

TLJ07 Grow New Thought Trees

Science is catching up with the Bible. Science used to believe that the natural gray-matter brain was static, like a machine. If a portion of it was damaged somehow and become unusable they thought that part of the brain function was lost forever. They have since found out that the brain has plasticity, and very often another portion of the brain will compensate for the damaged portion. This is called neuroplasticity. The natural gray-matter brain is changing and evolving your whole life.

Proverbs 23:7 KJV For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Not what you say in church to look good. Not what you say around other people when you want to impress them. As you really think "in your heart," what you believe at your core, that is how you really are. God has given us the choice of free will concerning our thought life. We have the ability to choose what we think.

Philippians 4:8-9 KJV Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. [9] Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

We all want to walk in the peace of God. Paul says if you want the peace of God, "think on these things." That means ... YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT.

We want to think like Jesus. When the disciples were battling the storm on the Sea of Galilee, these experienced fisherman thought, "This is the end. We are going to die." They were basing those thoughts completely on the external circumstances. But Jesus was not worried at all. He was resting in the power and the promises of God. He rebuked the storm and it stopped. That is a perfect example of the difference between the normal way humans think and the way Jesus thinks.

They thought they were going to die. Jesus was full of peace. They were focused on the circumstances. Jesus was focused entirely on God and His Word. Jesus

asked them why they were so fearful. The answer was ... BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES! The devil is always trying to get you to focus on the circumstances instead of the Word of God. He is always trying to get you thinking, "This is the end. We are going to die now." Jesus was full of the peace of God because He was totally focused on God and His Word. It is our choice what we think about.

Many people think they can't help but worry. Many think they can't help what they think about. That is a lie from the pit of hell. Paul would not make that statement to "think on these things" if you could not choose what you think about.

I said earlier science is catching up with the Bible. They now know that what you choose to think on, and really focus on, produces new neural pathways in your physical gray-matter brain. It is a physical thing that produces protein structures that did not exist in your brain before. Using modern brain scan technology, science is now able to take a snapshot of those protein structures that are produced by your thoughts. They represent these neural pathways created by your thoughts ... as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Here is a scan revealing the thought patterns in a typical gray-matter brain.



Don't they look like trees? As soon as I saw that image, the Holy Spirit began running so many scriptures through my mind about us being like trees in the Bible. Here is one example,

Luke 6:43-45 KJV For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. [44] For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. [45] A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth

forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

"For of the abundance of the heart" ... means ... "what you think about the most." What you think about the most is what produces those "thought trees" in your brain. Jesus knew our thought life produces tree structures in our brain that eventually produce fruit, either good or bad. What have you been thinking on? You are going to eat the fruit of it.

Speaking and repetition are two of the main tools involved in recoding the brain. That is precisely how your recoded your brain to learn the ABC's, the multiplication tables, and everything else you have learned. You said them over and over until they simply became part of you. Every time you said them you were strengthening those neural pathways in your brain. Remember what the Holy Spirit said to me about what believing really is,

"Believing is re-coding the mind. It is a biological, physical disconnecting of old neuropaths and a reconnecting of new neuropaths."

*"Repetition is a major key exactly the same way that you learned the alphabet and the multiplication tables and everything else that you have learned. The process is precisely the same. **This is how you go from unbelief to believing.**"*

This is exactly the process Paul described when it comes to tearing down strongholds of wrong thinking and replacing them with how Christ thinks.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: [4] (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The end result of that process is ... WE THINK LIKE JESUS! Pastor Dave Roberson loved to teach on the following passage,

Psalm 1:1-3 KJV Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. [3] And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

HE WILL BE LIKE A TREE! If you meditate on God's word day and night, you will produce good thought trees in your brain, and the fruit of those trees will cause everything you do to prosper, no matter the season (the circumstances). You have recoded your brain with the word of God.

The Holy Spirit wants me to encourage you to do something different than what you have done in the past. If you don't change what you think about, then you are going to continue to eat the fruit of the same thought trees that exist in your brain now. You are going to have to plant some different seeds to produce different thought trees. If you don't, isn't it obvious that you are going to keep eating the same fruit you've already been eating? Do you want to continue eating that same fruit, or would you like to have better fruit off of better thought trees? It is your choice. But there is no such thing as CHANGE without CHANGING what you have been doing.

One of the things you can do on purpose to plant new thought trees is to begin saying out loud what God says. Speak words! Fill the reservoir within you with the Word of God until it is the ABUNDANCE of your heart. Part of meditating the Word day and night involves speaking. Get the Word of God into your mouth. God told Joshua the same thing in order to conquer the Promised Land.

Joshua 1:8 KJV 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.

Even Old Testament people who did not have a born-again spirit could recode their brain with the Word of God. That is exactly what they were doing. **Part of day and night meditation includes SAYING THE WORD OUT LOUD WITH YOUR MOUTH!**

In the Hall of Faith, Hebrews 11:1-12, not one of them had a born-again spirit. I've heard preachers say you cannot have faith without a born-again spirit. That's ridiculous. How did those people in Hebrews eleven have faith? They recoded their brains with the Word of God. They believed what God said.

In the New Testament, the crippled man at Lystra who received faith to be healed was an idol worshipper. He most definitely was not born-again when he first heard Paul preach the gospel of the kingdom. But hearing Paul preach the gospel, the Word of God penetrated his gray-matter brain and faith came. Paul perceived he had faith to be healed and gave the command to walk ... and he did! The Word of God had recoded the man's natural gray-matter brain.

It does not matter what circumstances you are facing; the Word of God contains the answer to change those circumstances to line up with the will of God! I am going to be transparent and tell you that Sue and I are dealing currently with some circumstances regarding our health.

Pain is a relentless preacher. If you don't do something on purpose to counteract the "fact" of pain in your body, that "fact" is going to get you believing it is "truth." Pain is a fact. Pain is not truth. Jesus, the Word made flesh, IS TRUTH! Jesus did not say He "had" the truth. He said ... I AM the truth!

Exodus 3:14 KJV And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

The Word is your battery pack, full of potential power. But that power is not released until you believe it in your heart and say it with your mouth. You "see and say" what the Word of God says. Meditate the word and speak the Word because it will plant seeds of thoughts that become trees in your brain that will eventually produce fruit that you can eat the fruit of. IT IS SO SIMPLE!

Currently I am eating the fruit of the pain tree. It is a fact that I have pain preaching to me and declaring that I am not healed. I am eating the fruit of it, so what am I going to do to change it? I am going to make a connection with my "battery pack," the Word of God. How do I do that? I put the Word of God IN MY MOUTH and "see it and say it" as though it is the TRUTH ... BECAUSE IT IS!

TRUTH CHANGES FACTS!

I am taking enough time to incorporate "godly hope" by "seeing and saying" what the Word of God says. No word of God is without power.

Luke 1:37 AMPC For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Remember that pain is speaking contrary to what the Word of God says. We must cast down every thought and every imagination that does not align with the Word of God.

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That stronghold in you is the fruit of the tree of how you think. It is based on circumstances. The fruit of thought is based on reasonings derived from your circumstances. It is very logical according to the world's reasonings. But the name of Jesus is above every name that is named. That includes polio, back pain, and everything else.

"Gary has back pain" vs "Gary is healed." One of these two things is truth. Not both. One is fact. One is truth. The Word of God IS truth. Truth changes fact.

Everybody already has mature thought trees within them. Everybody is already eating the fruit from those trees. Grow new thought trees. They have to come to maturity, but eventually you will be eating the fruit of thought trees that align with the Word of God. Then you THINK LIKE JESUS!

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