

Recoding The Brain – Part 11
(Manifesting The Kingdom Of God)

Pastor Dave Roberson would often remind us that God is not withholding His power from us. The problem is that down through the ages the true gospel has been buried under mountains of false doctrine. We are all still believing things that do not line up with the mind of Christ. Do not stop praying the mysteries. The scary part is that God is manifesting through us all the power He can based on our maturity level.

Only the Holy Spirit can take us from where we are to where we need to be. No church or university can teach me how to get there because none of them are there themselves. The Spirit of Truth will guide us into all truth. Thank God for praying in other tongues.

Sometimes the Lord will also teach us through prophecy or through a tongue and interpretation. The Lord is still speaking from heaven:

Hebrews 12:25 KJV See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Let me explain why I am wearing this cross. I was minding my own business just doing the message of prayer one morning when such an appreciation flooded through me. I was so thankful to be saved. I was so aware that anything good in me has come because of Christ in me. I was thanking the Lord for His life in me. "Lord, it is all You. You get all the credit. On my own I was an alcoholic, just living for money. I cursed all the time and watched pornography, and did so many other vile things." That morning, I was just so thankful that the Lord came and delivered me. I was so thankful for not being involved in any of that anymore and the fact that I don't even want to be involved in any of that anymore. "It's all You, Jesus." I was in such an attitude of thankfulness to be saved and born again.

Suddenly, unexpected by me, the Holy Spirit said, *"You have returned to your first love. Go find the cross that you wore in the beginning and begin wearing it again until I tell you otherwise."*

I've had that old cross for forty-five years. I found it and put it on, the way I wore it in the beginning ... on the outside of my shirt collar where it can be seen. I wore it that way in the early days just hoping somebody would ask me about it so I could tell them about Jesus. I would pick up hitchhikers just to get them in the cab of my pickup so I could talk to them about Jesus. (I don't recommend that today. It was a different world in 1980.)

I remember those early days ... so in love with Jesus, so thankful to be saved. I was so thankful for the conscience that comes with the born-again spirit. When I put that cross on this time, these words came out of my mouth. "Lord, I don't EVER want to violate my conscience again." Let me tell you from experience, violating your conscience is one of the ways you can begin leaving your first love. Another way is to get too busy serving "for the Lord" that you never spend hardly any time "with the Lord."

In the book of Revelation, the Lord had many good things to say about the church at Ephesus. When I read what He said about them, it reminded me of ... me. I've been very diligent in my service to the Lord for decades now. But then He said He had somewhat against them, that they had left their first love. For the longest time I really did not know what He meant. I know now.

You can start taking Christ for granted. You can start taking your whole Christian life for granted. The truth is ... you on our own ... without Christ ... are a mess. A close friend often says, "If you find anything good in me, it's only because of Christ. Anything in me that you don't like, that's part of me that Christ has not conquered yet." That is so true!

Do not start taking the Lord for granted. Smart husbands know it is not smart to take their wives for granted. Smart husbands continue to woo and date their wife every day they are married. We are the bride of Christ, and we are not to take Him for granted either.

The Lord gave us more in-depth instruction by way of tongues and interpretation last week. He said,

I have lifted you above the natural gray-matter reasonings of this world, and I have given you a spirit from above which is able to comprehend and understand things that are much beyond the physics of this world.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 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.

We all have a natural gray-matter physical brain. It is a good tool, and an important tool that God gave to man. But it is not intended to be the lord of your life. Before you got saved it was, for the most part, because you had to use it to restrain the sin nature. Otherwise, if you let the sin nature run loose to its full measure, it would be like the days of Noah where they only thought evil all the time. As pastor Dave would say, "Thank God for our parents who beat an artificial conscience into us until we could be born again." When you get born again you instantly know right from wrong. You instantly know lying is wrong, stealing is wrong, and so forth. The voice of your conscience is the voice of your king, when it comes to walking in righteousness.

This spiritual mind you receive when you are born again has the capacity to be taught the things of God. It's foolishness to the natural man.

1 Corinthians 2:14 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.

The natural man relies on the gray-matter brain whose foundational method of function is ... I will believe it when I see it. The natural brain is important to help us navigate in the world. It is a tool like a calculator. It makes all of its decisions based on physical, empirical input. It is limited in its understanding to the physics, the natural laws of this world. If you live by the dictates of the natural brain, you will not be living a supernatural life because it will always override the instructions you receive from the Holy Spirit. Let's take a few examples from the life of Jesus, the pattern, the original, the author and finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2a KJV Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Jesus said He could do nothing of Himself. What He heard, and what He saw the Father do, that's what the Son did. Jesus said it was the Father in Him who was doing the works. Now Christ is in us, and the Father is in Him. The Father is still doing the works through Christ ... but now Christ is in us.

