of it.

The Bible mentions the word heart some 884 times. It shows you the power and significance of the heart. It talks about the Lord look at upon and judges the heart. Talks about the pure in heart will see God. Talks about having a clean heart we all should strive for. First John says, God is love and, in our society today, what symbol do usually with emoji usually represents love? The heart, the heart, love flows out of the heart but I have news for you, so does evil. That's why God wants us to be so careful what's in our heart because it is the very center of our being and of our character. Heart disease is the number one killer in America, killing one out of four people. The most common form of heart disease is coronary artery disease which is caused by arteriosclerosis, which is the hardening and narrowing of the arteries.

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It occurs when fat cholesterol and other substances build up in the wall of the arteries. These deposits are called plaque. What

it basically boils down to in layman's term is that having junk in your heart that shouldn't be there ends up hardening your heart which ends up killing you. The Bible in many places warns against having a hardened heart which can lead to spiritual death. And I saw the same parallel in the natural, that if you have these things that harden your heart, junk in your arteries, the heart that it will cause physical death.

Here are some things that the Bible lists that are act as spiritual plaque on the heart. Pride, greed, lust, anger, unforgiveness, envy, selfishness, covetousness, deceitfulness, bitterness. These are some of the things that plaque our hearts today. The reason getting your heart cleaned out is so important is because money and position are magnifiers. So whatever is in your heart, it'll express itself in a larger matter when your breakthrough comes and money comes, and greater position comes. Whatever is in your heart at that time will be magnified with money and position.

If you have a problem with pride now, imagine if you start going to the store and people start recognizing, aren't you so and so? What do you think your pride will do then? If you have a problem with sexual sin now, imagine how much worse it will be when you get a million dollars in the bank and you're living in a big house and driving a fancy car. That's gotten a lot of our politician in trouble but I'm not going to get into that in this message. If you think you have a problem with greed now. How much more would it be when you get opportunities where three zeros are tacked on to the end of the amount? So that you don't get worse when we are blessed, we have to get our hearts right now.

And I ask you the question, to go to the level God has shown you. What in your heart would be a hindrance to the level of life? The second of the five Hs is head, head. Proverbs 18:16 says, a man's gift to make it (00:12:13) for him and bring him before great man. God gives you your gifting, but it is up to you to hone and perfect that gift. Second Timothy 2:15 says, study to show thyself approved unto God a workman needing not to be ashamed.

Study makes you a more skilled worker. All of my children who are good students in school and make great grades, they have better study habits at home. Their grades are reflected in their

study. So just like studying the bible helps you rightly divide the word of truth. Studying the craft of your calling allows you to achieve a level of excellence that will make you stand out. And when I was 12 years old, my mother took me to this prophetic revival and it was probably 1500 people in this big auditorium and out of this place I wasn't sitting with my parents. The prophet walked down the aisle, I never met him. He didn't know me and he asked me to stand up. I was 12 years old, and he began to speak a prophetic word over my life that changed my life forever. And I didn't know a lot about prophecy but it was something about his words that took root in my heart and it was a childlike faith that I just grabbed a hold of it. And I knew from that moment at 12 years old that I had to prepare for the mission that this man of God spoke over my life.

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And I came home and I began to read and I began to prepare myself. And I spent more money on personal development, books, and tapes all through middle school and high school, college than I did on my clothes and my shoes. We didn't have the internet back then but I would order books through the mail and I was spending my own money to get these materials and my mother will tell you today that if you go in my old room at her house, that you'll see bookshelves filled with books and cabinets filled up with development books.

You won't see fictional book, and it was because of the word of God that I grabbed onto at that age and began to prepare myself. And even now as I get new positions and new responsibilities, I see it all as a preparation for the destiny that God has spoken over my life. I understood that if God has spoken, I have to prepare for the calling that he has spoken over my life. Ask yourself, what skills do you need to grow in to get to your destiny. If you say I need to be a better speaker, then prepare by going and joining a toastmaster's club and working on speaking. You say I need to know how to manage large sums of money, well begin to budget the money that you do have in your hands. Begin to learn about investing. There are investments simulators that you can go online and do without money and you go in there and put a million dollars in your fictitious account and begin to operate the principles of investment and begin to get your returns up and become proficient.

