

Recoding The Brain – Part 5
(Walk By Faith – Not By Sight)

Imagine you were alive during the time of Jesus being physically on planet earth when He was holding His own meetings. I call them Jesus meetings. Imagine you decided to go to all seven of these meetings mentioned in the book of Matthew. (I am staying in this single book so you will know I am not talking about the same meeting twice. These are seven different "Jesus Meetings.")

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Mat 8:16-17 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: (17) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

Mat 12:15 But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

Mat 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Mat 15:30-31 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that were* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: (31) Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Mat 19:1-2 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan; (2) And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

Mat 21:12-14 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, (13) And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. (14) And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

Remember, all of this is before Christ was crucified so the new birth was not yet available. Let's think about you living at that time, and you are an unregenerate person, having a natural brain, watching with your physical eyes as Jesus "heals them all" seven times in a row. Every time you see these miraculous healings, new neural pathways are being created in your natural gray matter brain.

Maybe after the first time, you might think ... "Okay, maybe that was a one-time thing." But after you see the same thing happen seven times in a row. Some of those meetings had thousands of people in attendance. You watch and every single sick person who attends the meeting gets healed ... every time. That neural pathway in your brain gets thicker and thicker and you would eventually come to the conclusion ... JESUS HEALS ALL WHO COMES TO HIM! YOU BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN.

Even in an unsaved person's gray matter, his three and a half pound brain, that neural pathway would be established as a rock of foundational knowledge that nobody could talk you out of. After all ... you saw it with your own eyes! That is how the natural brain works. "I will believe it when I see it." In this scenario, you saw it seven times! Who could talk you out of it?

This is why the fame of Jesus spread so far and wide, so that "great multitudes" came to the meetings. No doubt many things were said about Jesus, but for sure those who had seen the miraculous healings would have told their friends and relatives ... if you bring anyone who is sick to Jesus ... He Will Heal Them!

Where will people go today in order to bring them to Jesus? They will be bringing them to believers. They will be bringing them to YOU because it is Christ in you healing the sick today. Mark 16:18 ... Those who believe shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

We have been afraid to say the same thing to the sick in this generation. But Jesus does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He healed them all then. He will heal them all now. They believed because they saw. We are called to believe, having not seen. What are we to believe? Everything Jesus said such as;

John 14:12-14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (13) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Our spiritual mind already believes this. It is the doubt in the natural mind that is holding back the power of God. Remember ... Peter began to sink when he got his focus off of the authority of Jesus' words, and on to the natural circumstances of the wind and the waves. Doubt in his natural mind is what hindered the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit that was causing Peter to be able to walk on the water.

Peter never had faith that a human could walk on the water. Peter had faith that whatever Jesus said would come to pass. He walked on the water because he believed when Jesus told him to "come" ... he could come! Faith in the authority of Jesus Christ is what caused Peter to do the impossible. Peter still had that same faith after the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Telling how the lame man at the gate Beautiful was healed, Peter said,

Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

But wait, Jesus wasn't there in His resurrected body. Jesus was in heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father. How did the man born lame come to Jesus for healing? He had to come to "Christ in Peter and John."

Acts 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his

feet and ankle bones received strength. (8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Where was Christ? In Peter and John. Where is Christ today? In you!

Colossians 1:27 ... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Let's look at another example in the life of Peter.

Acts 9:32-35 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. (33) And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. (34) And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. (35) And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Jesus Christ was in heaven seated at the right hand of the Father when this happened. How was it that Aeneas was in the presence of Jesus Christ in order to be healed? It was Christ in Peter who healed Aeneas.

How are we going to attend those seven meetings to "see for ourselves" that Jesus healed them all? Remember what Jesus told Thomas, "You are blessed because you have seen. [More] blessed are those who believe, having not seen." [John 20:29] Did you know that the way the gray-matter brain works, it makes no distinction between a real, and a vividly imagined event?

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Abraham and Sarah both laughed in unbelief at first, but they came to the place of "believing, having not seen." In order to obtain their miracle, they had to believe God for something that nobody on earth had ever seen ... that a ninety-nine year old impotent man, and a 90 year old woman who was past menopause ... could have a baby by natural means. THAT HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE! They went from laughing unbelief to becoming strong in faith by ... seeing and saying what God had said about them. We can do the same if we SEE AND SAY what God has already said.