What if Christ had been limited by His gray-matter brain? What if His gray-matter brain was the boss? Example: The instruction comes to walk on the water. To the spiritual mind that is not a problem. But the natural mind says that is impossible. If the natural brain is ruling, it will overrule that instruction because it believes it is impossible for a human being to walk on water. That's foolishness to the natural brain. Listen, calculators are useful tools, but calculators are not supposed to run your life. For a born-again Christian, the three and a half pound, gray-matter brain, is not supposed to direct your life. It is to be the servant, not the lord.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 KJV There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: [6] Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. [7] I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

The servant is the gray-matter brain. It is not supposed to be on the horse with the reins in its hands directing your life. Your born-again spirit is the prince. God has made us kings and priests. Your spirit is royalty, and it is the one that is supposed to be on the horse giving directions as it receives instruction from God. Most of the church is being ruled by the intellect, the natural reasonings, the logic of man. We are supposed to be led by the spirit, but the vast majority are being led by the natural brain of man. The Holy Spirit will be giving you instructions that will manifest the kingdom of God on earth, but if you are still being ruled by the natural brain, it is always going to say that it is impossible.

Another example is when Jesus received instruction to turn water into wine. An instruction comes from the Holy Spirit to Jesus to tell the people to fill the water pots with water, and as they draw it out for the people to drink, the water will become wine. What is the gray-matter brain going to say? "That is impossible. Water is H₂O. Two parts hydrogen, and one part oxygen. There is no "grape" in water. You can't change water into wine. That is foolishness." And if the gray-

matter is the one on the horse, making decisions about direction, you will never obey such an instruction from the Holy Spirit.

We have become so accustomed to doing things according to the natural order.

Example: A church needs money. Okay, we need to have a bake sale and maybe also hold a raffle and ... natural human reasoning. I am not against such things, but what about the supernatural provision of God?

When they came for the temple tax money, Jesus did not give Peter a natural instruction. Jesus told Peter, a man who has been a fisherman his whole life, to go fishing, catch a fish using a hook, look in its mouth and take out the money and give it to the tax collectors. The amount would be sufficient to cover the taxes.

I have meditated about Peter's walk to the water with the fishing pole over his shoulder, and perhaps a minnow bucket in his hand. "I have fished on these waters my whole life. I have caught multiple thousands of fish. Not once, not one time, have I EVER found money in the mouth of one of those fish. This seems really foolish, but Jesus said to do it, so I am going to do it." I am convinced the only reason Peter did not override the logic of his natural brain to obey that instruction was because he had seen with his own eyes time and time again ... whatever Jesus says comes to pass. That neural pathway in Peter's brain was what he used to obey that "foolish" instruction.

Natural reasonings will talk us out of obeying the instructions that will cause the manifestation of God's kingdom on earth. We have to rise above the natural reasonings of our gray-matter brain. Instructions like that come from fellowship. Peter heard directly from the Lord what to do in that situation. We need fellowship with the Lord so we will hear Him tell us what to do in our situations.

In the early years when we first began attending the Prayer Center, we did not trust ourselves to hear from God. We saw irrefutable proof that pastor Dave Roberson could hear from God. We would get in just about every prayer line hoping to receive a word from God through pastor Dave. And very often he did have a word from God for us in those early days.

But then one day in the prayer line pastor Dave said he would not be having many words for me in the future because I had become accountable to hear from God for

myself. I did not like that at all. I did not trust me to hear from God. I trusted Dave to hear from God. But sure enough, from that day forward, we hardly ever received a word from God through pastor Dave. We began to hear from God for ourselves ... and a ministry was born.

Know you not that I have given you the very keys of the Kingdom of God that you can bring My Kingdom manifestation to this fallen world. That is the first message that the Savior preached: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand, it is available.

That is exactly what Jesus preached. When He taught the disciples how to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." When Jesus Himself would pray that prayer, He meant "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth ... through Me."

That's exactly what Jesus meant because, in the gospels, everywhere Jesus went the kingdom of God was manifested through Him. It was more than just teaching and preaching. It was healing, devils being cast out, and people being delivered, it was the hand of the Father by way of the Holy Spirit through Jesus! Jesus called his body the temple of God. He was the temple of God, the Holy of Holies ... with legs! Jesus was the ark of the covenant carrying the very presence of God, the Shekinah cloud, within Himself ... everywhere He went.

