

Recoding The Brain – Part 7

(The Duty Of Believing)

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Review from "The Eyes of Your Understanding"

1. One of the primary ways the Holy Spirit teaches is through dreams and visions.
 - a. That's how He tore down a life-long stronghold in Peter.
 - i. Stronghold = Only Jews can be saved.
 - b. The purpose was to use Peter in a new way.
 - i. To open the door of the gospel to the Gentiles.
 - c. Dreams and visions are inward. We don't see them with our outward eyes. We see them with the "eyes of our understanding."
 - i. The mind. The imagination.
 - ii. The Holy Spirit creates movies (visions) in the mind, that are recorded by the gray-matter brain.
 - d. Peter finally "perceived" that God is no respecter of persons.
 - i. Gentiles can be saved.
 - e. The vision caused a change in action, that resulted in the door opening for the greatest harvest of souls in the history of the world.
 - f. When you read the word of God, it is a living thing, and it creates movies in your mind. We "see" Jesus turning water into wine, dealing with the woman at the well, with the eyes of our understanding.
 - i. The Word of God deals directly with the "eyes of your understanding.
 - g. The "eyes of your understanding" belong to your "mind" which is inside your gray-matter brain.
 - h. You have a spiritual mind that has the capacity to understand the things of God which is infinitely superior to the working of your natural gray-matter brain.

1 Corinthians 2:12-15 KJV Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. [13] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. [14] **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.

2. The gray-matter is limited to the Newtonian physical laws of this natural world. It "cannot know" the things of God.
 - a. Peter's gray-matter did not believe a human could walk on water.
 - b. It did believe whatever Jesus spoke was possible.
 - i. Peter had seen the words of Jesus manifest hundreds of times in the "Jesus meetings" where healings, signs and wonders happened every time Jesus spoke.
 - ii. Peter believed, "Thou art the Christ ... the Messiah"
 - c. That's why Peter said, "Bid me come" and when Jesus said "Come," Peter's gray-matter was willing to cause his legs to step out of the boat because it believed ... what Jesus said would happen.
 - i. Peter's gray-matter was then working with the faith of Peter to do something impossible. The gray-matter sent signals to the legs through the nervous system, "Step out of the boat."
 - ii. "If Jesus said it ... I can do it." That was the faith of Peter.
 - iii. The gray-matter brain will never understand how that is possible, and it does not need to know "how" it is possible. It just needs to bow the knee and become a renewed mind that obeys instruction.
3. It is an important lesson on faith to understand that the Holy Spirit was working with the faith of Peter, not the faith of Jesus, for Peter to be able to walk on the water. We know that because we know the faith of Jesus never wavered. When Peter got his eyes off Jesus and His word, and onto the natural wind and waves, he began to sink. That means getting his eyes on the circumstances instead of on Jesus and His word ... severed the connection of faith between the Holy Spirit and Peter ... and that stopped the flow of power from the Holy Spirit that had been keeping Peter's feet walking on the surface of the water. Doubt is when the natural gray-matter brain (reasonings) takes dominion over our faith.
 - a. The will of Jesus did not keep Peter walking on the water.
 - b. The will of Peter did not keep Peter walking on the water.
 - c. Faith was the only thing that mattered for the power to flow, or not to flow, from the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Doubt (gray-matter reasonings) severed the flow of power. Jesus asked Peter, "Why did you doubt?"
4. The lame man healed at the gate Beautiful.
 - a. It was a sign and a wonder to the whole city. 5,000 people saved.

b. Peter was really clear about what his faith was in.

- i. It is that name, through faith in that name, that this man stands before you whole.

Acts 3:16 KJV 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.

1. Peter believed the name of Jesus was above all.
2. Peter believed he "had" the name of Jesus to use. (Such as I "have," give I thee.)
3. Peter believed that what he spoke in the authority of that name, Jesus would do.

John 14:12-14 KJV 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.

4. Smith Wigglesworth once said you could punctuate the Greek this way: **Mark 16:17 KJV And these signs shall follow them that believe in my name; they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;** The emphasis being on ... they believe the name of Jesus is above every name, and they have the right to use that name to cast out devils and heal the sick.

5. Then Peter heals Aeneas, the man bedfast for eight years.

Acts 9:32-35 KJV 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.

