

We Can Think Like Jesus

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Hebrews 12:2 KJV Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is our Lord, our God, and our example of how we are to live as sons of God on earth. It suddenly dawned on me that the gray-matter physical brain of Jesus functioned perfectly with the mind of His righteous spirit. Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of man, received the nature of God at His conception in the womb of Mary. He had the nature of God within Him at His first birth. We received that same nature when we are born-again.

His spirit was born of God, yet He lived in a fallen body like ours, and He had a physical, gray-matter brain like ours. His natural brain was like the servant running alongside the prince on the horse, always ready to serve, but never taking the place of mastery that belonged to the prince alone.

Luke 6:40 AMPC A pupil is not superior to his teacher, but everyone [when he is] completely trained (readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected) will be like his teacher.

The whole purpose of becoming a disciple is to be trained to think and function like the teacher. The end result of that process is a renewed mind.

Romans 12:2 KJV And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

If we submit to the Word of God and the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit perfectly, what would be the end result of that renewing? **WE WOULD THINK LIKE JESUS.**

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 KJV But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] But he that is spiritual judgeth all

things, yet he himself is judged of no man. [16] For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 AMPC But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. [15] But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]. [16] For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Both the natural (unregenerated) man, and the spiritual (born-again) man ... have the same kind of natural, physical, gray-matter brain. This passage is not saying the natural brain cannot be taught the things of the Spirit of God. It is saying the natural "man" cannot be taught those things because he will refuse them as being silly and ridiculous. He cannot understand spiritual things because he is limited by his unregenerated spirit, not because he is limited by his physical, gray-matter brain. Jesus had the same kind of brain as us, yet He most certainly was not limited by it.

A good example of the natural brain cooperating with the spiritual mind is when Jesus instructed Peter to go fishing and take the money from the mouth of the first fish he caught to pay the temple tax. Jesus, the spiritual man in this event, received instruction from the Father, and He gave that instruction to the natural man Peter (who was not yet born again). Peter received a "spiritual instruction" from the mind of Christ into his own "natural gray-matter brain."

As Peter obeys, grabs his fishing pole and is walking toward the water, just imagine what his natural brain was thinking; "I heard what Jesus said and I am obeying His instructions. I've been a fisherman my whole life and I have caught thousands of fish in this same water. Never yet once ... ever ... have I found

money in a fish's mouth. I've never seen that happen, and I've never heard of anybody catching a fish that had money in its mouth. I don't understand how this is possible ... but I am going to do what Jesus said. He is the Master. I am the disciple. I do what He says." That is a gray-matter brain fully cooperating with the mind of Christ!

Strongholds of wrong thinking sometimes prevent us from cooperating with the mind of Christ. Peter had a stronghold like that even eight or nine years after Jesus had ascended into heaven. Jesus had told the disciples multiple times that they were to preach the gospel to the Gentiles so they could also be saved. Just one example,

Mark 16:15 KJV And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

"All the world" means to the Gentile nations. Peter was there and heard Jesus say that, but even about eight or nine years later, Peter still believed only Jews could be saved. The Lord has not changed His mind that He wants His disciples to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit has got to change the way Peter thinks ... in his gray-matter brain.

Peter is born again when this happened (Acts chapter ten). He has a spiritual mind inside of his natural gray-matter brain (just like we do). Think about it ... there is a stronghold in the natural brain of Peter that is holding back the will of God for the Gentiles to be saved. Wow!

The church at large has strongholds that are holding back the power of God to the whole world when it comes to the supernatural healings and miracles God is wanting to demonstrate. God is currently breaking us out of those strongholds. It's a jailbreak. Watch how the Lord broke Peter out of one of his strongholds.

Acts 10:9-10 KJV On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: [10] And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

Please notice that it was during a time of prayer and fasting (not a long one, the meal just wasn't ready yet). But still ... it was during prayer and fasting that the Holy Spirit was able to bring revelation knowledge to Peter ... in a personal way ... a tailored lesson from the Master ... to the disciple ... in such a way not even Peter could misunderstand it. (I have had the Lord do this with me so many times. He is your personal Tutor. He will use teaching examples in such a way that you will personally understand them. They change the way you think.)