Become overqualified where you are in life. Just like on a job, so if you began after training and get extra certifications that when time opens for a position above you. They will look for whoever is qualified. They'll say this person has been doing a phenomenal job. They've gone and got an overqualified at this job. There is an opening here. Let's elevate him. Do to the same in life. Become overqualified for where you are in life. If you're single and you want a spouse. Ask yourself what qualities what the type of person that I'm seeking be looking for in me. And one of them let's say, one of the qualities might be, they might be looking for somebody that can cook good. If that's one of the qualities, begin to work on you some outstanding dishes. Get you some five-star rated dishes and master them, and then when that person comes over and you fix them that dish, they're going to say this thing is too good for you to be single. I can't imagine how you're by yourself, cooking this kind of food. Just get prepared for that place that God is taking you. And God told us to even prepare some of our websites that if we got into the media with them, that millions of people could in a day and began to take down the server just because of the traffic there. So, I had to move them over to a scalable server that if the time came where it really hit big, I could scale up the hardware and it can handle the capacity.

You have to prepare for what God has spoken. If God did his part and brought the level in your life that was spoken over you, what part would you need to develop in to manage it in excellence? The Third of the five Hs is home, home. Prepare your marriage and your children to be able to handle another level of life. If you're not married but marriage is part of your destiny, the God can't take you to some levels until your joined with your other half. And before pastor could ever step into the ark as a minister, God told him that he first had to be married. There are some blessings that will take more than one generation for God to full deliver them. Abraham had the promise that God showed him clearly. But it took three generations to get that promise through into fruition with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

There are some things that God has placed in you that are for your children and your grandchildren to bring into fruition upon the earth. My father had a saying that there is no amount of public success that can compensate for failure at home. He

recognized that ministry starts at home and then spreads out from there. As parents, two of the best ways we can prepare our children for their destiny is number one, to help them discover their divine purpose upon this earth. What their put here to do by the creator. And number two, to help them develop proficiency and the skills necessary for that destiny. And I'm just as a practical example going to walk you through the practical real example of my first four children and how they are preparing for this destiny to really bring it down to earth and make it real to you, so can see with real lives.

So, my first child, they don't know I'm telling their business but I believe is ordained of God to help you. So, the first child is Joshua. He's 18 years old and just starting college. Years ago, he was trying to figure out what he was supposed to do in life and he was toying between two things. Architecture and being an internet security. And I talked with him and I recommended that he go into that computer security. I said, there's a lot of hacking gone on. They need people in this. This is a scarce field and you can make a lot of money and I said your daddy does computer so I can help you and I know it runs in your blood. One day, we were at a revival and the prophet had never met him and he stood him and he said, young man I see architecture all over you. And I see you going to school to study architecture. And I knew that was not an arbitrary processing. So, some months went by, another prophet came to him, a different one. He said, I see you in the field of architecture and he said that I see you taking your craft that you will be building buildings and doing these structures with it. God will use you to go to third world countries and work with ministries and design churches. And I came back to him later, I said, scratch everything I told you about that computer. I said, God has a greater call upon you that you got to follow even though we don't know any architects in the family. Even though it isn't in your blood, it's in your destiny.

God has designed you. I said, there is no accident you used to draw and sketch these things as a young man. God was stirring something in your destiny even as a child. I said, follow his path, so he's planning to graduate from Kennesaw University which has one of the best architecture programs. When I went to meet a classmate from Georgia Tech that he was an architect.

He called me, he said, I'm in town. I took him with me and I asked my classmate, I said, talk to my son as if you were 18, what would you have wanted to know from another architect and he began to give him wisdom. When we got ready to do an office building, we had to go over architectural plan and I took him and I let him hear all of the structure of the plans and I asked that architect to impart wisdom into him. To begin, this is the preparation, the real-life preparation. My second son, John who is 17. God has spoken business over his life. So, at our beauty shows where I'm the director, you'll see him shadowing me, holding my briefcase, wearing a suit. Beginning to walk in the path of business. Every year I've told him he'll work with a different manager to be able to experience and wisdom of the different department.

I'll bring home problems over the dinner table from work and say, how will you solve this problem then it begins to give him case study even as a teenager. He started several businesses even as a young man. He's investing his own money in stocks and mutual funds. So, he's beginning training even now as preparation for that.

The third son, Joseph who is 15. You heard him sing before I speak. He has a calling for ministry and I talk with him and said, what skills do you need from ministry? You first of all have to study and know God's words so he daily is in God word. You have a singing gift, so he began taking singing lessons and he leads praise and worship here monthly. He began working on his teaching gift as he teaches teens Sunday School. A few months ago, I got him to teach the teen night, so he has begun training and preparing for that destiny. So, when you say him in the 20s and 30s, it won't be something that is overnight. It's a preparation period. My fourth child, Jaimie, she has a ministerial calling and others skills. She has a dance ministry and she's in high school and a dance magnet program. She's part of the dance team and even in her ministry she teaches in the nursery. Every weekend she sings with Joseph and she dances on the praise team and I recognized that she has people skills that even as a father who is on television, I recognize that she has skills that are (00:22:18) on television one day and last week she came to me and said, daddy, I want to make an investment. I want to start a YouTube channel and I said, how

much is that going to cost? And all of the stuff has ended to about a thousand dollars.