- a. If we were standing in the room at that moment and heard Peter say, "Jesus Christ makes you whole," we would have looked around the room to see where Jesus was standing. We wouldn't have seen Him, but He was there. He was in Peter. "Christ in you." [Col 1:27]

- b. Peter understood he was the temple of God. He knew he was the "holy of holies." Where Peter goes, God goes. Where Peter goes, Christ goes. Peter is absolutely telling the truth when he says, "Jesus Christ makes you whole." It isn't Peter doing it. It is Christ in Peter doing it.
 - c. We have got to come to that same understanding if we are going to walk in the revival that God has called us to walk in.
6. Review: It wasn't just Thomas who doubted the word of eyewitnesses that had seen Jesus raised from the dead. None of the apostles believed the word, the eyewitness testimony, of those who had seen the risen Christ.
- a. They didn't believe Mary Magdeline.
 - b. They didn't believe the other women who had seen Him.
 - c. They didn't believe the two men from Emmaus.
 - d. The only believed when they saw the risen Christ with their own eyes.
 - i. That is how the gray-matter is designed to work. "I will believe it when I see it."
 - e. Thomas only said, "My Lord and my God" after he saw the risen Christ with his own eyes.
 - f. **John 20:28-31 KJV And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. [29] Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. [30] And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: [31] But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**
 - g. Not one of the disciples were willing to believe, based on the testimony of an eyewitness ... but that is EXACTLY what we are called to do.
 - h. John, who wrote this gospel, was one of the eleven who said he would not believe it until he saw it with his physical eyes. John was not willing to believe the "word of testimony" of anybody else who saw him.
 - i. But believing the word of testimony by eyewitnesses, written in the Bible, is precisely what we are called to do. Jesus said those that believe this word of testimony, the Bible, are MORE BLESSED than those who saw Him with their physical eyes.
 - j. **John 6:44 KJV No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

- i. The conviction of the Holy Spirit draws us to Christ when we hear the gospel preached.
 - ii. Every believer, for 2000 years, has believed the testimony of the eyewitnesses which is written in the Bible. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who draws us to Christ.
- 7. When Peter began to sink and Jesus rescued him, Jesus asked Peter, "Why did you doubt?" While meditating on that, I saw myself standing before Jesus on that day and He asked me, "Gary, why didn't you believe what I said?"
 - a. I had never equated those two things. Peter doubted what Jesus said because Jesus had said, "Come," by getting his eyes off of Jesus and allowing the reasonings of the gray-matter brain to take over.
 - b. When Jesus asked me that in the little mini-vision, I instantly knew He was referring to what He said in these verses:
John 14:12-14 KJV 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.
 - c. "Gary, if you believe on me, the works I do you shall do also, and even greater works because I have gone to the Father. Whatever you ask, Gary, in My name ... I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Gary, if you shall ask anything in My name ... I will do it!"
 - d. I do not want to stand in front of Jesus on that day and have that conversation. "Gary, why didn't you believe what I said?" I might protest and say something like, "Lord, I am a believer." But he might press harder and say, "But Gary, you did not believe I would do whatever you asked in My name. Why didn't you believe what I said?"
 - e. "Gary, what I say is truth. Gary, what I say will come to pass."
- 8. In Luke 17:1-10 the disciples asked the Lord to, "Increase our faith." He answered that by teaching about the mustard seed, but He continued to teach about becoming a good servant.
 - a. Which of you having a servant, plowing or feeding cattle, and then at the end of the day, just comes in and fixes his own dinner? No, a first-class servant will first check on the Master, "Do you have any needs? Is there anything I can do for you?"