Acts 10:11-16 KJV And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: [12] Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. [13] And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. [14] But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. [15] And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. [16] This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

God uses the vision, three times in a row, to tear down a stronghold. The truth in the vision reaches all the way to the natural brain. We know that because the natural brain wound up cooperating with the instructions that came from the Spirit of God.

Acts 10:19-20 KJV While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. [20] Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Simple instructions for the gray-matter brain.

1. Three men are coming.
2. Go with them.
3. Do not doubt, because I have sent them.

I can see the servant (Peter's gray-matter brain) running alongside the prince on the horse, saluting and saying, "Yes sir." That is the function of the gray-matter brain. Obey instruction. Cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Think about this; For nearly ten years after Peter heard Jesus say it was His desire for the disciples to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, Peter was still not believing the Gentiles could be saved. I saw a quick little teaching vision of Jesus walking up to Peter saying, "Peter ... I want to be believed."

I've meditated on what Peter must have been thinking in his gray-matter brain as he is traveling with these men to go into the house of a Gentile. Not just any Gentile, but a Centurion in the Roman army ... the occupying force that has conquered Israel. He must have been thinking, "I am obeying but this doesn't make sense to me. This is against everything I was taught in the law of Moses. We are the covenant people of God. We were told to be separated from the world. Why would God send me to the house of a Gentile?" On and on and on ... I can just imagine the "reasoning" of the natural gray-matter brain as it is trying to understand what is going on. IT DOES NOT HAVE TO UNDERSTAND. IT IS ENOUGH THAT IT HEARS AND OBEYS. However, even the natural brain of Peter eventually understood the mind of Christ in this matter.

Acts 10:34-35 KJV Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: [35] But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

And the natural brain was in for another shock ... God would pour out His Holy Spirit on the Gentiles just like He did the Jews. Peter was amazed when he saw it, and he was amazed when he told the leadership about it later in Jerusalem.

Acts 11:15-18 KJV And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. [16] Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. [17] Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? [18] When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Even the leadership at Jerusalem now believed ... The Gentiles can be saved. Notice that first, God had to tear down a stronghold in a man (Peter). But the end result was the tearing down of that same stronghold in the whole church (the leadership in Jerusalem). It changed the course of history.

"I want to be believed." That is what Jesus is telling us. We tend to think we are thinking okay, just like Peter did before God tore down that stronghold when he was on the rooftop. But we can tell from the lack of results when we minister that we are trapped in strongholds ourselves. Thank God for the Word of God and the Teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. If we spend sufficient time in the classrooms of the Holy Spirit, He will jailbreak us out of every stronghold the same way He did Peter.

Once Peter was free of that stronghold, he got results that had not been seen before (the Gentiles being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit). Those results caused the leadership of the church to become free of the same stronghold. Then they began instructing the people to share the gospel with the Gentiles also. I say again ... the tearing down of a stronghold in a single man ... changed the course of history. (That same thing is happening again right now as we are entering a great revival.)

Coming full circle, Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. He is our example, our Master, the one we are becoming like because we are His disciples. We are continuing in His Word. We will never go beyond our Master, but we will become as our Master. I am so encouraged to now understand that my natural gray-matter brain can fully cooperate with the spiritual mind, just exactly like the brain of Jesus fully cooperated with His spiritual mind. The brain of Jesus did not hold Him back from the fulness of ministry, and our brains will not hold us back either.

Sue and I can relate somewhat from the history we've already had of obeying instruction even when those instructions sounded crazy to our natural brain. "Give everything away free," sounded like a recipe for certain disaster. My natural brain did not think that would work at all. But we had our instruction. He wanted to be believed. He just wanted us to do what He said. We did and guess what ... it has been almost thirty years now and it is still working.

We are the disciples of Jesus. The disciple shall be as his Master. We can think like Jesus.