She wanted a pro camera and she wasn't asking me to buy, she was telling me with her own savings, so normally with things I would have told him to think about it and you don't want to spend that. But I said, I believe this is part of your destiny. I said, go ahead and buy. And now if you go on our living room, that which was set up for another purpose, it looks like a recording studio. She's got a backdrop set up. She's got lights and filters and a tripod and a camera and getting editing software and laptop and I can see it as an investment in her future. She is preparing herself for that which God has called her to do. That she'll be on her YouTube channel expressing her passions and teaching people that which she knows. So, these are four live examples of how they are being groomed and prepared for what God is calling them to do.

The fourth of the five Hs is health. What type of hours would you have to work? Energy that you have to have an age where you have to work to? There are some books inside of me that I can't write now, that I've got to be on my 60s or 70s to have the wisdom to properly pen. Knowing that I must maintain my health until I'm able to reach that age and then I can travel and speak and teach other after I retire from the business world. I have to have the health to be able to do it and in those early years, you cannot work for God beyond what you have the help to do. If you're in a hospital bed and he's called you to evangelize, you can evangelize on the internet but you can't go out into the community and talk to people door-to-door and face-to-face. I was at a pastor's conference and TD Jakes was speaking and he was talking about his health. He said that he had to change his health in order to do the work of the Lord. And he said that the pastor's in here, he said, if I handed you the keys to my church and let you just take over for me right here (00:24:22) you would want to do. He said within a few months, you'd be burnout because you have not been conditioned and prepared to handle this level of load. So, ask yourself, can my health and energy level sustained at the level I am expected to go to?

The fifth and final H of the five Hs is that of heading. Heading, I would define for this message as to pay careful attention to and submit to the direction of God. Pastor Nathaniel told the story

last Sunday of how our two biggest products in the health food company that we own were inspired by God and he had led us on these products. The same thing is true with Bronner Brothers that we're part owners of.

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That our biggest selling profitable product in longevity was a product that was spoken by God and brought by the divine inspiration of God. It didn't come out of our intelligence. It didn't come out of our school and get trained by the prophetic word of God and heading his word and the small things builds trust. If he can't trust you to do something little, how do you expect him to trust you to do something grand? Jesus demonstrated in the parable of the talents that if you are faithful over a few things, he will make you ruler over many. Obedience is better than sacrifice. It's also better than talent in God's eyes. He'd rather have a person that doesn't have all of the talent and the skill that has a willing heart to do what he tells him to do. It's also better than passion. Passion is great but how many of you know you can be passionate about some things that are not the will of God? So, obedience is what he's looking for. Somebody that will do what God has told him to do, God is looking for people that will obey. Your greatest tool in going to another level of life will be the preceding word of God. It's something that the non-believer doesn't have.

I was in a business meeting this past week and we were looking at building a new office headquarters for our company. And we laid out all of the options first and it was about six or seven options, and right there in the midst of this meeting, I had a churning in my spirit to go outside. I didn't say anything to anybody. I just walked up, didn't question God. I got up in the middle of this meeting where (00:26:37) with all of the board members and architectural people and plans laid out. And I just went outside and I was drawn to a property next door. And something stirred in my spirit to check on this property. I walked back in the meeting and I said, you know there's something that I wasn't thinking but I kind of have an inkling to just check on this property. And pastor, he said, (00:26:58) I checked on that property, it's way too expensive. And I said, just check again for me.

And they called about the property and the property, the agent said, he said this very day this property has been reduced and it was less than one third the price that pastor have received years ago. And not only that, the price of the property, it was a third the cost of upgrading(ph) where we were about to be on. It was one third the cost that it will cost to upgrade where we were in there planning to be on. Listening to the proceeding fresh word of God. There is no substitute for it. Nothing can outdo it. Ask yourself this question, am I obedient to God when he instructs me to do something at the level I am right now. How can he trust you to do big things if you won't do the small? If he's given you something even if you don't understand it, he wants you to obey, obey.

I thank you today for tuning in to Brothers of the Word. I hope this message has helped prepare you for your destiny as you prepare in the five Hs of heart, of head, of home, of health, and of heading. God bless you and you can go to brothersoftheword.com to hear this message again or send it to a friend.

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