- b. Jesus is actually describing Himself. Even though He is the Son, the heir of all, He is the ultimate servant to the Father. His life doesn't belong to Him. His life is about doing the will of His Father.
 - c. Jesus is teaching that if you really want to have an increase of faith, set your heart to become the same kind of servant that He is.
 - d. Every hour you pray in other tongues, the Holy Spirit is conforming you to the same image of Christ in you.
 - e. The highest faith is when your heart is the heart of a servant to the Father and being about your Father's business. Then you will know the power of the Father is there to back up everything you do.
 - f. Jesus asked the disciples, when that good servant comes in after having done his duty, do you thank that servant? I say not.
 - g. The proper attitude of the servant is, "I am an unprofitable servant. I have done that which is my duty to do."
 - h. In conjunction with the thought, "Gary, why didn't you believe what I said," the thought came to me ... MY DUTY IS TO BELIEVE YOU!
 - i. It is to be our routine, just like a servant daily plowing or feeding cattle, TO BELIEVE WHAT HE SAYS. THAT IS OUR DUTY!
 - j. THE DUTY OF BELIEVING. He expects us to believe what He said in scripture, and to believe what He says to us now.
 - k. How can we possibly be His servants without believing what He said?
9. Many years ago, the Lord said to me, *"Four hours of developing godly hope is more productive than four years of mindless confession where there is no hope."*
- a. This has to do with "Seeing and Saying." With Abraham and Sarah, he gave them the stars of heaven to "see" while they "said" what God had said about them. Their job was to "see and say."
 - b. Early on He gave me, personally, the instruction to pick three verses that promise provision, and to confess those verses four hours a day.
 - c. I let the gray-matter reasonings talk me out of it for a long time.
 - i. The gray-matter wants to be the boss of you.
 - d. I finally did it out of sheer desperation.
 - e. I finally did the first four hours. It seemed like I fought a thousand devils. But nothing changed that day except circumstances got worse.
 - f. It took three months for the change in Gary to occur.
 - g. "I don't live there anymore."
 - h. That was the bottom of our roller coaster ride, financially. Things slowly began to change, and He has been providing for us ever since.

- i. That was in 1996 and it is now 2025 and He has provided the whole time.
 - j. It is important that He gave us some other instructions that we had to obey also. He doesn't tell every minister to do the same things, but He told us:
 - i. Don't ever sell anything. Don't send out appeal letters. Don't let anybody know of any needs you have personally, or the needs of the ministry.
 - ii. He said if we would obey that, He would speak to the hearts of the people He chose to support us and the ministry.
 - k. The devil has tested that promise many times, but we have held to the instructions the whole time. We became great "askers."
 - i. You have not because you ask not.
- 10.** In those early days I was saying but not seeing. I was using the Word of God like a sledgehammer, like a battering ram against the wall of lack. I was saying four hours a day, but I was not ... seeing at the same time.
- a. It worked by the saying only, but by that method it took a long time.
 - b. But even that method recoded my natural brain.
 - c. The devil will make sure you will have opportunities to worry in the financial realm.
 - d. The thought will come, "You should worry this time."
 - e. My brain is so recoded by those initial four hours daily, plus I have seen Him supernaturally deliver us over ten thousand times over these many years, if the thought comes, "You should stay up and worry" ... I am going to bed because it's like my own brain says, "Oh shut up. He has delivered us ten thousand times and He is going to do it again. Go ahead and get some sleep because He will be up all night solving your problem anyway because He does not sleep."
 - f. In the arena of financial provision, my brain is recoded. HE WILL PROVIDE FOR US!
 - i. What if the internet goes down? He will provide for us.
 - ii. What if everybody turns on you and hates you? He will provide for us.
 - iii. What if this? And what if that? HE WILL PROVIDE FOR US!
 - g. In that area, I went through an initial recoding process just by saying.
 - h. He is asking, would you like to speed that process up?
 - i. Four hours, when you combine the saying with the seeing, it will greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to recode the brain.

- 11.** Which of you having a servant plowing or feeding cattle?
 - a.** Which of you having a servant laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover?
 - b.** Which of you having a servant casting out devils?
 - c.** We are just doing that which is our duty to do.
 - d.** It is our duty to believe.
 - e.** Believe what? Believe what He said!
 - f.** Peter believed whatever he asked in His name, He would do it!
 - g.** He said I would lay hands on the sick in His name, and they would recover. It is my duty to believe that.
- 12.** Personally, I am spending time just walking the floor and saying out loud with my mouth, "Jesus, whatever I ask in your name, you do it."
- 13.** I want to speed up the process so this time I am "seeing it" while I am "saying it."
- 14.** I am having "Jesus meetings in my mind" where I am laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover.
- 15.** See and Say will develop godly hope.
- 16.** Our duty is to believe.
- 17.** I believe when I speak to the mountain in His name, it has to move.
- 18.** I believe when I pray, I receive it right then, and I shall have it every time.
- 19.** It's called recoding the brain.