Now Christ is in heaven. He is the vine, and we are the branches. John chapter seventeen plainly says now Christ is in us, and the Father is in Him. Why? To do the same works through us that He did through the body of Jesus. Now we are the temple of God!

1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

You are the temple of God. You are the mobile Holy of Holies, filled with the Shekinah glory, the literal presence of God the Holy Ghost ... which is the Spirit of the Father. I remember many years ago during a service I was doing in Houston, Texas. The Shekinah glory was so manifested through me that I was staggering like a drunk man. It shouldn't be that way. I'm sure Jesus did not stagger like that. But I was not accustomed to it. I got so weak two men had to hold me up. One on each

side. I couldn't even lift my arms to lay hands on people. They would lift my arm out so people could get under my hand, and when my hand touched them, they would fall on the floor and rise up healed. It was AMAZING! That is manifesting the kingdom of God on earth! That is the sort of thing that is supposed to be an everyday occurrence in Joel's army.

We must spend time in the classroom of the Holy Spirit so he can elevate our spiritual mind by communicating the understanding of these mysteries. These things are not taught in the wisdom man teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches, comparing spiritual with spiritual. He teaches us those mysteries as we spend time in the Word and with the Teacher ... the Holy Spirit. In the process you also receive your own personal instructions as a soldier in God's army. His words become your life, just like a general's words become the life of the soldiers under his command.

We still have more humbling of ourselves to do than we realize. He recently told me I had only begun to humble myself. And that is after several years of me trying hard to humble myself under His hand. Part of humbling ourselves is included in the teaching He had me do last year regarding the passage from Luke 15:1 all the way through Luke 17:10. Right near the end of that teaching the disciples asked the Lord to increase their faith. It was because the things He was teaching them seemed pretty hard.

He begins telling them about having a servant. Every day you tell a servant what to do. It might be feeding cattle, plowing fields, or other things. Jesus says a good servant, at the end of the day, first comes in to make sure all the needs of the Master are met first. Only then does the good servant go and eat his own meal.

What Jesus is teaching there is this: Whatever the Master tells you to do each day is simply your duty. In my case, it is my duty to send everything free. My duty is to send out no appeal letters. My duty is to pray the number of hours He has instructed me to pray. My duty is to fast according to the instructions I have received. Those things are my duty to do. But you want more faith?

Jesus was the Son who served. He was heir to all the Father has, but by His own free will choice He made the decision not to seek His own will, but to do the will of the Father. "I've come to do the will of the one who sent Me." You want to have

more faith? You have to develop a servant's heart like mine, Jesus is saying. You have to allow My heart to come to maturity in you. "Gary, not your will, but His be done." That is humbling yourself. And when you do the things assigned to you, just have the attitude of a servant. "That's my duty to do. I don't get paid for that. That is my duty to do. He will meet my needs." Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things would be added to you. Humble yourself. Humble yourself. Become a servant.

You want an increase of faith? You can have it. But the way up is the way down. Humble yourself. Take the lowest seat. Become His bondservant by your own free will choice. Every morning your attitude should be, "I've come to the posts of my Master's door. I know I am a son. I know I am a joint heir with you. But Jesus, you are my Master. You are my Lord. I've come, as a good servant, to hear your instruction."

Remember in the Old Testament they would take the bondservant and take an awl (like an ice pick today) and they would take that servant to the door post of the Master's house, put his ear up against the wooden doorpost, and pierce through the fatty part of the ear lobe into the doorpost. Why? If you are going to be His servant, you need to be here every morning at the posts of your Master's door to hear His instructions. His words become your life. You become the son ... who serves ... just like Jesus.

Continue to yield yourself to My Spirit and I will lift your understanding far beyond the natural limitations of this mind. Your mind shall become – your natural brain – shall become the good servant running alongside the Master, willing to help and willing to serve but never having dominion over your life. You shall live by faith and not by sight, says the Lord.

The real you is the son who receives direction from God. To be honest, I don't personally hear Him speak to me every morning. If I don't hear Him, what does that mean? It means to keep doing what He told me the last time. He doesn't have to tell me every morning to give everything away for free daily for twenty five years. He hasn't repeated that to me every day, but He has never changed it. If He wants me to change it, He will tell me. Silence usually means to keep doing whatever He told you the last time. Your natural brain shall become the good servant! You shall live by faith, and not by sight.