

### **Recoding The Brain – Part 3** (Combining Hope And Faith)

Jesus is Emmanuel, which means “God with us.”

Jesus is God in the flesh.

Paul wrote in Philippians ... even though He was God ... when He became a man, of His own choice, He set aside all of His privileges and all of His powers as God.

The purpose of that was ... He is the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb 12:2)

If He did what He did as God ... He is no pattern for us. You and I are not God.

Jesus did not do anything AS GOD! He did it as

1. A man born of God’s Spirit ... just like you.
2. A man filled with the Holy Ghost ... just like you.
3. Anointed by the Holy Ghost to destroy the works of the devil ... just like you.
4. As He is, so are we ... not when we get to heaven ... IN THIS WORLD.
  - a. We must believe that.

Jesus had a brain ... the physical grey matter ... JUST LIKE YOURS

1. His spirit came from God, just like your born again spirit came from God.
  - a. What we get in our second birth is what He got in His first birth.
2. But His physical body, including the 3.5 pound grey matter brain, came from Mary, which you could trace all the way back to Adam.

Jesus was wearing fallen flesh just like us. That’s so He could be the pattern we are to press toward. God predetermined before the foundation of the world that all who believe would be conformed to the image of His Son! Believing is not just a matter of your spirit. Your physical brain is involved also.

Whenever you learn something, science teaches us that neural pathways are created in your grey matter. You might hear something and not believe it. That’s also a neural pathway. Sometimes that will develop into a stronghold of wrong believing. What you believe to be true creates neural pathways concerning things you believe to be unfailing ... like your ABC’s ... the multiplication tables, and so forth.

The Holy Spirit said in a previous lesson, that going from unbelieving to believing is a process that creates new neural pathways in your physical brain. He has been showing us that from the Word, and from some scientific things He has been having me study out. We are going to continue with that today.

The goal at the end of this course is not so you can pass a written test. The goal is for all of us to go on the field and demonstrate the truth of what He has said. It is time for the demonstration of the gospel, not in word only, but in demonstration of the Spirit and in power. That demonstration of TRUTH will change you, and it will change those you minister to. That is going to require change in us regarding how we believe.

**Romans 4:18-21** Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be.** (19) And **being not weak in faith,** he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: (20) **He staggered not** at the promise of God through unbelief; but **was strong in faith, giving glory to God;** (21) And **being fully persuaded** that, **what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**

I wanted to be like that in the early days. I found out later from the book of Genesis that they did not start out that way. They went from laughing unbelief to strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded that what God had promised, He was well able to perform.

**Hebrews 11:11** Through faith also **Sara herself received strength to conceive seed,** and was delivered of a child when she was past age, **because she judged him faithful who had promised.**

They did not start out that way. When Abram was 99 years old and Sarai was 90 years old, God said:

**Genesis 17:5** Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be **Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.**

**Genesis 17:15-17** And God said unto Abraham, **As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.** (16) And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and **she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.** (17) **Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?**

**Genesis 17:19** And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

**Genesis 18:10-12** And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. (11) Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. (12) Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Both of them laughed, because now it was “impossible” according to the natural laws of this physical world. It was impossible for an impotent man and a woman who was not ovulating anymore to produce children ... by natural means. [Not invitro or anything like that.] God made it clear ... SARHA THY WIFE shall have a son. No more Hagers.

So how did they go from laughing unbelief to strong in faith as described in Romans chapter four and Hebrews chapter eleven? Two very important things happened that day. God changed their names, and God instituted a token of the covenant. Circumcision.

**Genesis 17:10-14** This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. (11) And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. (12) And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. (13) He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. (14) And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

**Genesis 17:21-27** But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. (22) And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. (23) And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought

**with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. (24) And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. (25) And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. (26) In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. (27) And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.**

Remember that the whole Bible is about Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Abraham understood much about it because Jesus said, Abraham had seen his day.

**John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.**

If I was teaching an evangelistic message today to lost people, I would focus on all of the types and shadows here ... because it is all types and shadows of the future about the supernatural birth of a child, Jesus the Son of God, who would make it possible for people to be born again with the righteous nature of God that would circumcise their heart, and they would be able to put off the deeds of the flesh, and walk in holiness during their time on earth. They would have authority and power in the name of Jesus to destroy the works of the devil everywhere they went.

God said circumcision was a token ... a sign, a symbol. That symbol was a type and shadow of the real, that would be manifest through the new birth in Christ:

**Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

In this series on Recoding The Brain, we want to see how God took these two people from laughing unbelief to being strong in faith like we see in Romans 4 and Hebrews 11. In both of those chapters, it says the faith of Abraham and Sarah were involved in this miracle happening. God had to get them from doubt to faith. Faith is important. But it is not really a matter of us having faith in our faith. Look how it is worded concerning Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham believed ... what HE had promised, HE was well able to perform.  
Sarah ... counted HIM faithful WHO had promised.

They remembered what God had said to them: **Gen 18:14 Is any thing to hard for the Lord?**

God gave them two things for them to do:

1. God gave them a token (circumcision) of the covenant to remind them ...  
You have a promise from God. Nothing is too hard for Him.
2. God changes their names, which caused them to SPEAK THE END  
RESULT concerning the promise God had made.

They had to say about themselves what God had said about them. God Himself does this all the time. He calls those things which be not as though they were.

You, born again child of God, have more than a “token” of circumcision. You don’t have the type and shadow. You have the real thing that caused the type and shadow. They had circumcision of the flesh. You have the circumcision of the heart, which you received at your new birth.

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But what about the things you say? Are you speaking the end result? Are you saying what God says about you? Most of us are not, and most of us are not seeing the desired end result because we remain weak in faith.

**James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

Abraham and Sarah went from doubting unbelief to strong in faith by counting Him faithful who promised, and by only saying what God had said about them. They received such a supernatural miracle it literally turned back the clock in their

bodies. Abraham became a hot rod again. Sarah's body actually began ovulating again. IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

Begin bridling your tongue. Make up your mind to only say what God says about you. Nothing is impossible with God.